



Dear Marcellin Families

It is with great pleasure that we once again welcome you all to the start of the 2021 school year. We hope that everyone has enjoyed the extra week of break, and that students are feeling both ready and excited to re-join us on Monday 8 February.

The purpose of this communication is to update families and students on the arrangements in place for the commencement of Term 1 on the Marcellin Campus. All arrangements have been made with consideration of the current COVID-19 restrictions.

Term 1 Commencement

Term 1 will commence for all students in Years 7 – 12 on Monday 8 February. Students are required to wear their full summer uniform and are asked to bring their Surface Pros, a file or notebook, a pencil case, lock, and about half of their books.

As outlined by the State Government all students and staff on the Marcellin Campus are required to wear a mask. Please ensure that your child has an adequate supply of masks for the upcoming week. If your child has a medical reason preventing them from wearing a mask, you need to contact your relevant Leader of Wellbeing before they return to school on Monday.

Year 7

Year 7 students are required to arrive at the Marist Auditorium by 8.45am. Year 7 students will begin their Transition Program, which aims to introduce students to College procedures, effective organisation practices as well as starting to build respectful relationships with their peers and staff. On Tuesday 9 February, Year 7 students will begin their regular classes as per their College timetable.

Years 8 – 12

Students in Years 8 - 11 are required to meet their PCG teacher in their PCG classroom at 8.45am.

Students in Year 12 are required to meet their PCG teachers and Leader of Wellbeing in the Exam Centre at 8.45am.

All students in Years 8 – 12 will remain with their PCG until recess. During this time, Leaders of Wellbeing, along with PCG teachers, will be facilitating an alternative program for students that will support their return to school. Students will commence regular classes from Period 3. Students are encouraged to familiarise themselves with their timetable, which is available through SEQTA. Students are asked to bring their College bathers for their first PE lesson.

Year 8 – 12 New Students

New students in Years 8 – 12 are required to move to the Champagnat Chapel by 8.30am. Students will be welcomed and then taken to their PCG rooms. During this time, students will have an opportunity to meet their peers and PCG teacher, participate in IT setup and become familiar with College procedures. Students will also receive their timetable and will commence classes from Period 3. New students will be invited to have lunch with their assigned buddy on Monday 8 February.

Challenge — Collaborate — Create — Celebrate

COVID-19 Safety Practices

The following arrangements are in place to ensure the health and wellbeing of staff, students and families, in line with current government advice:

- Restricting the number of visitors entering school premises.
- Visitors and parents entering school grounds are required to sign in using the Safe WA app (not applicable if only dropping off or picking-up students).
- The College will continue to promote and encourage COVID Safe practices.
- Hand sanitiser is available at multiple locations.
- Children remain at home when they are unwell.
- Students who have been in the potential exposure sites of the recent positive COVID case are required to be tested and return a negative test result prior to returning to school.

Expectations

It is the College's expectation that students and parents understand the College's '*Common Expectations of Students*'. In particular, the areas of punctuality, the College Uniform Policy, Mobile Phone use and student organisation. These policies support our partnership with families, students, Leaders of Wellbeing and the College and ensure that we operate with a set of shared expectations and understandings. Please click [here](#) to access documents regarding Student Welfare.

Upcoming Events

Please click [here](#) to refer to the College Calendar for a comprehensive overview of upcoming events. Should restrictions due to COVID prevent any event from occurring as planned, provisions for an alternative format or event will be communicated to families and students in due course.

The Year 11 and 12 Parent Information Evenings will now take place online as video events on Wednesday 10 February at 5.00pm. Families of Year 11 and 12 students will receive a link via email on Wednesday next week.

I encourage all families to keep up to date with College News via [Newman News](#), and the Newman College Social Media pages.

I am looking forward to working with families and students in 2021. It is my hope that this year provides students with many opportunities to *Shine through Discovery*. In doing so, we hope students feel empowered to embrace challenges, engage in creativity and collaboration and enjoy the celebration of their own success and that of others.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's Leader of Wellbeing if you have any further queries. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate the start of Term 1. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely



Carla Pastorelli
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL SECONDARY

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