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EDUCATING IN THE  
MARIST TRADITION

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# Year 7 Transition 2025

Supporting parents and guardians in their  
child's transition to secondary education.

Challenge — Collaborate — Create — Celebrate

# OVERVIEW

Moving from primary school to secondary school is a significant transition period for a young person. This transition involves new peers, a new environment, various teachers, new subjects and different expectations. It is normal for you and your child to feel nervous about this transition to secondary school and to also have many questions along the way.

Newman College acknowledges this significant transition period, facilitating a program which provides our students moving into secondary school with various and intentional touch points in the lead-up to and at the commencement of their secondary schooling journey. These touch points include:

- Parent Information Evening
- Student Orientation Day
- Secondary Campus Experience
- Tech Set-up Sessions
- Year 7 Connection and Communication Day
- Year 7 Transition Program
- Year 7 Camp

## Parent Information Evening

As parents and guardians of our Year 7 2025 students, you are invited to attend our Parent Information Evening. You will be introduced to the College Principal, Mr Andrew Watson, who will share the story of St Marcellin Champagnat and the Marist characteristics with our families, particularly those whom are new to the secondary campus. Additionally, our College Principal will share the College's Vision for Mission, Vision for Learning and Vision for Wellbeing.

The purpose of the Parent Information Evening is to allow you to meet members of the College Executive Team. You will gain an insight into life at Newman College and what to expect as you and your child begin to immerse yourselves in Newman College's comprehensive transition program.





## Student Orientation Day – Monday 7 October 2024

The first experience on our Marcellin campus for our incoming students is purposefully scheduled on a professional learning day for teachers, when there are no students around. We realise that first days can be daunting and therefore we endeavour to reduce the amount of traffic on the campus on their first day. The purpose of the Student Orientation Day is for students to:

- Get to know other students in their Guild (which is also their Pastoral Care Group),
- Immerse themselves in the various subjects on offer in secondary school,
- Begin to navigate the Marcellin campus,
- Meet some of the staff that they will connect with in the following year, and
- Work with Peer Support Mentors who will provide guidance on the Orientation Day.

Each student is allocated a Guild and this Guild forms their Pastoral Care Group. Students will have Pastoral Care time each day and will have a Pastoral Care Group teacher. The Pastoral Care Group teacher is your first point of contact when any concerns arise that may have an impact upon your child's learning, wellbeing or engagement.



# YEAR 7 ORIENTATION DAY - MONDAY 7 OCTOBER



## Year 7 Orientation Day

	Brigid	Camara	Catherine	Chisholm
8.45-9.00	Students are to sign in at the tables in front of the main building.			
9.00-9.15	Students are to meet with Mr Watson (College Principal) in the main building.			
9.15-9.45	Team-Building Activity S11	Team-Building Activity S12	Team-Building Activity S13	Team-Building Activity S14
9.50-10.15	Italian T15	Japanese T13	Religion B11	Religion B12
10.20-10.45	Dance Dance Studio	Drama EG4	Italian T15	Japanese T13
10.45-11.05	Break			
11.10-11.35	Woodwork TG4	Visual Art BG1	Dance Dance Studio	Drama EG4
11.40-12.05	Music EG1	Food TG3	Woodwork TG4	Visual Art BG1
12.10-12.35	English NG.1	Humanities JHN2.4	Music EG1	Food TG3
12.35-1.15	Break			
1.20-1.45	Maths S11	Science S26	English NG.1	Humanities JHN2.4
1.50-2.15	Religion B11	Religion B12	Maths S11	Science S26
2.20-2.45	Cohort Challenge			
2.50-3.15	Reflection Activity S11	Reflection Activity S12	Reflection Activity S13	Reflection Activity S14

Challenge – Collaborative

# Monday 7 October



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Founders Court, collect a name tag and wait by their Guild flag.

enter the Chapel one Guild at a time.  
 ) and (Leader of Wellbeing) will speak to the cohort.

Building Activity S14	Team-Building Activity S15	Team-Building Activity S16	Team-Building Activity S17	Team-Building Activity JHN2.6
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od S13	Woodwork TG4	Visual Art BG1	Dance Dance Studio	Drama EG4

Lunch

inities S12.4	Music EG1	Food TG3	Woodwork TG4	Visual Art BG1
nce S16	English NG.1	Humanities JHN2.4	Music EG1	Food TG3

Challenge in the Gym - Health and PE

n Activity S14	Reflection Activity S15	Reflection Activity S16	Reflection Activity S17	Reflection Activity JHN2.6
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# TECH SET-UP SESSIONS – TERM 4 2024

Newman College has a BYODD (bring your own designated device) program. You will need to purchase a device for your child's education. Newman College has a partnership with Winthrop Australia to provide an educational bundle for all our students in Years 7-12.

**BYODD bundles** - <https://bit.ly/4fWylpg>

Please note: The three-year Microsoft Educational ADP warranty is only available for devices purchased via the Winthrop portal.

