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COLLEGE



Parent Handbook | Year 5

Staffing List and Contact Details

Classroom Teachers

- Lauren Lawrie, 5L
- Neebashanee Sathurayar, 5S
- Paul Whelan, 5W.

Support Staff

- Michelle Bennett
- Steph Thiele.

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.
 - Year 5 Musical – all boys in Year 5 participate in the musical. They are involved in acting, music, choreography as well as costume, set and prop construction.
 - Dance / Drama
 - Arts Hour - Wednesday each week focus on Musical for Terms 1 and 2.
 - Visual Arts
 - All boys receive one 60-minute lesson per week.
 - Jack de Vidas Art Exhibition – Year 5s 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.
 - Year 5 boys have one 30-minute lesson and one 60-minute lesson, per week.
 - In Year 5, the Chinese program focuses on developing students' communicative skills and cultural understanding through meaningful, real-life contexts.
 - Students learn about key Chinese cultural events, including the Chinese Spring Festival.
 - Language learning is extended through practical topics such as talking about weather, food and drinks, and money.

- Students apply Chinese in everyday situations, including shopping in Chinese.
- Hands-on cultural experiences are embedded in the program, including making egg fried rice and making dumplings to support authentic language use and cultural connection.
- 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 Year 3 to Year 6 the focus of lessons is on refining the movement skills and learning and understanding how to use them in more complex situations.
 - Topics include Cricket, Table tennis, Handball and other individual pursuits such as Athletics, Swimming and Fitness.
 - Co-curricular Sport – Students should have nominated for their chosen sport already (end of 2025).
- STEM
 - Boys receive 90 minutes of instructional time per week, held in the STEM classroom.
 - In Year 5, The STEM program integrates content knowledge with design thinking and hands-on learning. The program covers physical, biological, chemical and earth and space 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 Digital Technology opportunities to build virtual models and habitats and create coding solutions with Lego robotics.
- Library
 - Year 5 boys spend one hour a week in the Library returning and borrowing books and focussing of specific class related learning activities.

Specialist Lesson Timetable

5L

- Monday - Chinese 30min
- Tuesday - STEM
- Wednesday - ART and P.E
- Thursday - Chinese and Music
- Friday – Library and Assembly.

5S

- Monday - Chinese
- Tuesday - Chinese
- Wednesday - Music, Library and P.E boys to wear sports clothes to school
- Thursday - ART
- Friday – STEM and Assembly.

5W

- Monday - Music
- Tuesday - Library
- Wednesday - STEM and Chinese
- Thursday - ART and Chinese
- Friday - P.E and Assembly.

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Practice Tests: Week 5

Formal Tests: Week 7 and 8

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 5 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 your son's lunch box. 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 and fidgets 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](#). Year 5 Musical is held Week 9 of Term 2.

Outdoor Education Program

In Year 5, students experience their first program at our Scotts Creek campus. They attend two camps:

- Weekend Experience – Students and a parent are invited to Scotts Creek for a shared experience focused on connection, enjoying time together and learning about the local environment. A variety of fun activities help build relationships and lasting memories.
- Year 5 Cultural Perspectives Camp – During this three-night camp, students deepen their understanding of the traditional owners of the Scotts Creek area. They develop campcraft skills, build a connection to place and learn how to contribute positively to their class community.
 - **5S** – Term 3, Week 1: 21st – 24th July
 - **5L** – Term 3, Week 5: 18th – 21st August
 - **5W** – Term 3, Week 6: 25th – 28th August

Debating

Debating is offered as a co-curricular in Terms 2 and 3 for Year 5 and 6 students. Information regarding this will be sent out in Term 1.

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 our curriculum development, and understanding of the world around us.

Girls' School Program

Two visits in the year usually centred around Leadership.

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.