

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I trust you are enjoying some wonderful family time as the school year ends and the preparation for the festive season begins. I'm writing to inform you of some important dates for Year 7 students in 2020.

**Monday 3 February** is the first school day for all Year 7 students. This is an Orientation Day to prepare for the commencement of classes on Tuesday 4 February. On Monday, students are asked to gather in the **Centre for Arts and Sport Science (CASS) at 8.35am**. The students will use the day to get organised as we distribute locks, allocate lockers, distribute students' timetables and provide other essential information which will enable students to make an organised start to timetabled classes on Tuesday. **The day will conclude at 1pm in the Undercover Learning Area (UCLA).**

**Students will need to bring food for recess, a water bottle and their Aranmore hat.** There will be no timetabled classes on Monday, but I would suggest that your child brings half of their books to school on the first day and the remainder on Tuesday. This arrangement will ease the load that students are required to carry, and it will assist in the organisation of their lockers.

**Summer academic uniform** is to be worn by all students. A College sports cap or hat is a compulsory part of the summer uniform and must be brought to school on Monday as there will be some outdoor activities during the day. I also urge you to ensure that ALL uniform items are **clearly labelled** with your child's name.

The College Uniform Shop is open the following days during the school holidays:

Tuesday 21 January, Thursday 23 January and Friday 24 January, from 9.00am to 3.00pm, by appointment only. Please contact the College front office on 9444 9355 to arrange an appointment time.

The **Year 7 Parent Information Evening** will be held on the evening of **Thursday 13 February at 5:30pm**: you are strongly urged to attend. You will be introduced to the staff who will have a significant role in your child's education, in particular your child's Year 7 Form Teacher. This evening is an important opportunity to exchange email addresses, ask questions, and meet the parents of the other students in your child's form.

In summary, please see below the important dates at the start of the 2020 academic year:

<b>3 February</b>	<b>Year 7 Orientation Day, 8:30am – 1pm</b>
<b>13 February</b>	<b>Year 7 Parent Information Evening, 5.30pm – 7.00pm</b>
<b>19 February</b>	<b>College Inter-House Swimming Carnival (Event information TBC)</b>
<b>3 &amp; 4 March</b>	<b>Year 7 Camp – Ern Halliday Recreation Camp.</b>

Some other helpful information for Year 7 Parents:

- The Year 7 booklist and information on student requirements for personal devices (laptops) can be found on the College website at <https://www.aranmore.wa.edu.au/parent-portal>
- A second-hand uniform and book sale will take place at the College on Thursday 5 December, 2.30pm to 4pm, in the Convent Gardens. This is a great opportunity to purchase resources at a reduced price.

- Students will receive a free College Diary on their first day. The Diary is an important organisational and communication tool.
- The College canteen menu and online ordering can be found online at <https://www.aranmore.wa.edu.au/html-newsletters/canteen-menu>. Please note students can also order or purchase directly from the Canteen during the day.
- The College has a FACEBOOK and an INSTAGRAM account. This is a great way to keep up-to-date with College news and events and parents are encouraged to follow. Please refer to the College's Social Media Etiquette Guidelines on our Facebook page.
- The College Fee Schedule and payment methods can be found on the College website at <https://www.aranmore.wa.edu.au/enrolments/fees>. If you have any queries about fees, please contact Ms Viv Phillips on 9201 5213 or [Viv.Phillips@cewa.edu.au](mailto:Viv.Phillips@cewa.edu.au).
- Year 7 parents are encouraged to join the College Parents and Friends Association. Please contact Caterina O'Loughlin if you wish to become involved [caterina\\_ol@hotmail.com](mailto:caterina_ol@hotmail.com) / 0417 955 156. Being actively engaged in the P&F is a wonderful way to meet other parents and support students.
- The College website ([www.aranmore.wa.edu.au](http://www.aranmore.wa.edu.au)) is a useful resource and I suggest that you make yourself familiar with it. However, please note that we are currently in the process of developing a new website and as such, some information may no longer be current.
- The 2020 College Calendar will be available on the home page of the website as well as in the 'Stay Connected' page from early January onwards.
- The College's Front Office will re-open after the summer break on Thursday 30 January, 2020. Office hours are 8am to 4pm.
- Email and mobile phone numbers provide an essential way for the College to communicate. Please make sure to keep your details up to date. Any changes to contact details can be emailed to Ms Jo-Anne Barden in Student Services ([Jo-Anne.Barden@cewa.edu.au](mailto:Jo-Anne.Barden@cewa.edu.au)).
- Breakfast Club is available to all students between 7:30am and 8:35am Monday to Friday during the term in the CASS Kitchen. *Breakfast Club will open for 2020 on Tues 4 February.*
- Homework Hubs with staff available to assist students with school and homework operate afterschool during the term. Further details will be available in the College Fortnightly Newsletter.
- The 2020 Parent & Student Handbook, which was distributed to students at the Year 7 2020 Orientation Day in October, contains useful information on the day-to-day operations of the College.

I hope that the upcoming holiday period is safe and enjoyable for you and your family. We as a staff are certainly looking forward to working with you and your child in 2020. We will do all that we can to ensure that your child has a successful and enjoyable first year of secondary education and the foundations are well established for their individual learning success.

Wishing you and your family a most joyous and blessed Christmas.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Ben Grose  
Dean of Students  
20 November 2019