



Year 7, 2026

# Parents Information Session





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# Principal's Welcome

Mr Mark Ashby





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# Head of Year 7

Mr Tristian Ward



# Welcome

## Purpose of this parent session:

- Information
- Create a sense of community
- Introductions



*Strive today, Conquer tomorrow*

# Getting Ready for Secondary School

Mr Tristian Ward



*Strive today, Conquer tomorrow*

## Getting ready for secondary school

# How can I help my child during this transition?

- College values:
- *Faith*
  - *Integrity*
  - *Boldness*
  - *Growth*
  - *Service*



# How can I help my child during this transition?

- Build your child's independence, ability to problem solve and resilience.
- Teach your child that in life, we all experience ups and downs.
- Talk to your child about the opportunity to make new friends and discuss that friendships may change.



## Getting ready for secondary school

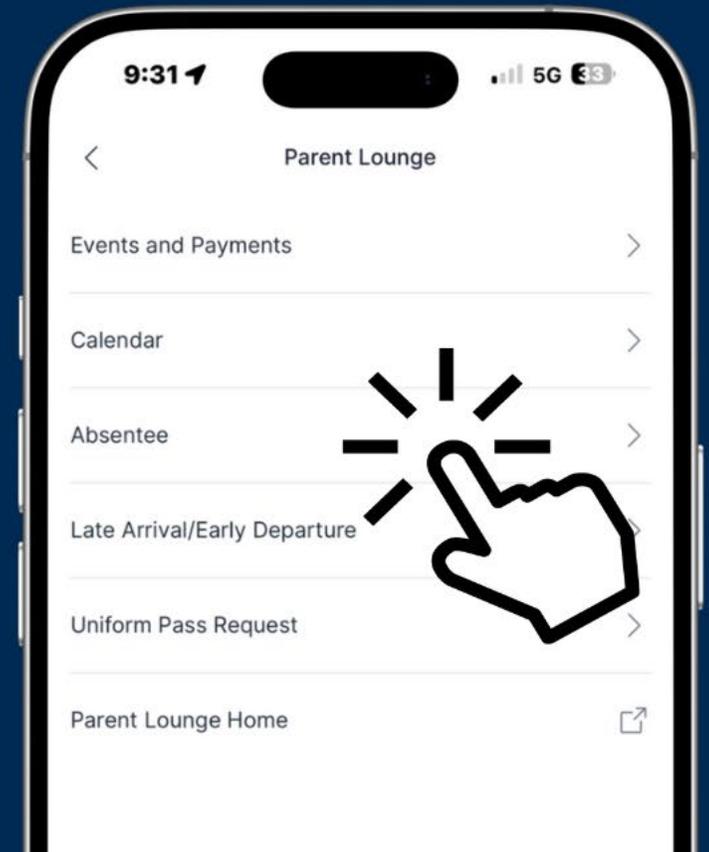
# Everyday counts!

(unless your child is unwell or for family reasons)

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is ...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 4

# Notifying the College of Absences

Suppose your child is going to be absent. In that case, Student Services should be notified before 8:00 am on the morning of the absence by completing the **Absentee Form** through Parent Lounge on the Kennedy App – this is the College’s preferred method.

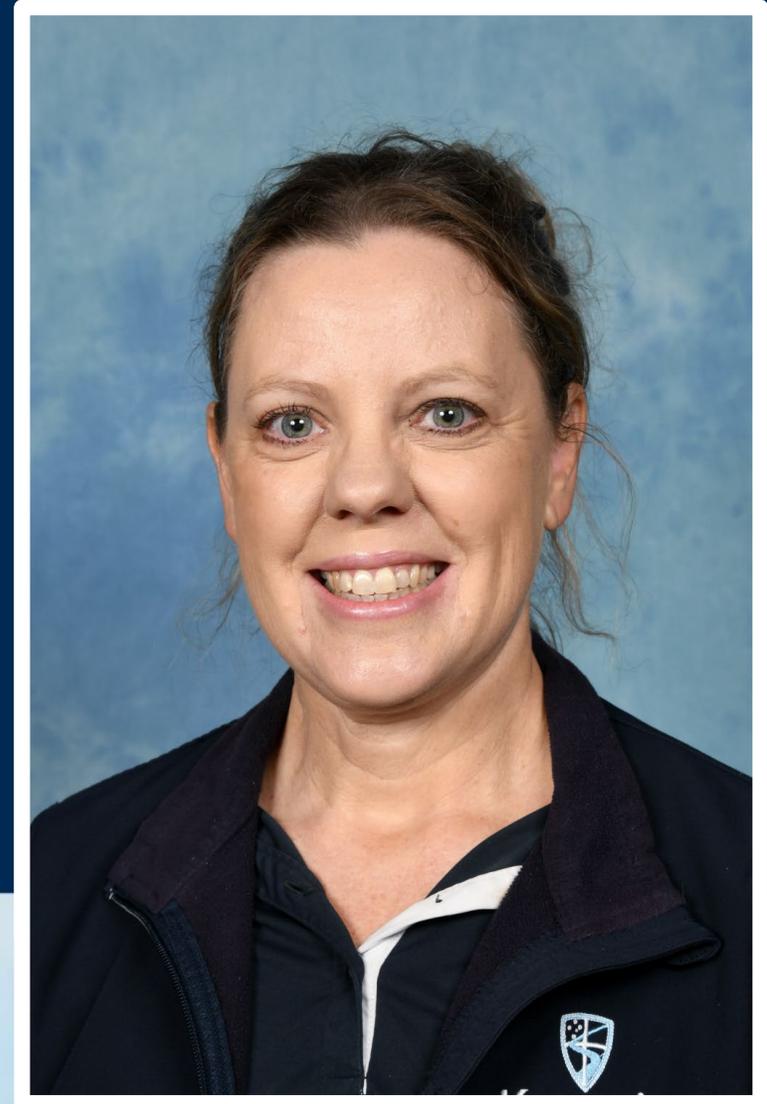




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# Cafeteria Manager

Mrs Deborah Warwick



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# Beedawong Cafeteria provides

- Nutritional and tasty food
- Gluten free and allergy friendly options
- Fresh baked goods everyday
- Easy to order and collect lunch orders
- Variety of healthy drink options
- Hot Chocolates made by our baristas during the cooler months



# Lunch ordering system - Flexischools

- Download the **Flexischools** app
- Enter your email to create an account & verify your email
- Follow the prompts to complete your registration
- Enter your child's details to the new student profile including their student ID
- Lunch orders can be ordered until 9.00am each day.



