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Parent Handbook | Year 4

Staffing list and email contacts

Classroom Teachers:

Ellen Avery (4A) – eavery@pac.edu.au

Tom Hunter (4H) – thunter@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.

Swimming lessons for Year 4 take place during Week 3. 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

Adam Mason – Band amason@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 participate in the band program.

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

STEM

Russell Thompson - rthompson@pac.edu.au

STEM lessons are held in the STEM classroom.

Specialist lessons

4A

Monday – Art / P.E.

Tuesday – Library / Chinese

Wednesday - STEM

Thursday – Chinese / Sport

Friday – Band / Assembly.

4H

Monday – Chinese

Tuesday – STEM

Wednesday – P.E / Chinese

Thursday – Library / Sport

Friday – Band / Art / Assembly.

Homework expectations

Each week, boys are expected to diligently engage with a variety of English, Maths, and Wellbeing experiences as part of our ongoing homework program.

We recognize the diverse needs of boys and their families. Therefore, we do not prescribe specific tasks for specific nights. Neither will we send unfamiliar content for the boys to learn at home. Rather, weekly homework tasks will focus on the review and consolidation of content already visited in class.

Each Monday, your son will bring home his Homework Book inside his Take Home Folder. The allocated tasks can be undertaken in any order, however, they must be diligently completed by Friday morning for self-assessment, peer-review

Eating and drinking

We have three eating times during the day and give the boys 10 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:

iPads are used during school hours with clear purpose and supervision from teachers. iPads are charged, ready for learning and are not to be taken home unless specified. 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](#), and Year Level specific dates will be added to handbooks shortly.

Important Dates for 2025

Wed 29 Jan: Term One Commences	Tue 22 Jul: Term Three Commences
Fri 31 Jan: Parent Information Night	Fri 25 Jul: Old, Old Boys Assembly
Fri 7 Feb: FoPAC Family Fun Night	Mon 28 Jul – Fri 1 Aug: Parent Teacher Interviews
Mon 10 Feb – Thu 13 Feb: Year 4 Swimming Lessons	Sat 2 Aug: FoPAC Quiz Night
Mon 17 Feb – Thu 20 Feb: Parent Teacher Interviews	Mon 18 Aug – Fri 22 Aug: Book Week
Fri 28 Feb: Preparatory (3-6) Swimming Carnival	Wed 3 Sep – Thurs 4 Sep: Father's Day Stall
Wed 5 Mar – Fri 7 Mar: Year 4 Camp	Thu 4 Sep: Father's Day Breakfast
Mon 10 Mar: Adelaide Cup Public Holiday	Fri 5 Sep: School Closure Day
Mon 24 Mar: Grandies Day	Mon 8 Sep – Wed 10 Sep: Jack de Vidas
Fri 11 Apr: Cross Country	Mon 15 Sep: R-12 Sibling Photos
Fri 11 Apr: Final Day of Term One	Fri 26 Sep – Sports Day (Years 3 to 6)
Tue 29 Apr: Term Two Commences	Fri 26 Sep – Final Day of Term Three
Wed 7 May – Thu 8 May: Mother's Day Stall	Mon 13 Oct: Term Four Commences
Fri 9 May: Mother's Day Breakfast	Wed 22 Oct – Fri 24 Oct: Year 3 Camp
Fri 16 May: Ladies in Red Luncheon	Tue 11 Nov: Remembrance Day Service
Mon 9 June: King's Birthday Public Holiday	Thu 27 Nov – Sun 30 Nov: ADL500
Tue 17 Jun: Shades of Red Journal Launch	Wed 3 Dec: Celebration Day
Fri 20 Jun: Winter Music Showcase	Thu 4 Dec: End of Year Presentation Assembly
Fri 27 Jun: Final Day of Term Two	Fri 5 Dec: Final Day of Term Four

It is with great joy and excitement that we welcome you to Year 4 at Prince Alfred College! We look forward to sharing this year with you as we partner together for the education and wellbeing of your son.