



Santa Clara School

Welcome Back!

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to our Santa Clara School community for 2022. I am sure you are all much like me at the moment, rushing around finalising booklists, purchasing new lunch boxes and checking uniforms in order to be ready for next week! Go easy on yourself over the next few days and enjoy the time with your kids. The routines of school life will sure kick in quickly. We are always here to support you and your kids during this transition.

Although our first newsletter for the term will not come out until Week 2, I wanted to take this opportunity to update you all on a few things in relation to the start of the new school year. We continue to live in very uncertain times. The staff here at SC are continuing to prepare for our usual start with our kids onsite. We are very much looking forward to seeing our kids on Monday. Parents are asked to limit their time on school grounds, wear a facemask at all times, and adhere to social distancing requirements. If parents do enter the school, they are asked to sign in using the QR Code on the Safe WA app. For your convenience, we have placed them at each entrance gate and classroom. Parents of students from Year 2 to 6 are asked to drop your child at the classroom door and not enter classrooms. Parents of students in Kindy and Pre Primary may enter the classroom under the direction of staff so as to limit the number of people in the classroom. Thank you for your understanding in relation to these measures.

To ensure we maintain social distancing measures and limit the number of bodies in our classrooms, I have made the decision to cancel the Parent Information Night on Wednesday, 9 February. Your child's teacher will still get all relevant information to you regarding the start of the year via Seesaw and should you have any queries you will be able to contact them via this platform. I thank you for your understanding in making these tough decisions, however, it is important we follow all directives from the State Government.

To ensure appropriate ventilation in classrooms, all top windows and doors will be open throughout the school day along with the running of air conditioners. In the coming weeks, CEWA will be arranging auditors to visit our school to test the air flow in rooms.

Over the break, I received notification from Mr Tulett that he would be extending his leave for all of Term One. We wish Mr T all the very best for his time off. We are very excited to announce the appointment of our new Year 6 teacher for Term One, Miss Brittney Hughes. Miss Hughes is extremely enthusiastic about joining our community and has much to offer our students. We look forward to having Miss Hughes on staff. We also would like to wish our new teachers, Miss Jess Delmadoros (PP) and Miss Hannah Goodman (Year 1) the very best as they commence their vocation as educators within Catholic Education Western Australia. Please make them feel welcome if you see them around.

Finally, I am extremely excited about the rollout of our new school uniform. On Monday, your child will receive their new school shirt and shorts (boys) or culotte (girls) in the size you ordered last year. Parents are asked to purchase white socks and full black sports shoes that will be worn with both the formal and sports uniform so as to limit the costs for you. A breakdown of the days the students wear what uniform is as follows:



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Monday	Sports Uniform with Maroon Sports Shirt, White Socks and Black Sports Shoes
Tuesday	Sports Uniform with Faction Sports Shirt, White Socks and Black Sports Shoes
Wednesday	New Formal Uniform, White Socks and Black Sports Shoes
Thursday	New Formal Uniform, White Socks and Black Sports Shoes
Friday	New Formal Uniform, White Socks and Black Sports Shoes

Please note, this will be in place for the full year as Miss Fitz will now be teaching her Phys Ed lessons on Monday and Tuesday each week.

Mrs Thiel will be opening the Uniform Shop on Tuesday, 1 February should you need to swap sizes of your child's new uniform. Tuesday will be for swaps only. On Wednesday, 2 February, the Uniform Shop will be open for purchases. Please note, COVID restrictions will be in place in our Uniform Shop.

I will be monitoring the uniform closely in 2022 and will aim to have all students in the correct uniform on each day at all times. This area continues to be one of the biggest challenges for us here at Santa Clara School, and I hope that by providing you with the new uniform items, you will cooperate with us and send your child to school in the correct uniform at all times.

We cannot wait to see our students back at school and support them in their learning journey. Please look after yourself over the coming days and find time to recharge your own battery! Always remember, we are here to support you.

Kind regards,

Clinton Payne
Principal

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