

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **TRANSITION**

- **Will there be a parent/carer information session?**

Greensborough College hosts an annual Year 7 information session for parents/carers which provides families and students with the opportunity to ask questions and be fully informed about what to expect in Year 7. It is expected that all prospective parents and students will attend this information evening. For more information and dates, please see *Important dates and upcoming events* on the Transition webpage, [click here](#).

- **Who can I share information with in preparation for my child's transition?**

All families will be able to book in for a Coffee Chat in Term 4 to share information with the staff of Greensborough College in preparation for student transition. Details of this event will be provided to families at the Year 7 parent/carer information evening.

- **When/where do I get the booklist from?**

You will be provided with a copy of the booklist through Compass once available from North of the Yarra bookstore

- **Where do I find out the uniform requirements?**

Please view the Greensborough College [Uniform Policy](#), as well as our transition [uniform flyer](#). Further information can be found on our website [click here](#).

- **Are there any financial relief programs available to assist with purchasing uniforms or for excursions/camps next year?**

There are 2 programs which may suit you based on your eligibility. The Camps, Sports, Excursions Fund (CSEF) and State School Relief (SSR) program. Details of these programs will be distributed to families in welcome pack 2 which will be provided to families at the Year 7 parent/carer information evening.

- **Is there a way for my child to start preparing for their start at Greensborough College?**

On the Transition webpage there is a [College map](#), [interactive map](#) and [staff profiles](#) that you and your child might like to look through to help prepare them for their commencement at Greensborough College. We also hold the Forging Futures program in Term 2 and 4 which is a 4 week program which aims to connect and engage Grade 5 & 6 students with Greensborough College through a range of innovative workshops in our amazing new facilities. Details of the forging futures program will be listed on the Forging Futures webpage, please [click here](#), as well as promoted on our [Facebook](#) and/or [Instagram](#) pages which you may also like to follow.

### **COMPASS**

- **When will I find out my parent/carer Compass log in details?**

Your Compass log in details will be provided to you at the Year 7 Parent/Carer information evening in Term 4 once your child's details have been loaded into the system.

- **How do I change my Compass password**

If you have forgotten your password please click on "Can't access your account?" on the login page and follow the prompts.

### **MUSIC**

- **Can my child study instrumental music in Year 7?**

Greensborough College has an instrumental music program which all Year 7 students are encouraged to study. [Click here](#) for further information. If your child is interested in studying instrumental music in Year 7, please complete the Music Form provided in Welcome Pack 1 in the transitions timeline.

## DEVICES

- **Is there a company we should buy a laptop through to match the schools operating system?**

Greensborough College uses the Learning with Technologies (LWT) portal for families to order laptops through, there are a range of laptops listed which provide families with a range of price options, as well as warranty and insurance options. Please [click here](#) to view the LWT portal.

After ordering the device, it will be imaged by LWT with Department of Education (DET) Secondary School Image, then delivered directly to the school. It will be set up on the school network by our technician and will be available for collection from the commencement of Term 1.

The current applications and programs that students will receive with the DET imaging:

- Microsoft 365 Apps for Enterprise
- Microsoft Edge (Chromium)
- Microsoft Teams
- Audacity
- Google Chrome
- RapidTyping 5
- Scratch 3
- VLC Media Player
- Webex Meetings
- Webex Teams
- Adobe Acrobat DC PRO
- Adobe Creative Cloud
- Inspiration 9 IE
- InspireData
- SketchUp PRO 2020

- **What is the ordering timeline?**

Orders must be completed through the portal by Close of Business on Monday 5th December 2022 for devices to be ready for when the new school year commences. Any orders that miss the cut-off date will be delivered to the school on an ad-hoc basis and as such, may be charged an additional \$10 delivery fee. Students will then be contacted by the school technician when their device is ready for collection.

- **Can my child bring any device to use next year?**

Greensborough College uses a BYOD (bring your own device) program with laptop computers that use the Windows Operating system. This does not include iPads or Chromebooks.

The Department of Education and Training only supports the Windows Operating System. This mandate allows for the delivery of the curriculum with a level of support that can be reliably achieved with the IT resources we have available and optimises the learning experience for our students. It is for this reason we ask that parents and students, to support our decision to mandate that laptop computers that come to school for the purposes of learning use the Windows Operating system.

Any laptop that was purchased during 2021 or 2022 can be used at that college provided it meets the specifications published by the college. The more recent the purchase, the better the capacity of the device to hold the Standard Operating Environment (SOE). **A payment of \$50 is required for laptops to be imaged and joined to the school network** and this charge will be added to your child's account for payment via Compass. Payment can be made on the day the laptop is brought in or **by Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> of February, 2023**. The laptop will be ready for distribution upon payment received and imaging process completed.

Laptops can be brought to our Administration office (with student name and login for laptop, contact details of parent) on the following dates and times:

<b>Between 9am and 3pm</b>	<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> of December 2022</b> <b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> of December 2022</b> <b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> of December 2022</b>
<b>Between 9am and 12pm</b>	<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> of January 2023</b> <b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> of January 2023</b>

- **What are the specifications the laptop needs to meet to fit with the schools operating system?**

If you are not purchasing through the portal, please see the specifications below that the laptop needs to meet to fit with the school's operating system.

**Please note:** Chromebooks are **not** recommended as they are not able to run all programs required for curriculum subjects, such as TI inspire CAS calculator software required in Mathematics and Adobe Creative Cloud in Arts and Media subjects.

<b>SPECIFICATIONS</b>	<b>BYO DEVICE MINIMUM SPECS.</b>
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 (not Home Edition)
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

- **Any other questions? Please get in touch with us: [ITSupport@greensc.vic.edu.au](mailto:ITSupport@greensc.vic.edu.au)**

## **BUS**

- **When/where can I view the bus schedule for next year?**
- **When/where can I purchase a bus child for my child for next year?**

Bus schedules and passes will be available mid Term 4. An email will be sent to all families through Compass with bus information when it is available.

## **ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS**

- **My child is above level in a range of subjects. Do you have a program at Greensborough College to support high achieving students?**

Greensborough College has a High Achiever Program which supports highly able students together with those with a strong work ethic who may have needs which require special attention. For more information on the High Achiever Program please [click here](#).

- **My child enjoys sport. Do you have a program at Greensborough College to support students who wish to pursue a sporting career or upgrade their sporting abilities?**

Greensborough College has an Athlete Development Program (ADP) which provides student athletes with the opportunity to upgrade their athletic performance whilst at school. For more information on the ADP please [click here](#).

## SCHOLARSHIPS

- **Does Greensborough College have scholarships for Year 7 students?**

Greensborough College has 4 scholarships available for incoming Year 7 students. Citizenship/Leadership, ADP Sporting Excellence Scholarship, Arts Scholarship, Academic Excellence Scholarship. For more information on the different scholarships and the application process please [click here](#).

- **Can I apply for the Academic Scholarship for my child if they are not applying for the High Achiever Program?**

Only students who apply for the [High Achiever Program](#) are eligible for the Academic Scholarship

- **Can I apply for the ADP Scholarship for my child if they are not applying for the ADP program?**

Only students who apply for the [ADP program](#) are eligible for the ADP Scholarship.