



Dear Year 9 Parents and Guardians,

I warmly welcome you on behalf of Newman College to the start of the 2026 academic year. My name is Jake Goncalves and I will be the Leader of Wellbeing Year 9.

Year 9 can often be a challenging year for not only the young people in our care, but also the adults who support them. It is a developmental period in which young people may challenge boundaries as they discover who they are and their place in the world. Our theme for Year 9 is **Engage** and we will encourage your child to engage with all key stakeholders within their lives as they learn how to navigate these relationships successfully.

Friday 30 January – New Student Orientation

New Year 9 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 **Gymnasium**. 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 9 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. The Pastoral Care Group teacher will direct the communication to another staff to ensure the information reaches appropriate staff. 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).

The Rite Journey

Year 9 Students will participate in The Rite Journey in 2026. The Rite Journey is a rite of passage program that will see boys and girls in single sex classes engaging in conversations about what it means to be a good man and a good woman, whilst completing challenges along the journey that will build and expand their social and emotional toolkit. Parents/guardians will receive communication regarding the programs key dates as they approach.

Upcoming Events

Please find below some significant dates relevant to all students of Year 9 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

Friday 30 January	New Year 9 Student Individual Photos
Friday 6 February 5.00pm – 7.00pm	Parent Welcome Sundowner Founders Court, Marcellin Campus
Monday 9 February 5.30pm - 8.30pm	2026 Secondary Information Evening
Tuesday 17 February 5.30pm – 6.45pm	Whole College Family Mass and Commissioning of Student Leaders Br Terry Gleeson Oval (Marcellin Campus) <i>Compulsory student attendance</i>
Thursday 19 February	Y7-12 Guild Swimming Carnival Perth HPC <i>Compulsory student attendance</i>
Monday 23 February 5.00pm – 6.00pm	The Rite Journey: The Calling – Group 1 <i>Compulsory student attendance</i>
Tuesday 24 February 5.00pm – 6.00pm	The Rite Journey: The Calling – Group 2 <i>Compulsory student attendance</i>
Tuesday 10 March	Year 9/10 NAS Summer One Day Carnival
Wednesday 11 – Monday 16 March	Year 9 NAPLAN
Tuesday 21 April	KG-12 Student Learning Conversations
Wednesday 29 April	Y7-12 Guild Cross Country <i>Compulsory student attendance</i>
Thursday 14 May	Year 9 Retreat <i>Compulsory student attendance</i>
Monday 15 June	Year 9 School Photos
Friday 19 June	Champagnat Day <i>Compulsory student attendance</i>

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 9 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 jake.goncalves@newman.wa.edu.au or call on 9204 9429.

Yours sincerely,

Jake Goncalves
LEADER OF WELLBEING – YEAR 9

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