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Parent Handbook | Year 5

## Dear Parents

Welcome to the new school year. This year we have Year 5 students in three different classes: 5M, 5Mc and 5T. We extend a very warm welcome to all boys and their families, particularly to those who are new to Prince Alfred College. We trust that you will soon be feeling a very real part of the Princes' community.

We are looking forward to the opportunity to work with your sons to ensure that this is a positive and successful year.

## Year 5 Program

All Year 5 boys will complete the same units of inquiry and scope of work across each of the traditional subject areas in the Australian Curriculum. Details regarding teaching and learning programs and focus areas will be provided to parents by class teachers in the early part of each term.

Mrs Melbourne, Ms Mckenzie and Mr Thompson

## EMAIL CONTACTS

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Mr Russell Thompson  
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### Preparatory School Office

prepoffice@pac.edu.au

## SCHOOL TIMES

Classrooms are open from 8.15 am. Boys are not permitted on the school premises before 8.15 am unless they are going to 'Before School Care.'

8.30 am	School commences
10.40am	Eating time
10.50 am	Recess
11.10am	End of Recess
1.10pm	Lunch eating time
1.20pm	Lunch play
2.00pm	End of lunch
3.30 pm*	School day concludes
(*3:15 pm	Earlier dismissal Friday afternoon)

## SCHOOL ABSENTEES/LATE ARRIVALS

Students are required to be punctual each morning. Suppose your son is absent for any reason. In that case, a phone call to the Preparatory School Office on 8334 1203, email [prepoffice@pac.edu.au](mailto:prepoffice@pac.edu.au) or message via the College App as soon as possible to notify us is appreciated. The roll is marked by 8:40 am each day and a text sent to any family who has not explained an absence. Children who arrive late or leave early need to be signed in/out at the Prep office to keep the attendance register accurate.



## COMMUNICATION

Effective communication between school and home is vital. The school diary is an essential means of communication. In it, boys will record homework requirements and reminders. We ask you to view the diary frequently and sign weekly. Weekly class notices will be shared via the PAC College App. Sharing of student learning in Year 6 will commence this year in SEQTA. If you have any questions or need to inform us of something, please feel free to use the diary, telephone, or email.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

This handbook, newsletters, and App notices will give you details of activities, events, and term times throughout the year. Chapel services are held every Wednesday at 2:00 pm, and assemblies each week on Friday afternoon commencing at 2.15 pm in the ANZAC Hall. Student involvement is encouraged at both, and, subject to any health restrictions in place, parents are welcome to attend these at any time.

### TERM 1

#### Week 1

Wednesday 2 February

Term 1 commences

Friday 4 February

Parent Information Evening via zoom

#### Week 2

Wednesday 9 February

Wellbeing Parent Workshop 6.30pm (TBC)

Friday 11 February

FoPAC Family Fun Night – Postponed

#### Week 3

Friday 18 February

Captains' induction assembly

#### Week 4

Year 3 to 6 Swimming lessons commence

Wednesday 23 February

Dr Goodwin Parent session (TBC)

Friday 25 February

Prep Swimming Trials

#### Week 5

Tuesday 1 March

Scotts Creek Parent Info Session Yr3-6 6pm

Wednesday 2 March

Parent workshop – Reading – 7: 30 am, 6:30 pm

Thursday 3 March

Prep Swimming Carnival

Friday 4 March

Light Up Vanuatu BBQ Fundraiser

#### Week 6

Tuesday 8 March

Parent Workshop Maths - 7: 30 am, 6:30 pm

#### Week 7

Monday 14 March

Adelaide Cup Public Holiday

Tuesday 15 March

EALD Parent Coffee Morning

Wednesday 16 March

College Tour Day and Yr5/6 Maths Camp

#### Week 8

Summer Intercol Week

Monday 21 March

Harmony Day

Wednesday 23 March

Yr R to 2 Parent Coffee Morning

#### Week 9

Monday 28 March

Prep Grandies Day

Saturday 2 April

Year 5 Scotts Creek Father and Son Camp

#### Week 11

Wednesday 13 April

1:30 to 3:30 pm – Year 3 to 6 Cross Country

Thursday 14 April

End of Term 1.

## **YEAR 5 SPECIAL EVENTS**

Father and Son Weekends at Scotts Creek, Term 1

Shakespeare Project, Term 2

NAPLAN Testing, Term 2

Program with Seymour College, Terms 3 and 4

## **BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES**

A parent information brochure for Behaviour Management Guidelines is available from the Preparatory School Office.