It is important that all Year 7 students have turned on their devices and have the necessary programs installed prior to their first official day, on Thursday 30 January 2025. You are asked to book a 15-minute session for your child using the BookIt system to visit the College and meet with a member of the ICT team. At the scheduled time, you and your child are to come to the College with the new device. You will meet with a member of our ICT team to set-up your child's device for use at Newman College. Times on offer via our BookIt system include:

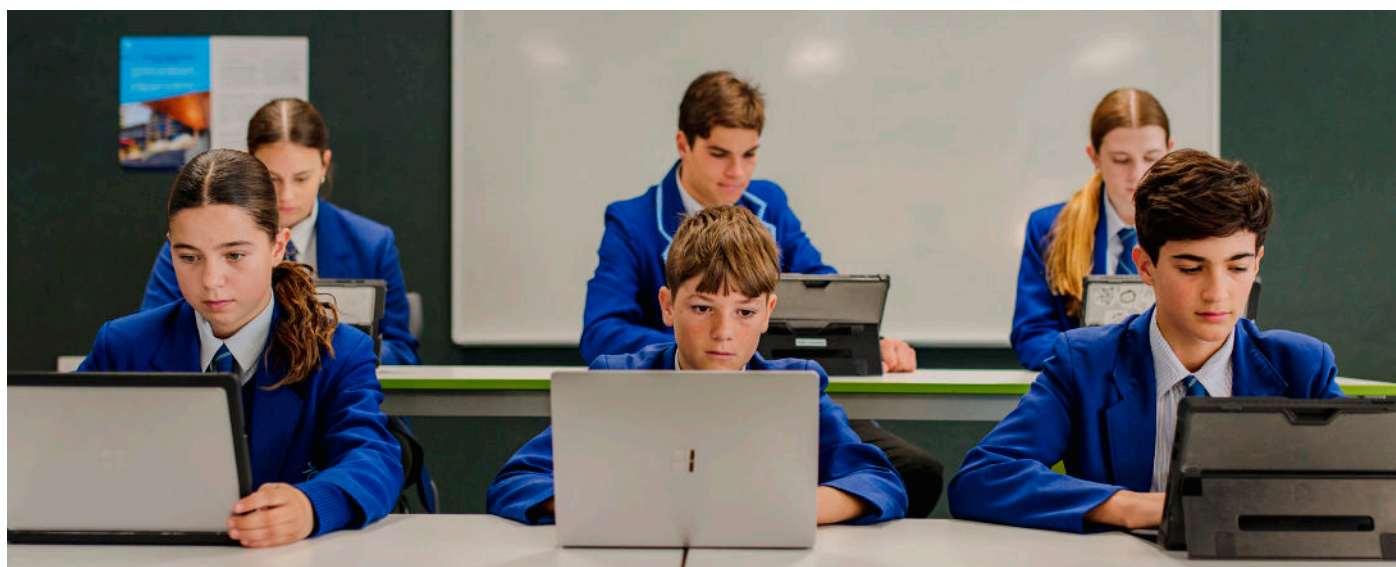
- **Term 4:**
  - Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3.00pm-4.00pm.
- **Wednesday 15 January - Wednesday 29 January 2025:**
  - Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays between 9.00am - 11.30am and 1.00pm - 3.00pm.

It is **vital** that your child's laptop is ready **before** attending your selected meeting time by:

- [Engaging in the out-of-box-experience \(OOBE\)](#), and
- Installing Office 365.

A step-by-step guide has been prepared by our ICT team to support you and your child with this process at home, which can be accessed by clicking the links above.

If you have any questions in the interim, please contact Mr Daniel Bothma: [daniel.bothma@newman.wa.edu.au](mailto:daniel.bothma@newman.wa.edu.au)



# CONNECTION & COMMUNICATION DAY

The first official day of Year 7 will be Thursday 30 January 2025. The only other students on campus will be our Year 12 cohort and a small group of new Year 8-11 students for the morning. Students will be in their Guilds for this day. Peer Support Mentors will support activities and break times.

Their first official day of Year 7 is called Connection and Communication Day. The purpose of the day is to promote connection and set our Year 7 students up for success. On their first day, our Year 7 2025 students will:

- Develop their understanding of the Whadjuk people - the Indigenous owners of the land that Newman College is on - along with the design of Founders' Court.

- Spend more time getting to know the Peer Support Mentors and their PCG teacher.
- Be allocated their own locker and learn how to use a combination lock.
- Be able to locate their PCG room.
- Have their individual photo taken in preparation for receiving their Smartrider.
- Engage in Team Building activities with students in their Guild.
- Develop an understanding of their own Guild and meet with their Guild Coordinator.
- Navigate the College grounds by participating in a student-designed Scavenger Hunt.

