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#### **Dear Students**

Welcome to the 2024 school year, a year of continued opportunity and success. I trust that you have had a safe and enjoyable break. Below is some information that will assist in ensuring a smooth start to the new school year.

### **School Commencement Dates 2024**

The first day back for Years 7, 9 and 11 is Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January. All students will be in attendance from Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January.

I would suggest that where possible you arrive no later than 8.30am on your first day back so there is time to find venues and classrooms.

Our staff and Year 12 leaders will be available to support you to find your way to your various areas.

#### **School Times**

School commences with roll mark each morning at 8:45am. School concludes at 2:55pm Monday to Thursday.

On Friday school concludes at 1:15pm.

### **Student Timetables**

You will be emailed your timetable to your school email address on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January. Timetables will then also be accessible through the statewide OneSchool data base which can be accessed by all students on or off campus.

You are expected to view your school timetable **no later than the weekend prior to** arriving at school, so you know which **roll class** you are assigned to. A reminder that you will not be able to use your mobile device to do this once you enter the school grounds.

You will also be given a hard copy of your timetable during class on the first day.

## Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January Procedures

Year 7 students are to meet in the Student Activity Centre (SAC). Students are to locate their names from the alphabetical lists, according to surnames, posted around the SAC walls. The student's roll class will be beside their name. Students are asked to then sit in the designated roll class line straight away. There will be roll class signage at the front of the SAC stage area. Parents and carers are welcome to accompany their children to the SAC. Parents are welcome to remain with students until they begin dispersing for their first class around 9:15am. Any student/parent who cannot find their child's class can approach a student leader for assistance. Our leaders will be visible in fluorescent jackets.



- Year 9 students will assemble at Karangbah and sit in their designated roll class line.
- Year 11 students will go straight to their roll mark classes.

## Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January Procedures

- Year 7, 9 and 11 students will go straight to their roll class.
- Year 8 students are to meet in Karangbah and sit in their designated roll class line.
- Year 10 students will go straight to their roll mark classes.
- Year 12 students will meet in the Student Activity Centre (SAC). Principal's address will commence in the SAC at 9:15am.

# **Student Dress Code**

You are to arrive to the first day of school in your **formal** uniform.

A reminder that we are a uniform school and our <u>Dress Code</u> is aligned to the Department of Education's Student Dress Code policy and procedures.

## Away for the Day Mobile Phone Policy

Our <u>Student Code of Conduct</u> has been revised to incorporate the policy on the use of mobile phones and wearable devices. Please follow the link provided to review the updated guidelines.

As 'One Community' we will continue to work together to uphold the high standards of academia, behaviour, attendance and dress that we are renowned for.

We look forward to another exciting and productive year ahead for our Helensvale State High School community.

Yours sincerely

Karen Lindsay Executive Principal