



2020

MERRYLANDS HIGH SCHOOL WELCOME BOOK



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WELCOME TO YOUR HIGH SCHOOL

Principal's Address

At Merrylands High School we are proud of our traditions, history, innovations and achievements of the school community.

Our aim is to provide the environment which optimises each child's ability to learn and develop as a capable, confident, articulate and resilient young person who upon graduation is well prepared to embrace life's adventures.

At Merrylands High School, we cater for the whole child: the academic, the physical and mental well-being and in addition to this, help develop skills that will enable your child to make the most of the future with skills that will carry forward into life beyond the classroom.

Our students, staff and parents are committed to excellence in a number of areas and are regularly recognised at a school, national and international level, in areas including academic achievement, sport, the arts, debating, competitions, and leadership.

Our priority areas include:

- Fostering Quality Teaching and Learning
- Student Engagement, high expectations and excellence
- Expanding and enhancing School Leadership in staff, students and parents

We are a school community that cares for each other. There are a number of programs and initiatives to inspire you and always someone available to assist you. Some of the initiatives available include Middle Years Programs, Innovative Technology programs, Safe Respectful Learner program, extensive participation in sport, Gifted and Talented programs, extracurricular and many more.

Students, staff and parents work together to ensure we provide quality learning experiences for every student. Parents, students and staff groups meet regularly throughout each term, working on many exciting projects, including cultural performances, gifted and talented programs, technology, student achievement and leadership.

I am keen to continue with the growth and achievements from the past, to improve our school moving into the future.

It is our pleasure to welcome you.



Principal
Mr A Prasad



MERRYLANDS HIGH SCHOOL LEARN EXPECTATIONS: SAFE, RESPECTFUL, LEARNER

L – Listen Carefully

E – Equipment

A – Active participation and attendance

R – Respect

N – Negotiate and cooperate



***Safe
Respectful
Learner***

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING MATRIX

	Formal Occasions	Sport	Learning Space Including Library	Corridors	Playground	Canteen and Toilets	Online including Electronic Devices and Social Media	Excursions and in the Community	Practical Learning Spaces- TAS, Science, PDHPE, CAPA
SAFE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow teacher instructions Enter and exit in an orderly manner Leave bags in the designated area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Play by the rules Use equipment safely Remain, in the designated area(s), with your teacher 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be on time Follow rules, expectations and teacher instructions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk cautiously and quietly Keep to the left Keep the corridors and staircases clear at recess and lunch time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow teacher instructions Stay in bounds Play safely in the designated area Use phones responsibly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Line up to be served Leave the area once you have been served Use table tennis equipment appropriately 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use appropriate sites Keep passwords private Be cautious when sharing personal information online 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay with the group Walk on footpaths and use pedestrian crossings Enter and exit public transport in an orderly manner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use protective equipment, as required Follow teacher instructions Walk cautiously Play by the rules
RESPECTFUL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Turn off devices Use polite language, tone and voice Remain quiet and courteous during events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Display good sportsmanship Use encouraging and appropriate language Respect the decisions of coaches and referees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be considerate of others and their learning Keep learning space clean Use polite language, tone and voice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep area clean Go straight to class Give others personal space Move quietly and listen for instructions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use polite language, tone and voice Throw rubbish in the correct bin Play fair Give others personal space 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wait for your turn Purchase items for yourself only Be polite to canteen staff Maintain cleanliness of toilet facilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use electronic devices only when given permission Take care of equipment Post positive and appropriate content 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be punctual Use polite language Speak quietly on public transportation Move aside for other pedestrians 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Return equipment to the correct place Display good sportsmanship Use resources wisely and responsibly
LEARNER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be an active participant or listener Focus on the information that is being communicated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actively participate Model skills and share knowledge Strive to improve your individual skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attempt all work to the best of your ability Take responsibility for your learning - bring equipment, follow up on missed classwork, submit tasks on time Actively participate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take responsibility for being on time Read signs and posters displayed on noticeboards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Move off five minutes before the bell (when on the fields) Be in class by the time the bell/song has finished playing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read signs and menus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use electronic devices for learning purposes only 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pay attention Focus on the task Actively participate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use equipment for learning purposes only Understand how to use the equipment, before using it

