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MARIST TRADITION

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# Year 7 Transition 2026

Supporting parents and guardians in their  
child's transition to secondary education.

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# OVERVIEW

Starting secondary school is a significant transition period for a young person.

This transition involves new peers, a new environment, various teachers, new subjects and different expectations. It is normal for you and your child to feel nervous about this transition to secondary school and to also have many questions along the way.

Newman College acknowledges this significant transition period, facilitating a program which provides our students moving into secondary school with various and intentional touch points in the lead-up to and at the commencement of their secondary schooling journey. These touch points include:

- Parent Information Evening
- Student Orientation Day
- Secondary Campus Experience
- Tech Set-up Sessions
- Year 7 Connection and Communication Day
- Year 7 Transition Program

## Parent Information Evening

As parents and guardians of our Year 7 2026 students, you are invited to attend our Parent Information Evening. You will be introduced to the College Principal, Mr Andrew Watson, who will share the story of St Marcellin Champagnat and the Marist characteristics with our families, particularly those whom are new to the secondary campus. Additionally, our College Principal will share the College's Vision for Mission, Vision for Learning and Vision for Wellbeing.

The purpose of the Parent Information Evening is to allow you to meet members of the College Executive Team. You will gain an insight into life at Newman College and what to expect as you and your child begin to immerse yourselves in Newman College's comprehensive transition program.

## Student Orientation Day – Monday 13 October 2025

The first experience on our Marcellin campus for our incoming students is purposefully scheduled on a professional learning day for teachers, when there are no students on campus. We realise that first days can be daunting and therefore we endeavour to reduce the amount of traffic on the campus on their first day. The purpose of the Student Orientation Day is for students to:

- Get to know other students in their Guild (which is also their Pastoral Care Group),
- Immerse themselves in the various subjects on offer in secondary school,
- Begin to navigate the Marcellin campus,
- Meet some of the staff that they will connect with in the following year, and
- Work with Peer Support Mentors who will provide guidance on the Orientation Day.

Each student is allocated a Guild and this Guild forms their Pastoral Care Group. Students will have Pastoral Care time throughout the week and will have a Pastoral Care Group teacher. The Pastoral Care Group teacher is your first point of contact when any concerns arise that may have an impact upon your child's learning, wellbeing or engagement.



# Year 7 Orientation Day - Monday 13 October

	Brigid	Camara	Catherine	Chisholm	MacKillop	Marcellin	Romero	Thomas More
8.45-9.00	Students are to sign in at the tables in Founders Court, Collect a name tag and wait by their Guild Flag.							
9.00-9.15	Students are to enter the Chapel one Guild at a time. Mr Watson (College Principal) and leader of Wellbeing will speak to the cohort.							
9.15-9.45	Team-Building Activity S11	Team-Building Activity S12	Team-Building Activity S13	Team-Building Activity S14	Team-Building Activity S15	Team-Building Activity S16	Team-Building Activity S17	Team-Building Activity JHN2.6
9.50-10.15	Italian T15	Japanese T13	Religion B11	Religion B12	Maths S11	Science S26	English NG.1	Humanities JHN2.4
10.20-10.45	Dance Dance Studio	Drama EG4	Italian T15	Japanese T13	Religion B11	Religion B11	Maths S11	Science S26
10.45-11.05	Recess Provided							
11.10-11.35	D&T Woodwork TG4	Visual Art BG1	Dance Dance Studio	Drama EG4	Italian T15	Japanese T13	Religion B11	Religion B11
11.40-12.05	Music EG1	D&T Food TG3	D&T Woodwork TG4	Visual Art BG1	Dance Dance Studio	Drama EG4	Italian T15	Japanese T13
12.10-12.35	English NG.1	Humanities JHN2.4	Music EG1	D&T Food TG3	D&T Woodwork TG4	Visual Art BG1	Dance Dance Studio	Drama EG4
12.35-1.15	Lunch							
1.20-1.45	Maths S11	Science S26	English NG.1	Humanities JHN2.4	Music EG1	D&T Food TG3	D&T Woodwork TG4	Visual Art BG1
1.50-2.15	Religion B11	Religion B12	Maths S11	Science S26	English NG.1	Humanities JHN2.4	Music EG1	Food TG3
2.20-2.45	Cohort Challenge in the Gym - Health & PE							
2.50-3.15	Reflection Activity S11	Reflection Activity S12	Reflection Activity S13	Reflection Activity S14	Reflection Activity S15	Reflection Activity S16	Reflection Activity S17	Reflection Activity JHN2.6

