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Parent Handbook | Year 5

Staffing list and email contacts

Classroom Teachers:

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Support Teacher:

Steph Thiele – sthiele@pac.edu.au

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. 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.

Language- Chinese

Judy Zhu – jzhu@pac.edu.au

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

The Arts

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

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

Adam Mason - Band and Music – 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. Year 5 students all take part in a Year 5 Musical in Term 2, and the Jack de Vidas Art Exhibition in Term 3.

Year 5 also participates in a weekly Arts Hour program in Term 1 and 2, rotating through a variety of performing arts activities building skills towards the Musical.

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 5 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

5B

Monday – Art, PE

Tuesday –

Wednesday STEM, Music

Thursday – Chinese, Sport

Friday – Library, Chinese

5M

Monday –

Tuesday – STEM, PE

Wednesday – Chinese

Thursday – Chinese, Music

Friday – Art

5S

Monday – Chinese, PE

Tuesday – Chinese

Wednesday – Music

Thursday – STEM

Friday – ART

Year 5 Program

All Year 5 boys will complete the same HASS units 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.

Homework expectations

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. NAPLAN testing will take place in Week 7 and 8 of Term 1.

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.

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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 the handbooks will be updated with a Year Level specific summary very soon.

Dates for the diary:

This handbook, newsletters, and App notices will give you details of activities, events, and term times throughout the year.

Year 5 Special Events

NAPLAN Testing, Term 1

Scotts Creek Experience Weekends, Term 1 and Term 2

Arts Performance, Term 2

Scott's Creek Class Camps, Term 3

Leadership Program Term 4

Scotts Creek Experience Weekends

Every boy is encouraged to attend the Scotts Creek Experience Weekend with a parent or significant adult. This is an ideal opportunity for boys to bond with their parent and other boys and to become familiar with the Scotts Creek environment before attending class programs later in the year.

Bookings must be made via the PAC website – further information will be provided separately.

There are two options for the camp:

Scotts Creek Experience Weekend Option 1 – Term 1, end Week 10, Sat 05 - Sun 06 Apr

Scotts Creek Experience Weekend Option 2 – Term 2, end Week 1, Sat 3 - Sun 4 May.

Year 5 Class Camp Programs

5S - Term 3, Week 1 (Tues 22 July – Fri 25 July)

5B - Term 3, Week 4 (Tues 12 Aug – Fri 15 Aug)

5M - Term 3, Week 6 (Tues 26 Aug – Fri 29 Aug).

Details about Class Programs will be provided closer to program dates and via the college website at www.pac.edu.au.

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

Kind regards,

Mr Bishop, Mrs Melbourne and Mrs Sathurayar