SENIOR EXECUTIVE AT MERRYLANDS HIGH SCHOOL



Mr M Radisic
Deputy Principal



Mr M Salama
Deputy Principal
(Years 8 & 10)



Mr S Wark
Deputy Principal
(Years 9 & 12)



Ms R Mazzolini
Deputy Principal
(Years 7 & 11)

HEAD TEACHERS

Faculty

Mathematics

English

Science

LOTE

HSIE

TAS

PDHPE

CAPA

Learning Support (Teaching and Learning)

Multi Categorical

School Counsellor

Head Teacher

Ms Z Bazzi

Ms K Telfer

Mr N Varma

Mr G Lewis

Mr G Lewis

Ms T Safar

Mr T Schmutter

Mr K Fifita /

Mrs M Dickie

Mr B Jones

Ms D Schryver

Mr M Bhamjee & Ms S Truong

MERRYLANDS HIGH SCHOOL – 2020 STUDENT LEADERS

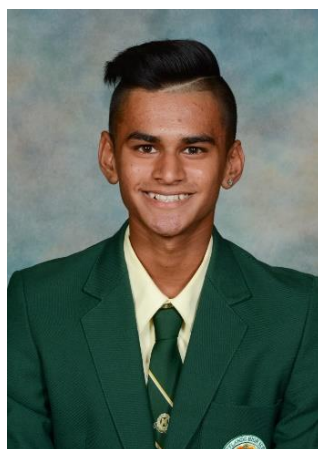
2020 School Captains and Vice Captains



Natasha
Goundar
(Captain)



Rhiannon Farrguia
(Captain)



Nishaant
Prakash
(Vice Captain)



Hajar Bahram
(Vice Captain)

2020 School Prefects



Zahraa Ghaddar



Anne Pati



Nada Jaber



Serife Guvenbas

SCHOOL COUNSELLORS

- **Mr Mehmood Bhamjee**
- **Ms Sarah Truong**

The counsellors are available to students for confidential advice by appointment.



GIRLS' ADVISOR



Ms M Kumari
(English Staffroom)

The Girls Advisor deals with wellbeing matters specific to female students. They organise various programs to empower the female students around Merrylands High School. 'The International Women's Day 2019' was celebrated with great success at MHS where keynote speakers addressed the female students and advised them of their rights and responsibilities. These programs are helping to achieve improvement in the overall development of our female students.

BOYS EDUCATION COORDINATOR- Mr A MacNamara

Mr A MacNamara (PDHPE Faculty) works towards supporting the boys at Merrylands High School to achieve overall development. He organises various programs such as 'White Ribbon Day' to make the students aware of the domestic violence against women and is trying to make a difference in the local community with the active involvement from the male students at school.



EAL/D SUPPORT (English as an Additional Language/Dialect)

On referral, EAL/D teachers assist students who have English as a second language, or who come from a language background other than English (LBOTE), in the development of their language skills, if they meet the required criteria. These teachers can be found in the Learning Support Staffroom.

YEAR ADVISORS

Year	Year Advisor	Year Advisor
7	Ms A Shadid	Ms S Karan
8	Mrs N Kaur	Ms R Gharibeh
9	Mr Y Dagdanasar	Mr A MacNamara
10	Mr R Viuya	Ms A Smith
11	Ms C Rendell	Ms B Sultani
12	Ms A Chau	Ms S Punj

ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUPPORT

Aboriginal students are provided support in their learning and cultural events by the Learning Support Faculty.



CAREERS ADVISOR- Mr D Ford

Our Careers Advisor (Mr Ford) assists students with careers programs, advice on post-school options and advice on subject selection.



STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL- Ms M Rutter (SRC Coordinator)

The Student Representative Council (SRC) is a group of students who are leaders among their peers. These students represent the student voice, are interested in improving the school and promoting school spirit. These students display qualities of leadership and good communication. The SRC is responsible for organising many extra-curricular activities and fundraising events within the school; namely Wellbeing Week, Teacher Vs Students sporting activities and representing the school at numerous excursions.

Numerous other opportunities exist for students to develop their leadership skills through student leadership programs within the school including the sustainability team, wellbeing team and the sports team to strengthen the connection and build positive relationships within the Merrylands High School community.

COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER – Mrs S Stead

The CLO engages with parents and community members, encouraging them to become involved in their child's education. This includes providing information on Starting High School, Laptops, National tests and HSC preparation workshops. Our CLO, Mrs Sue Stead is located in the library.



YOUTH OUTREACH OFFICER- Mr T Paa

Mr Paa provides support networks for students and their families with other staff, government/community services that enhance student learning and wellbeing outcomes. He prepares and delivers individual and small group student workshops that target the development of effective coping skills and positive relationships at school. He pro-actively liaises with partner schools to support transition of students



MULTICATEGORICAL CLASSES (MC)

Our MC Classes caters for the individual needs of students who have difficulty learning in a mainstream environment on a full time basis. Students with special needs work to individual learning programs that are aligned with mainstream Key Learning areas. The MC classes have specialized classroom teachers and full time SLSOs.



Ms D Schryver
Head Teacher



Mr G Blaze
Teacher



Ms H Bains
Teacher

MERRYLANDS HIGH SCHOOL WHOLE SCHOOL INITIATIVES



Paragraph Structure

P	Point – The topic of your paragraph
E	Explain – give an explanation of what you mean
E	Example – Use an example or quote from the text
L	Link – Make a link to the question or to the next paragraph

Edit your writing with:

COPS

C

Capitalisation

- ☐ All sentences start with a capital letter.
- ☐ All nouns that name specific people, places, and things (*proper nouns*) begin with a capital letter (e.g. Ms. Chau, Australia, Sydney, Merrylands High School).

O

Organisation

- ☐ A variety of sentence structures have been included (*simple, compound, and complex sentences*).
- ☐ All sentences have been proofread and make sense.
- ☐ Paragraphs are used appropriately and effectively.

P

Punctuation

- ☐ All sentences end with a terminal point (. ! ?).
- ☐ Commas and apostrophes are used appropriately.
- ☐ The most relevant types of punctuation marks have been used to make writing more effective.

S

Spelling

- ☐ Spelling has been checked after proofreading writing.
- ☐ Homophones have been checked (e.g. *they're, their, there and your, you're*).



Success in **NUMERACY** means taking

Read

Underline the key words



Interpret

What are you being asked to do?



Steps

How are you going to work out the answer?



Know

your thinking by showing working out



Show

Write down your answer



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

ASSEMBLY

Students assemble in the quadrangle at 9:00am on Mondays in Period 2 classes. This is an important whole school meeting where student effort is recognized through the presentation of merit awards and where special announcements are made.

ATTENDANCE

It is the duty of the State to ensure that every child receives an education of the highest quality and it is the duty of parents to comply with the compulsory education requirements of the [Education Act 1990](#). It is a legal requirement for students of compulsory school age to attend school. All students at Merrylands High School are expected to attend school regularly and punctually. Students who do not adhere to this requirement may be referred to the Home School Liaison Officer (HSLO).

If a student is absent he or she **must bring a note from the parent or caregiver on their first day back at school**, indicating the **days absent** and the **reason for absence**. Merrylands High School has an SMS Parent Alert for student absences and late arrival.

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE

'Bring Your Own Device' (BYOD) refers to students bringing a personally owned device to school for the purpose of learning.



BUS/TRAIN PASSES

Application for bus and train passes can be obtained by visiting 'transportnsw.info/school-students' website or by phone on 131 500. Students in Year 7 -12 (Secondary School) must live more than 2.0 km in a straight line distance or at least 2.9 km walking. Students starting in Year 7 will need to reapply for their card as their primary card will become invalid. Please note that a student may not have a card to start school and will be able to use the transportation for the first 2 weeks of the first school term.

