

Dear Families

## **SECONDARY SCHOOL – 2022 INFO**

### **Secondary Leadership**

Some exciting news as we seek to raise the level of support for our students, both in academics and behaviour is the appointment of two new leadership roles for 2022.

It is with great joy that we welcome Mr. Aaron Maidment who will be joining us from Victoria as our new Assistant Principal. We are also excited to welcome Mrs. Corline Esterhuizen who will be heading up our education support team. Both come with a wealth of experience in school leadership and in caring for students in their academic journey.

### **Secondary Leadership Team (*current as of December, 2021*)**

**School Principal:** Joel van Bentum

**Assistant Principal:** Aaron Maidment

**NTCC Assistant Principal (Years 10-12 over NTCC Campuses):** Rebecca Dimmick

**Inclusion Support Coordinator:** Corline Esterhuizen

**Teaching and Learning Coordinator:** Chris Garner

**Boarding Manager:** Louise Human

**Year Level Coordinators:** To be confirmed

Below is some information that will help with your preparation for 2022. Please read it through carefully.

### **First day of school 2022**

Monday January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 is our first day back. Below is further information about what to bring on Day One!

### **Class lists for 2022**

Secondary Class Lists will be posted on the windows of the Front Office in the week before school goes back. You will receive notification when they are available to view.

### **College uniforms**

The Cricket and Football Shop will be selling uniforms including school hats. Please remember when purchasing shoes, that school shoes must be ALL black with no white, pink etc. Laces must be black. Socks need to be visibly white above the shoe line. The sports uniform can be worn with sports runners or joggers.



The College uniform policy is available on the website if you are unsure of any requirements <https://www.mcc.nt.edu.au/> (under the 'Enrolment' tab).

ALL Secondary students are required to wear the Secondary bucket hat. Students without a hat will not be permitted to play in the sun and this significantly impacts their ability to participate in fitness and PE.

### **Our Values**

From the moment each child steps into Marrara, regardless of what year they begin their journey, they are welcomed into our family. Each classroom and cohort becomes a place of belonging and every child has a place to grow in their learning and faith.

Faith is fostered as students grow in their identity and learn about God and his great love for each person.

### **Character & Expectations**

Character formation throughout the College is cultivated through our RiSe CoDe: **Right Choices, Service, Compassion and Dedication**. Students are continuously encouraged to develop their leadership skills through various activities, camps and special events. It is our desire to see students flourish into the person God has created them to be.

In the Middle School, we also have a strong emphasis on our 4 expectations: **Respect, Responsibility, Maximising Learning and Kindness**.

### **What to bring on the first day**

- School bag
- Recess and Lunch food
- A refillable drink bottle - this is really important as we often have students developing headaches as a result of not drinking enough during the day. It also helps with ensuring students are not needing to leave the classroom frequently for drink breaks.
- School bucket hat
- All required exercise/workbooks will be provided for students in Years 7-12 in a book pack.
- Years 7-12 are required to bring their own stationery and to replace or replenish their supplies from home whenever necessary. This is really important as we build and foster responsibility as students grow older.

We ask that each student is equipped with the following supplies at the beginning of the year:

- 2 Blue Pens
- 2 Black Pens
- 2 Red Pens
- 2 Grey Lead Pencils
- Glue Stick
- Eraser
- Pencil Sharpener
- Ruler (not metal)
- Pencil case, clearly named

## **Volunteering**

If you are wishing to be involved during the year (for example on an excursion, camp or sports carnival day), you need to apply for a volunteer level Working with Children Card (Ochre card). These forms are available on-line at [www.workingwithchildren.nt.gov.au](http://www.workingwithchildren.nt.gov.au). To assist us in keeping our parent volunteer register up to date, please send a copy of your current Ochre Card to school to place into our records.

Volunteers working with children are also currently required to be double vaccinated, as per the mandate at <https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/business-and-work/mandatory-vaccinations> and will need to show evidence of this before volunteering.

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to email [chris.garner@ntschoools.net](mailto:chris.garner@ntschoools.net) or [admin.mcc@ntschoools.net](mailto:admin.mcc@ntschoools.net) and we will attempt to get back to you as soon as we are able. The office will be open from 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2022.

We wish all our families a very safe and relaxing holiday together. We give thanks for the hope and faith we have in Jesus and that we can be reminded of this truth at this time of year.

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