



Greensborough College

FAQs from Parent Information Evening- Year 7 2021

Why are we adopting a policy of standardised laptops across the College?

- The college has more than 500 students and staff; this number is trending upward. We know the best way to deliver best practice learning using the college IT infrastructure is to keep operational support to a minimum, this allows our IT resources to roll out new platforms to support our learning. The best way to reduce the impact of the support burden is to eliminate the myriad of variations by standardising the laptops that are in use, while still offering choice via the LWT Portal.

I have just purchased a new laptop as a consequence of remote learning. Can my child bring this to the college?

- We understand some parents may have recently purchased new laptops during the remote learning period. Any laptop that was purchased during 2020 can be used at that college provided it meets the specifications published by the college.

What do we mean by Specifications?

- The minimum hardware specifications are detailed below. We also require that the laptop be able to run a standard suite of applications and collaboration tools, specifically Microsoft Office 365.

SPECIFICATIONS	BYO DEVICE MINIMUM SPECS.
SCREEN:	11.6in
CPU/Processor:	Intel Celeron N2930 or greater (e.g. i3, i5, i7)
MEMORY:	4GB RAM
HARD DRIVE:	128GB
OPERATING SYSTEM:	Windows 10 or greater
WIRELESS:	Intel 802.11agn wireless
CAMERA:	Integrated Webcam
BATTERY:	Must last at least 6 hours (i.e. full school day)
KEYBOARD:	Must have a physical keyboard

What will happen if we are not able to collect laptop on the set collection day?

- Students will be able to collect their laptop in the first few days of school term.

Does the school provide payment plans for laptops?

- Parents/Carers are able to purchase a laptop through the LWT portal with finance

Does the school provide payment plans for schools fees?

- The school is able to assist in arranging a payment plan for school council approved contributions. Please call the school and ask to speak to the business manager to set up a payment plan for 2021.

Compass user names and passwords- when are they distributed to parents/carers and students?

- Parents/carers usernames and passwords will be posted out shortly. COMPASS login details remain the same for any parents/carers who have currently enrolled students at our College.

Is it too late to apply to the High Achiever Program?

- In 2021, we are offering a High Achievers Program, which is open to students who are academically able and have a strong work ethic. Entry into the program is based on merit and successful applicants have been invited into the program last term.

Year 7 English and Mathematics classes will be blocked to run at the same time on the timetable respectively. This gives us an opportunity to focus on delivering targeted learning and acceleration in English and Mathematics. We know students may have a stronger ability in English or Mathematics, so this blocking gives us the flexibility to group our students based on individual subject data. That is, some students may be in the High Achiever English class or High Achiever Mathematics class, or both.

While applications were available on the website and are now closed, we will be reviewing information sent through from primary schools, as well as conducting our own testing, to determine if there are other students we would be pleased to extend the offer of place to. Once we review the test data and information, we will be in touch with families as soon as possible.

More information about the College's uniform policy can be found on the school website at the below link <https://www.greensc.vic.edu.au/page/39/High-Achievers>

Is the high achievers class expected to do instrumental music in year 7?

- Students in the high achievers do not have to study instrumental music. Instrumental music is available to all students in the college.

More information can be found at

<https://www.greensc.vic.edu.au/page/44/Music-Program-Year-8-12->

Is the instrumental program on one set day per week, or does it change?

- The instrumental program was run on a Tuesday and Wednesday in 2020. All students have their lesson on the same day each week, however the time of the session rotates throughout the day so that the student does not miss the same subject in a row.

Further information can be found at the following link about the music program
<https://www.greensc.vic.edu.au/page/44/Music-Program-Year-8-12->

Are we allowed to wear our hair down, or must it tied back?

- All hair needs to be of a neat and tidy appearance with no extreme hair colours or hair styles. In classes where there are OHS issues (such as technology, art, physical education, etc) it must be tied back.

More information about the College's uniform policy can be found on the school website at the below link
https://www.greensc.vic.edu.au/uploaded_files/media/uniform_policy_2020.pdf

Is it okay to have coloured or dyed hair?

- No extreme hair colours or hair styles as per our school uniform policy

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Can students wear the PE uniform any day of the week?

- All students are required to wear the Academic Uniform on all days of the week other than the day/s they have Physical Education scheduled.

