

19 November 2021

Dear families

Further to our letter in early November, we would like to share some additional information with you about the transition of your student into Year 7. Obviously, for all of our students, this is also a transition to GSSC's brand new facilities on Hawdon St.

Our School Leadership and Wellbeing team have designed a transition program that will support your student with this transition into secondary school, and will also familiarize them with their new school facilities.



Family Information Evening

We will be hosting an online information evening over the platform Teams on **Monday 6 December at 7pm**. You will be sent a link to this meeting over Compass and an email prior to this night.

The evening will begin with our Executive Principal, Barbara O'Brien, and Neighbourhood Principals, Dougie Souter, Daisy Utber and Steve Bolton, welcoming all students and families and providing an overview of the facilities at the new site.

Families will then join a smaller meeting with their student's Home Group teacher. This is an opportunity to get to know this important contact and support, and to hear more about the school's House structure and Home Group program.

Transition Day

Tuesday, 7 December is State-Wide Transition Day for primary students across Victoria. Incoming GSSC students will spend the day with their allocated Home Group, meet the key staff who will support them in Year 7 and enjoy a very focused transition experience.

We are hopeful that all of our Year 6 students will be able to go on a tour of the new campus at Hawdon St, however this will depend on a few final parts of the build being complete over the next two weeks. While we would have loved for students to experience a whole day there, this is not possible due to COVID -19 related delays in the build and landscaping.

We will spend the majority of our day on the Wanganui campus, engaging in fun activities with their Home Group and House classmates and key staff. We will be utilising structured lessons to become familiar with the new facilities at Hawdon Street, creating the culture around our expectations and building an understanding of our core values: aspiration, integrity, respect and responsibility.

Important information:

- **Drop off** – Students are to be dropped off at the **Visy Centre, Wanganui Campus at 9am**. This is where their day's program will commence in their new Home Groups. Students **cannot** be dropped at the Hawdon St site.
- **Collection** – Students can be collected from the **Wanganui Campus at 3.15pm**. They cannot be collected or dismissed from the Hawdon St site.
- **Bus travel** – Students are able to catch the regular school buses. Please contact Melissa Kemp, Bus Coordinator for further details melissa.kemp2@education.vic.gov.au

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- **Food** – Students will be provided with fruit at recess and a sausage (halal) sizzle lunch as we welcome them into our new campus. Students are welcome to bring their own food if they prefer. There will be no canteen facilities available on this day.
- **What else to bring** – Students should bring a bag, water bottle and writing materials.
- **Phones** – The state-wide Department policy is that students must not access their phones during the school day. We encourage students not to bring their phone. If they do bring it, it must be stored in their bag. Bags will remain in their Home Group room at all times during the day, and this will be locked when not in use. If students do remove their phone, it will be confiscated and stored securely for the remainder of the day.
- **Medication** – Our School First Aid Officer will be present at Wanganui Campus at the beginning of the day and at the Hawdon St site throughout the day. They will be able to support any students who have medication requirements.

Students requiring additional support with transition

Through regular meetings with primary schools and connecting with families, we have already begun getting to know our students and providing some additional support. This will continue over the remainder of this year and into next term.

If you feel your child would benefit from extra support in the transition to Year 7, please email our GSSC Wellbeing Transition Coordinator Kerrie Young: kerrie.young@education.vic.gov.au

Welcoming families onto the new site

We have worked hard to ensure the site is ready for our new students to be able to complete some transition there before the end of the year. Unfortunately, it is not quite ready for us to be able to welcome all families to the new site.

We are hoping to be able to offer tours of GSSC, Hawdon Street, for families in the final week of the school holidays – Monday 24 January to Friday 28 January. We will confirm and provide details about bookings and availability as soon as possible.

We are very excited for our new students to experience the state-of-the-art facilities of our new school – they are sure to impress and inspire our students. We also really look forward to welcoming our families in the not too distant future.

We also know transitioning to secondary school - and a brand-new school - is a big step, particularly for our youngest students. Our Home Group Teachers, House Leaders and whole leadership and wellbeing team cannot wait to begin forming these strong relationships on this transition day and into next year.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'B O'Brien'.

Barbara O'Brien
Executive Principal

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