



PRINCE  
ALFRED  
COLLEGE



Parent Handbook | Year 2



## **Staffing List and Contact Details**

### **Classroom Teachers**

- Sean Behan, 2B
- Isabella Portolesi, 2P.

### **Student Success Team**

- Summa Dawson
- Sophie Morris.

### **Specialist Program**

Boys attend specialists lessons each week to compliment the classroom program. These lessons provide a balanced and engaging curriculum designed to challenge and excite the boys in their learning. They are characterised by key experiences at each year level, which build sequentially to develop students' knowledge skills proficiency.

- Arts
  - Music
    - All boys receive one 60-minute lesson per week.
    - Young Voices – Reception to Year 2 boys start their singing journey through warmups, rounds and songs which foster musicianship and build communication skills, confidence and cooperation.
    - Year 2 Strings Program - Boys receive a 60-minute introductory lesson per week.
  - Dance / Drama
    - Junior Primary students perform music and basic movements to selected songs for the annual Nativity Performance, and wear their costumes the following day to participate in the Norwood Christmas Pageant.
  - Visual Arts
    - All boys receive one 60-minute lesson per week.
    - Jack de Vidas Art Exhibition – Year 2s participate in the school's annual exhibition with entries voted for year level prizes.
- Language – Chinese
  - Our Chinese program spans from the ELC to Year 6, ensuring a comprehensive learning journey.
  - All students participate in the Chinese program offered.
  - Reception to Year 2 boys have two 30-minute lessons, or one 60-minute lesson, per week.
  - In Year 2, students further develop their communication skills through familiar and meaningful contexts.
  - Cultural learning includes celebrations of the Chinese Spring Festival, Mid-Autumn Festival and Dragon Boat Festival.
  - Students learn vocabulary related to classroom furniture and stationery.

- Lessons introduce feelings and simple strategies for managing emotions through language.
- Students learn to talk about time, including months and dates.
- Chinese nursery songs are used to support pronunciation, rhythm and listening skills.
- Physical Education / Sport
  - Boys receive one 60-minute PE lesson per week and are allowed to wear their PE uniform to school on the day of PE.
  - In Junior Primary years, the focus of lessons is on developing fundamental movement skills through activities and games.
  - Topics include striking and fielding games, invasion games, net/wall games, target games, gymnastics, athletics and swimming.
  - Reception to Year 3 students participate in a weekly Sports Sampling program, run during the school day.
- STEM
  - Boys receive 60-minutes of instructional time per week, held in the STEM classroom.
  - In Year 2, The STEM program integrates content knowledge with design thinking and hands-on learning. The program covers physical, biological, earth and space and chemical concepts of the Science curriculum and integrates opportunities for boys to utilise design and digital technologies to create solutions and apply their knowledge.
  - Boys have experiences with digital technologies and develop skills to code virtual and physical robots such as Edison and Lego Essential constructions.
- Library
  - Year 2 boys receive a 60-minute lesson per week which is a borrowing and returning lesson as well as an important component of our literacy and HASS programme.

## **Specialist Lesson Timetable**

### **2B**

- Monday - Strings, Art
- Tuesday - PE
- Wednesday - STEM, Chinese
- Thursday – Music, Sport
- Friday – Library, Assembly.

### **2P**

- Monday – Strings, STEM, Chinese
- Tuesday
- Wednesday - PE
- Thursday – Library, Art, Sport
- Friday – Music, Assembly.

## **Homework**

### **Expectations**

Homework expectations are summarised in the Student Diary for ease of student understanding. If you would like to access the formal policy document, please visit 'Parent Resources' on the College website.

We encourage as much reading for pleasure as the boys can do!

## **Nutrition and Movement**

We have three eating times during the day and give the boys 15 minutes of supervised eating time during morning snack (fresh fruit / vegetables), recess and lunch. Please remember we are a nut aware school - do not pack any nut products in lunch boxes.

Boys have access to various playgrounds, sporting equipment and open spaces during breaks, and have 'movement breaks' incorporated into lesson time as required.

## **Belongings**

### **Naming**

It is important to have all uniform items and belongings labelled. We recommend that toys are left at home to avoid being lost or damaged.

### **Lost Property**

Lost property is located in the Preparatory School Office.

## **Special Events**

### **Events**

For a summary of Preparatory School Events, please access our [online Events Calendar](#). Special events relevant to Year 2 include:

- Combined Strings Performance
- Overnight camp Nunyara Camp & Belair National Park
- Nativity Play lead roles
- Swimming Week.

### **Outdoor Education Program**

Year 2 students will enjoy their first overnight camp at a hard-top venue near Belair. They will be introduced to their first school camp through activities in Belair National Park and onsite experiences. This overnight program supports the development of independence, personal responsibility and a meaningful connection with the natural environment.

### **Clubs and Activities**

We look to cater for all student age groups in our Clubs Program – please view the current [brochure online](#) for further details, updated termly.

### **Excursions / Incursions**

Throughout the year, our students undertake a variety of excursion and incursions, which supports curriculum development, and understanding of the world around us.

- Term 1 - Central Market
- Term 2 - SA Museum
- Term 4 – Year 2 Camp.

Details and dates to be confirmed. Other excursions may be planned and information will be forwarded accordingly.

### **Girls' School Program**

We have a reciprocal 'Buddy' programme with Wilderness School. Dates and details to follow when confirmed.

## **Parent Representatives and Volunteers**

### **FoPAC**

One of our four College values is 'Belonging'. Our parents, supported by the '[Friends of PAC](#)' (FoPAC), have many events and opportunities to get to know one another and welcome new families to our community.

### **Parent Representatives**

Parent Representatives play an incredibly important role within the College community. New families are encouraged to ask their son's class teacher to put them in contact with their FoPAC Class Representative.

**Volunteers**

Throughout the year we require volunteers for various activities and events. All volunteers must have valid working with children checks. There will be a volunteer information session held in Term 1 – please speak with your son’s teacher if you are interested in volunteering.