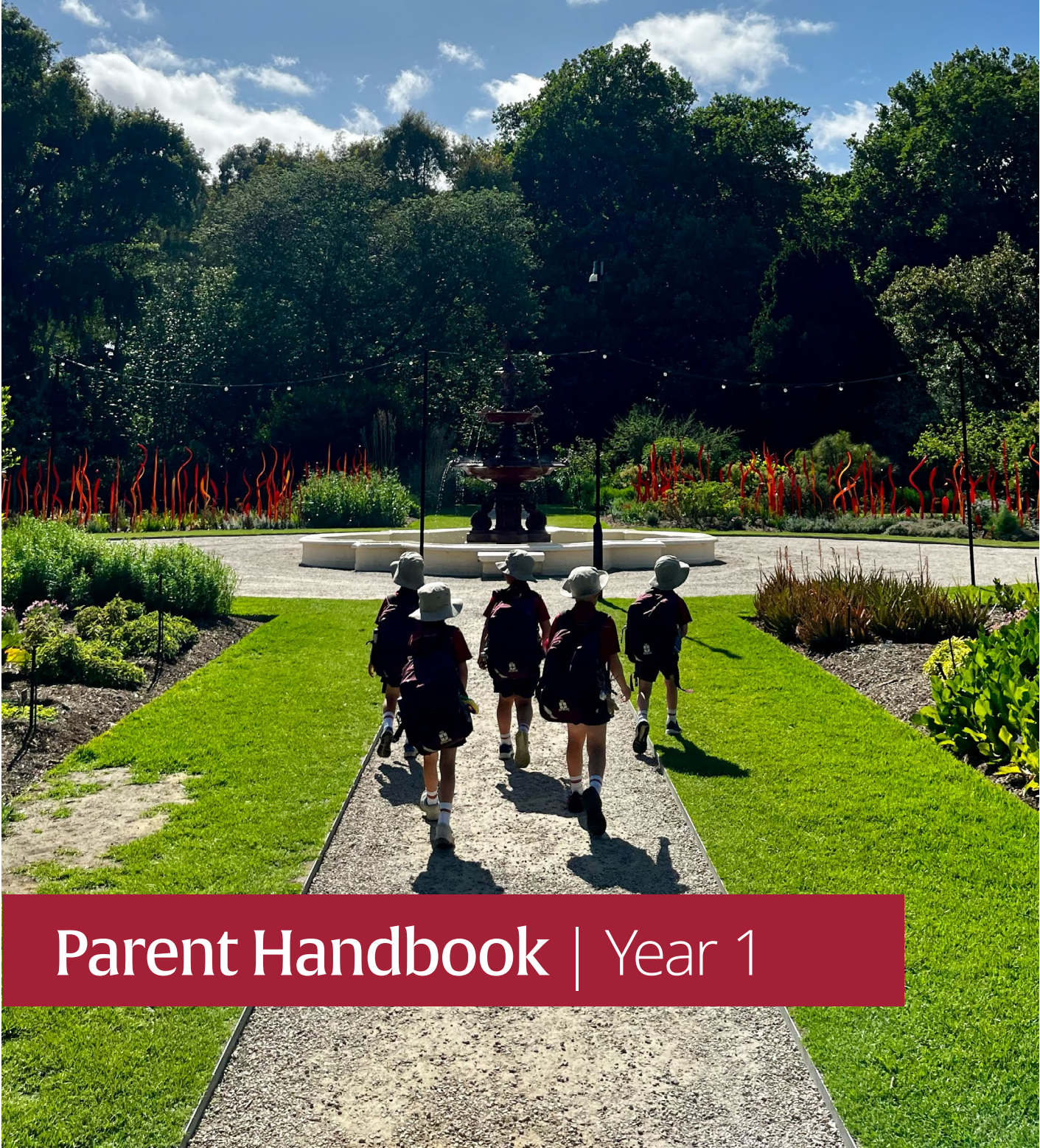




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Staffing list and email contacts

Classroom Teachers:

Kate Ricketts (1R) - kricketts@pac.edu.au

Melissa Moon (1M) - mmoon@pac.edu.au

Support Teachers:

Michelle Bennett

Summa Dawson

Specialist Teachers:

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

Sam Barton - sbarton@pac.edu.au

All Reception to Year 6 boys receive one 60-minute Physical Education lesson weekly.