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# TECH SET-UP SESSIONS

Newman College has a BYODD (bring your own designated device) program. You will need to purchase a device for your child's education. Newman College has a partnership with Winthrop Australia to provide an educational bundle for all our students in Years 7-12. For more information go to <https://www.newman.wa.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2026-BYODD-7-12.pdf>

Please note: The three-year Microsoft Educational ADP warranty is only available for devices purchased via the Winthrop portal.

It is important that all Year 7 students have turned on their devices and have the necessary programs installed prior to their first official day, on Friday 31 January 2026. To enable set up of your child's computer you are requested to drop the computer to Main Administration, with the student's name, your email and contact number clearly labeled. When the computer is ready for collection you will be contacted by phone or email and you can collect it from the Main Administration. Computers can be dropped off and picked up any time between 8.00am-4.00pm during Term 4.

If you are unable to purchase the computer before the end of Term 4 you may drop the

computer off from Monday 19 January - Friday 23 January between 8.00am-4.00pm. Your computer will be returned in time for the commencement of school on the 31 January 2026.

Alternatively, if you would like additional support to set up your child's computer, you are welcome to book a 15-minute appointment with one of our friendly IT technicians from 19 January. Appointments can be made via our booking system. A link for the booking system will be provided in Term 4.

It is important that your child's laptop is ready before attending your selected meeting time. A step-by-step guide has been prepared by our ICT team to support you and your child with this process at home, which can be accessed by clicking the links below.

- [Engaging in the out-of-box-experience \(OOBE\)](#), and
- Installing Office 365.

If you have any questions in the interim, please contact Mr Daniel Bothma: [daniel.bothma@newman.wa.edu.au](mailto:daniel.bothma@newman.wa.edu.au)



# YEAR 7 TRANSITION PROGRAM

The first official day of Year 7 will be Friday 31 January 2026. The only other students on campus will be our Year 12 cohort and a small group of new Year 8-11 students for the morning. Students will be in their Guilds for this day. Peer Support Mentors will support activities and break times.

Their first official day of Year 7 is called Connection and Communication Day. The purpose of the day is to promote connection and set our Year 7 students up for success. On their first day, our Year 7 2026 students will:

- Develop their understanding of the Whadjuk people – the Indigenous owners of the land that Newman College is on – along with the design of Founders’ Court.
- Spend more time getting to know the Peer Support Mentors and their PCG teacher.
- Be allocated their own locker and learn how to use a combination lock.
- Be able to locate their PCG room.
- Have their individual photo taken in preparation for receiving their Smartrider.
- Engage in Team Building activities with students in their Guild.
- Develop an understanding of their own Guild and meet with their Guild Coordinator.
- Navigate the College grounds by participating in a student-designed Scavenger Hunt.

Following their first official day, our Year 7 students will embark upon a 5-day transition program. The purpose of this 5-day transition program is to provide our students with the best opportunity to successfully navigate their transition to secondary school.

Our Year 7 students will engage in activities and sessions such as:

- Reading a secondary timetable and using a College diary.
- Introduction to Faith Life at Newman College
- Whole cohort mass.
- Learning about the Marist Characteristics.
- Introduction to Wellbeing Support Services and some strategies for their wellbeing toolkit.
- Introduction to Leearning at Newman College.
- Development of organisational skills.
- Academic testing: PAT-R, PAT-M and PAT-Spelling.
- Swimming Trials.
- Windows Navigation and Microsoft Office Apps – Word, Outlook, OneNote.
- Team building day.

## **Guild Allocation**

The Guild system plays an important part in the overall pastoral care program at Newman College. Students will be allocated to a Guild prior to the Student Orientation Day and you will be notified of this placement by the end of Term 3. Siblings of students currently attending the College will be placed in the same Guild.

