

Cobram Anglican Grammar School



2022 Year Seven Handbook



Integrity | Endeavour | Community



**Cobram
Anglican Grammar
School**



CELEBRATING

21 Years

EST. 2000

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Year Ten-Twelve Level Co-ordinator

Mrs Carolyn White

WELCOME from the Principal

with Mr Keith Willett

I would like to take this opportunity to assure you that, from the moment your child walks through our doors as part of our school community, they will be accepted into a richly diverse, nurturing and supportive environment.

School life in Year Seven means some new changes and challenges. But most of all it embraces new pathways, subjects and those eager to learn. We have staff who are passionate about facilitating this quest with the Year Seven team made up of outstanding educators from an array of learning areas who are committed to supporting students during this daunting, but exciting time. We offer innovative educational pathways that are designed to embrace academic progress, and build resilient, confident young adults, preparing them for higher schooling and life in the workforce.

Cobram AGS is highly regarded for its rigorous academic programs; however, we maintain that learning happens best when it is built upon safe classrooms where every student feels comfortable to be themselves giving them every opportunity to succeed. We offer an extensive array of opportunities in many varying and interesting areas in the Secondary setting and we encourage your child to take advantage of many of our co-curricular opportunities.

Being part of our school, means your child is a valuable member of a team, which includes students, staff and families, working together to develop the very best quality educational outcomes for all. As parents or guardians, we encourage you to enjoy the experience of becoming part of our School community too.

At Cobram AGS we provide outstanding pastoral support to the Year Seven students via our Homerooms and student welfare system. Our student welfare system involves a full time Counsellor and part time school Psychologist, with a focus on positive behaviour underpinned via our motto of **Integrity, Endeavour** and **community**.

My door is always open and I encourage you to book a tour if you have not stepped onto our campus already. If you have any queries or questions please don't hesitate to contact me via the office or send me an email principal@cags.vic.edu.au any time.

It is a really exciting time to be part of our Cobram AGS community and we hope to see you soon if you and your family decide to join us in 2022.

Regards,

Mr Keith Willett

Principal

TRANSITION PROGRAM

The student Transition Program for future Year Seven students will be across three days in Term Four, you will need to advise your Primary School of the dates your child will be attending transitions at Cobram AGS (if you are coming from another school). The purpose of the program is to support and ease your child's transition into secondary schooling. Students will meet some of their teachers, some new friends and experience a Year Seven timetable.

The Transition Program is tailored to provide students with a rich experience of what Year Seven at Cobram AGS will be like. Dates will be confirmed in Term Three.



STUDENT TRANSITION PROGRAM OUTLINE

DAY 1- Friday 5th November 2021

8.55am -10.40am

- Welcome to Cobram AGS: Meet The Principal
- Meet our School Captains & House Leaders
- Meet & Greet Peers: Ice Breaker Game & Handout Booklists

DAY 2- Friday 12th November 2021

8.55am -12.40pm

- Well-being & Resilience: Miss Vanessa Wannis
 - Year Seven Life: With Mr Jon O'Dwyer
 - A taste of Year Seven classes & timetables
- (Students will need to bring a snack for recess)

DAY 3- Friday 19th November 2021

8.55am -3.05pm

- Full day of Year Seven classes & timetables
- (Students will need to bring a snack for recess & their lunch)