CANTEEN

The canteen is open from 7.30am to 2.00pm. It provides both hot and cold food and drink at reasonable prices. Price lists are available on request. It operates daily serving breakfast, recess and lunch only. No food is to be purchased during lesson times. Students are not to leave the grounds to buy food at the local shops.

CARS

Students, parents/carers and visitors are not permitted to park their car on school premises. Each of the car parks is out of bounds to students during the course of the day.

CHANGE OF DETAILS

Changes in personal details (e.g. name, address, telephone number) must be notified in writing to the front office immediately. Changes may be emailed to – merryland-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

COMMUNICATION

Student communication takes place through:

- Roll Call messages
- Email - merryland-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
- Text messages (SMS)
- Year meetings
- Whole school formal assemblies
- Newsletter/calendar
- Website - <http://www.merryland-h.schools.nsw.edu.au>
- Facebook – <https://www.facebook.com/merrylandshigh/>
- Twitter - @merrylandshs <https://twitter.com/merrylandshs>
- Student diaries

Communication with parents and caregivers is conducted formally through academic reports (issued each semester), Assessment Policy Handbook, and in parent / student / teacher interviews held mid-year.

The Principal, Deputy Principals, Head Teachers, Year Advisors and Counsellor are also in regular contact with parents in regards to student progress, welfare, behaviour and attendance.

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to contact the school at any time to ask for clarification or to make enquiries. We also keep parents and caregivers informed about what is happening at school via SMS messaging, our Facebook page, our Twitter account and the school website. Notes will also be sent home to inform you of any key events and information.

DISABILITIES AND MEDICAL CONDITIONS

Parents and caregivers are asked to inform the Principal of any disabilities and medical conditions that may require special consideration or affect the progress of their children at school.

SCHOOLS PROVIDE SUPPORT TO INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS BY:

- consulting with parents
- administering prescribed medication in response to parents' written requests and in consultation with staff and parents
- administering health care procedures in response to parents' written requests and in consultation with staff and parents
- developing and implementing individual health care plans for students with more complex needs
- communicating relevant information about the student's health conditions to other members of the school community on a 'need to know' basis to ensure the student's safety.
- using and storing information with due regard to issues of privacy and confidentiality
- staff training and support.

EARLY LEAVERS

If students need to leave school earlier than the normal finishing time, they must bring a note from their parents to the Finance Office before 8.40 am. The note should provide a number on which parents/caregivers can be contacted during the day. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to make all appointments after school hours.

VISITS TO THE SCHOOL

Visitors to the school are welcome. Visitors must obtain permission from the Senior Executive, sign the visitors register and obtain a visitors pass.

EMERGENCIES

Each building at Merrylands High School is equipped with an emergency evacuation plan posted on the wall in each room. In the case of any emergency, please follow the evacuation procedures as displayed.

Evacuation	Evacuation announcement
Lockdown	Lockdown announcement
Amber Alert	A siren to be sounded in the affected area

ILLNESS AND INJURY

Students who are ill during class must ask their teacher for a note to go to the administration office. The office staff will then attend to them. They must not go home without permission from a member of the Senior Executive. Students must **not** use their personal mobile phones (see Electronic Devices Policy in your enrolment package).

If a student is injured or too ill to participate in Physical Education and/or sport, a Medical certificate or a note signed by a parent or caregiver, stating the date and the nature of the complaint, is to be given to the PDHPE teacher prior to the commencement of the lesson.

FACILITIES AT SCHOOL

Students of Merrylands High School enjoy the use of extensive facilities that support quality teaching and learning. These include;

- Dedicated computer rooms
- Food Technology/ Hospitality kitchens
- Fully equipped woodwork workshops
- Fully equipped metalwork workshops
- Dedicated music rooms
- Art rooms
- Soccer, AFL and Football playing fields
- Basketball courts
- Gymnastic Facilities
- School Hall
- 3 Covered outdoor learning area.
- Modern Science labs
- Library



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Students have access to computers in the library, and specialist computer rooms. Each student has access to their own student portal in which they can store their individual files securely.