## **SCOTTS CREEK PROGRAM**

### **Year 5 Father and Son Weekends:**

Every boy is encouraged to attend the Father and Son Weekend with his father or significant adult. This is an ideal opportunity for boys to bond with their father and other boys and to become familiar with the Scott's Creek environment before attending class programs later.

Bookings must be made via 'TryBooking' through the PAC website – further information will be provided separately. There are two options for the camp.

Father & Son Weekend Option 1 – Term 1, end Week 9, Sat 02 & Sun 03 Apr

Father & Son Weekend Option 2 – Term 2, end Week 3, Sat 21 & Sun 22 May

### **Class Programs**

Term 2, Week 7 (Tues 14 June – Fri 17 June)

Term 2, Week 8 (Tues 21 June – Fri 24 June)

Term 3, Week 2 (Tues 02 Aug – Fri 05 Aug)

Details about Class Programs will be provided closer to program dates and via the college website at [www.pac.edu.au](http://www.pac.edu.au).

## **SCHOOL UNIFORM AND CLOTHING REGULATIONS**

School uniform must be worn to and from school and on those occasions specified by the Headmaster. It is a fundamental expectation of students of Prince Alfred College that they will wear the correct uniform and wear it well.

**NO PART OF THE SCHOOL UNIFORM IS TO BE WORN WITH CASUAL CLOTHES.**

In the Preparatory School, the blazer is only worn in Terms 2 and 3 and the summer uniform is worn in Terms 1 and 4.

A detailed statement of uniform regulations can be obtained from the Uniform Shop. Winter uniform ties should be neatly tied and worn at all times and boys' uniform is to be neat and shoes clean and polished.

Boys' hair must be clean and tidy and trimmed reasonably. Boys' hair must comply with the following:

- Hair must be groomed reasonably short but no shorter than an electric comb setting of No. 3
- Hair must be brushed neatly, shaped to the head, and clear of the collar and eyes
- Extremes of style, long fringes and/ or short on the side(s) and long on top, use of colour, dye and the like are not acceptable and may result in the student being excluded from school until his appearance is acceptable.

It is not our custom to allow boys to have body piercings or wear jewellery.

## **PRINCES eNews**

The eNews is published online each fortnight and it can be accessed through the school website and is also emailed to you.

## **PREP TUCKSHOP**

The Tuckshop provides pre-ordered lunches online through the Flexi schools' website or app ([www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au)). Please obtain any additional information about using this service from the Prep Office. All Combo meals and additional food items are ordered via Flexi School.

If your son does not have his lunch, he can collect a lunch voucher from the Prep office. This voucher is to the value of \$5.00 and offers him a sandwich, fruit, and drink.

Please refrain from sending any products containing nuts to the school with your child. (Note: products with the "may contain traces of nuts" are not included in this exclusion.) If your child has eaten nuts before coming to school, ensure that his hands and face are washed before entering the school. Please remind your children not to share their food. If you provide food for special occasions, e.g., birthday treats or class parties, give a list of all ingredients, and please do not include any nuts to help keep safe, highly allergic students.

## **MEDICATION**

We understand that there are occasions when your son may need to take medication during school hours. Please supply all medicines in their original pharmacy labelled containers and signed medical consent forms to the Prep Office. The front office staff will supervise appropriate administration. Teachers do not give any medication unless we have a written request signed by parents. Please note that this includes non-prescription medicines, such as Panadol. The Prep Office does not keep any medicines for general administration.

Should your son need medication to be kept at school (e.g., Ventolin, Adrenalin pens), this needs to be sent in a clearly labelled bag, with his Action Plan, signed by parents. All medication is held in the Prep School Office and administered by office staff to avoid other children accessing it.

## **CLASS REPRESENTATIVES**

Each class is encouraged to have one or two-parent representatives. The Class Representative's role is to liaise with the Friends of PAC (FOPAC) committee members and the Director of Advancement to keep families informed of school functions and coordinate any social gatherings for parents during the year. Class Representatives often work together to arrange joint year-level functions.

## **SUN PROTECTION**

We have a 'no hat, play in the shade' policy in Terms 1, 3 and 4, so boys must have a school hat, clearly named, at school each day. Sunblock is also available in the classrooms, but boys are encouraged to have their own and apply it.

## **HOMEWORK**

Year 5 students must complete the equivalent of up to 40 minutes of homework each Monday to Thursday during term time – full details of the Preparatory School's Homework Policy are in the student diary. Class teachers will communicate the format and requirements for homework activities to parents early in the school year.

As part of homework, boys are required to read each night for at least 20 minutes.

