



Dear Parents and Guardians of Year 8

I warmly welcome you on behalf of Newman College to the start of the 2022 academic year. I am very much looking forward to working closely with parents and students of the Class of 2026 again this year, and I am confident that this will be a successful and enjoyable year.

The Theme for Year 8 is **Grow** and I look forward to seeing the development of this cohort from Year 7 to Year 8. Growth will occur academically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually and I look forward to supporting and celebrating this growth with them.

Monday 31 January – New students return to school

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

Tuesday 01 February - All Year 8 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 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.

Upcoming Events

Please find below some significant dates relevant to all students of Year 8. 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
Monday 21 February (6.00pm)	Year 8 Parent Information Evening in the Marist Auditorium
Friday 11 March	Year 7–12 Guild Cross Country
Tuesday 21 June	Year 7-9 Photo Day, Marist Auditorium

I look forward to working in partnership with you this year to help your sons and daughters *grow* in Year 8. I can be contacted by email at Kelly.fitzpatrick@newman.wa.edu.au

Yours sincerely



Kelly Fitzpatrick
LEADER OF WELLBEING YEAR 8

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