

Transition

Frequently asked questions



Welcome to



Transition Workshop

Does my child attend the workshop?

Yes, your child will be invited to attend on a morning/afternoon over the allocated dates 1-10 November. Parents will be required to drop off and collect their child. You will be notified of the allocated date close to the time.

House Information

When do I find out what House my child is in?

You will find out your child's House via email prior to the House Information Afternoon on Monday 10th October.

Can I change my child's House?

Generally a change of House is not permitted due to the criteria used to place students.

Is there any difference between the Houses?

There is no difference between the Houses. Each House has the same mix of students, subject teachers and activities.

How are students placed in a House?

Sibling, academic, sporting, music and artistic considerations are taken into account, together with existing and possible new friendships.

Mentor Group

When do I find out my child's Mentor Group?

Your child will be allocated a Mentor Group in their House and this will be known on Orientation Day.

Uniform

Where do I buy my uniform?

Uniform details and price lists can be accessed through our website under the Year 7 Transition tile. Blackburn High School uniforms are purchased at Dobsons who are located in North Balwyn. All relevant details are in the brochure.

Are there second hand uniform options?

Yes. The Second Hand Uniform Shop is open every Tuesday and Wednesday from 8.00am to 8.45am and located at school.

Is the uniform enforced?

Yes, the uniform is enforced and checked daily by the School Mentor teacher and then their classroom teachers.

Are there definite seasons for the uniform?

Yes. Summer uniform is enforced in Term 1 and Term 4. Winter uniform is enforced in Term 2 and Term 3.

Is the blazer compulsory?

Yes, the blazer is compulsory and must be worn as the outer garment of the school uniform.

If an outer garment is not required due to hot weather, then the blazer does not have to be worn. The school jumper cannot be the outer garment.

A supply of second hand blazers are available through the Second Hand Uniform Shop.

Student Canteen

Is the Canteen open every day?

Yes, the Canteen opens every day for recess and lunch and is operated by BOCCA FOODS. A menu is available on our website under Our School, Canteen. Here you will see the menu and the instructions of how to order.

Music

My child would like to learn a musical instrument as a beginner. How do we do this?

If your child has never played an instrument before but would like to learn, you should tick YES in the relevant section of our online enrolment form. You will then be contacted by a member of staff from the Music Department to discuss the options. There will also be an opportunity in February 2023 for students to join the music program directly (subject to availability).

My child currently learns a musical instrument. How do I enrol them into music lessons?

Complete the Instrumental Music Interest Form as part of the online enrolment form and a member of staff from the Music Department will be in contact with you.