



Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you have had an enjoyable Christmas and a restful break.

The first day of the school year for Year 7 students is **Tuesday 30th January**. On this day, students will participate in an orientation program in which they will be placed into their Homeroom classes and will spend time with both their Homeroom teacher and Peer Support leaders. One of the main purposes of the day is to introduce the students to the College and to each other in a relaxed and comfortable environment to begin the transitional phase into secondary schooling life. It is also a great opportunity for students to meet one another and build relationships.

Details are as follows:

Venue: Marcellin College Randwick

Time: All boys are to be at the College by **8:45am** for a **9:00am** start. We will meet the students in the courtyard near the sculpture. Dismissal from the College will be at approximately **2:00pm**

Dress: Students are to wear appropriate **casual clothing**. (T-shirt, shorts, sport shoes). Boys must adequately protect themselves from the sun by bringing sunscreen and a hat to wear as they will participate in outdoor sporting events.

Food: Boys must bring their own morning tea, lunch and plenty of water. There will be no food provided on the day for students.

The first week of term will be an extremely busy time at the College. On Wednesday, 31st January students will be at the College for their first full day of lessons. On this day students will be able to place their textbooks and exercise books in their lockers. The peer support leaders will assist them with their locks and how to use them. They will also be provided with a timetable and their College diary which will need to be covered in clear contact by the end of the week.

Homeroom commences at 8:40am and the day will conclude at 3:15pm. If your son is catching public transport to and from school please make sure they are familiar with the journey and which school buses to catch. If they are unsure they can ask their peer support leaders to assist them. We will also have senior students near the front gate at the end of the day.

Thursday 1st February will be the College school photo day but will otherwise be a normal school day finishing at 3:15pm. There will be no sport on this day. On Friday 2nd February, the swimming carnival will be held at Botany Pool. Boys must make their way to and from the venue. The estimated finishing time for the day will be 2:30pm. All of this information will be explained further to the boys during their first week of school.

I look forward to seeing your son at the College on Tuesday 30th January.

Kind regards,

Hayley Spencer
Year 7 Coordinator