# Cashless payment option

**SmartRider cards have three purposes here at Kennedy:**

<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Use</b>	<b>How to top up \$</b>
<b>TransPerth</b>	To utilize the TransPerth bus and trains services.	Online payment or set up Autoload on TransPerth website
<b>Kennedy Bus Service</b>	To utilize the Kennedy Baptist College bus service.	Amount is added to the card via the Transportme app
<b>Beedawong Cafeteria</b>	To purchase over the counter food items in the Cafeteria at breakfast, recess and lunch.	Amount is added to the card using the Flexischools app

# Serving the greater College Community

- College Tours
- Mother & Father's Day Breakfast's
- Easter Services
- Award Assemblies
- Open Day
- Year 12 Graduation Final Day Breakfast & Farewell Morning Tea
- Year 12 Graduation Evening
- Volunteer Afternoon Tea
- Year 7 Orientation Day
- And many more.....





# Pastoral Care

Mr Andrew Dunn  
Deputy Principal – Pastoral Care

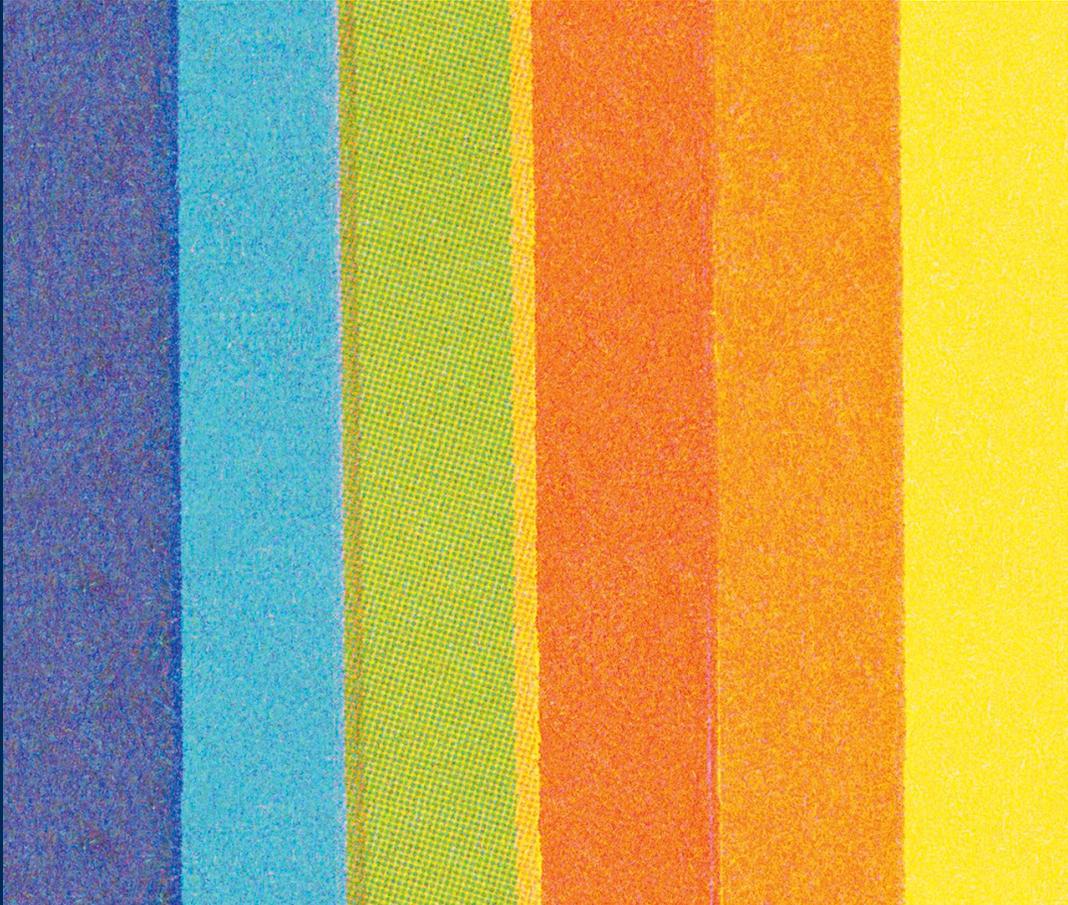
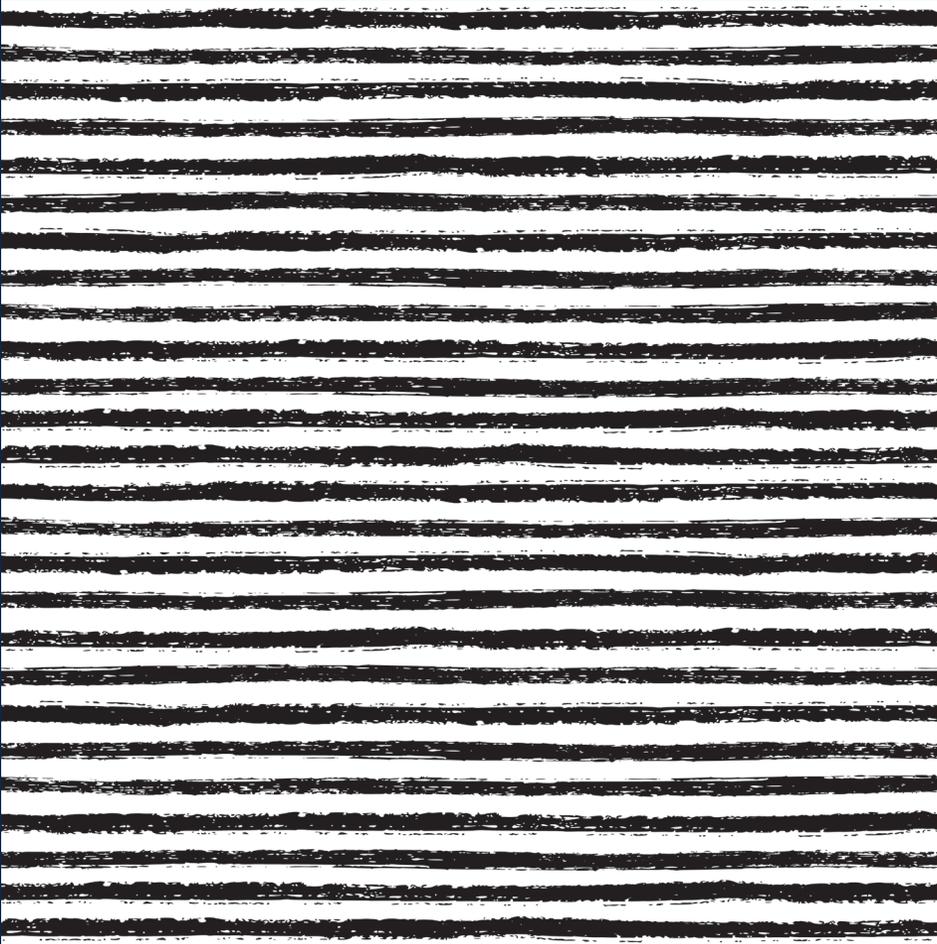


