

9<sup>th</sup> September 2021

## Secondary Week Ending 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Community,

It has been a fantastic few weeks back at school, and we have thoroughly enjoyed having all our students in classrooms! Our students are arriving to school smiling, full of energy and excited for their day. This week we ran a series of webinars for parents/guardians, and it was lovely to have you attend these sessions. The *Sports information*, *Prep and Senior School Curriculum Information*, *Meet the Secondary Leadership Team*, and *Student Expectations* presentations hopefully gave those who attended an overview of the exciting things happening within and beyond the classroom, and also enabled us to clarify the high expectations we have as a school. For those of you who couldn't make these sessions, the slides from the curriculum sessions have been uploaded to the Weekly Sway for your information.

### Weekly Sway

You will now know that our weekly newsletter goes out to the community in the form of a Microsoft Sway (this is called our *Weekly Sway*). I am hoping this is an easier way of reading the key information we wish to share. Important updates, upcoming events, student success stories, and other communication from the Heads of Year will be placed on the Weekly Sway, so please continue to read this.

### Uniform

As you are aware, we have re-vamped our school uniform. Despite the delay in stock at Threads store (thank you for your patience!), we have some students looking really smart in the new uniform. All uniform items are due to be in Threads store by the end of this month. The school has a strong identity which we encourage our students to be proud of, and a key part of this is the school uniform. To maintain our high standards, students who fail to adhere to the uniform code from next month will only be permitted back to school once desired uniform standards are reached. It is important that our students look ready for a day of learning. We thank you in advance for your support in upholding the high values and expectations we have for each student, so that they can identify well with their school with a sense of pride. A stock update from Threads store is at the bottom of this letter.

### Masterclasses

Students are looking forward to selecting their Masterclass activities next week! We have a great range of activities for students to choose from, both on-site and off-site. The offering will be added to this week's Weekly Sway for you to discuss with your son/daughter over the weekend, before students make their selection on Sunday during their LEAD class. The first Masterclass will begin on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September and students will attend this activity for the entirety of Term 1. Students are recommended to have at least three activities in mind, as their first choice is not guaranteed.

### Student Voice

Our very popular 'Meet the Leader' sessions for students will begin on 16<sup>th</sup> September, kicking off with our Year 7s. A group of Year 7 students will have the opportunity to meet with me on Thursday morning to discuss their ideas to help make our school an even better place. Each week a different year group will have the opportunity to meet with a member of the leadership team to do the same.

## Upcoming Key Dates (September)

<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Students select their Masterclass choice during LEAD time
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September</b>	CAT4 testing for year groups 7, 9, 11, 12, and for any students who didn't complete it last year (see Weekly Sway for details)
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Mustangs squad trials begin (see Weekly Sway for details)
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Prep School (Years 7-9) Reading & Literacy workshop for parents 4pm (see Weekly Sway for meeting link)
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Parent Communication information session 5pm (see Weekly Sway for meeting link)
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Phoenix (GEMS) Classroom parent webinar 5pm (see Weekly Sway for meeting link)
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Curriculum Information Booklets sent to parents in the Weekly Sway
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September</b>	½ day school for students (due to staff training) – students will leave school at 12:30pm (bus students will leave class at 12:15 to get to their bus on time)
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	Meet the LEAD teacher evening 3:30pm (see Weekly Sway next week for more information)
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Year 7 Information Evening (virtual) with Head of Year 7 (see Weekly Sway next week for more information)

As always, I welcome your feedback - about this letter, or any aspect of your child's experience with us:  
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I wish you a wonderful weekend!

Kind regards,



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## Threads uniform update as of 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 5pm

Uniform item	Size	Stock as of 8/9/21	Comments
KG polo blue	02	3	Stock arriving by 22nd of Sept
KG polo blue	04	62	
KG polo blue	06	105	
KG polo blue	08	120	
KG polo blue	10	0	Stock arriving by 22nd of Sept
KG polo blue	12	2	Stock arriving by 22nd of Sept
unisex checked shirt	04	122	
unisex checked shirt	06	223	
unisex checked shirt	08	204	
unisex checked shirt	10	63	
unisex checked shirt	12	20	Stock arriving by 10th Sept
unisex checked shirt	14	13	Stock arriving by 10th Sept
unisex checked shirt	16	0	Stock arriving by 10th Sept
shirt blue	10	5	
shirt blue	12	31	
shirt blue	14	30	
shirt blue	16	7	
shirt blue	18	51	
shirt blue	20	19	
shirt blue	22	30	
blouse blue	10	11	
blouse blue	12	79	
blouse blue	14	63	
blouse blue	16	61	
blouse blue	18	22	
blouse blue	20	20	
blouse blue	22	16	
hair accessories pack	R	123	
unisex velcro tie	13	412	
unisex velcro tie	15	211	
unisex full tie	54	327	
unisex full tie	59	259	
neck scarves	13	253	
baseball cap	R	364	
baseball cap	S	85	
pullover navy	20	139	

