



THE WAY

TERM 1 : TUESDAY 26
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FROM THE HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

High Achiever's Assembly, Prefect Commissioning Service, Parent Portal Changes and Carpark Arrangements

High Achiever's Assembly

Last Friday we had the privilege of celebrating the Year 12 High Achiever's from the class of 2018. All students in years 7-12 were able to hear from some of the students about what the keys to their success were in the HSC. One of the key messages from the students who completed the HSC was how important it is to develop good study patterns in years 7-9. This helps set up students for success as they progress through the years, building capacity in their workloads, study habits and resilience when results don't go their way. We hear this message every year from past students or students who are currently in Year 12, form good habits early! Another key message from students was to look at failure as an opportunity for feedback to improve, to learn and grow from mistakes rather than focus on the negative. I encourage all students to take heed of these messages early in the year as they set goals for improvement. The sooner students can develop consistent study patterns and apply constructive feedback, the greater the chance for improvement in their learning and results.

Prefect Commissioning Service

Year 12 Student Leaders from Thomas Hassall, along with hundreds of other student leaders and prefects, attended the Prefect Commissioning Service at St Andrew's Cathedral on Thursday 14 February. Prefects and Student Leaders from numerous Anglican Schools were challenged and inspired by the Archbishop of Sydney, Rev. Glenn Davies. Prayers were shared and hymns were

sung culminating in a great occasion. Our own Lachlan S presented his Christian testimony, which was very well received by the audience. Thank you to Mr McCormack and Rev. Dayhew for taking the prefects to the service. In addition, thank you to all our leaders for representing the College on the day and for their leadership of our students on a daily basis.

Parent Portal changes

Within the Parent Portal, there is a number of new functions available for parents to improve the flow of communication between the College and Parents. Some of the new functions include:

- Viewing College notices each week about upcoming events
- Parents being able to grant permission for events (eg excursions) online. Please familiarise yourself with this function as we transition to parent online permission this term.

In addition, there are a number of instructions including screenshots of how to use the various Parent Portal functions. Please click on the link below that will take you to the instructions on how to access and use the Parent Portal.

<https://www.thac.nsw.edu.au/content/how-use-parent-portal>

Forms available on College website

There are a number of forms that you can access on the College website. Please click on the link below to access the following forms:

- Extended leave form
- Exemption application form
- Assessment Extension Application – Years 7-10
- Assessment Extension Application – Years 11-12
- Assessment Task – Misadventure/Illness Form – Years 11-12

<https://www.thac.nsw.edu.au/content/forms>

Carpark - drop off and pick up reminders

There is a lot of congestion in the Flynn Avenue Carpark of a morning from 7.40 am onwards as well as during the afternoons during pick up time. Please read below the drop off and pick up arrangements to assist in the improvement of the flow of traffic. More detailed information about transport related information can be found on our website by click on the link below.

<https://www.thac.nsw.edu.au/content/current-student-transport>

Morning Drop off

- All cars using Flynn Avenue will access the College via Gate 3 only
- Cars may then turn left or right to either of the two 'set down and pick up zones'. You may be directed by a staff member to go left or right to help with the flow of traffic. Please fill up all the spaces in the drop off/pick up zones to maximise the number of students being dropped off.
- Cars will then exit through Gates 2 or 4

Afternoon Pick up Arrangements - Years 10-12 - Turn left only

- All cars using Flynn Avenue will access the College via **Gate 3 only**
- For students in Years 10-12, cars must turn left to the 'set down and pick up zone' in front of N Block.

- Cars will then exit through **Gate 2 only**
- Please note the carpark opens from 2:30pm only

Afternoon Pick Up Arrangements - Years 7-9 - Turn right only

- All cars using Flynn Avenue will access the College via Gate 3 only
- For students in Years 7-9, cars must turn right to the 'set down and pick up zone' in front of J Block.
- Cars will then exit through **Gate 4 only**
- Please note the carpark opens from 2:30pm only

