

18 November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I trust that you are all well and enjoying the easing of COVID restrictions. It is lovely to have students back at school, to catch up with family and friends and to be out and about. Now that we have overcome the unexpected challenges of 2021, hopefully, we can all look forward to 2022.

For you and your child, this is an exciting but sometimes daunting time as they prepare to leave primary school and prepare for secondary.

We can now confirm that Orientation Day for Years 6 -> 7 students will take place on **Tuesday 07 December 2021**. This is great news. We look forward to meeting Year 7 2022 students.

#### Orientation Day: Details

- 9.30am: Arrive at the College.
- 9.40am: Move to Pastoral Care rooms.
- 9.45am: Orientation Day Program begins.
- 2.15pm: Orientation Day Program finishes.
- Please note:** Families drop off and collect students from the school yard.

The day is an opportunity for students to meet teachers and the students in their 2022 class. They will be involved in 'getting to know you' activities and will have the chance to participate in a series of 'taster' classes.

## COVID Safe Practices

College classrooms are well ventilated, staff are fully vaccinated and we have in place a range of COVID safe practices, including the sanitization of hands before and after each lesson. In addition:

- when indoors, students will only be with their Year 7 2022 class and a limited number of staff;
- for this year the information session for parents and carers will be online rather than onsite – details are below;
- families are able to drop and collect students at the school but will not be able to enter buildings, and
- students will need to follow mask requirements. At this stage, this means masks must be worn indoors but are optional outdoors.

## How will students find out their class and house group?

Year 7 2022 classes are being finalised at the moment and will be emailed and mailed to families in the next week or so.

## 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 online Question and Answer (Q & A) information sessions for families at the following times:

### Tuesday 30 November 2021

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 all 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 2022 Information Brochure
- Year 7 2022 Booklist
- Second Hand Book Sale information
- Uniform Policy (Summer) and information for booking for a fitting, ordering and purchasing uniforms.

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 **30 November 2021** or call in at the College.

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

My best wishes for these final weeks of primary school. I hope that you as a family enjoy this milestone and the associated rituals. We looking forward to meeting students on Orientation Day, families at the Q & A and then, in person, in 2022.

Yours sincerely,



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Principal