Boys are allowed to wear their PE uniform to school on the day of PE.

Reception to Year 2 classes have swimming lessons in Term 4. Further information will be provided closer to the time.

Language- Chinese

Judy Zhu – jzhu@pac.edu.au

All Reception to Year 6 boys participate in the Chinese program offered in the Preparatory School.

Reception to Year 2 boys have two 30-minute lessons or 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.

The Arts

Sophia Butler– Music Teacher - sbutler@pac.edu.au

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

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 60-minute lesson per week.

Visual Art - All boys receive one 60-minute lesson per week.

STEM

Russell Thompson - rthompson@pac.edu.au

Year 1 boys receive 90 minutes of instructional time a week. STEM lessons are held in the STEM classroom, with visits to the Senior School Lab throughout the year.

Specialist lessons

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Monday – Chinese / STEM / Sport Sampling

Tuesday – Chapel / Art

Wednesday – Music / Dance

Thursday – P.E.

Friday – Library / Assembly.

1M

Monday – Strings / Chinese / Sport sampling

Tuesday – Chapel / STEM

Wednesday – Dance

Thursday – Art / PE

Friday – Library / assembly

Vision Screening

In Term 2, we will be facilitating Vision Screening for all Year 1 boys. Further information will be provided towards the end of term.

Homework expectations

Boys will use their diary to record their Home Learning. For protection, the diary, along with readers, must be transported inside the PAC 'Take Home Folder.'

We recommend:

10-15 minutes listening to your child read out loud.

5 minutes practicing spelling and reading 'heart words' and 'spelling list words.'

Eating and drinking

We have three eating times during the day and give the boys 15 minutes of supervised eating time during morning snack (fresh fruit or vegetables only), recess and lunch. Please remember we are a nut aware school.

Parent Volunteers

Throughout the year we require volunteers for various activities and events. All volunteers must have a valid working with children checks. There will be a volunteer information session in Week 8, March 21 at 8:30am. Please speak to your child's teacher if you are interested in coming along.

Belongings

It is important to have all belongings labelled. Lost property is located at the Preparatory School front office.

iPad expectations / Devices at School:

In Reception to Year 2 iPads are used during school hours with clear purpose and supervision from teachers. This will usually involve taking photographs, publishing, learning apps and assessment. iPads are charged, ready for learning and are not to be taken home. Misuse of iPads may result in restricted access.

Preparatory School students must not have a smart phone, smart watch, or mirroring technology on College grounds. Dumb phones and smart watches are permitted at school but must be handed to the classroom teacher in the morning.

Behaviour Management Guidelines

A parent information brochure outlining behaviour management guidelines is available from the Preparatory School Office.

Special Events

A summary of Preparatory School related events can be accessed via the [College Calendar](#), summarised below.

TERM 1

Week 1

- Tuesday 29 January Term 1 commences
- Friday 31 January Parent Information Evening

Week 2

- Friday 7 February Prep School Captains' Induction Assembly
FoPAC Family Fun Night

Week 4

Parent Teacher Interviews

Week 7

- Monday 11 March Adelaide Cup Public Holiday

Week 9

- Monday 24 March Grandies' Day

Week 11

- Friday 11 April Cross Country
Term 1 ends, 3.30pm

TERM 2

Week 1

- Wednesday 30 April Anzac Day Service

Week 2

- Friday 9 May Mother's Day Breakfast

Week 9

- Wednesday 25 June Year 5 Musical - Madagascar

TERM 3

Week 1

- Friday 25 July Old Old Boys' Assembly

Week 7

- Thursday 4 September Father's Day Breakfast

- Friday 5 September College Closure Day

Week 10

- 26 September Y3-6 Sports Day
Term 3 concludes, 3.30pm

TERM 4

Week 5

- Tuesday 11 November Remembrance Day Service

Week 7

- Monday 24 November Orientation Day

Week 8

- Wednesday 3 December Celebration Day

- Thursday 4 December End of Year Presentation Assembly

- Friday 5 December Term 4 concludes, 1pm.

We look forward to working with you and your son throughout the coming year and hope 2025 will be a happy one for you and your sons in the Prince Alfred College community.

Kind regards,

Melissa Moon and Kate Ricketts.