**Our Pastoral Care goal at Kennedy is:**

"The creation and maintenance of a safe, nurturing and engaging educational community where students can thrive academically, socially, emotionally, physically and spiritually."



# Structure



# Four pillars of pastoral care

## PASTORAL CARE TEAM

Counselling Staff, Chaplain  
Head of Years, Form Teachers

## PASTORAL CARE PROGRAM

Daily Form, Extended Form,  
House System, Camp Programs,  
Christian Connect Group

## TRANSITION PROGRAM FOR:

Primary to High  
Lower School to Senior School  
Year 12 Student & Teacher Mentor

## PROTECTIVE BEHAVIOURS

## YEAR GROUP COMMUNITY SERVICES

## OVERSEAS MISSION TRIPS

## SPONSORED CHILDREN

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AND PROGRAM

- Student Executive
- Student Council
- House Captains
- 11/7's Mentors

Student Leadership  
Training Camp

## POSITIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

## BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT POLICY

- Inside Sendout
- Outside Sendout
- Demerits

Wellness

Outreach Program

Leadership

Discipline





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# Behaviour Management

Mrs Christine Crump  
Director of Students



## Behaviour Management

### Discipline

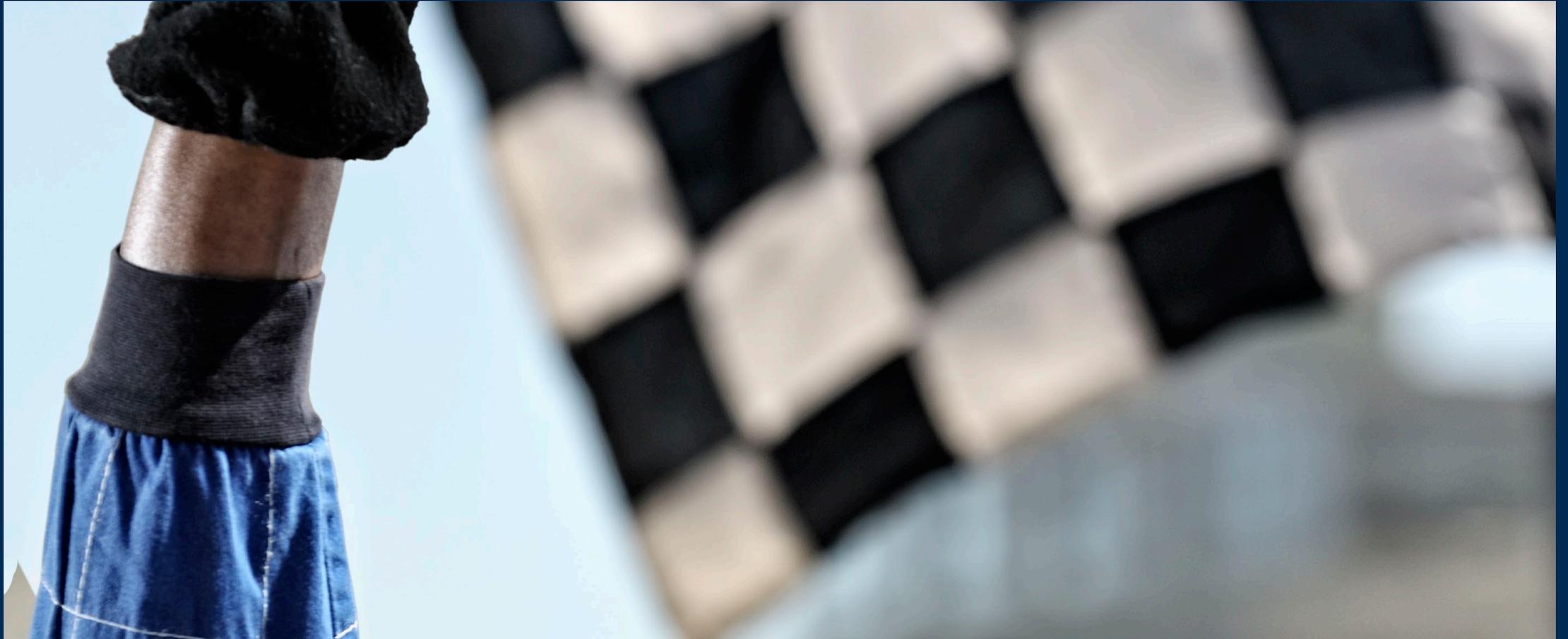
Three paths:

