



3 February 2022

Dear Senior School families

We very much are looking forward to welcoming our students back at school on the 7th February after a week of online learning. For the commencement of the 2022 academic year, we will be welcoming over fifty new students and their families into the Senior School. I have every confidence that these new students will settle quickly into our community with the help of all stakeholders.

Senior School Calendar Events

Due to the mandated change to the commencement of our school year, please be mindful that the previously calendared events have had to be postponed. As more information is distributed by the government, the School will be able to inform our community as to when and how these events will be able to continue. Events that have been postponed are:

Year 12 YLead Day
Senior School Swimming Carnival
Cum Laude Assembly
Year 12 Commissioning (Induction Tie Ceremony)
Senior School Information Evening
Principal's Welcome
School Photos

School commences on Monday 7 February for all students working from a Week 1 timetable. The first period of the day (Tutor Group) will commence at 8.25am. Students will need to be at school no later than 8.20am, ready to start the day.

Year 7 and 8

Continuing Year 7 and 8 students should go to their Tutor Group rooms as indicated on their timetables now available on Student Café. Our new Year 7 and 8 families who did not attend during the remote learning period are asked to come to the area between the Tuckshop and the library between 8:00am - 8:20am. There will be current students directing new families from the School's main entry area. Tutor group buddies will then show new students to their Tutor Group area to be welcomed and to start the day.

Year 7 students will spend the first day as a 'Transition Day' and have an alternate program.

All students should have access to their timetables through Student Café.

Year 9-12

New students in Year 9 – 12 should gather in the foyer of the Ron Bourne Hall between 8:00am - 8:20am. Again, current students will direct new families from the School's main entry area. Heads of House will take new students from the foyer to their Tutor Group areas, ready to start their day with meeting all the members of their Tutor Group.



What to Bring

All students in Year 7-12 should bring their laptop and class materials for the first day. Year 7-8 students, please bring a pencil case, and all books/equipment that should be stored at school; time is allocated on the first day for locker organisation. Student lockers will be assigned on the first day to enable students to securely store all their belongings, including school bags, for the School day. If returning students have a lock at home, they should bring it on the first day.

Valuables: A reminder that students should under no circumstances leave any valuables in lockers overnight, whether the locker is locked or unlocked. Musical instruments, electronics, clothing and any other valuables should always be taken home or locked in a secured office or classroom to avoid the risk of items disappearing after hours. Student belongings should be included in their parent's household insurance and is not covered by School insurance.

Student Attendance

It is important for your child's academic progress that they attend school on a consistent basis. However, if your child will be absent due to illness or other unforeseen circumstances, please let the School know before 9.00am via attendance@was.qld.edu.au or by sending notification through the WASapp.

Uniforms and Grooming

Students should check their Term Planners on Spiritus to see whether they have practical HPE classes scheduled and need to wear formal or HPE uniform. **Year 7 students only are to wear their House uniform.**

For the formal uniform, Year 7 and 8 female students must wear the School's long tie with the Senior School blouse. All students should have the newest version of the formal dark grey hat and are expected to wear this to and from school when dressed in formal uniform. The red bucket hat can be worn to and from school on days when students have practical Physical Education lessons. The red hat can also be worn on the school campus during lunch breaks, even if students are wearing the formal uniform. **Hats must be worn on heads at lunch breaks no matter where students are seated. Hats are only to be off if inside buildings or classroom.** I ask for parents to reinforce these sun-safe expectations with their child/children.

The appearance of each student reflects on the individual and on our School as a whole. Students should check that each and every aspect of their uniform and grooming meets school requirements and displays pride in our School. Expectations relating to School rules, uniform and grooming are clearly stated in the Student Diary. [2022 Student Diary -School Rules](#)

Common expectations to ensure are correct **from the first day** are:

1. Haircuts and styles (need to confirm precisely with the School's expectations (See diary rules above p10 point 13.). Aspects to adhere to : 1. natural hair colour and 2. radical cuts are not permitted. Student have been informed of this already, via School email.
2. Facial hair for boys must be clean shaven.
3. No make up.
4. One pair of stud earrings for girls only (less than 5mm in diameter, white, pearl or silver).
5. Necklaces are not allow, however, conservative religious symbols on chains may be worn beneath the uniform, providing they are not visible.
6. No other jewellery.

Please don't hesitate to speak with your child's Head of House or Dean of Students (Years 7 & 8) if you have any queries. Students will be asked and required to correct any areas where the Dress Code is not up to standard immediately.



Communication and Pastoral Concerns

Throughout the year, parents are encouraged to communicate with their child's Tutor Group teacher or teacher of each subject as an initial point of contact for any pastoral or academic matters. For further pastoral or academic matters, Ms Angela Holm as Dean of Students (Years 7 & 8) can be contacted for Year 7 and Year 8 students. For Year 9 to Year 12, your child's Head of House or Head of Faculty can assist. The Heads of House are: Mr Jimmy Nixon (Ambrose), Mr Michael McKenna (Barnabas), Mrs Val Allen (Charles), Mrs Kirstie Stewart (Trinity).

Email addresses for tutor and subject teachers are available in Parent Lounge, for assistance with Parent Lounge contact the Senior School Secretary, Mrs Christine Grobler on 4969 2032, email cgr@was.qld.edu.au.

2022 Tutors:				
Year 7 Trisha McHugh Alex Kertesz Lucy Quinn		Year 8 Matthieu Heimel Donna Free Alex Barker		
Dean of Students 7&8 : Angela Holm				
Year 9-12	Ambrose	Barnabas	Charles	Trinity
	Dave Pritchard	Cassie Simpson	Charlene Slack	Jim Cobb
	Megan Murdoch	Julian Maycock	Diana Heymans	Nicole Ryan
	Dee Hayhoe	Jack McDonald	Jasmin Waldron	Emma Foster
Head of House	Jimmy Nixon	Michael McKenna	Valerie Allen	Kirsty Stewart

School Psychologist Jodie Marchant (JMR@was.qld.edu.au)

Daily Correspondence

A Daily Correspondence email with linked documents is sent to parents every school day. Important information regarding Senior School matters can be sourced from Daily Correspondence. As has been advised, the School's new management system the Spiritus will eventually become our sole communication channel at a staged point throughout the year.

Parent Events and Payments

All parents have access to their own Parent Lounge account. For log-in difficulties, please contact the Senior School Secretary, Mrs Christine Grobler on 4969 2032, email cgr@was.qld.edu.au. For upcoming excursions and incursions, parents are required to give permission for their child's participation and make payment (if applicable) through 'Events and Payments' in Parent Lounge. Notification of an upcoming excursion or incursion will be provided by email to parents.

Student Drivers

Students with Provisional licences, whose parents permit them to drive to School in their personal vehicles, should complete and sign the [Student Drivers Agreement](#) and hand it in at the Senior School Office. Please take note of the conditions of the Agreement, including depositing vehicle keys to the Senior School office in the morning on arrival and collecting it by 3.30pm. Parents and students need to be aware that there is limited parking on campus so student drivers must park along Celeber Drive or in neighbouring streets. Only student drivers who are Boarders may park in the Chapel carpark.



2022 will see the building of our state-of-the-art Resource, Science and Design Centre (RSDC), which promises to add to the School's culture of consistently aiming to improve what we offer to our students and families. My wish is that our students will make the most of every opportunity to make this a fulfilling and successful year for all the members of our community.

Yours sincerely

Mr Jamie Novosel
Deputy Principal (Pastoral- Head of Senior School)