

Information For Year 7 2024

Orientation Day

Orientation Day for Year 7 2024 students will take place on **Tuesday 12 December 2023**.

Orientation Day Program:

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9:30am:	Welcome Assembly (Families/Students)
9:45am:	Students move to homerooms for the Orientation Day program Q&A session for families/Morning Tea
10:00am:	Second Hand Booksale opens
2:15pm:	Orientation Day finishes.

Please note: Families drop off and collect students from the Hall.

Lunch will be provided.

During the day students will participate in a range of activities in their Year 7 class. This provides them with a chance to get to know others in the class and some of their teachers.



Booklists

Enclosed you will find the Year 7 booklist for 2024.

Orders can be submitted online at www.campion.com.au using code "2XX2" as your code by Wednesday 13th December 2023.

Books will be sent to your home address by 25th January 2024 via Australia Post.

Note that Year 7 students will be studying both Chinese and Italian, therefore you will need to purchase both text books.



Second hand books

Second hand copies of the Maths book and English novel will be available to purchase. Books are bought and sold for half the price on the current booklist.

The Second Hand Book Sale for Year 7 is Tuesday 12 December 2023.

See guidelines enclosed.

Year 7 books available for sale

1. ICE EM Maths Year 7 (\$37.00)
2. The Fall (\$8.00)

In order to have a smooth start to Year 7, it is important that students have all their books and equipment for the first school day of the year, Wednesday 31 January 2024.



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Arrangements for the start of the 2024 School Year

Year 7 students begin school at 9am on Wednesday 31 January 2024.

This day is for Year 7 students only. Students have the chance to settle in and get to know each other, their teachers and the College before everyone else returns. Students will receive their timetable and locker; complete a tour of the College and be introduced to key people and procedures. Some classes will begin on this day.

Whilst beginning a new school can be a little daunting, always remember that there are many willing helpers to assist and to give advice! All have their own funny first day stories to tell.

Our delightful and willing Year 10 Peer Support Leaders will be at the College to assist the Year 7s.

On this day you'll need to bring your textbooks and stationery so that you can get your locker and books sorted. Lunch will be provided.

And as it is the first day, school will finish at 2.15pm!

DAY 1 - Wednesday 31 January 2024

What time does school start?
8:45am

What do I need to bring?
Pens
Pencils
Textbooks
Stationery
Recess snack.

Where do I go?
My homeroom

What do I wear?
Full school uniform.

Key theme for Year 7:

“Kindness and Belonging”

The School Day

Part of the excitement and challenge of Year 7 is becoming familiar with the timetable, periods and being organised for class.

Students only go to their lockers before school, at recess, lunchtime and after school. They need to take books for the lessons between breaks.

It's important to get to school early in the first weeks to give yourself a few extra minutes to get organised and to be at class on time.

School Hours

Locker Bell	8:40am
Homeroom	8:45am
Period 1	9:00am
Period 2	10:00am
Recess	11:00am
Locker Bell	11:20am
Period 3	11.25pm
Lunch	12:25pm
Locker Bell	1:05pm
Period 4	1:10pm
Period 5	2:10pm
End of the day	3:10pm



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Year 7 Class Names and Houses

The Year 7 Classes are named after Victorian rivers:

- 7 Avoca
- 7 Kiewa
- 7 Murray
- 7 Snowy
- 7 Wimmera
- 7 Yarra

On coming to the College you are also allocated to a House. The College has four Houses: **Reis** named after Fr Conrad Reis, the first Parish Priest of the St Albans area, and **O'Reilly**, **Guelen** and **Corbett**, named after the Parish Priests of Sacred Heart, Resurrection and Holy Eucharist in our foundation year 1978.

You will be advised what your Class and House is.



Uniform

College Uniform Policy

At the College we have a very smart uniform and it is important that students wear it correctly, neatly and proudly. Please carefully read our Uniform Policy to assist in getting ready for the beginning of the year.

Please note: Shoes must be black leather lace up.

Ordering Uniforms

Our uniform supplier, Academy Uniforms, is located at 10/85 Derrimut Road, Deer Park.

Parents/guardians can make an appointment to attend the Deer Park store to purchase your child's uniform for 2024 via the link or by scanning the QR code.

The dates available are as follows:

Wednesday 13 December

Thursday 14 December

Appointments are for 20 minutes and bookings can be made between 3pm and 8pm. These bookings are exclusive to CRC St Albans families.

Link for bookings:

<http://rebrand.ly/vu22io8>



Families can also visit the store Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm or Saturday 9am to 12pm.

All items of uniform (including school bag) need to be purchased through Academy Uniforms as they have the College logo in some form.

Information you might need for the first few days...

Canteen and Lunch Orders.

The College canteen is open before school for breakfast items, at recess and at lunchtime. To avoid the hassle of queues we encourage students to use the lunch order system.

The canteen also has a number of microwaves and hot water for noodles.

First Aid

Online Medical Forms will need to be completed, your family will receive instructions on how to do this. It is important to notify the school if you have a medical condition, asthma, anaphylaxis or any allergies.

Absences

Families are asked to ring the school before 10am if their son / daughter is to be absent for the day. After this time the Office staff call families if parents/guardians have not contacted the school. This task is reduced if families ring first.

If students are late to school or need to leave early, they must report to the Office with a note from their parents on arriving or prior to leaving.

Getting ready for Day 1, Wednesday 31 January 2024

It's important that students name all belongings; including uniform, books, folders, pens, schoolbag, and other equipment before the beginning of the school year.

The College is a bigger place than your primary school and you move around a fair bit. Belongings can easily be lost or misplaced.

With textbooks, you need to put your name in more than one place. A secret page is a good idea!

What if I lose something?

If everything is named it will be much easier to get it back to you. Always ask at the front Office if you have lost something; and hand anything you find to a teacher or to the staff in the Office.

Tips for Starting Secondary School

Students have much to look forward to when starting a new school. But there are also worries. Getting lost, lockers, making new friends and managing with different teachers, timetables and classes are just some concerns you might have. Transition is a year long process, not just the work of a few days. Don't forget, all you've learnt in primary school will have prepared you well for this change. Keep asking questions as this will really help in getting to know how things work....here are some (with answers) to start the process:

Remember that you are not the only person starting secondary school and that nearly every person doing the same thing is feeling a little like you.

1.....but I don't know my way around?

The single most important bit of advice is that if you don't know something - don't hesitate to ask. Everyone at the school is really friendly and willing to help. All staff and students watch out for Year 7 students. We don't expect you to know everything on the first day. We can also remember from our own experiences that it is not easy being in a new place!

2.....will I know someone?

If you have friends coming from your primary school, or you already have friends or brothers and sisters at the school, think about coming with them, at least on the first day to make sure you know where to go.

3.....how will I get to know people?

Don't forget all new students are 'in the same boat'. Introduce yourself to someone you don't know. They will probably appreciate it and then you will both know one new person.

4.....bring lunch in the first few weeks.

This will mean you don't have to worry about things like the canteen in the first few days. With all the new things to learn and do, you can probably do without this.

5.....how will my family know where to pick me up?

Make sure that if a member of your family is picking you up after school, that they know where you will meet at the end of the day. We suggest the Hall on Orientation Day.

6.....meeting new friends.

The school has many activities to help you to get to know new people. As the year goes along, get involved in school activities (music, sport, debating, then you will automatically meet a group of new students with the same interests.

7.....if you don't know where else to go for help.

Head to the front Office. There will always be someone there who can help you out.