## **Uniform Fittings**

The Uniform Shop will be scheduling specific opening times for uniform fittings and purchases. Dates will be confirmed once the Guild allocation is complete. Appointments for fittings are required and will need to be made through Microsoft Bookings. You will receive more information on how to make your booking with your Guild allocation notification.

## **Language Selection**

It is compulsory for students to study a language in Years 7 and 8, with the College offering Italian or Japanese. The process for selecting your child's language for 2026 will be completed through an online form. Further information and instructions will be emailed.

## **Instrumental Music Program**

Newman College offers a Co-curricular Instrumental Music Program for all students. If you would like your child to learn an instrument/voice, please complete the online application form by Friday 28 November 2025.

[Instrumental Music Program Application](#)

Lesson charges are additional to school fees. Lessons will be scheduled during the normal school day and, where possible, will be on a rotating timetable.

Please direct any queries to Aleisha Dows, Arts Administrator, [Aleisha.Dows@newman.wa.edu.au](mailto:Aleisha.Dows@newman.wa.edu.au)

## **SIP (Special Instrumental Program)**

The Special Instrumental Program is offered to students in Years 5 and 7 who show musical potential on a chosen instrument. Application to the program requires a reference from the current Year 4/Year 6 teacher/Music Teacher on their Musical ability, plus a sense of enthusiasm and commitment to learn a new instrument. An Aptitude test is no longer required for application (as it was in previous years). If selected, students will be given the opportunity to learn a band instrument (or voice, without charge) through the program.

[SIP Instrumental Program](#)



# HELPFUL CONTACT DETAILS

Below is a list of names, roles and contact details of staff at Newman College who can provide support, particularly during this transition process. For any queries not listed here, please contact the Enrolment Team: [registrar@newman.wa.edu.au](mailto:registrar@newman.wa.edu.au)

Name	Role	Reasons to contact this person	Email Address
Enrolment Team	College Registrar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enrolment queries</li> <li>Guild allocation</li> <li>Transition program queries</li> </ul>	<a href="mailto:registrar@newman.wa.edu.au">registrar@newman.wa.edu.au</a>
Mr Daniel Bothma	ICT Supervisor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BYODD queries</li> <li>Out-of-box-experience</li> <li>Office 365</li> </ul>	<a href="mailto:daniel.bothma@newman.wa.edu.au">daniel.bothma@newman.wa.edu.au</a>
Mrs Diana Potter	Uniform Shop Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uniform requirement and bookings</li> </ul>	<a href="mailto:diana.potter@newman.wa.edu.au">diana.potter@newman.wa.edu.au</a>
Mrs Aleisha Dows	Arts Administrator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Special Instrumental Program enquiries</li> <li>Private lesson enquiries/information</li> </ul>	<a href="mailto:aleisha.dows@newman.wa.edu.au">aleisha.dows@newman.wa.edu.au</a>
Mrs Sarah Pagett	Leader of Support and Pedagogy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implementation of Curriculum Adjustment Plans (CAPs) or Individualised Education Programs (IEPs)</li> <li>Documentation from external providers</li> </ul>	<a href="mailto:sarah.pagett@newman.wa.edu.au">sarah.pagett@newman.wa.edu.au</a>
Mrs Antonia Johnstone	Leader of Education Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engagement with Education Support Centre</li> <li>Implementation of IEPs</li> </ul>	<a href="mailto:antonia.johnstone@newman.wa.edu.au">antonia.johnstone@newman.wa.edu.au</a>
Mrs Flora Hughes	Student Data Administrator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SEQTA Access and Login Details</li> <li>Reporting information</li> </ul>	<a href="mailto:flora.hughes@newman.wa.edu.au">flora.hughes@newman.wa.edu.au</a>
Mrs Anna Scanlan	Deputy Principal Secondary (Acting)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pastoral care or wellbeing concerns</li> </ul>	<a href="mailto:anna.scanlan@newman.wa.edu.au">anna.scanlan@newman.wa.edu.au</a>
Mrs Beth Murphy	Deputy Principal Teaching and Learning (PK-12)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Curriculum on offer</li> <li>Homework club</li> <li>Assessments and testing</li> </ul>	<a href="mailto:beth.murphy@newman.wa.edu.au">beth.murphy@newman.wa.edu.au</a>

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