- Inside send outs
- Majors
- Demerits



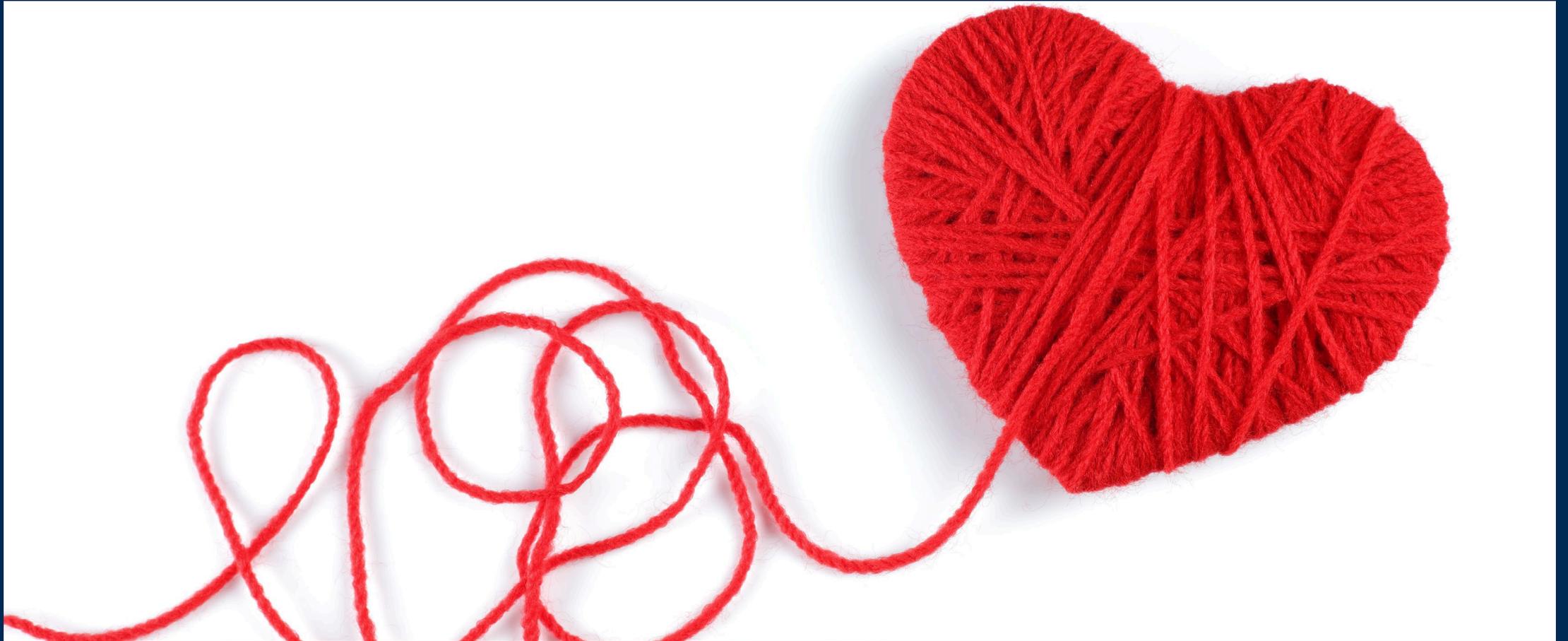
Behaviour Management

# Rules and systems



— Behaviour Management

# Heart





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# Counsellor

Mrs Golda Newman

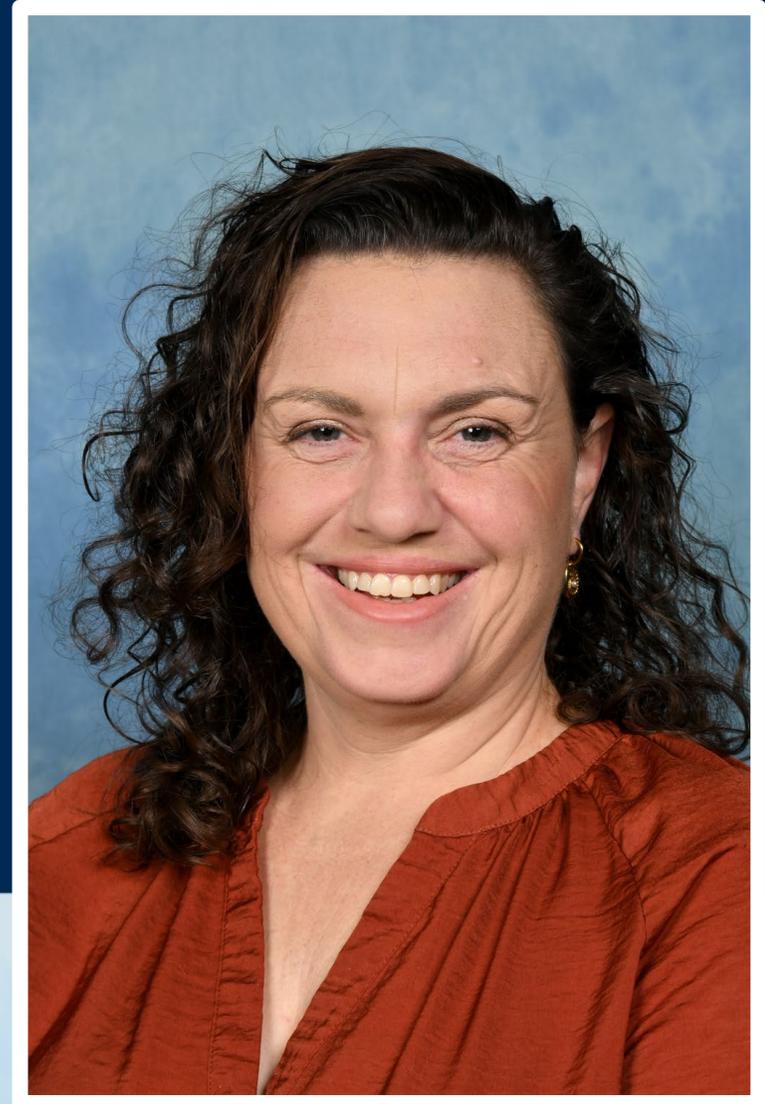




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# Protective Behaviour Coordinator

Mrs Laura De Gois



## Protective Behaviour

### Topics in Year 7 Thrive and Health:

- Personal Safety and wellbeing
- Maintaining healthy relationships
- Recognising and reporting abuse
- Protective strategies

We all have the right to feel safe all the time



We can talk with someone about anything



**Kennedy Insights is a parent engagement series at Kennedy Baptist College that offers opportunities to connect with experts on issues related to child safety and wellbeing.**

There is an upcoming session that parents are welcome to attend for free.

All parents are welcome.



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Insights**  
*Empowering families*

# 2026 Term 1 Kennedy Insights – Protective Behaviours



**Thursday 19 March 2026**

**5.30pm – 7.00pm**

This event is for adults only

Featuring Andrea Musulin, founder of the WA Child Protection Society and a passionate advocate for child protection.

We also thank Rebekah Nijssen from Lighthouse Cyber Education for her recent session exploring digital safety, wellbeing, and the impact of AI on young people.



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# Social Media Age Restriction

From 10 December 2025, anyone under 16 in Australia won't be able to keep or make accounts on social media apps like TikTok, Instagram, YouTube, Snapchat, X, Facebook and more.

The rule doesn't punish young people or their families, instead, social media companies have to stop under-16s from having accounts or risk serious fines (up to about \$50 million).

**Australian Government**  
Office of the Australian Information Commissioner

## Access to social media is changing

**16+**

The Australian Government has made some new rules about who can create or have an account on social media in Australia.

This is called 'social media minimum age' (SMMA) but sometimes it is also referred to as the social media 'ban', 'delay', 'age requirement, or 'age obligation'.

**From 10 December 2025**, social media companies will have a responsibility to make sure everyone using their service in Australia is at least 16 years old. To do this, they will need to handle some personal information.

**Creating or having an account on social media will mean that personal information will be looked at**

To follow the new rules, social media companies will need information about:

- 1) if you ordinarily live in Australia, and
- 2) if you are over the age of 16.

This information will likely be personal information, which is information that could reasonably identify a person.

There are many ways that social media companies could check if a person usually lives in Australia.

They might look at information like:

- Australian mobile number
- Wi-Fi information
- GPS location information
- app store, operating systems and account settings
- photos, tags, connections and online activity that a person or others have shared on social media.

**eSafety have helpful resources** that explain what SMMA is, why it was introduced, which social media platforms it affects and how to have conversations with the young people in your lives about this change. Check out [www.eSafety.gov.au](http://www.eSafety.gov.au)

**The Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC)** is here to protect the privacy of all Australians. We will make sure that social media companies, and any company they team up with to do age checks, called 'third parties' or 'age assurance providers', obey the law and protect your personal information when following these new rules.

Version 1 updated: 21/10/2025



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# Head of Research & Study

Mrs Natasha Georgiou



# SMARTS

(Sevens Mature Approach to Reasoning Techniques & Study)



**RASC**

Research and Study Centre

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# In SMARTS we cover:

- . Organisation
- . Note taking
- . Growth mindsets and growing your brain
- . Studying and the study planner
- . Memory and using a timer
- . Repetition and flashcards
- . Memory tools and studying for tests
- . Mind maps



**RASC**  
Research and Study Centre

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# SMARTS lesson three goals:

- 1 Use mistakes as learning opportunities to help you develop GRIT
- 2 Know that learning takes effort
- 3 We also look at breaks/balance in studying and growing your brain by learning new skills.



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Research and Study Centre

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# Follow us on Instagram

If you want to know what is happening in the RASC and keep up-to-date with activities and programs, follow us on Instagram.



[@kennedyrasc](https://www.instagram.com/kennedyrasc)



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# Volunteers

The Research and Study Centre is always looking for parent volunteers to help cover our books.

Every second Tuesday morning  
(even school weeks).

Great opportunity to socialise.  
Morning tea provided.