WHERE TO MEET

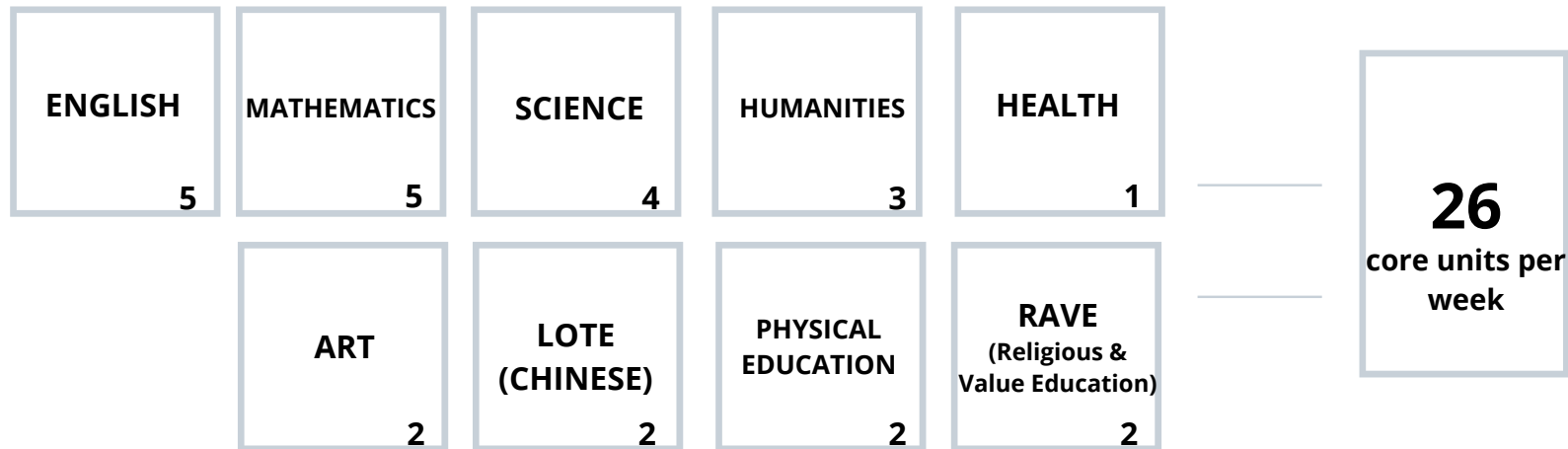
All Transition Program students (including Year Six Cobram AGS students) should assemble outside the Performing Arts Centre at 8.45am.

WHAT TO BRING

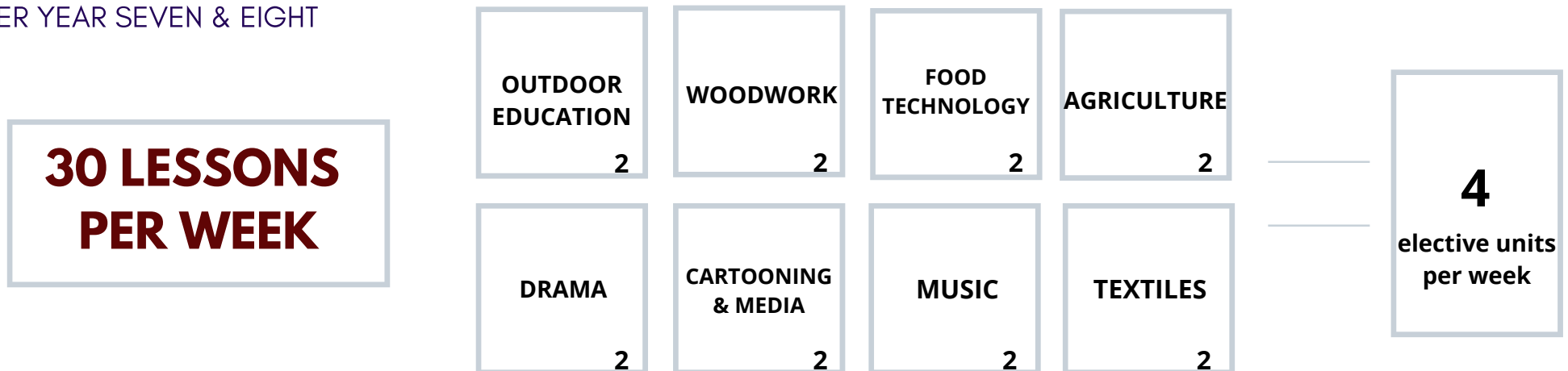
Students should bring an exercise book, pencil case and bottle of water. They should be dressed in comfortable casual clothing that is suitable for undertaking physical activities (including current Cobram AGS students).

YEAR 7 CURRICULUM

WHOLE YEAR STUDIES (PERIODS PER WEEK)



ELECTIVE UNITS (TWO PER TERM)
OVER YEAR SEVEN & EIGHT



SCHOOL LIFE

What is Year Seven like at Cobram AGS?

