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Parent Handbook | Year 6

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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.

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

STEM lessons are held in the STEM classroom, with visits to the Senior School Lab throughout the year.

Specialist lessons

6C

Monday – STEM / Art

Tuesday – Music

Wednesday – P.E. / Chinese

Thursday –

Friday – Chinese / Assembly

6D

Monday – STEM

Tuesday – Chinese / Art

Wednesday – Chinese / Music

Thursday –

Friday – P.E.

6F

Monday – STEM /

Tuesday – Chinese

Wednesday – P.E. / Art

Thursday – Music

Friday – Chinese / Assembly

Homework expectations

Students are expected to complete 40 minutes of homework per night, accessed through SEQTA. – 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.

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 need to be taken home each night to be charged and ready for learning the next day. Misuse of equipment 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 the handbooks will be updated with a Year Level specific summary very soon.

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.

