



Year 7 Wrap-up

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Dear Year, 7 Parents and Carers

This is JCBTHS' first edition of a new publication to inform parents of what information and events have taken place over the previous week and what is coming up.

The purpose of this communication is to provide parents with information about what your son's have experienced during the week and how you can assist them to be prepared and organised for daily and upcoming events.

It has been an absolute pleasure getting to know you and your sons during the previous week and we look forward to strengthening the relationship between parents/carers and staff during this term and for the duration of your son's time at JCBTHS.

Student timetables

Last week students were issued their school timetable. The timetable outlines the subjects that your son has each day from period 1 to period 6. The timetable runs over a two-week period, Week A and Week B. Last week was Week B and starting from this week (6th of February) we will be starting Week A. The timetable then continues as a Week A and B cycle alternating each week.

Your son has been provided a copy of his timetable and he has been informed how to read and how to follow it to get to each of his classes.

To assist your son getting organised for each school day it will be beneficial for him to pack his school bag with the necessary books and equipment that he has on that day the night before or in the morning using his timetable.

Recess and lunch

Recess and lunch are scheduled generally at 10:31 and 12:45pm except with a variation on Wednesday. Both breaks run for 30 minutes. Year 7 and 8 students are dismissed from class a few minutes earlier than the other students to access the canteen. Food can be purchased from the canteen using cash or card and students can pre-order their food before school.

Microwave ovens are also available for students use in the canteen area if they are bringing their own food. Please make sure if you are providing your son with his own food that it is kept in a cold pack until he heats it up.

Student laptops

All Year 7 students were issued their personal laptops, carry case and charger this week. Students are required to bring their laptop every day as part of the learning equipment and ensure it is fully charged the night before and or bring their charger with them every day. It is also the student's responsibility to keep their laptop in the provided carry case when they are not using it.

Any student laptops that are not working will need to be reported to their classroom teacher and then returned to the Student Services Office where the laptop will be assessed and repaired. If the laptop cannot be fixed immediately a loan laptop will be provided. If it is assessed as having been physically damaged due to student neglect the damage will need to be paid for. Once the laptop has been fixed it will be returned to the student.

Students will retain their issued laptop for the whole year, including the school two-week school holiday periods. All laptops will be collected at the end of the school year for annual maintenance.

Students have been informed how to login to their devices, how to access school applications, how to create a secure password and how to maintain their laptop.

Information provided to students

Last week Year 7 students learnt about:

- Our school's behaviour matrix and how to be a safe, respectful, responsible, and active learners.
- Our school's positive behaviour merit process and rewards excursions.
- The role of our Student Support Officer and how he will be supporting students in their transition to high school.
- How the Deputy Principals assist and support students in their learning and well-being.
- The role of the Student Representative Council (SRC) how to run for the SRC and when elections will be held.
- Expectations in playing Wednesday sport and grade sport selections.

Upcoming student information briefing and events.

- Information meetings on preparing for the upcoming camp
- School photo day – Tuesday 7th February, catchup day for students that were absent is Monday 13th of February. All students were provided with their photo purchase packs
- Year 7 camp – Wednesday the 8th to 10th of March.
- NAPLAN 15th to 27th of March
- Annual school athletics carnival - 30th of March
- Year 7 meet the teacher afternoon - 14th of March
- SRC Induction Ceremony, last day of Term 1 Thursday 6th of April

If you have any questions or feedback, please don't hesitate to contact the school or the Year 7 Advisor Mr McConaghy via phone or email at

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