It's about:

- being treated as a young adult with ideas and ideals of your own.
- being responsible for your own actions and conduct.
- achieving a well-rounded education with a strong commitment to encouraging personal growth, spiritual awareness and service to the community.

You will:

- be attending different classes, in different rooms with a variety of teachers.
- discover your real talents.
- learn to strive for your personal best within a strong academic environment.
- learn to organise and take responsibility for yourself, and learn to function as part of a community, valuing individuality and tolerance.
- be guided, with help from many people, to plan for your future career.
- experience teachers that are here to teach and you will find it easy to concentrate on learning
- experience people working together in teams and being creative.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

The school regards the uniform as an integral part of school life. Uniforms can be purchased through Menthas in Cobram.

Menthass Menswear
25 Bank Street, Cobram
03-5871 2065



GIRLS

Summer Uniform

Prep – Year 12

- ☐ CAGS Dress
- ☐ CAGS Jumper
- ☐ Navy blue dress short
- ☐ White Blouse
- ☐ White socks above the ankle
- ☐ CAGS Broad-brimmed hat **(Prep – 4)**
- ☐ CAGS Bucket style hat **(Year 5 – 12)**

Winter Uniform

Prep – Year 4

- ☐ CAGS Waterproof jacket
- ☐ CAGS Pinafore, Kilt or Grey Slacks
- ☐ CAGS Jumper
- ☐ Plain White long sleeves shirt
- ☐ Navy Blue tights/knee high white socks

Year 5 – 12

- ☐ CAGS Blazer **(Year 11 – 12)**
- ☐ CAGS Soft Shell Jacket **(Year 5 – 8 only)**
- ☐ CAGS Kilt style skirt or Grey Slacks
- ☐ CAGS Jumper
- ☐ CAGS tie
- ☐ Plain white long sleeved shirt
- ☐ Navy Blue Tights/knee high white socks

Sports uniform

Prep – Year 12

- ☐ CAGS Sports Shorts
- ☐ CAGS Polo Shirt
 - o Burgundy: **Prep – 4**
 - o Blue/Burgundy: **Year 5 – 12**
- ☐ CAGS Track Jacket
- ☐ CAGS Track pants
- ☐ CAGS Fleece Track Pants **(Prep – 3 only)**
- ☐ White socks above the ankle

BOYS

Summer Uniform

Prep – Year 12

- ☐ CAGS Navy Blue cotton shorts (style 15306)
- ☐ CAGS short sleeve white shirt with logo
- ☐ CAGS Jumper
- ☐ White socks above the ankle
- ☐ CAGS Broad-brimmed hat **(Prep – 4)**
- ☐ CAGS Bucket style hat **(Year 5 – 12)**

Winter Uniform

Prep – Year 4

- ☐ CAGS Waterproof jacket
- ☐ CAGS Grey Trousers (style 12379, colour 606)
- ☐ CAGS Jumper
- ☐ Plain White long sleeves shirt
- ☐ Grey or Black socks **(Year 5 – 12 only)**
- ☐ CAGS Blazer **(Year 11 – 12)**
- ☐ CAGS Soft Shell Jacket **(Year 5 – 8 only)**
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WELFARE SUPPORT

The aim of student support services at Cobram Anglican Grammar School is to:

- assist students to develop as healthy, secure and resilient people
- enable students to take full advantage of all of the learning priorities offered at the school, and
- acknowledge the importance of forming nurturing partnerships between the school and the community.

PRINCIPAL

The Principal is always available to offer support and guidance for parents and students on all matters regarding school and welfare support.

HEAD OF SCHOOL

Mr Ash Kennedy – Senior School (Years Seven – Twelve)

YEAR LEVEL CO-ORDINATORS

Mrs Carolyn White (Years Ten – Twelve)

Mr Jon O'Dwyer (Years Seven – Nine)

STUDENT LEARNING AND WELLBEING

Student Learning and Wellbeing staff are available for confidential discussion and assistance with school, family or personal concerns or problems. Students are encouraged to make an appointment with a member of the Wellbeing team if and when necessary.