Students are issued with their own password which provides them with access to the school network. The school network boasts a wide array of programs, as well as access to the internet. Responsible student use of computers is monitored by the network coordinator.



INTERACTIVE WHITEBOARDS (IWBs)

Interactive Whiteboards have transformed the delivery of curriculum in the conventional classroom. In today's school environment, the interactive whiteboard has quickly become one of the most important teaching tools available. Interactive whiteboards offer far greater potential for teaching than simply being used as electronic chalkboards as they can greatly enhance class lessons. To promote active student engagement, motivation, attendance and achievement of outcomes, the majority of learning areas in the school have multiple interactive whiteboards.

HOMEWORK

To supplement the work done at school, homework and home study is expected each night. Students are encouraged to plan ahead for due tasks and assignments. This will help students maintain progress and develop the habit of studying. It is expected that each student will use a paper or electronic diary to help organise their study.

LATENESS

Students who arrive after 8.45am are to report to the Finance Office to have their attendance recorded. Students require a note from home giving reasons for their late arrival and their ID card when arriving at the office. The school uses SMS to communicate lateness and absence.

INTERNET USE

The Department of Education has a strict policy regarding Internet use. Students sign an Internet agreement on enrolment. To access the Internet through the DoE student portal students need to enter their username and password. Students are given their passwords during enrolment.

MOBILE PHONES AND VALUABLES

All students will be issued with the school's Electronic Devices Policy. Students choosing to bring a mobile phone or electronic device to school take full responsibility for its security throughout the day. Teachers may permit students to use their mobile phone in a lesson as a learning tool. Please refer to BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) for more information.

Electronic devices used inappropriately may be confiscated and can be collected at the end of the same day from the Deputy Principal.

Parents are to refrain from sending text messages or ringing your child during school time. If there is an important message, parents are required to contact the school office on 9632-9401 to relay the message to your child.

Valuables, including large sums amounts of money, should not be brought to school.



OUT OF CLASS

Teachers will issue a note to students who are required to leave the class with a legitimate reason.

PARENTS' AND CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

The P & C Association meets regularly. Times are advertised on the school website and electronic signboard. All parents are warmly invited to attend these meetings.

PLAYGROUND

At Merrylands High School we enjoy expansive playing fields. Students are able to use these fields at recess and lunch to play sports and games. The school basketball court is also available during recess and lunch. Football sports are not permitted on the basketball court. No chasing or running games are permitted in the main quad.

Out of bounds areas include;

- School hall and its perimeter
- All school car parks
- Corridors and stairwells
- Portables and surrounding areas
- Area outside the Administration Block
- Grassed area along Bristol St fence

Students are not permitted to leave school grounds at any time without first gaining permission from the Principal or Deputy Principal. Students with permission will need to sign out of school through the front office.



MERIT AWARDS

Merit awards are issued to students to recognise achievement. The levels of merit award are listed below. Gold and Silver Awards are presented on our weekly assembly while separate merit assemblies are held twice per year to promote effort and commitment to learning.

Safe Respectful Learner

MEDAL



- *3 x Gold Awards*

GOLD – Award




- *3 x Silver Awards*
OR
- *From the Principal for Extra Curricula Achievement*

SILVER – Award



- *3 x Bronze Awards*

BRONZE – Award



- *3 x Merit Certificates*

MERIT CERTIFICATE



- *From a teacher for Outstanding work*



SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

As Safe Respectful Learners all students take responsibility for the school property that they use including, school grounds, desks, chairs, change rooms, electronic equipment etc. Students and staff work together to keep the school property free from litter and vandalism.

SMOKING

Government and Department of Education policy prohibits smoking on school premises or on school excursions. This includes parents/carers and community members visiting the school. In accordance with health advice regarding the dangers of tobacco smoking, especially for young people, smoking in school uniform outside of school grounds is prohibited.

