

One Student One Community Many Futures

17 January 2025

Dear Students

Welcome to the 2025 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 2025

The first day back for Years 7, 9 and 11 is Tuesday 28th January. All students will be in attendance from Wednesday 29th 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 8:50am. 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 Monday 27th January. Timetables will then also be accessible through the state-wide OneSchool data base which can be accessed by all students on or off campus. You are expected to view your school timetable *Monday 27th January* 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, as mobile phones are switched off and placed in school bags prior to entering the school.

For year 7 and new students coming to Helensvale SHS from another EQ state school, your account details will be as they were in year 6 (or their previous school) in 2024, so please use the same username/email address and password. Should you require these details, please feel free to call 5573 8548 or contact via email at techsupport@helensvaleshs.eq.edu.au

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

Tuesday 28th January Procedures

- Year 7 students are to meet in the Student Activity Centre (SAC) at 8.30am. Students are to locate their names from the alphabetical lists, according to surnames, posted around the SAC walls. Your roll class will be beside your name. You 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 you to the SAC. Parents are welcome to remain with students until they begin dispersing for their first class around 9:15am. If you cannot find your class you 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.

Wednesday 29th January Procedures

- Year 7, 9 and 11 students will go straight to their roll class (same classrooms as Monday).
- 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 as identified on timetables. Year 10 Learning Community staff will be available outside the SWeLL for any student that has not been able to access their timetable on Monday 27th or Tuesday 28th January.
- Year 12 students will meet in the Student Activity Centre (SAC).

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 Dress Code is aligned to the Department of Education's Student Dress Code policy and procedures.

Cashless in 2025

Our school has now been cashless for a year; we no longer accept cash at our Finance Office, Uniform Shop or Canteen. A range of other payment options will continue to be available for students such as debit or credit card, online ordering through <https://www.flexischools.com.au/> or pre-loaded student cards (previous year's student cards are acceptable) or student ID numbers found on timetables. We recommend you [link your student ID card](#) now.

Student Early Departures

You are unable to leave class, unless previously organised, due to the impact these interruptions have on individual and class learning time. Please follow the early departure process.

This process includes your parent/carer contacting the school via one of the following methods:
SMS to 0457 478 277 (preferred method)
Sending you to school with a signed and dated letter of permission
Email: 2184_studentabsences@eq.edu.au

You will need to collect a "Leave Pass" from Student Hub which will allow you to leave class and meet your parent/carer at the front office for collection. This should be done prior to school or during the break prior to the departure.

Unless there are exceptional circumstances, the only way you will be permitted to leave class early is by prior arrangement and a leave pass. To avoid disappointment, please ensure early collection is pre-arranged.

Away for the Day Mobile Phone Policy

Our Student Code of Conduct was revised this year 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