Members of the Wellbeing team include:

- Mr Kevin Quin – School Psychologist (Wednesdays)
- Miss Vanessa Wannis – School Counsellor (Monday – Friday)

STUDENT LEARNING SUPPORT

Parents are encouraged to communicate any particular circumstances that could affect a student's performance and learning to the relevant Head of School. Heads of School may refer parents and students to the Head of Education Support to discuss needs and strategies which will assist in supporting the student.

EDUCATION SUPPORT

We have a unique and very successful support and enhancement program at Cobram AGS. The parents of students who are assessed as 12 months behind or ahead of peers are invited to a student support meeting where an individual Education plan is created and their child placed on a timetable where they will receive intensive support or enhancement in 20 minute blocks individually or in small groups. This program has seen students accelerate in 12 months to be on a par with peers, through to those students requiring extension work being challenged in specialty areas. This program utilises the unique opportunity we have on the one campus (Foundation-Year 12 curriculum and specialist teachers) to advance students well beyond their years





CAGS BYOD PROGRAM

At Cobram Anglican Grammar School our BYOD Program is a vital learning tool for students providing:

- Access to school resources including student email
- Access to digital textbooks for many subjects
- Industry-standard software for creating, editing, and presenting
- Wireless connection at the school with access to printers, network resources & the Internet.

As part of the IT program, our school has implemented a mixture of technologies to provide students with the tools they need to maximise their learning potential.

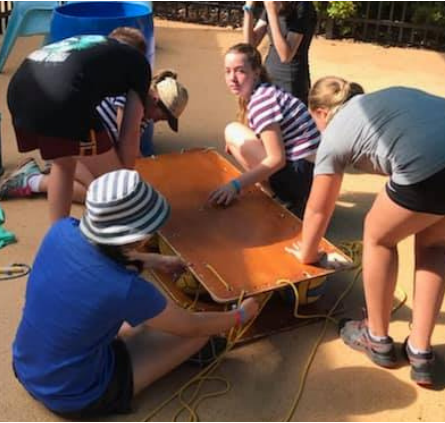
- Access to email and calendar functions, accessible from either the Outlook Mail App or a Web Browser
- Office 365 for students which provides applications for Word Processing, Spreadsheets and Presentations
- Work folders allow students to store data securely on School servers and access it both at School and Home (only accessible by MAC users at school)

The over-arching objective for our BYOD program is to give students 'One to One' access to a learning tool which provides them with the opportunity to collaborate, communicate and research on a global level in real time.

The school supports the use of e-Books/resources across various subjects. It is widely acknowledged that technology plays a huge role in students' everyday lives and should, therefore, be an integral part of their learning. It is unsustainable to provide every student with state-of-the-art technology. The BYOD program recognises that many students already own devices and can use them for their studies at school.

SCHOOL CAMP - YEAR SEVEN

NSW SPORT & RECREATION, BORAMBOLA





SPORT

Sport is an integral part of our school program, with many sporting opportunities available for students all year round. Physical Education is a compulsory subject for all students from Foundation to Year 10 where they then have the opportunity to study Health and Physical Education as core in VCE.

Cobram Anglican Grammar School boasts a fully turfed sports oval as well as a large enclosed multipurpose basketball/netball court and indoor gymnasium.

Students must wear their full sports uniform to school on days when Physical Education is scheduled.



INTERSCHOOL SPORTING OPPORTUNITIES

CAGS participates in the Goulburn-Murray Division Secondary Schools Victoria (GMDSSV), Hume Region and School Sports Victoria Carnivals which include Swimming, Cross-Country, Athletics.

Additional Interschool Sports are offered as part of the Goulburn-Murray Division Secondary Schools Victoria (GMDSSV), Hume Region and School Sports Victoria through the school year and include:

Summer Sports

Table Tennis, Cricket, Softball/Baseball, Tennis, Lawn Bowls, Volleyball, Ten Pin Bowling

Winter Sports

Hockey, Basketball, 9-12, Basketball, Aust Rules Football Boys and 7/8 Girls, Aust Rules Football Int & Sen Girls, Netball, Badminton, Soccer



In Years 3-12 our swim carnival is a competition between our four school house colours and also an opportunity to advance to the next level of competition against other schools in the region.