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<https://ideas.demco.com/blog/book-doctor-series-protecting-softcover-books/>



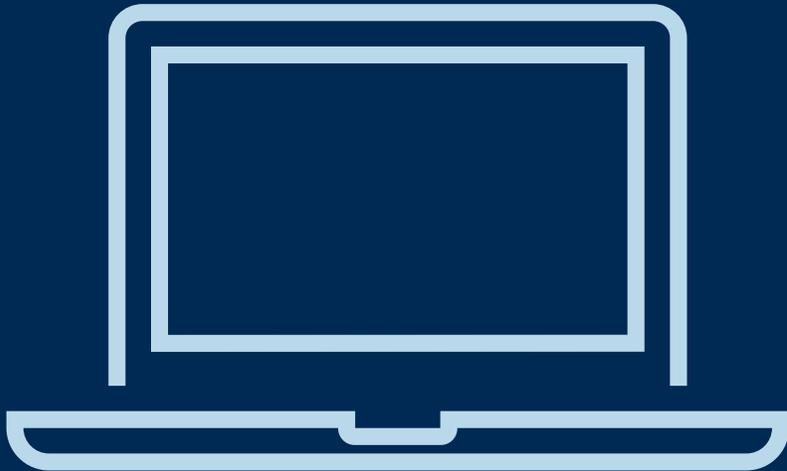
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# Information Technology

Mr Ivan Arthur



# Information Technology



## FAQ

1. What laptop should we buy?
2. Can my child use a MacBook?

## Loan Laptops

- Provided to students with hardware issues (with a note from parents)
- 2-week renewable loan period

## Internet Usage

- Controlled and monitored through a Firewall
- Certain applications are not permitted to be used on the College network, e.g. Social Media, Skype, Bittorrents.

# Device Induction sessions

One-hour sessions will be held daily from Tuesday 20 January 2026, to Thursday 29 January 2026, between 9 AM and 3 PM.



## **Before the Session**

- Fully charge the laptop
- Complete the new user setup
- Update the laptop with the latest Microsoft or Apple updates
- Disable Antivirus/Parental Control programs
- Have Administrator access for the day
- Ensure that the laptop is not running Windows 11S

## **During the Session**

- Connect to Kennedy's WiFi
- Install applications and links to student's home drive and useful websites
- Provide information on IT resources available in Kennedy
- Obtain the Student Number for Flexischools App registration

## **While enrolled in Kennedy**

- Access to a Office365 license that can be used on 5 devices

## **Reminders**

- Obtain a laptop that meets the Kennedy device specifications
- Book an induction session online

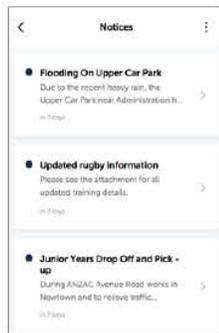
## Term Dates

Up to date Term dates and staff days.  
For full College calendar, please log in to your Parent Lounge.

## Notices

The notices section keeps you informed of important daily notices as they become available. Push Notifications will also be sent to inform you of any urgent or important information. E.g.: Buses are late? The notice section will alert you.

The Arts and Physical Education Learning Areas will be able to send out Learning Areas specific notices to parents, e.g.: SAS sports teams schedules, Music Ensembles rehearsal changes.



## Newsletter

Receive the latest newsletter directly through the app.

## Manage your subscription and notification

Stay connected by turning on your notifications and by subscribing to the content that matters to you in the Settings section. For eg: Year level, Arts or Sports. We encourage you to update this every year.

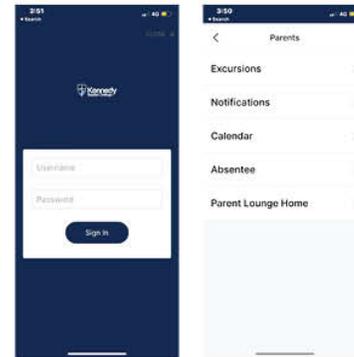
## SEQTA Engage

A link is provided for Kennedy Parents to launch the SEQTA Engage App for an overview of how their child's learning is progressing. If the parent does not have the SEQTA Engage App installed on their mobile, it will be redirected to the App store to facilitate the installation of the App.

## Parent Lounge

A web portal that allows Kennedy parents to:

- Accept and pay for excursions
- Update student medical information
- Update address information
- Submit absent notifications
- View College Calendar



## Useful links

Quick links to the following Key Parents Information about booklist, device, uniform, ordering lunch at Beedawong, tutoring session, day to day operation of the College.

## Kennedy Handbook and Polices



# Kennedy App

The mobile app for notices, newsletters, Kennedy Handbook, policies, useful links and quick access to SEQTA and Parent Lounge.



# Other useful Apps to download

## SEQTA Engage



SEQTA Engage is a powerful tool for parents to have an overview of their child's learning and assessments. It also provides a communication channel for parents and teachers, enabling greater collaboration and hopefully enhanced learning outcomes for the students.

## Flexischools



Flexischools is an app designed to simplify school life for families by offering a **cashless, convenient way** for students to purchase cafeteria food and to make lunch pre-orders.

## Transportme™



Transportme™ is a user-friendly app-based ticketing system, which allows you to:  
pay for fares,  
check bus routes,  
save stops,  
track buses in real-time,  
all through an electronic and cashless system.



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# Curriculum

Miss Jennifer Lamet



# Timetable and Booklist



## Timetable

- Released in January
- Visible on SEQTA almost immediately – current families
- Visible to students on SEQTA – after IT induction
- Visible to parents on SEQTA – once they have access – late Jan/first week of school

## Booklist

- Visible on the College website
- Except language – all students complete all courses, please purchase the list (free to choose where you purchase)
- You will need your child's College email address to order the booklist. It will be available to you after today.



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# Head of Year 7

Mr Tristan Ward

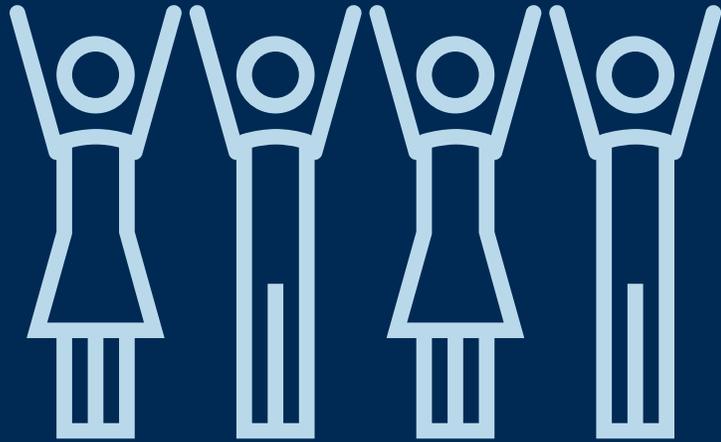




# Routines, rules and rewards

- Homework:  
Maximum 1 hour per night  
(weekdays)
- Tutoring: Available in most  
subjects after school –  
information available online.

