



FROM THE HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

UNITE WEEK

This week we celebrated UNITE next week as an acknowledgment and celebration of the cultural diversity of our school. On Thursday, students were able to wear cultural dress that was relevant to their cultural background or orange to celebrate Harmony Day. There were students participating in cultural dances at lunch with various cultural foods available to experience throughout the week. It was amazing to see the students embrace their cultural heritage and come together to celebrate the diverse multicultural make up of our College. I would like to thank Mr McCormack and the Prefect Team for organising such a wonderful event.

Parent Teacher Nights

Parent Teacher Nights will be held in the last 3 weeks of term. You should have received an email in regards to each Parent Teacher Night which includes information about the night as well as a booking code to be able to make bookings for each night. On each night, there will be a free BBQ available between 5.15 – 6.00pm in the outdoor section of the MRK Café for all parents and students. We hope you will stay for the presentations on each night. Please take note of the following information for each night:

Week 9 - Wednesday 27 March - Years 7 and 12 Parent Teacher Night in the auditorium - 3.30 – 6.00pm and 6.50 – 8.30pm

Year	Presentation Location	Presentation topics
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Making a successful start to High School ◦ Updates to the Parent Portal and new Parent App

Year 7	S Block Library – 6.00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Student Use of Technology ◦ Completion of NAPLAN Online
Year 12	MRK indoor Café – 6.00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Year 12 Study Camp ◦ UAC (Universities Admission Centre) ◦ Updates to Parent Portal and the new Parent App ◦ How best to support your child through the HSC

Week 10 - Monday 1 April - Years 9 and 11 Parent Teacher Night in the auditorium - 3.30 - 6.00pm and 6.50 - 8.30pm

Year	Presentation Location	Presentation topics
Year 9	S Block Library – 6.00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Updates to the Parent Portal and new Parent App ◦ Student Use of Technology ◦ Completion of NAPLAN Online ◦ Update on Minimum Standard Testing
Year 11	MRK indoor Café – 6.00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ What does a successful Year 11 student look like ◦ Updates to Parent Portal and the new Parent App ◦ Student Use of Technology ◦ Subject changes and Illness/Misadventure procedures for Year 11

Week 11 - Monday 8 April - Years 8 and 10 Parent Teacher Night in the auditorium - 3.30 - 6.00pm and 6.50 - 8.30pm

Year	Presentation Location	Presentation topics
Year 8 and 10	S Block Library – 6.00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Updates to the Parent Portal and new Parent App ◦ Student Use of Technology ◦ Update on Minimum Standard Testing ◦ Update on Subject Selection for Years 9 and 11 in 2020

Cross Country Carnival

Cross Country Carnival is coming up on Friday 5 April (week 10). The carnival will be held at Rossmore Grange. Students will be bussed to and from the venue on the day arriving back to College in time to catch buses home.

Uniform:

- Sports Uniform or House Shirt or House Colours with sport uniform can be worn on the day.

What to bring:

- Provide your own lunch and snacks
- Cash: there will be a BBQ and a Coffee Van at the venue
- Water and a refillable bottle (water will be supplied, managed and resupplied by the College and allocated staff)
- Camping Chair/ picnic rug (there are no seats or stands at the venue)
- Do not bring iPads, laptops or portable speakers

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 clicking 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 2:30 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.

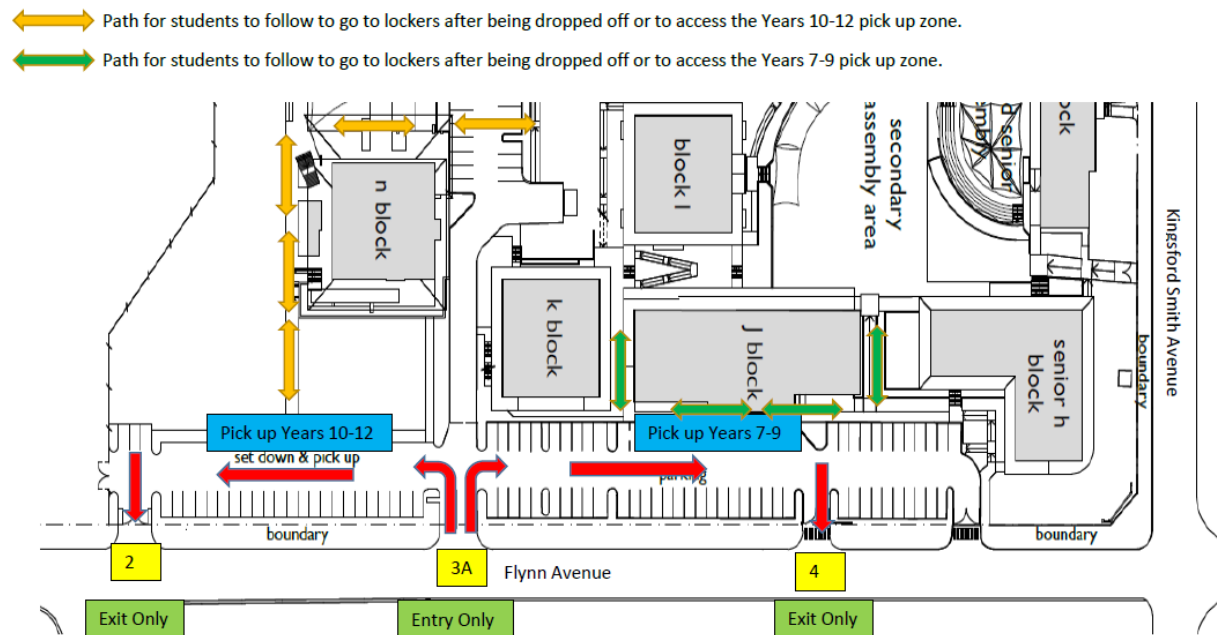
- Cars will then exit through **Gate 4 only**
- Please note the carpark opens from 2:30 only

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



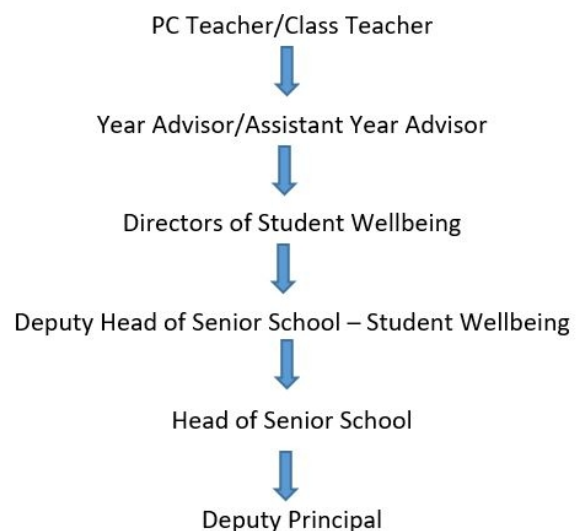
Lines of Communication

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.

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others".
Philippians 2:3-4

Mr Hugh Renshaw

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