

25 January 2023

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to 2023! I hope that you've had an amazing time with your children over the summer holidays and that they are keen to return to school. Our staff returned to work over the past few days and have been busily preparing their classrooms and planning for the start of the school year.

I'd like to take the opportunity to update you on a few things and to remind you of some details pertaining to the start of the year:

2023 SCHOOL START AND FINISH TIMES (unchanged)

Mondays – start: 8:40am – Early Finish: 2.20pm (Staff Professional Development)

Tuesday to Friday – start: 8:40am – Finish: 3.10pm

RETURN TO SCHOOL

Monday 30 January: 8.40am - start for Reception to Year 7 and Year 12

Note: There will be no school for Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 students on this day

Years R-6 – Students can go straight to their classroom.

- Parents are welcome onsite for morning drop-off / afternoon pick-up. However, please wait in the areas immediately inside the gates and say goodbye / collect your child from those areas.
- Teachers and students will be available to take younger students to classroom.
- Parents with children who are new to the school or who need to provide additional support for their child may go to their child's classroom door.

Years 7 – Students meet in the Gymnasium

Year 12 – Student meet in the Resource Centre

Tuesday 31 January: 8.40am - all Years R to 12 attend

Years R-7 – students go to their Mentor Room

Years 8-11 – Students meet in the Gymnasium

Year 12 – Students meet in your Mentor Room

SOME OTHER DATES

Thursday 9 February – School Photographs (Thursday 9 February and catch-ups on Tuesday 14 February)

Tuesday 14 February – Parents and Friends Community AGM, 6:00pm in the college's Conference Room

Monday 20 February – Governing Council AGM, 6:00pm in the College's Resource Centre

MOBILE PHONES and BAGS / BACKPACKS – CURRENT POLICY

R-6 – mobile phones are to be left at the R-6 Student Services.

7-12 – mobile phones must be left in lockers during class time (except those who have an approved exemption)

Please note that later this year, as per the new Department for Education policy, mobile phones are not permitted for use whilst at school.

Years 7-12 students are expected to take their school bags / backpacks in their lockers and not take them to class.



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R-6 LIBRARY

We have moved our R-6 library to the D Building, near the Ind Street gate. Parents will soon be welcome to help their children return / borrow books and read together before school, from 8.30 to 8.40am in the R-6 library. We'll provide more details, times and arrangements shortly. There are still some organisational matters being organised with the library.

BREAKFAST CLUB (WEDNESDAYS – FRIDAYS BEFORE SCHOOL)

Our Parents and Friends Community and other volunteers provide a breakfast club for students in Reception to Year 6 and also for students in Years 7-12 – beginning on Wednesday 1 February.

R-6 – kitchens near the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden

7-12 – Charlie's Café, at the base of the A building

Our Parents and Friends Community also provide fruit and other items for students who have forgotten their own food or who are hungry; these are available on request by students at Student Services R-6 and 7-12 at recess and lunch time.

We'll be providing additional opportunities to engage with families and throughout the year and I look forward to sharing these with you in due course.

Kind regards,



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