# Routines, rules and rewards



- **Uniform Policy**  
Please refer to the Kennedy Handbook for **uniform** standards.
- No mobile phones are to be used from 8:00am-3:15pm
- Rewards: House Points for community, academic and uniform. Each term there are prize draws.
- Lost property: Located in the Student Services.

# School bag + Locker

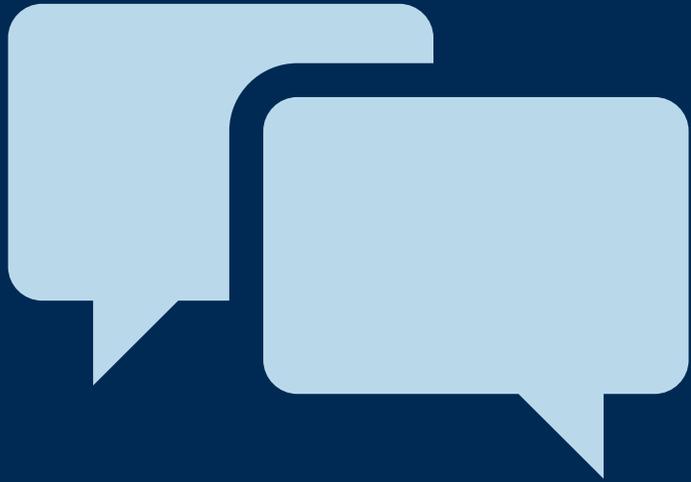


- Label school and sports bag clearly
- Label school clothes and classroom materials.
- To minimize the amount of textbooks to carry from class to class, upload the eBooks to their devices and keep the textbooks at home for revision.
- Lockers with ample space are provided for each student.
- Encourage a clean-out at the end of each week.
- Roller bags available.
- Locker divider are available for purchase at \$15.



# Drop off and Pick up

- There are two drop-off and pick-up points within the College.
- Do not arrive earlier than 3.15pm as it will create a back log of cars.
- There are after school activities that your child can participate in before the pick up.



# Communication

**Communication is vital! The College will endeavour to help your child thrive in their first year and beyond; however, we need to be informed of:**

- Changing circumstances at home
- Illness
- Friendship problems
- Assessment difficulties
- Reporting absentee

Supporting each other during difficult situations will assist the process.

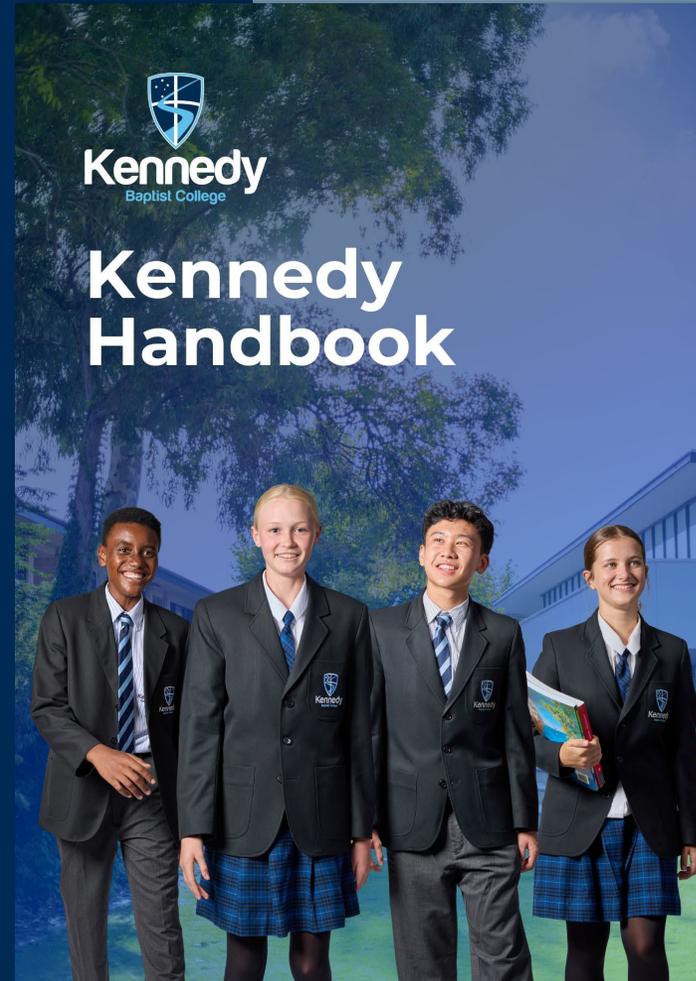
Please contact Tristan Ward HOY via Direct Message on SEQTA.

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# Kennedy Handbook (Available in 2026)

The Kennedy Handbook is an essential resource for students and parents, offering insights into the college's values, facilities, staff, and procedures.

Students and parents/guardians should familiarize themselves with and follow the guidelines outlined in this handbook.



# Year 7 Transition Program

Please take the time to review the booklet that your child will receive today.



## Year 7 Transition Program

Information to assist your transition into Kennedy for 2026



### New Student Checklist:

#### Instrumental Music Program

Information regarding the program is available on our website. Please complete your application by Monday 23 January 2023.

#### Uniform

Purchase and name all uniform items including shoes and College bag.

