



# THE WAY



## FROM THE HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

MADE For Stage, Uniform Reminder, Year 12 HSC Trial Examinations, Year 10 into 11 Subject Selections 2020 and Upcoming Parent Teacher Nights

### **Made for Stage**

The Made for Stage event on Wednesday night was fantastic showcasing our Music, Visual Arts, Drama, Dance and Entertainment students in action. Parents and students were able to peruse the Visual Art display prior to the show and then enjoy the live performances. Chris Sebastian hosted the evening well and sang some songs by himself and with the students. One of the many highlights of the evening was when Jasmine Kilic called her father and some staff members onto the stage to dance to the Tina Turner song, "Nutbush City Limits". The audience was treated to the magical 1980's dance moves of Mr Young which will go down in Thomas Hassall history. I was reminded again last night how talented our creative arts students are and how dedicated our staff are in encouraging and supporting the gifts in our students. A big thank you to all the Creative Arts staff for organising the event and the staff who assisted on the night. If you have never been to this event, in the years to come, I strongly encourage you to bring your family and enjoy a cheap night of entertainment.

### **Uniform Reminder**

A number of students have been wearing hoodies to school as it has become colder, particularly on Tuesday being our sports day. Hoodies are not part of our winter uniform or sport uniform policy. If students are cold, they can wear their College jumper under their tracksuit top and/or wear a t-shirt/singlet under their polo shirt for extra warmth. In addition, the jumper is not to be worn as outerwear on a Tuesday as part of the Sports uniform, the tracksuit top is the approved

outerwear. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. Please refer to pg 54 of the Parent and Student Handbook for more information on the Uniform Code.

### **Year 12 HSC Trial Examinations**

Year 12 HSC Trial Examinations will be held in Term 3, Weeks 3-4. The examinations will begin on Monday 5 August and conclude on Friday 16 August. Year 12 Students will receive their HSC Trial Examination Timetable and Study Guide in Week 9 of Term 2. Year 12 students can stay home to study on days when they don't have an examination and can sign out of College each day after their examination. Parental permission will need to be provided for this to occur.

### **Year 10 into 11 Subject Selections 2020**

Please be reminded that the Year 10 into 11 online subject selections must be entered online by Friday 27 June. Please print off a copy of your child's selections and sign it once they have been entered. Year 10 students must return the signed copy of their selection to Miss Munro by Wednesday 24 July (Term 3, Week 1).

### **Year 11 Parent Teacher Night - Thursday 27 June**

Year 11 Parent Teacher Night will be held on Thursday 27 June from 3.30 – 6.00 pm and 6.50 – 8.30 pm. Year 11 parents/guardians should have received an email in regards to the Parent Teacher Night which includes information about the night as well as a booking code to be able to make bookings for each night. There will be **no** meal available on the night.

### **Year 7-10 Parent Teacher Nights - Term 3 - Weeks 1-2**

Year 9 and 10 Parent Teacher Night will be held on Thursday 25 July (Term 3, Week 1). Years 7 and 8 Parent Teacher Night will be held on Thursday 1 August (Term 3, Week 2). The timing of the nights will be from 3.30 – 6.00 pm and 6.50 – 8.30 pm. Years 7-10 parents will receive emails in Week 9 of Term 2 in regards to these Parent Teacher Nights which includes information about the nights as well as a booking code to be able to make bookings for each night. There will be a light meal consisting of soup and rolls available between 5.15 – 6.00 pm in the outdoor section of the MRK Café for all parents and students.

We hope you will stay for the presentation on the night. Please take note of the presentation structure below.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Presentation Location</b>	<b>Presentation topics</b>
Years 9 & 10	Thursday 25 July	S Block Library	- Best methods of studying and creating a positive study environment to support your child
Year 8	Thursday 1 August	S Block Library	- Year 8 into 9 Subject Selection evening
Year 7	Thursday 1 August	L Block (L1)	- Best methods of studying and creating a positive study environment to support your child

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: **Parent Portal changes**

- 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 open 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 open from 2:30 only

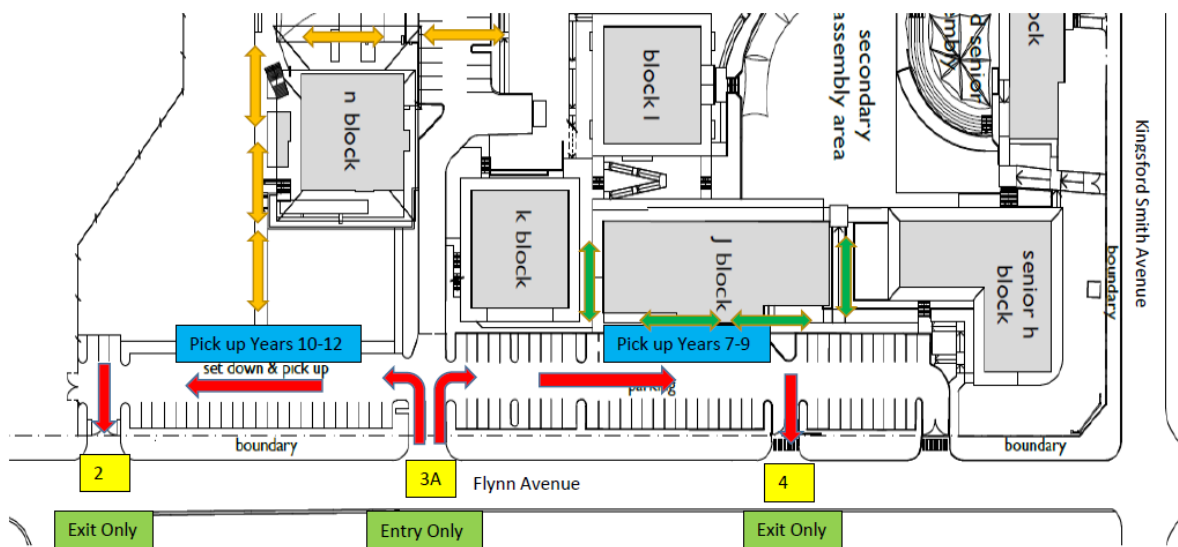
**Where your family spans multiple year groups, you should use the 'pick up zone' of the eldest child.**

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 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.



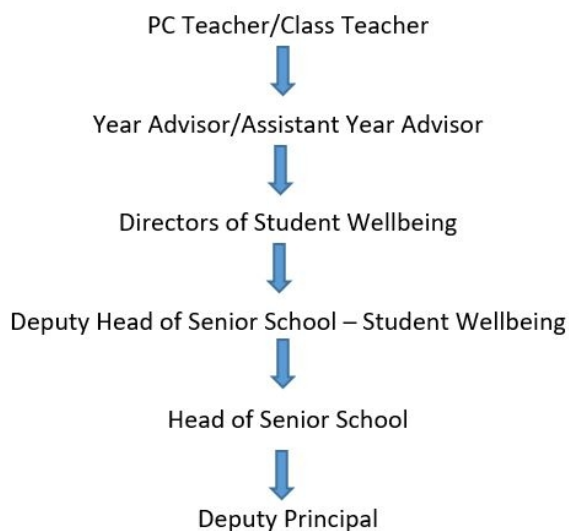
**Lines of Communication**

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.

*"A word spoken at the right time is like gold apples in silver settings". Proverbs 25:11*

**Mr Hugh Renshaw**

Acting Head of Senior School

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