

17 November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I trust that you are all well and enjoying the easing of COVID-19 restrictions. It is lovely to be out and about, and to catch up with small groups of family and friends.

We have now received confirmation from Catholic Education Melbourne (CEM) and the DHHS that Orientation Day for Years 6 -> 7 students will take place on **Tuesday 08 December 2020** as planned. This is great news. We look forward to meeting Year 7 2021 students.

As with all things in 2020, the day will be different to what it has been in the past but the key purpose of the day, students meeting and getting to know their Pastoral Care teacher and students in their class will be the same as it always was.

CEM and DHHS have given schools quite specific information to ensure that the day is as safe as possible. These include:

- Students only being with their 2021 class group and limited staff on the day.
- Each class having their own program and not mixing with other students and staff.
- Parents and Carers dropping students at the school but not coming onsite.
- Students wearing masks when onsite. (Please note - this is different to the expectation in primary school.)

Program for the Day

To ensure that students are only with their class for the day, we will run a program that has staggered start and finish times. The start and finish will be different for each class.

7 Kiewa:	Arrive at 9.30am	Dismissed at 12.30pm
7 Snowy:	Arrive at 10.00am	Dismissed at 1.00pm
7 Wimmera:	Arrive at 10.30am	Dismissed at 1.30pm
7 Yarra:	Arrive at 11.00am	Dismissed at 2.00pm

There will be a short lunch break for each class. Lunch will be provided by the College.

How will students find out their class and house group?

These are being finalised at the moment and will be sent home to families with the next update in the week beginning 23 November.

Parent and Carer Information Sessions

Normally parents / carers join us for an opening liturgy and stay for morning tea on Orientation Day. This is a chance to ask questions about uniform, books, the start of the year, laptops and anything else that comes to mind. Unfortunately, this will not be possible this year.

As an alternative we will run an online Question and Answer (Q & A) Information session for families at the following times:

Tuesday 01 December

Session 1:	10.00am	Arabic
Session 2:	4.30pm	Dinka
Session 3:	6.00pm	Vietnamese
Session 4:	7.00pm	English

The link for the Q & A session will be sent to families via the **mobile number** we have on our records.

We look forward to meeting as many families as possible at these sessions.

Enclosed Information

To assist you in preparing for next year we have included:

- Year 7 Information Brochure
- Year 7 2020 Booklist

Please read this information carefully. We hope that it will serve to answer some of the questions you have. If there is anything else you need to know please do not hesitate to call the office on 9366 2544, ask us at the Q & A on **01 December** or call in at the College.

Further details about Orientation Day, school entry points and classes will be sent next week.

Yours sincerely,



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Principal