ADP students are allowed to wear the PE Uniform on days they have a scheduled ADP class. If they have a before, after school, recess or lunch session they will need to wear their Academic Uniform and change into their ADP training uniform for the session only.

Where is the uniform shop?

- We sell our uniform through Noone Imagewear in Ivanhoe

Can we book in an appointment with the uniform shop prior to the end of the year?

- Please contact the uniform shop directly for bookings on 9499 - 1439

Can 2021 Year 7s wear the old uniform?

- In 2020 we had a new uniform introduced. This is compulsory for all Year 7 students beginning in 2021 to wear

What is the mobile phone policy?

- The Victorian Government introduced a Mobile Phone Policy that will apply to all government schools in 2020

Policy applies to:

- All students at Greensborough College;
- Students' mobile phone and smart watches brought on school premises, during school hours, including recess and lunchtime.

The Policy:

- Students who bring a mobile phones to school must have them switched off and secured during school hours (8.55 – 3.10)

Further information on the Phone policy can be found on the College website at the following link

https://www.greensc.vic.edu.au/uploaded_files/media/1592782725mobile_phones_2020_03122019.pdf

What is the schools bullying policy?

- Our Bullying Prevention Policy can be viewed on the website at the following link
https://www.greensc.vic.edu.au/uploaded_files/media/bullying_prevention_policy_july_2019.pdf

What do we do if we haven't received our Year 7 Information pack?

- Please enquire about your pack with your Childs Grade 6 Teacher and/or Primary School Administration Team.

Is Orientation day going ahead?

- Orientation Day for Students will be held on Tuesday 8th December 2020.
Please note, due to COVID19 the format of the day may be changed which will be determined by the Government guidelines at the time. We will be in touch via email if there are any changes.

More information will be sent out closer to the date via email, as well as put on our social media accounts.

Please follow our Facebook page for updates

<https://www.facebook.com/GreensboroughCollege>

Is there a Year 7 Camp?

- Year 7 camp has been scheduled for Term 2, 5th-7th May. More information will be sent out to parents/carers early Term 1.

Can we just buy the text books with North of the Yarra and buy the rest in Officeworks?

- Yes you can buy stationery from any retail outlet. Second hand books can be purchased through Greensborough College Buy, Sell and Swap Facebook Page or any other second-hand school book shops or websites.

Can we try out for the school production and what is the Glee Club?

- All students are encouraged to try out for productions, music concerts and clubs.

For further information about the extra-curricular activities available at the College can be found on the school website at the below link

<https://www.greensc.vic.edu.au/page/10/Extra-Curricular-Activities>

Which House will we be in?

- Our CASES system randomly selected a House for students. Students will be informed of their house on one of the first days of school in 2021

If we have not received details regarding ADP try-outs who should we contact?

- Marnie Hay, the Coordinator of the ADP program will contact all Year 7 ADP students directly in regard to ADP try-outs

What do we need to do for medical conditions like Asthma?

- You will need to go to your GP and produce an Asthma Management plan. All medical conditions wear requested on the enrolment forms, if you did not include these please contact the College on 9433 2666 and ask to speak to Meredith who will be able to update your child's information.

What time does school start and finish each day?

- School begins at 9:00am and finishes at 3:10pm

What time is recess and lunch?

- Recess is from 10:40-11:00am and Lunch is from 12:40 – 1:30pm

What year do students go on work experience?

- Year 10

Do year 7s participate in sport?

- Year 7s have the opportunity to participate in a range of sports throughout the year, these are both Summer and Winter sports. The sports program at high school is similar to the interschool sports program at Primary School however instead of competing against different team each week, high schools participate in a round robin on one day per term.

What year is Automotive available as a subject

- Automotive is available as a Semester elective in Year 9 and 10 and in Year 11 and 12 as a VET subject

College policies can be accessed from the following link - <https://www.greensc.vic.edu.au/page/40/A-Z-Policies>

Also, please add us on your social media accounts using the below handles for updates:

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/GreensboroughCollege>

Instagram - <https://www.instagram.com/greensboroughcollege/>

Website - <https://www.greensc.vic.edu.au>

We look forward to supporting you further in your child's transition to Secondary School.