Goulburn Murray (Shepparton) - Hume (Wodonga) - State (MSAC Melbourne)

The School Cross Country takes place during Term Two and our Athletics Carnival in Term Three for students from F-12 which also provides opportunities for successful students to follow the above pathways from Year 3 onwards.

ADDITIONAL SCHOOL INFORMATION

HOMEWORK CLUB

Often the transition from Primary to Secondary school can be quite daunting and at times some students may find it difficult to finish all of the set work in class and also have difficulty completing home tasks and study.

It is essential that good study habits begin early, as this is the best way to ensure that students don't find themselves struggling to keep up. In order to assist every student to successfully meet the demands of new subjects and help them develop organisational skills, we provide Homework Club (supervised by teachers) on Wednesday Afternoons, for all year levels across the school.

Sessions for Year 7 students will be in their homerooms from 3:05pm-4:00pm.

Homework club is a safe, supportive and productive student meetup out of school hours to assist students in completing their homework. Homework clubs provide vital support for children who do not otherwise have the help that they need. Homework club can provide a safe, quiet and calm space for students to concentrate, a supportive environment, one to one or small group support a chance to share knowledge, an opportunity to build relationships, an opportunity to develop good work habits and a positive attitude towards learning and the chance to develop skills involved in becoming an independent learner.

MOBILE PHONES

Cobram AGS has an updated Mobile Phone policy that negates the use of mobile phones during school hours.

For students that have medical or learning needs or other circumstances that require them to carry their mobile phone during the day, concessions can be arranged through the Principal.

BICYCLES

Provision is made at the School for the proper safekeeping of bicycles. Students are encouraged to lock their bicycles. During the day the bicycle compound is out of bounds to students. It is a legal requirement that all cyclists wear a safety helmet and follow the road laws.

BOOKLISTS

All books can be ordered online via Campion Education. Resources can only be ordered online through the website www.campion.com.au and cannot be refunded.

Year 7 2021 will be available and handed out on the first Transition Day, which will include a Resource List Code for placing orders online.

CANTEEN

The Canteen is open at recess and lunchtime each day for Cobram AGS students. The Canteen offers a range of freshly made and sustainably sourced meals and snacks prepared and distributed by local Cobram Bakery, Hungie Fangs. A lunch order menu will be made available prior to school returning in Term 1 via our School App, Class Dojo.

LIBRARY HOURS

The library is open: before College from 8.15am, at recess, at lunchtime and after school until 4.30pm - (4.00pm on Fridays).

LOCKERS

On enrolment, students are provided with a combination padlock and issued a locker. Students should get their books after the morning locker bell, at the end of recess, and at the end of lunchtime. They should not go to lockers except at these times.

SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS



CLASS DOJO

'Class Dojo' is an educational technology communication app that we use at Cobram AGS as our primary communication tool between teachers, students and families. Communication features such as a feed for photos and videos from the school day, and direct messaging to subject teachers and the School Office is an effective means of staying informed on a daily basis with all that goes on at school.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

'The Crier' is our school newsletter that is published fortnightly and emailed to all families at Cobram AGS. This includes information about events, activities and news from across the school and updates from our sub schools (Junior, Middle & Senior).

YEARBOOK

Cobram Anglican Grammar School publishes a yearbook at the end of Term 4 which is a culmination and celebration of events, activities and news from across the entire school year. Each family receives a Yearbook together with student reports on the Presentation Day, usually the last day of the school year. Copies can be requested and posted as requested.

SCHOOL REPORTS

Cobram Anglican Grammar School publishes end of term summary reports in Term One and Term Three as well as a full school reports (mid year) at the end of Term Two and (end of year) Term Four.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

The school schedules Parent Teacher Interviews at the start of Term Two and Term Four following the summary reports issued to families. Bookings can be made online once advertised, but we also encourage parents to make contact with class teachers or Heads of School any time of the year if they have any queries or concerns or would like to check in on the progress of their child/children.



Why Choose Cobram AGS?

