



Dear Parents and Guardians of Year 11

I warmly welcome you on behalf of Newman College to the start of the 2022 academic year. Year 11 will be a significant transition year for this cohort of students as they commence their pathway forward and begin preparing for life beyond Newman College. We require our young men and women to develop their sense of responsibility, ownership, and accountability. Whilst they will be faced with challenges, it is important that students understand the value of embracing these challenges and using this to develop their sense of self, and their place in the world, to become good Christians and good citizens.

Monday 31 January – New students return to school

Students are asked to bring their Surface Pros, a file or notebook, a pencil case and about half of their books. Please report to Administration at 8.30am.

Monday 31 January – Peer Support Mentors: Year 7 First Day

All Peer Support Mentors are required to attend the Year 7 first day to assist with student transition and workshops. Peer Support Mentors are to wear their PE uniform (blue PE polo, shorts, correct PE socks and Newman sport hat) and are to present to the Auditorium at 8:30am to welcome our new Year 7s. The day will conclude at 3:30pm. Students are asked to please bring a water bottle, recess, and lunch in their Newman College sport bag.

Tuesday 01 February – All Year 11 Students return to school

Students will go to their Pastoral Care Groups. Students will have access to their timetables through SEQTA. Students are asked to bring their Surface Pros, a file or notebook, a pencil case and about half of their books. There will be a welcoming Assembly in the morning.

Education Support Students

The Education Support Centre in the John Henry Newman (JHN) Learning Hub will be open from 8.20am on the first day back should students wish to meet our new Leader of Learning Education Support, Mrs Antonia Johnstone.

Expectations

As we commence 2022, I wish to draw your attention to the Newman College Norms. In particular the areas of punctuality, behaviour, College Uniform student organisation.

It is the College's expectation that students and parents understand our policies and work in partnership with the Leader of Wellbeing in ensuring a set of common expectations and shared understandings. Details are available on the College Website.

Uniform/Grooming

Students are reminded that they are required to be in full summer uniform from Tuesday 1 February. Personal appearance needs to be in keeping with College expectations. This includes, but is not limited to, correct hair length, jewellery, skirt length and correct shoes. Hair, for both boys and girls, that is longer than the top of the collar must be tied back and clear of the face. Extreme hair styles and changes of hair colour are not permitted. Students who are in breach of the expectations will be asked to rectify the situation immediately.

Student Use of Mobile Phones

Mobile phones are not to be carried by the student during the school day. They must be switched off or on silent and placed in lockers. Consequences will apply to those students whose mobile phones can be seen or heard throughout the school day.

Challenge — Collaborate — Create — Celebrate

Participation in the Life of the College

Newman provides opportunities for students and families to come together and participate in events that not only support the faith life of our College, but also the holistic development of the students within our care. These events are important to the development of family spirit and allow students and families to feel connected to, and part of our Marist community. It is an expectation that all students attend compulsory College events, such as but not limited to our Family Mass, Retreat Days, Champagnat Day, Guild Carnivals and Year Level Activities. Non-attendance may compromise an invitation to year level privileges.

Further to this, Newman College students have the opportunity to participate in a wide range of extra-curricular activities and are encouraged to put their talents forward for the broader College community. Such activities provide all students the opportunity to develop the skills of teamwork, resilience and social awareness beyond the classroom setting. More information is available from your child's PCG Teacher.

Transperth – bus details

Please click [here](#) to access the guide to taking Transperth to and from school.

The Year Ahead

Assessment calendars and the Wellbeing programs for each year group will be published by the Leader of Wellbeing and available via SEQTA and the College Website respectively, by Week 3 Term 1 2022. These are important documents for families to access in order to support your child's development of organisation and self-management skills.

I encourage all Year 11 students, irrespective of their pathway, to adopt a growth mindset and a focus on developing effective and achievable goals, in order to guide focus, sustain momentum and support new behaviours to promote self-mastery. It is important that all Year 11s approach to this year with a sense of purpose, determination, and academic resilience as way to promote personal excellence and commitment in all that they undertake. Students are encouraged to take advantage of the academic and wellbeing support available to them, so that they can continue to find a positive balance in their lives and ensure that they are working on a pathway that brings them success and options for their future.

Upcoming Events

Please find below some significant dates relevant to all students of Year 11. We are still determining what events will proceed, be postponed, go online or cancelled, and this will be communicated to families accordingly.

Weekly – Thursday's (8.10am – 8.40am)	Thursday morning Community Mass in the Champagnat Chapel
Tuesday 1 February (6.30pm)	Year 11 Parent Information Evening ONLINE The video link will be distributed to families by the end of week one
Wednesday 9 February (5.00pm) POSTPONED: Alternative arrangements will be made	Newman College PK-12 Family Mass and Commissioning of Student Leaders (Compulsory student attendance)
Thursday 17 February	Year 7–12 Swimming Carnival, HBF Stadium
Friday 11 March	Year 7–12 Guild Cross Country
Monday 30 May	Term 2: Semester 1 Examinations commence
Wednesday 22 June	Year 10-12 Photo Day, Marist Auditorium
Thursday 30 June (6.00pm)	Y11 Dinner Dance, AQWA

I am very much looking forward to walking with and supporting our Year 11 students as they begin this next phase of their education and share in their successes going forward. Should you have any academic or wellbeing concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via email on gemma.beekink@newman.wa.edu.au

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in grey ink, appearing to read 'Gemma Beekink', written in a cursive style.

Gemma Beekink
LEADER OF WELLBEING YEAR 11

27 January 2022