Please refer to our website for the Uniform Shop opening hours.

#### Booklists

Order and purchase books from Campus. Booklists are available on our website.

#### Purchase your Child's Device

Please refer our website for device specification or contact the IT Department if you require further information: [BYOD@kennedywa.edu.au](mailto:BYOD@kennedywa.edu.au)

#### Book and attend a Device Induction Session (1 hour duration)

Sessions are held in the Research and Study Centre.

#### Recess and Lunch Orders at Beedawong Cafeteria

Register online to place your order.



### What to bring on the first day:

Students are to arrive at the following times for Day 1:

#### Year 7 Students

Year 7 students will start their first day at 8:45am with a special Commencement Ceremony held in the College Auditorium. Parents and Guardians are invited to attend.

Normal start time of 8:15am will commence on Day 2.

#### New Year 8 to 12 Students

New Year 8-12 students will start their day at 8:10am for the normal starting time of 8:15am. Students will be advised on Pre-start Day as to where they are to report on arrival.

### Key Parent Information



Here you find the links and latest information about booklist, device, uniform, ordering lunch at Beedawong, tutoring session, day-to-day operation of the College. You

#### Your child will need ...

- College bag
- College hat
- Device
- Pencil case with usual contents
- Kennedy student diary and their timetable
- A file with approximately 20 sheets of A4 paper
- Morning tea and lunch with a drink bottle (or purchase from Beedawong, our Cafeteria via [www.quickcliq.com.au](http://www.quickcliq.com.au))
- Medication (Epipen etc) to be handed in to the College Nurse if required
- Sports bag (if you have Physical Education on the first day and bathers, towel and goggles for Year 7 only)

# Additional Handout

Please grab a copy of this flyer at the foyer for assistance in settling into Kennedy.

Plus, any additional flyers or brochure.



## Useful Information for New Families

We're excited to have you join our community!

**Starting at a new school can bring a lots of questions, but we're here to help. This flyer includes handy tips to help you settle in. We look forward to an amazing year together!**



**Getting Started**  
Managing your child's school life is easy with Kennedy's digital tools, available for download on both Apple and Google platforms. These tools keep you informed and simplify everyday tasks. QR codes are on the next page for your reference.

- **Kennedy App** - Your main hub for College information, urgent notices and key links.
- **Parent Lounge** - Handles student administration such as contact updates, absences, uniform passes, calendar, medical details, event consent, invoices, and payments. Accessible via Kennedy app or desktop.
- **SEQTA Engage** - View homework, assessments, academic results, and communicate directly with teachers. Accessible via SEQTA app or desktop.
- **TransportMe™ App** - Essential for families using Kennedy Transport.
- **Flexischools App** - For lunch orders, set up using your child's Student ID.

**Get Involved at Kennedy**  
We love partnering with families to build a strong community. You can get involved by joining the Parents & Friends Association (P&F), volunteering at events or in the cafeteria and attending College activities. Explore Initiatives like Kennedy Insights and our weekly prayer group, KPOW (Kennedy Pray on Wednesday)

For connecting with various Year Group, please see our P&F committee members for more information or email pandfkennedybaptistcollege@gmail.com.

The first P&F AGM and Committee meeting is on Tuesday, 3 March, at 5:00 pm in the Staff Lounge. We seek members for 2026 committees, including President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Newsletter Coordinator, Sausage Sizzle Coordinator, and General Members. Meetings are held once each term.

**2026 Term Date and Day Structure**  
Check the student diary or website for term dates and free days. The school day has six periods plus a Form period at the start

8:25 AM	Warning Bell
8:30AM	Form Time
8:45 AM	Period 1
9:40 AM	Period 2
10:35 AM	Recess
11:00 AM	Warning Bell
11:05 AM	Period 3
12:00 PM	Period 4
12:55 PM	Lunch
1:20 PM	Warning Bell
1:25 PM	Period 5
2:20 PM	Period 6
3:15 PM	End of Day

**College Hours**  
Office hours are from 8.00am to 4.00pm

**Attendance Requirements**  
It is compulsory for parents to notify the College before 8.00am for any absences, late arrivals, or early departures.

**Find what you need in:**

- The Kennedy Handbook
- The Year 7 Transition Program Booklet
- Useful Links section in the Kennedy App

These include key dates, uniform details, transport options, College policies and more.

**Facebook & WhatsApp Group for Class of 2031**

Facebook/WhatsApp groups are not-run and optional; please protect one's privacy and use official College emails for all secure communication.




**Links to "how to" guides**






**Essential QR codes:**






**Kennedy Handbook**



The Kennedy Handbook helps students and parents understand life at Kennedy, covering values, facilities, staff, learning, policies, and procedures. They must familiarise themselves with these procedures

Some of the information you will find in the Kennedy Handbook:

- College Procedures
- College Map
- Communication Channels
- Getting to and from Kennedy
- Getting around Kennedy
- Getting involved
- How to load funds onto your SmartRider

**College Policies**



Students and parents/guardians are required to familiarise themselves and comply with the College policies.

- Acceptable Use of Mobile Devices Policy
- Assessment Policy
- Behaviour Management Policy
- Bullying Prevention Policy
- College Premises and Facilities - Accessibility and Use for Students Policy
- Complaints Handling Policy
- Cyber Safety for Students Policy
- Digital Citizenship Agreement
- Enrolment Policy
- International Students Policies
- Parent Code of Conduct
- Privacy Policy
- Protective Behaviours Curriculum
- Rollback Policy
- Staff Code of Conduct
- Student Attendance Policy
- Student Code of Conduct
- Student Safety and Wellbeing Policy
- Uniform Policy
- Yard Duty and Student Supervision Policy

**Year 7 Transition Program Booklet**  
Link to the booklet



handed out to your child today with Transition Program outline.