We are your local school -

If you live in Cobram we are a quick and easy drive or walk around the corner. But we also offer a comprehensive range of bus services to and from the surrounding districts including; Barooga, Tocumwal, Berrigan, Yarraweyah, Katamatite, Strathmerton, Yarrawonga, Mulwala, Burramine, Numurkah and Nathalia.

Connection & Careers -

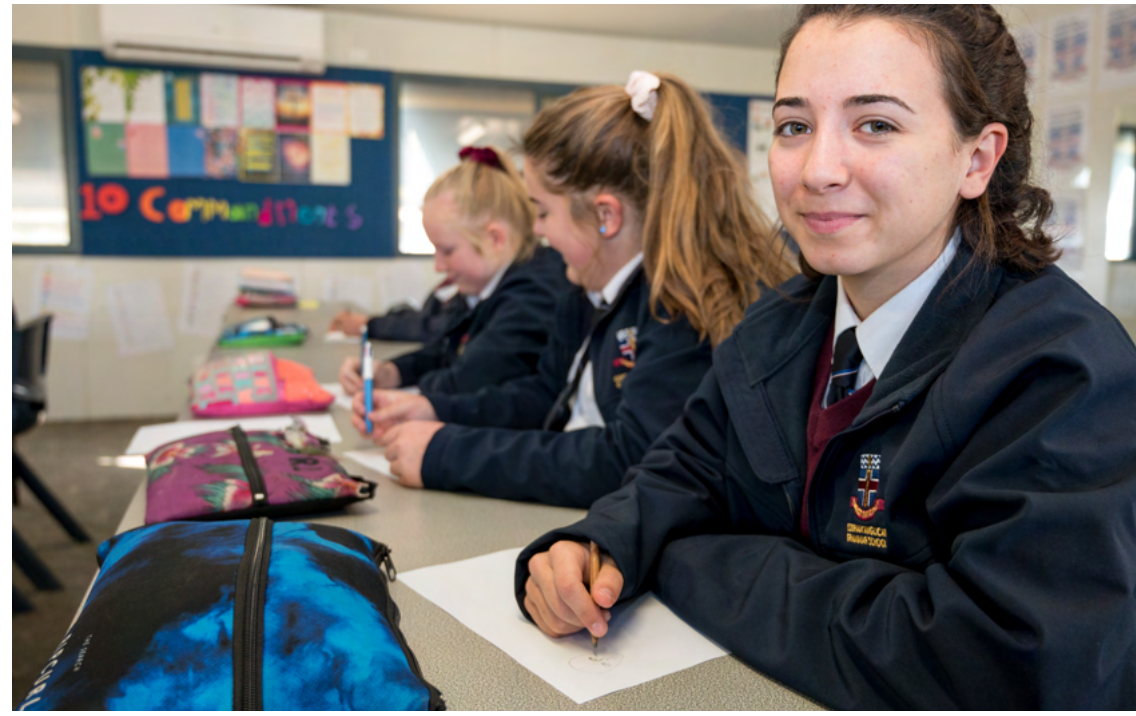
As a Senior School student at Cobram AGS you will connect with our School Careers Advisory Ms Jade Drew. With 9 years experience working with students in secondary schools assisting in advice for VET and Work Experience programs, Morrisby Mapping, assistance with University Applications and Careers Testing Jade will guide and assist all of our students from Year Nine all the way until they finish Year Twelve with their career options and pathways.

Diverse range of subjects offered in VCE -

- English
- English Literature
- General & Further Maths
- Maths Methods
- Specialist Maths
- Art & Visual Communications
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Food Technology
- Physical Education
- Outdoor Education
- Health & Human Development
- Psychology
- Business Management
- Legal Studies
- Religious & Value Education
- Religion & Society

VET and School Based Apprenticeship Programs options can be discussed with Ms Drew and Mr Kennedy for students in Year Ten onwards.





"Committed to quality F-Twelve Education in our local community"

WE ARE INCLUSIVE AND INSPIRE OUR STUDENTS TO BE THEIR BEST AND CONTRIBUTE TO OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY.



PROUDLY ANGLICAN, WITH THE STUDENT AT THE CENTRE IN ALL WE DO.