

## Arrangements for the start of the 2026 School Year

**Year 7 students begin school at 8:40am on Friday 30 January 2026.**

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 2.10pm.

### Day 1

**Friday 30 January 2026 8:40am**

#### What do I need to bring?

Pens  
Pencils  
Textbooks  
Stationery  
Recess snack

**Where do I go?**  
My Homeroom

**What do I wear?**  
Full summer school uniform.

## The School Day

Part of the excitement and challenge of Year 7 is getting used to 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

<b>Locker Bell</b>	<b>8:40am</b>
<b>Homeroom</b>	<b>8:45am</b>
<b>Period 1</b>	<b>9:00am</b>
<b>Period 2</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
<b>Recess</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Locker Bell</b>	<b>11.20am</b>
<b>Period 3</b>	<b>11.25am</b>
<b>Lunch</b>	<b>12.25pm</b>
<b>Locker Bell</b>	<b>1:05pm</b>
<b>Period 4</b>	<b>1:10pm</b>
<b>Period 5</b>	<b>2:10pm</b>
<b>End of the day</b>	<b>3:10pm</b>



***"Belonging, Share, Grow and Give."***

**Key theme for Year 7**

# Information For Year 7 2026

## Orientation Day

Orientation Day for Year 7 2026 students will take place on Tuesday 9 December 2025.

### Orientation Day Program:

8:45am	Welcome Assembly in School Hall. Enter via Winifred Street.
8:55am	Welcome Liturgy
9:15am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Students move to homerooms for the Orientation Day Program</li><li>Q&amp;A session for families and</li><li>Morning Tea</li><li>Second Hand Book Sale</li></ul>
1:30pm	Orientation Day finishes. Students collected from the Hall.

Please note: Families drop off and collect students from the hall. Enter via Winifred Street.

Lunch will be provided.

During Orientation 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.

## Orientation Day: Tuesday 9 December 2025

Casual Clothes  
Bring pens & paper.  
Lunch provided



## Booklists

The Year 7 booklist for 2026 was sent out last week.

Orders can be submitted online at: [www.campion.com.au](http://www.campion.com.au) using code **TPMC** by **Wednesday 10 December 2025**.

Books will be sent to your home address by **23 January 2026** via Australia Post.

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

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Use code "TPMC"



## Year 7 Class Names and Houses

The Year 7 Classes are named after Victorian rivers.

- 7 Avoca
- 7 Kiewa
- 7 Goulburn
- 7 Murray
- 7 Snowy
- 7 Wimmera

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 read our Uniform Policy to assist in getting ready for the beginning of the year.

Please note: Shoes must be black leather lace up or Mary Jane style shoe.



### Ordering Uniforms

Our uniform supplier, Academy Uniforms, is located at 451 - 453 Keilor Road, Niddrie.

Parents/guardians can make an appointment to attend the Niddrie store to purchase your child's uniform for 2026 via the link or by scanning the QR code.

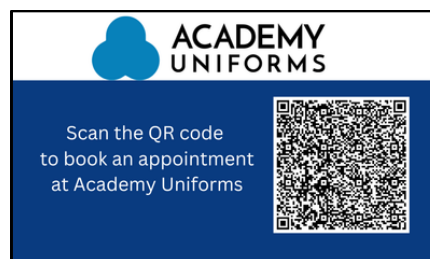
The dates available are as follows:

**Wednesday 4th December**

**Thursday 5th 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 Uniform Bookings:



## 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

Medical Forms will need to be completed, your family has received 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, Friday 30 January 2026

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.

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.



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