

Dear families

PRIMARY NEWS 2022

We welcome Brittany Haythornthwaite who will be joining us from Western Australia. Brittany is a passionate, enthusiastic teacher who loves teaching and can't wait to start a new adventure in Darwin. She has been teaching for a number of years in a Christian school south of Perth and will join us in the Year 3/4 area of our College.

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

First day of school 2022

Monday January 31st is our first day back. Below is further information about what to bring Day One!

Class lists for 2022

Primary Class Lists will be posted on the windows of the front office 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 College uniform policy is available on the website if you are unsure of any requirements.

ALL Primary students are required to wear the MCC 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.

Transition students 2022

To help our students ease into full-time schooling, Fridays for the first five weeks will be a rest day for Transition students. Starting school for the first time, together with hot and humid weather at this time of the year is exhausting, so we encourage parents to keep their children home on these Fridays to help them rest. Supervision will still be provided on these days should your child come to school, however they will be structured as a play day with frequent rests.

Primary Teaching Team (current as at December, 2021)

Lower Primary: Chrissa Skandaliaris, Megan Lindsay (Lower Primary Coordinator), James Hughes, Serina Henderson

Upper Primary: Brittany Haythornthwaite, Mable Ninan, Kirsty Savage (Upper Primary Coordinator), Nicole Marsh, Joanne Hardy, David Parkin

Education Support Aides: Karen Buchanan, Erin Roland, Lavender Htoo

Cry or cheer morning tea

Saying goodbye to your little ones on the first day can be both exciting and a little overwhelming. We encourage you to stay with your child until the teacher gathers them



together and then please join us for morning tea in the staff room. It's a lovely way to meet other parents as well. Even if there are some tears, children are usually fine once they are into the swing of the day.

What to bring on your first day

ALL STUDENTS: (please make sure all your items are labelled!)

School bag

Lunch

A drink bottle that can be refilled- this is really important as we often have students developing headaches as a result of not drinking enough during the day. A tea towel or drink holder can be used to absorb condensation and keep it cool.

School bucket hat

Year 3-6: A pencil case with the below stationery

T-2: All required stationery will be provided for students in Transition to Year 2.

Years 3-6 are also required to bring some of their own stationery. This is really important as we build and foster responsibility as students grow older. Please send the below items with your child on the first day of school and your child's classroom teacher will store these in individual, labelled zip-lock bags. Although we expect these supplies to last for most of the year, every student uses their resources differently. As your child begins to get low on supplies, an email will be sent home to you to replenish their supply. Stationery can be purchased at the back to school sales!

(PLEASE ENSURE EVERYTHING IS LABELLED!)

Year 3	Year 4	Years 5 and Year 6
10 HB lead pencils	10 HB lead pencils	10 HB lead pencils
2 red pens	2 blue pens	4 blue pens
2 erasers	2 red pens	2 red pens
1 barrel sharpener	2 erasers	2 erasers
1 scissors	1 barrel sharpener	1 barrel sharpener
1 pack colouring pencils	1 scissors	1 scissors
1 pack textas	1 pack colouring pencils	1 pack colouring pencils
8 glue sticks (size 20g-40g)	1 pack textas	1 pack textas
Plastic ruler	8 glue sticks (size: 20-40g)	6 glue sticks (size: 20-40g)
1 USB	plastic ruler	plastic ruler
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If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to email joanne.hardy@ntschoools.net or admin.mcc@ntschoools.net and we will attempt to get back to you as soon as we are able to. The office will be open from 17th 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. From our College family to yours, we wish you a wonderful Christmas.

Joanne Hardy
Primary Coordinator
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