



PRINCE
ALFRED
COLLEGE



Parent Handbook | Year 6

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new school year. We have Year 6 students in three different classes: 6L ,6T and 6M. We extend a warm welcome to all boys and their families, particularly those new to Prince Alfred College. We trust that you will soon be feeling a genuine 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 6 Program

All Year 6 boys will complete the same units of inquiry and scope of work across each of the traditional subject areas in the Australian Curriculum, including the PYP Exhibition in Term 3. 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 Lisa Lacy, Mr Tom Hunter and Mr Michael Monda.

EMAIL CONTACTS

6L, and Upper Primary Team Leader

Mrs Lisa Lacy llacy@pac.edu.au

6H

Mr Tom Hunter thunter@pac.edu.au

6M

Mr Michael Monda mmonda@pac.edu.au

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 go to 'Before School Care.'

- 8:30 am School commences
- 10:40 Eating time
- 10:50 Recess
- 11:10 End of Recess
- 1:10 pm Lunch eating time
- 1:20 Lunch play
- 2:00 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 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

Week 3

- Friday 18 February Prep School Captains' Induction Assembly

Week 4

- Monday 21 February Swimming lessons commence.
- Friday 25 February (TBC) Swimming trials
- All week Capsizing activities

Weeks 4-6 Parent Teacher Interviews

Week 5

- Thursday 1 March Scott's Creek Information Night
- Thursday 3 March (TBC) Swimming Carnival
- Friday 4 March Light Up Vanuatu BBQ Fundraiser

Week 8

- All Week Summer Intercol Week

Week 9

- Monday 28 March Grandies' Day
- Tuesday 29 March – Friday 1 April 6H Scott's Creek Camp

Week 10

- Tuesday 5 April – Friday 8 April 6M Scott's Creek Camp

Week 11

- Wednesday 13 April Cross Country
- Thursday 14 April Easter Service, 1:00 pm Dismissal, End of Term 1

YEAR 6 SPECIAL EVENTS

- Shakespeare Project, Term 2
- PYP Exhibition, Term 3
- Canberra Trip, TBC
- Mother and Son Dinner, Term 4
- Valedictory Service, Term 4

BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

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

SCOTTS CREEK PROGRAM

- 6H Term 1, Week 9 (29 March – 1 April)
- 6M Term 1, Week 10 (5 April – 8 April)
- 6L Term 2, Week 2 (10 May – 13 May)

Details about Class Programs will be provided closer to program dates and via the college website at 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 at 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 emailed to you.

PREP TUCKSHOP

The Tuckshop provides pre-ordered lunches online through the Flexi schools' website or app (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 6 students must complete the equivalent of up to 50 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.

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

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 - 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

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

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.

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

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

All boys will participate in a Preparatory Shakespeare Project in Term 2, and the Jack de Vidas Art Exhibition in Term 3. Year 6 also participates in a weekly Arts Hour program incorporating Shakespeare and special event performance preparations.

Ms Nichole Runge – Music Teacher – nrunge@pac.edu.au

Mrs Kellie McCauley – Art Teacher – 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, focusing 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

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.