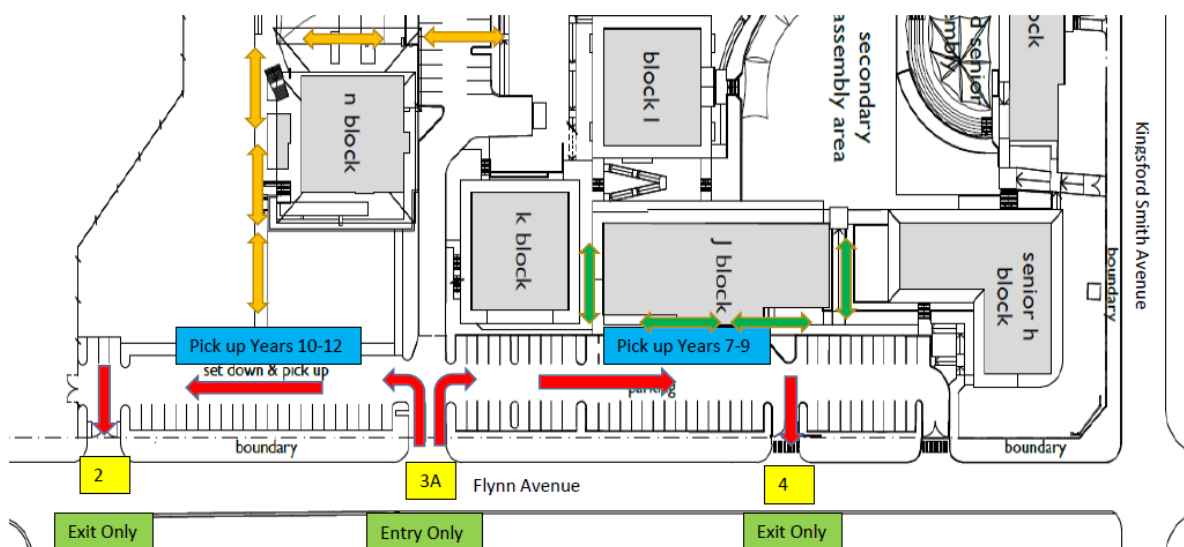
Where your family spans multiple year groups, you should use the 'pick up zone' of the eldest child.

Staff will be available to assist with traffic flow and we ask that you follow their directions.

No Senior School students are to be picked up in the front of the Administration Building.

Senior School - Drop off and Pickup Instructions

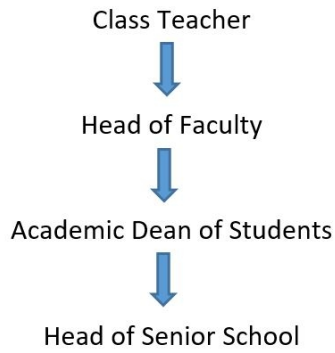
- ↔ Path for students to follow to go to lockers after being dropped off or to access the Years 10-12 pick up zone.
- ↔ Path for students to follow to go to lockers after being dropped off or to access the Years 7-9 pick up zone.



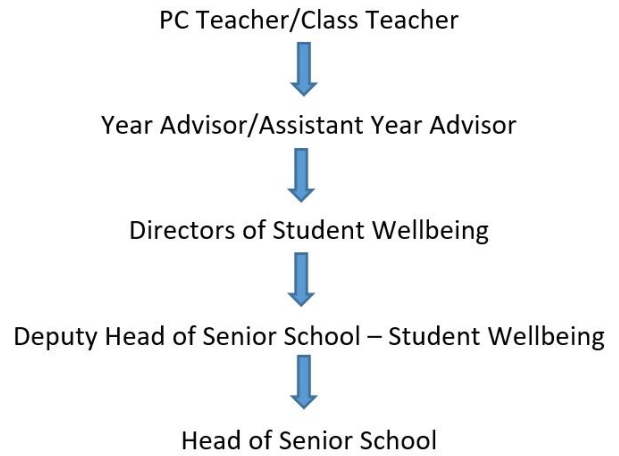
Lines of Communication

If you need to contact the College, we would encourage you to use the following lines of communication that will assist you in speaking with the right person to resolve any enquiry/concern you may have as quickly as possible.

Faculty/Subject enquiry/concern



Wellbeing/Pastoral enquiry/concern



I encourage parents to keep the College informed of anything that you feel may impact your child's performance or behaviour at the College so that we can support and assist them.

"Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him." Psalm 34:8

Mr Hugh Renshaw

Acting Head of Senior School