## **NAPLAN TESTING**

Year 5 classes will continue a strong focus on literacy and numeracy skills as part of learning expectations and ongoing preparation for NAPLAN testing across school Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Students will be supported in ensuring they are fully aware of test formats to ensure they can complete these to the best of their ability on the day.

## **STUDENT SUCCESS TEAM**

The Preparatory School's Student Success Team (SST), consisting of learning support staff and our Wellbeing Coach, Mrs Emma McKenzie, work with class teachers and specialist teachers to support the diverse needs of the boys in Years 6.

SST staff are timetabled to work in each class alongside teachers with small groups and individuals to help them achieve success in their learning. Boys needing further development of specific skills may be included in morning intervention programmes.

## **ACADEMIC EXTENSION**

Academic Extension workshops are provided for students identified from school assessment data for extension in one or more areas of the curriculum. These will be in mathematics and English, in the first instance. Parents will be notified of their son's inclusion in these classes early in the school year.

Further information regarding intervention programmes and academic extension can be sought from Mrs Debbie Duffield, Learning Support Coordinator, [dduffield@pac.edu.au](mailto:dduffield@pac.edu.au)

## **INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS**

Many students take advantage of learning an instrument by having lessons organised by the PAC Music Department. Lessons are an arrangement between the Music Department and parents. If you would like your child to participate, please get in touch with Mr Andrew Edge, Director of Music, [aedge@pac.edu.au](mailto:aedge@pac.edu.au)  
- Forms for lessons are available from the Preparatory School Office.

## **SPECIALIST LESSONS**

Specialist lessons are an essential part of the curriculum and are not a stand-alone component. Boys are to come to lessons prepared, orderly and sensible, and willing to learn and contribute to the lesson.

Communication between school and home is essential and we ask that if you feel the need to contact a specialist teacher, you initially do so by email.

### Physical Education

All Reception to Year 6 boys receive one sixty-minute Physical Education lesson weekly. Boys are allowed to wear their PE uniform to school on the day of PE. A note or email is required if there is a medical reason for any boy not participating. Boys in Years 4 to 6 attend sports training sessions on a Thursday afternoon during curriculum time to prepare them to compete in our inter-school sports program. Matches for inter-school sports occur after school and on Saturday mornings, depending on your son's sport.

Year 3 to 6 boys participate in Swimming and Cross Country in Term 1 and Sports Day in Term 3.

Mr Sam Barton – PE Teacher – [sbarton@pac.edu.au](mailto:sbarton@pac.edu.au)

### Language- Chinese

All Reception to Year 6 boys participate in the Chinese program offered in the Preparatory School. Reception to Year 2 boys have two thirty-minute lessons or one sixty-minute lesson per week. Year 3 to 6 boys have one thirty-minute lesson and one sixty-minute lesson per week.

The boys build knowledge, skills, and confidence in communicating in Chinese through the program. The boys also develop an understanding of the interrelationship between language and culture. The learning experiences include a range of activities such as singing, interviewing, filming, viewing, exchanging information, language games, role-plays, projects, online research, Chinese calligraphy, artwork, and cultural performances.

Mr David Leung – Chinese Teacher – [dleung@pac.edu.au](mailto:dleung@pac.edu.au)

### The Arts

The Music and Art program is offered to all boys from Reception to Year 6. Through the Arts programs the boys develop their knowledge and skills in these areas.

Music - All boys receive one sixty-minute lesson per week.

Visual Art - All boys receive one sixty-minute lesson per week.

All boys will take part in a Preparatory Shakespeare Project in Term 2, and the Jack de Vidas Art Exhibition in Term 3.

Year 5 and 6 also participate in a weekly Arts Hour program rotating through a variety of performing arts activities throughout the course of the year.

Ms Nichole Runge – Music Teacher – [nrunge@pac.edu.au](mailto:nrunge@pac.edu.au)

Mrs Kellie McCauley – Art Teacher – [kmccauley@pac.edu.au](mailto:kmccauley@pac.edu.au)

### Science

All boys in Year 5 and Year 6 will have Science lessons in our specialist Science classroom (The Lab), with our Science teacher. The boys will cover topics in chemistry, biology, physics and earth and space science with a focus on practical investigations and developing science inquiry skills.

Year 5 to Year 6 – boys receive one sixty-minute lesson and one thirty minute lesson per week.

Dr Emmy Gerlach – Science Teacher – [egerlach@pac.edu.au](mailto:egerlach@pac.edu.au)

We look forward to working with you and your son throughout the coming year.

***We hope 2022 will be a happy year for you and your sons in the Prince Alfred College community.***