SPORT

Sport is compulsory for Year 7 – 10 students. Sport is held for years 7-10 on Tuesday afternoons. Students in these years must wear their sports uniform to school on Tuesdays.

The Sports Committee place students in Tuesday afternoon sports groups and organise swimming, athletics and cross-country carnivals.



Students also have the opportunity to participate in a range of representative knock-out teams. Student participation in representative teams is based on students' skill level, commitment to school and sport, student behaviour and attendance. Year 7 students will need to bring and change into full sports uniform for Sport and practical PE lessons.



STUDENT MANAGEMENT PLAN - Yellow Card/Red Card Orange Card/Blue Card

All students are expected to be **Safe Respectful Learners**. If a student's behaviour is not safe for themselves or others or prevents the teacher from teaching or other students from learning then

- The teacher may issue a **Yellow Card**. When a yellow card is issued parents are informed and the student's behaviour is monitored for 5 lessons.
- If the student fails to follow the expectations of the **Yellow Card**, then the student will be referred to the Head Teacher.
- The Head Teacher will place the student on a **Red Card**. The Head Teacher will contact parents and notify the Year Advisor. Other faculty-based consequences (such as a faculty detention) may be applied.
- If the student fails to follow the expectations of the **Red Card** the student will be placed on a **2nd Red Card**. The Head Teacher will again notify the parents.
- If the student fails to follow the expectations of the **2nd Red Card** the student will be referred to the Deputy Principal.
- The Deputy Principal may monitor the student on a **Blue Card**. This will apply to all lessons throughout the school day. A parent may also request Deputy Principal monitoring.
- A Formal Caution (Warning of Suspension) or Suspension may occur for continual or persistent disobedience or when a student's misbehavior is serious enough to warrant these consequences. This occurs in line with Department of education Policy.
- The Deputy Principal issues an **Orange Card** as a monitoring strategy post suspension. This occurs for a period of 5 days. Students are expected to meet Safe Respectful Learner expectations during when they return from school. Additional consequences may apply for repeated breaches of the Safe Respectful Learner policy during the Orange Card period.

SWIM SCHOOL

For 7 days late in Term 4, 'school is transferred to the pool'. All students in Years 7-10 participate in practical lifesaving lessons. The Year 7 and 8 swim school is held at Granville Pools and the Year 9 & 10 program is held at Merrylands Pool.

VACCINATION PROGRAM – NSW Adolescent Vaccination Program

All Year 7 Students will be offered:

- Hepatitis B vaccine
- Chicken pox vaccine
- Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis vaccine
- Human Papillomavirus vaccine

Students cannot be vaccinated unless a completed and signed consent form is returned to school. **Look out for consent forms early in 2020!** Information on the program is available in many languages at: www.health.nsw.gov.au/PublicHealth/Immunisation/school_prog/index.asp

A record of vaccination will be given to your child at the time of each vaccination. Please keep these for your records and provide a copy to your GP.

NEWBELL SCHEDULE 2020

Monday		Tuesday		Wed-Fri	
Period	Time	Period	Time	Period	Time
1	7.45-8.45am <i>Years 11 & 12 only</i>	1	7.45-8.45am <i>Years 11 & 12 only</i>	1	7.45-8.45am <i>Years 11 & 12 only</i>
Quad duty	8.30am-9.00am	Quad duty	8.30am-9.00am	Quad duty	8.30am-9.00am
Assembly 2	9.00am-10.00am	2	9.00am-10.00am	2	9.00am-10.00am
3	10.00am-11.00am	Recess	10.00am-10.30am	3	10.00-11.00am
Recess	11.00am-11.30am	3	10.30am-11.30am	Recess	11.00-11.30am
4	11.30am-12.30pm	4	11.30am-12.30pm	4	11.30-12.30pm
5	12.30pm-1.30pm	Lunch	12.30pm-1.00pm	5	12.30pm-1.30pm
6	2:00pm-3:00pm	Sport	1.00pm-2.30pm	6	2.00pm-3.00pm
Bus duty	3:00pm-3:15pm	Bus duty	2:30pm-3:15pm	Bus duty	3:00pm-3:15pm

2020 TERM DATES

Year 7, 11 & 12 classes commence Wednesday 29th January 2020

Year 7 parents are welcome to the introductory assembly in the school hall at 9.00am.

