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Parent Handbook | Year 6

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2023 school year. This year we have Year 6 students in three different classes: 6H, 6M and 6F. 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 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.

EMAIL CONTACTS

6H	Mr Tom Hunter	thunter@pac.edu.au	
6M	Mrs Claire Maycock	cmaycock@pac.edu.au	
6F	Mr Oliver Fox	ofox@pac.edu.au	
	Preparatory School Office	prepoffice@pac.edu.au	8334 1203

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 OSHC.

8:30 am	Roll call, morning lessons
10:40	Recess eating time
10:50	Recess
11:10	End of Recess, lessons resume
1:10 pm	Lunch eating time
1:20	Lunch play
2:00	Afternoon lessons resume
3:30	School day concludes (3:15 on Fridays)

SCHOOL ABSENTEES/LATE ARRIVALS

Students are required to be punctual each morning. If your son is to be absent for any reason, a phone call to the Preparatory School Office on 8334 1203, email to 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 so the attendance register can be kept accurate.

COMMUNICATION

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

ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING

The school has developed a comprehensive approach to communicating learning achievement throughout the year. Each method complements the others and gives a clear picture of our learning goals and your son's progress.

Progressive Reporting

Reports and samples of your son's work are provided to you each term for English and mathematics and each semester for all other subjects. The reports provide an assessment of your son's current work in that area and goals for improvement. The progressive reports are shared with you via SEQTA.

Written Reports

Comprehensive reports on your son's progress and standard of work in all curriculum areas are written and sent home in Terms 2 and 4.

Parent Interviews

Formal Parent/Teacher interviews are held across the school during Term 1 and Term 3. Specialist teachers are available if you want specific information about your son's progress in Music, Art, Chinese or P.E.

Please do not hesitate to contact us for additional interviews should you require them. We will endeavour to arrange a convenient time promptly. Teachers may also request interviews with parents at other times during the year.

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 2:00pm and assemblies are each Friday afternoon at 2.15pm 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

Tuesday 31 January
Friday 3 February

Term 1 commences
Parent Information Evening

Week 2

Friday 10 February
All week

Prep School Captains' Induction Assembly
Capsizing activities

Week 3

Monday 13 February
Friday 17 February

Swimming lessons commence
Swimming trials

Weeks 3-5

Parent Teacher Interviews

Week 4

Wednesday 22 February

Student Leadership Seminar

Week 5

Friday 3 March

Swimming Carnival

Week 7

Monday 13 March

Adelaide Cup Public Holiday

Tuesday 14 March – Friday 17 March

6F Scott's Creek Camp

Week 8

Friday 24 March

Summer Sports Photos

Week 9

Monday 27 March

Grandies Day

Tuesday 28 March – Friday 31 March

6M Scott's Creek Camp

Week 10

Wednesday 5 April

Cross Country

Thursday 6 April

Easter Service, 1pm Dismissal, End of Term 1

YEAR 6 SPECIAL EVENTS

Scotts Creek – Term 1 and Term 2

Performing Arts Project, Term 2

PYP Exhibition, Term 3

Canberra Trip, TBC

Year 6 Graduation and Dinner Dance, Term 4

Valedictory Service, Term 4

BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

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

SCOTT'S CREEK PROGRAM

Term 1

6F - Week 7 (14 March – 17 March)

6M - Week 9 (28 March – 31 March)

Term 2

6H - Week 2 (2 May – 5 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.

Term 1 – Summer uniform

Term 2 - Full winter uniform with blazer and tie

Term 3 - Full winter uniform with blazer and tie

Term 4 – Summer uniform

A detailed statement of uniform regulations can be obtained from the Uniform Shop. Winter uniform ties should be neatly tied and in place, and at all times it is expected that the boys' uniform will 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 any body piercings or to wear jewellery.

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 to be ordered via Flexi School.

If your son does not have his lunch, he is able to go the Prep Office and use a lunch voucher. 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 have been thoroughly washed before entering the school. Please remind your children not to share their food. If you are providing food for special occasions, e.g. birthday treats or class parties, provide 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 medications, in their original pharmacy labelled containers, with 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 this includes non-prescription medication, such as Panadol. The Prep Office does not keep any medication 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 having access to it.

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

Each class is encouraged to have one or two parent representatives. The Class Representative's role is to liaise with members of the Friends of PAC (FOPAC) committee and the Director of Advancement to keep families informed of school functions and to 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 use it.

HOMEWORK

Year 6 students are required to complete the equivalent of up to 50 minutes of homework on each Monday to Thursday during term time – full details of the Preparatory School's Homework Policy are outlined in the student diary. Class teachers will communicate details regarding 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. Weekly homework expectations are shared with the boys and parents through SEQTA. Boys will also be able to submit some of their completed homework to their teachers for marking and review through SEQTA.

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 will be provided for those students who are 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 Fiona Howat, Learning Support Coordinator, fhowat@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 important 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 a week. Boys are allowed to wear their PE uniform to school on the day they have PE. A note or email is expected if there is a medical reason for any boy not participating. Boys in Year 4 to 6 attend sports training session on a Thursday afternoon during curriculum time to prepare them for competing in our inter-school sports program. Matches for inter-school sport take place after school and on Saturday mornings depending on your son's sport.

Year 3 to Year 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.

Through the program, the boys build knowledge, skills and confidence in communicating in Chinese. 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, on-line research, Chinese calligraphy, artwork, and cultural performances.

Ms Joyce Chen – Chinese Teacher – jchen@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 Arts Project in Term 2, and the Jack de Vidas Art Exhibition in Term 3.

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

Ms Sophia Lee – Music Teacher – slee@pac.edu.au

Mrs Kellie McCauley – Art Teacher – kmccauley@pac.edu.au

Science

Boys in 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 6 boys receive three sixty-minute lessons per fortnight.

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 2023 will be a happy year for you and your sons in the Prince Alfred College community.

Kind regards,

Mr Tom Hunter, Mrs Claire Maycock and Mr Oliver Fox