



Dear Parents and Guardians of Year 7

On behalf of the Newman College family, I extend to all Year 7 students and families, a very warm welcome!

Starting secondary school can be an exciting and challenging experience for both students and their parents. We trust that our new Year 7s will enjoy the transition activities that we have put in place to assist the start of their high school journey. Please know that students are supported, each step of the way.

The Wellbeing theme for year 7 2022 is **Embrace**. My hope for our Year 7 students is that they **embrace** the journey and challenges of Year 7, safe in the knowledge that they can equip themselves with the key competencies that will make this journey amazing. I encourage our students to **embrace** all that secondary school brings, get involved in co-curricular activities, try their best in their subjects and work to build positive relationships with both their peers and teachers so they can thrive!

Monday 31 January – Year 7 Students return to school (Day 1)

Year 7 students are to arrive at the Marist Auditorium by 8.45am in their Guild Uniform. Students should meet their Pastoral Care Group (PCG) on the oval side of the Auditorium. Students are asked to bring their Surface Pros, a file or notebook, a pencil case, and half of their books to place in their locker. The canteen will be open at recess for cash purchases only. The canteen will be open for Lunch only for Lunch orders that have been made online via the Flexischools system (no cash purchases at lunch). Students will finish the day at 3.15pm and will be dismissed from the Chapel. Parents are asked to arrange a pickup location to meet their child at the end of the day.

In order to begin establishing effective organisation practices and building respectful relationships between the students, the Year 7 students will not participate in timetabled classes on Day 1 and for the start of Day 2. Instead, they will complete a transition program, which will be facilitated by their PCG teachers. Regular timetables will commence from Period 4, Tuesday 1 February.

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.

Challenge — Collaborate — Create — Celebrate

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.

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.

Upcoming Events

Please find below some significant dates relevant to all students of Year 7. 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
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
Thursday 24 February (4.00pm – 6.00pm)	Y7 Subject Expo and Parent Information Evening, Marist Auditorium
Thursday 7 April	Y7 Retreat Day
Thursday 10 March (3.30pm - 8.00pm)	Y7 Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews
Friday 11 March	Year 7–12 Guild Cross Country
Monday 28 March	Y7 Immunisations – Round 1
Wednesday 4 May – Friday 6 May	Y7 Camp
Tuesday 21 June	Year 7-9 Photo Day, Marist Auditorium

I am very excited to guide the Year 7s through this formative time in their schooling and I look forward to getting to know each of them and you! I wish our Year 7 students the very best as they **Embrace** all that Newman College has to offer. My commitment is to support them every step of the way.

If you have any questions or concerns about the above information, I can be contacted by email at Rebecca.Bramanto@newman.wa.edu.au

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in grey ink, appearing to read 'RBramanto', with a stylized, cursive script.

Rebecca Bramanto
LEADER OF WELLBEING YEAR 7

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