Year 8, 9 and 10 classes commence Thursday 30th January 2020

Term 1	Year 7, 11 & 12 students start school Wednesday, 29 th January 2020
	Year 8, 9 & 10 students start school Thursday, 30 th January 2020
	Last day of Term for students Thursday, 9 th April 2020
Term 2	Students return to school Tuesday, 28 th April 2020
	Last day of Term for students Friday, 3 rd July 2020
Term 3	Students return to school Tuesday, 21 st July 2020
	Last day of Term for students Friday, 25 th September 2020
Term 4	Students return to school Monday, 12 th October 2020
	Last day of Term for students Wednesday, 16 th December



GIRLS SCHOOL UNIFORM

All Years

- Plain bottle green woolen pullover with school emblem and /or
- Plain bottle green and gold all-purpose jacket with school logo
- Plain white skivvy (only when worn under official business shirt)
- Bottle green skirt (four-gored/pleated, appropriate length), shorts (long line) or slacks
- Black leather shoes - (shoes must encase the foot - no fashion shoes)

Year 7 – 10

- Official white business shirt with emblem
- Natural or black stockings
- White school socks
- School tie recommended
- Blazer recommended

PE and Sports Uniform

- Official green and gold polo shirt with school emblem
- Plain bottle green tracksuit pants
- Official MHS sports shorts (plain bottle green with “MHS” embroidery)
- White school socks or green and gold football socks
- Good quality sports shoes



BOYS SCHOOL UNIFORM

All Years

- Plain bottle green woolen pullover with school emblem and /or
- Plain bottle green and gold all-purpose jacket with school logo
- Plain white skivvy (only when worn under official business shirt)
- Plain college grey pants or Grey shorts (no corduroy or 'cargo' style trousers)
- Black leather shoes - (shoes must encase the foot - no fashion shoes)
- White school socks

Year 7 – 10

- Official white business shirt with emblem
- School tie recommended
- Blazer recommended



PE and Sports Uniform

- Official green and gold polo shirt with school emblem
- Plain bottle green tracksuit pants
- Official MHS sports shorts (plain bottle green with "MHS" embroidery)
- White school socks or green and gold football socks
- Good quality sports shoes



UNIFORM - IMPORTANT NOTES

The following guidelines are listed to assist students and parents.

GENERAL

- Due to health and safety concerns only **minimal jewelry may be worn**.
- Hair accessories should be school colors
- Hair may only be dyed in natural hair colours
- Make up of any kind is not permitted
- Due to Workplace Health and Safety requirements, black **leather** school shoes are compulsory.
- As Safe, Respectful, Learners, clothing worn as accessories, free of slogans and inappropriate messages is acceptable.
- Patterned jackets, colored sloppy joes, jackets, denim jeans, track pants, colored scarves or any items with visible brand names, slogans or inappropriate messages are NOT permitted.
- Scarves and other accessories worn at school should reflect the school uniform color scheme
- To reinforce the school's positive standing in the community and to reflect our high expectations, students are required to wear full school uniform while travelling to and from school.

SPORT AND PE

- Students change in and out of sport uniform for PE lessons.
- Years 7 to 11 students are required to wear the official MHS sports uniform to school each Tuesday.
- Appropriate leather shoes must still be worn for all practical lessons. This is a Workplace Health and Safety requirement.

All of the items of school uniform are available from **Lowes, Stockland Mall, Merrylands, PH 9637 5718**. Merrylands West School and Workwear Centre, Ph 9637 4502 also stock MHS uniforms. If any family requires financial assistance to purchase a uniform, an approach should be made to the school Principal.

The school endeavours to keep a supply of good quality, second hand uniforms that can be purchased from the school's administration office. Donations are always gratefully received.



ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Hyperlinks to the School Handbook Department of Education Resource -

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