



Dear Year 8 Parents and Guardians,

On behalf of Newman College, I warmly welcome you to the start of the 2026 academic year. My name is Tiyana Kerimi and I will be the Leader of Wellbeing Year 8. I am looking forward working in partnership with you to support your child in their endeavours at Newman College.

Our theme in 2026 is **Growth**. Students will be asked to reflect on and work towards being the best versions of themselves and we ask that, in partnership with the College, you encourage a love of learning and a growth mindset as we navigate the year.

### Friday 30 January – New Student Orientation

New Year 8 students are to attend an induction morning on Friday 30 January. **New students are to report to Administration at 8.30am. Students are required to wear full summer uniform.** Morning tea will be provided. The induction will conclude at 10.45am at which time students are to be collected. Students must bring their Surface Pro, a file or notebook and a pencil case.

### Monday 2 February – All Students Years 8-11 Return

At the first bell, students will go to the **John Henry Newman Learning Hub (JHN)**. Students will have access to their timetables through SEQTA from Friday 30 January. Please ensure your child has reviewed this before they return to the College so that they are prepared with the correct books, equipment and/or uniform for their lessons on the first day. Students are also asked to bring their Surface Pro (fully charged) and their College lock.

### Assessment Guidelines

A copy of our Assessment Guidelines and Procedures for Year 8 can be accessed [here](#).

### Pastoral Care Group

Your first point of contact is your child's Pastoral Care Group (PCG) 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.

All staff are contactable by email, under the format of ***firstname.lastname@newman.wa.edu.au***.

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).

### Upcoming Events

Please find below some significant dates relevant to all students of Year 8 in Semester One. Please refer to the [Newman College Calendar](#) regularly throughout the year to keep up to date on all College events.

**Challenge — Collaborate — Create — Celebrate**

<b>Friday 30 January</b>	New Year 8 Student Individual Photos
<b>Friday 6 February 5.00pm – 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>	Whole College 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>Monday 23 March</b>	Year 8 Retreat <b><i>Compulsory student attendance</i></b>
<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 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 walking with and supporting our Year 8 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 [tiyana.kerimi@newman.wa.edu.au](mailto:tiyana.kerimi@newman.wa.edu.au) or call on 9204 9428.

Yours sincerely,

Tiyana Kerimi  
**LEADER OF WELLBEING – YEAR 8**  
 23 January 2026