



31 January 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome to Year 3, 2020! We hope you all had a safe and happy Christmas. In line with our College theme “*Building Community*”, we extend a friendly welcome to you all and an especially warm welcome to those people who are new to our College this year. We look forward to getting to know you all as the term unfolds and we are all very excited to be teaching your child.

Below are a few reminders and some procedural information to help you settle in to 2020.

Stationery: Please do not send in any extra stationery with your child. Your child’s book pack includes all necessary stationery items and your child’s teacher will keep all students’ stationery separate so that they can refill their pencil cases as required. If your child requires additional stationery during the year, you will be notified.

Please Note: Swimming starts in Week 3. Please pack your child’s HPE gear on the day that swimming is stated for Weeks 1 and 2. For swimming lessons, along with all of the usual swimming gear, students will require slip on shoes (such as thongs) to wear on the walk over to the pool.

Class swimming and PE days are:

| | 3D | 3H | 3M | 3P |
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| HPE | Wednesday Wear HPE and bring formal | Tuesday Wear formal and bring HPE | Wednesday Wear HPE and bring formal | Wednesday Wear HPE and bring formal |
| Swimming | Thursday Wear swimmers under formal gear –remember underwear! | Friday Wear formal and bring Swimming gear | Thursday Wear swimmers under formal gear –remember underwear! | Friday Wear formal and bring Swimming gear |

Class Timetables

Your child will write what is happening each week in their diary. In addition to this, teachers will send home a class schedule for your household fridge, to help students develop their independence to successfully pack their own belongings for each day. We recommend that you assist your child to form the habit of checking their schedule each evening and packing their bag for the following day. This helps to lessen the morning rush and also assists your child in developing their independence and organisational skills.

Home Reading

Your child will bring home new readers every Monday and Wednesday. Students will need to return their readers each Friday so that they can be changed, ready to go home on the following Monday. Each class teacher will require some parent helpers for either Monday, Wednesday **or** Fridays to assist with changing readers.

Homework

Homework (and home reading) will commence in Week 2. Your child should return their homework folder every Thursday, which is when they will complete their spelling test. Your child's homework book will be returned to them by Friday afternoon.

Nut free zone

A friendly reminder also that we strive to be a nut-free zone at the College. Also, please ensure that you pack your fruit (or vegetables) for our daily fruit break.

Uniforms

Please assist your child to pack the correct uniform for each College day. Students should wear formal uniform on non-PE days. If your child has a co-curricular activity, they will be expected to change in to or out of their PE uniform as necessary.

Girls are required to wear a ribbon or scrunchie and have their hair neatly tied back off their face and shoulders. Also, only **plain** studs or sleepers are to be worn by girls who wear earrings. Coloured stones in earrings are not permitted as per the College handbook.

This will be one of only a few parent notes sent via email this year. In the future all College communications will be sent via The Hive (from Week 4). More information about the 'Hive' will be made available to the College community at the **Parent Information Evening, held in the Ivan Gibbs Centre (IGC) in Week 3 (Monday 10 February, at 5.30pm).**

The beginning of a new year is an exciting time, which also comes with many changes, so if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher directly. Please do not rely on year level Facebook pages.

Email is the best method to contact your child's teacher. If you require a meeting with your class teacher, please email to arrange a suitable time. We cannot always meet prior to or after the College day due to a range of professional commitments but will endeavour to meet with you as soon as possible.

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Yours sincerely

THE YEAR THREE TEACHERS