

A Handy Guide for New Families

Starting secondary school is a big step. Here are some practical tips from experienced parents to help you as you settle into our wonderful school!



Uniform

- Buy uniform items season by season rather than all at once
- Girls typically don't use the cap
- Boys often continue wearing summer uniform through winter
- Label scarves — they are usually the first item to go missing
- Consider second-hand options for blazers and ties, as these are worn infrequently – visit www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au
- All uniform items, including the blazer, are machine washable

Laptops

- Stylus pens are often lost within the first year
- We strongly recommend laptop insurance
- A spare charger at home is very helpful

Lunch & Canteen

- Many students opt for grab-and-go options rather than traditional lunchboxes
- The canteen does not accept phone credit cards — students need a physical card
- A separate queue is available for online orders, making pick-up quicker



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Compass

- Download the Compass app on your phone
- Some features (reports, results and parent-teacher interviews) need to be accessed via a web browser
- Compass makes it easy to email your child's teachers when required

Parking & Transport

- Use Hotham Street for drop-off and pick-up
- Avoid Clonmore Street from Reserve Road (unofficial one-way street)
- Bus stops near the school can be busy — some students walk to Seaview shops to catch the bus

Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews

- Held online, with your child present (triad meeting)
- Sessions run for 8 minutes with a firm finish time
- Being prepared helps make the most of each meeting

Parents' Association

- Meetings are held once per term
- A focus on social events, including a Year 7 parents' event
- Planning underway for the 10-year anniversary celebration in 2027
- A great way to connect with other parents and the Principal
- Ladies' Lunch tickets are popular — buy early for the October event