



Dear Year 7 Parents and Guardians,

On behalf of Newman College, I warmly welcome you to the start of the 2026 academic year. My name is Mrs Lara Vlahov, and I am the Leader of Wellbeing Year 7.

Year 7 is a key transition point for all students, whether they are moving from our Primary Lavalla Campus or a different primary school. At Newman College, we are very mindful that this transition can be challenging.

Our theme for Year 7 is **Embrace**. We ask our students to embrace every opportunity and every challenge that comes their way with the support of our Newman College staff. We will work in partnership with you as we provide your child with the skills and strategies to be successful in their secondary schooling journey: teaching them organisational and time management skills, supporting them to form healthy and fruitful friendships, and emphasising the importance of asking for help when they are met with challenges.

### Friday 30 January – New Student Orientation

The school year will commence for our Year 7 students on **Friday 30 January**. Students are to **meet at Founders Court at 8.40am** and meet their Pastoral Care Group (PCG) teacher at their Guild Flag. Students are required to wear their academic uniform and bring the following items:

- Surface Pro Laptop
- A file or notebook
- A pencil case
- Approximately half of their books.
- Recess and lunch or students may purchase or order food from the Canteen

The day will conclude at 3:15pm.

### Monday 2 February – All Students Return

At the first bell, students will go to their **PCG rooms**. They will need to wear their full summer uniform and should bring their remaining books.

### Expectations

As we commence 2026, I wish to draw your attention to the Newman College Norms: the areas of punctuality, behaviour, uniform, and student organisation. It is the College's expectation that students and parents understand our policies and work in partnership with our staff in ensuring a set of common expectations and shared understandings. Details are available on the [College Website](#).

### Consent2Go Profile Update Invitation

A Consent2Go Profile Update invitation will be sent to all families asking you to review and if necessary, update your student details, additional details (family), medical details (student), and documents.

If your child has specific diagnosed medical condition/s, you are required to record details in the medical condition section. Details including allergens, medication (dosage and expiry dates), care instructions, condition history, condition management documents/action plans, must be provided and or uploaded. Please ensure you work through the medical section thoroughly.

## Challenge — Collaborate — Create — Celebrate

Should the medical condition require the College to store medications onsite, it is a requirement that these are delivered to the Administration office with minimum delay. Alternatively, if parents of secondary school students authorise their child to keep their medication with them, please ensure this is clearly noted in the medical record.

### Communication

Your first point of contact is your child's Pastoral Care Group teacher. This is the staff member who sees your child every day in a pastoral capacity. Contact with the Pastoral Care Group teacher may include issues regarding uniform or punctuality, any circumstances that have arisen at school or at home that could affect your child in the school environment or any pastoral information that needs to be communicated to your child's teachers.

The Year 7 Pastoral Care Group teachers are listed below. All staff are contactable by email, under the format of ***firstname.lastname@newman.wa.edu.au***

<b>Brigid (BR)</b>	Clodagh Berryman
<b>Camara (CA)</b>	Jorja Clark
<b>Catherine (CT)</b>	Jade Nicotra
<b>Chisholm (CH)</b>	Elija Meegan
<b>MacKillop (MC)</b>	Scott McCallum
<b>Marcellin (MA)</b>	Ned Shannon
<b>Romero (RO)</b>	Shannon Phillips
<b>Thomas More (TM)</b>	Josh Gabriel

Please be mindful that during a school day, teaching staff are primarily engaged in teaching duties and therefore it is not always possible for concerns to be addressed immediately. Staff have been requested to respond to all phone calls or email correspondence within two school days (48 hours).

### Car Parking

To support the transition to Year 7 and to assist with parent pick-up and drop-off, the College Oval (accessible via Dolomite Ct) will be open on **Friday 30 January** and **Monday 2 February**.

Parents who intend to drop off their child on these days are asked to park in this area.

### Upcoming Events

Please find below some significant dates relevant to all students of Year 7 in Semester One. Please refer to the College Calendar regularly throughout the year to keep up to date on all College events.

<b>Friday 30 January</b>	Year 7 Individual School Photos
<b>Thursday 5 – Friday 6 February</b>	Year 7 Experience – Team Building Day
<b>Friday 6 February 5.00pm to 7.00pm</b>	Parent Welcome Sundowner Founders Court, Marcellin Campus
<b>Monday 9 February 5.30pm - 8.30pm</b>	2026 Secondary Information Evening
<b>Tuesday 17 February: 5.30pm – 6.45pm</b>	PK-12 Family Mass and Commissioning of Student Leaders Br Terry Gleeson Oval (Marcellin Campus)

	<b><i>Compulsory student attendance</i></b>
<b>Thursday 19 February</b>	Y7-12 Guild Swimming Carnival Perth HPC <b><i>Compulsory student attendance</i></b>
<b>Wednesday 11 - Monday 16 March</b>	Year 7 NAPLAN
<b>Monday 23 March</b>	Year 7 Immunisations
<b>Tuesday 21 April</b>	KG-12 Student Learning Conversations
<b>Wednesday 29 April</b>	Y7-12 Guild Cross Country <b><i>Compulsory student attendance</i></b>
<b>Monday 11 May</b>	Year 7 NAS Winter One Day Carnival
<b>Monday 18 May</b>	Year 7 Retreat <b><i>Compulsory student attendance</i></b>
<b>Monday 15 June</b>	Middle School Photos
<b>Friday 19 June</b>	Champagnat Day <b><i>Compulsory Student Attendance</i></b>

Families will receive communication, closer to the date of each event. These will include specific event details such as times, uniform requirements and logistics.

Along with this letter, you will receive the **Newman College 2026 Information Handbook**. Please take the time to read this and use it as a reference throughout the year. The handbook offers families a guide to the essential information needed for daily life at Newman College.

I am very much looking forward to working with and supporting our Year 7 students as they begin this next phase of their education and share in their successes going forward. Should you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via email [lara.vlahov@newman.wa.edu.au](mailto:lara.vlahov@newman.wa.edu.au) or call on 9204 9427.

Yours sincerely,

Lara Vlahov  
**LEADER OF WELLBEING – YEAR 7**

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