pullover navy	22	127	
pullover navy	24	51	
pullover navy	26	167	
pullover navy	28	182	
pullover navy	30	172	
pullover navy	32	201	
pullover navy	34	119	
pullover navy	36	64	
metropole badge	R	657	
boys blazer navy	S	5	
boys blazer navy	M	19	
boys blazer navy	L	23	
boys blazer navy	XL	30	
boys blazer navy	2XL	9	
girls blazer navy	XS	9	
girls blazer navy	S	15	
girls blazer navy	M	7	
girls blazer navy	L	20	
girls blazer navy	XL	23	
girls blazer navy	2XL	26	
boys shirt white	12	66	
boys shirt white	14	35	
boys shirt white	16	2	Shipment delayed to 15th of Sept
boys shirt white	18	0	Shipment delayed to 15th of Sept
boys shirt white	20	1	Shipment delayed to 15th of Sept
boys shirt white	22	5	Shipment delayed to 15th of Sept
boys shirt white	24	1	Shipment delayed to 15th of Sept
boys shirt white	12	9	Shipment delayed to 15th of Sept
boys shirt white	14	8	Shipment delayed to 15th of Sept
boys shirt white	16	3	Shipment delayed to 15th of Sept
boys shirt white	18	4	Shipment delayed to 15th of Sept
boys shirt white	20	0	Shipment delayed to 15th of Sept
boys shirt white	22	6	Shipment delayed to 15th of Sept
boys shirt white	24	8	Shipment delayed to 15th of Sept
girls blouse white	12	1	Shipment delayed to 15th of Sept
girls blouse white	14	0	Shipment delayed to 15th of Sept
girls blouse white	16	3	Shipment delayed to 15th of Sept
girls blouse white	18	64	
girls blouse white	20	62	
girls blouse white	22	54	

girls blouse white	24	17	
girls fs blouse white	12	5	Shipment delayed to 15th of Sept
girls fs blouse white	14	1	Shipment delayed to 15th of Sept
girls fs blouse white	16	1	Shipment delayed to 15th of Sept
girls fs blouse white	18	9	Shipment delayed to 15th of Sept
girls fs blouse white	20	11	Shipment delayed to 15th of Sept
girls fs blouse white	22	6	Shipment delayed to 15th of Sept
girls fs blouse white	24	10	
girls cardigan	24	79	
girls cardigan	26	59	
girls cardigan	28	100	
girls cardigan	30	198	
girls cardigan	32	230	
girls cardigan	34	195	
girls cardigan	36	103	
girls dress striped	06	75	
girls dress striped	08	84	
girls dress striped	10	94	
girls dress striped	12	32	
girls dress striped	14	69	
girls dress striped	16	18	
girls dress striped	18	18	
girls dress striped	20	1	
sports hoodie	2 to 24	0	Stock arriving by end of Sept
boys hat navy	R	0	Stock arriving by end of Sept
GR 3-6 girls straw hat	R	0	Stock arriving by end of Sept
girls PE shorts navy	XS	268	
girls PE shorts navy	S	260	
girls PE shorts navy	M	224	
girls PE shorts navy	L	188	
girls PE shorts navy	XL	159	
girls PE shorts navy	2XL	131	
girls PE skort navy	XS	186	
girls PE skort navy	S	243	
girls PE skort navy	M	251	
girls PE skort navy	L	252	
girls PE skort navy	XL	187	
girls PE skort navy	2XL	132	
boys full tie	59	203	
girls neck scarf	n/a	179	

PE polo red	02	26	
PE polo red	04	87	
PE polo red	06	152	
PE polo red	08	174	
PE polo red	10	167	
PE polo red	12	163	
PE polo red	14	154	
PE polo red	16	138	
PE polo red	18	76	
PE polo red	20	63	
PE polo red	22	37	
PE polo red	24	26	
PE polo blue	2	26	
PE polo blue	04	88	
PE polo blue	06	138	
PE polo blue	08	186	
PE polo blue	10	167	
PE polo blue	12	160	
PE polo blue	14	154	
PE polo blue	16	139	
PE polo blue	18	75	
PE polo blue	20	63	
PE polo blue	22	38	
PE polo blue	24	26	
PE polo green	2 to 24	0	Stock arriving by end of Sept
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