NEWMAN COLLEGE A MEMBER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WEST AUSTRALIA		Connection - Thursday 30 January							Shine through Discovery
	Brigid	Camara	Catherine	Chisholm	Mackillop	Marcellin	Romero	Thomas More	
8.50-9.05	Meet Peer Support Mentors and PCG teachers at Guild flags in Founders Court. Move to PCG rooms and place belongings in PCG room. Return to Founders Court and sit on central grass area.								
9.05-9.55	Welcome to Country - Indigenous Speaker History of Founders Court Indigenous activity								
9.55-10.45	Photos Auditorium Lockers and Locks S11	Lockers and Locks S12 Photos Auditorium	Team Building Activities Exam Centre	Team Building Activities Gym	Scavenger Hunt Start in S15	Scavenger Hunt Start in S16	Guild Exploration Activity with Guild Coordinator S17	Guild Exploration Activity with Guild Coordinator JHN2.6	
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2.25-3.00	Final Activity								

# YEAR 7 TRANSITION PROGRAM



Following their first official day, our Year 7 students will embark upon a 6-day transition program. The purpose of this 6-day transition program is to provide our students with the best opportunity to successfully navigate their transition to secondary school. Over the six days, our Year 7 students will attend their Term One Electives, their Language Elective and their PCG. All other classes will commence in Week 3.

Our Year 7 students will engage in the following activities and sessions:

- Reading a secondary timetable and using a College diary.
- Introduction to Homework Club and our Secondary Library.
- Writing a letter to themselves that will be read when they graduate.
- Introduction or review of Zones of Regulation.
- Introduction to Mass at Newman College and Champagnat Chapel expectations.
- Whole cohort mass.
- Learning about the Marist Characteristics.
- Introduction to Wellbeing Support Services and some strategies for their wellbeing toolkit.
- Introduction to the Newman Norms.
- Introduction to the Assessment Policy.
- Homework Expectations and Study Environments.
- Development of organisational skills.
- Academic testing: PAT-R, PAT-M and PAT-Spelling.
- Camp preparation and information.
- Introductory PE lessons with PE staff.
- Swimming in PE lessons and changing for PE classes.
- Swimming Time Trials.
- Windows Navigation and Microsoft Office Apps - Word, Outlook, OneNote.



# YEAR 7 CAMP

Our Year 7 Camp is scheduled for Monday 10 - Wednesday 12 February 2025 at Ern Halliday Recreation Camp in Hillarys.

The purpose of this camp is to build and develop more friendships with other students in the Year 7 cohort and to also get to know the staff who will be working closely with our Class of 2030.

Students will be divided into twelve groups and will engage in numerous activities such as: Crate Climbing, Flying Fox, Rock Climbing, Archery, Caving, Lost Pilot, Team Building, Paddling and Surf Lifesaving.

Our Year 7 Camp uses the model "challenge by choice" in which students decide on their own level of participation and engagement in activities, supported by a Newman College staff member, Ern Halliday staff and their peers.

As this camp is quite early in the year, it is important that any medical documentation is up to date.

Further details will be shared with you later in 2024.



# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR YEAR 7 FAMILIES

## **Guild Allocation**

The Guild system plays an important part in the overall pastoral care program at Newman College. Students will be allocated to a Guild prior to the Student Orientation Day and you will be notified of this placement. Siblings of students currently attending the College will be placed in the same Guild.

## **Uniform Fittings**

The Uniform Shop will be scheduling specific opening times for uniform fittings and purchases. Dates will be confirmed once the Guild allocation is complete. Appointments for fittings are required and will need to be made through Microsoft Bookings. You will receive an email later in the year with information on how to make these bookings.

## **Language Selection**

It is compulsory for students to study a language in Years 7 and 8, with the College offering Italian or Japanese. The process for selecting your child's language for 2025 will be completed through SSO (Subject Selection Online). Further information and instructions will be emailed. Please note: SSO can only accommodate one parent email address, therefore, the email will be sent to the mother of each incoming student, unless our records indicate the student lives with their father.

## **Instrumental Music Program**

Newman College offers a Co-curricular Instrumental Music Program for all students. If you would like your child to learn an instrument/voice, please complete the online application form by Friday 29 November 2024. [Instrumental Music Program Application](#)

Lesson charges are additional to school fees. Lessons will be scheduled during the normal school day and, where possible, will be on a rotating timetable.

Please direct any queries to Aleisha Dows, Arts Administrator, [Aleisha.Dows@newman.wa.edu.au](mailto:Aleisha.Dows@newman.wa.edu.au)

## **SIP (Special Instrumental Program)**

The Year 7 Special Instrumental Program is being offered to students who show musical potential on a chosen instrument. Entry is based on results from a musical aptitude test and a reference from the current Year 6 teacher. If selected, students will be given the opportunity to learn a band instrument, or voice, for free through the program.

[SIP Instrumental Program](#)





# HELPFUL CONTACT DETAILS

Below is a list of names, roles and contact details of staff at Newman College who can provide support, particularly during this transition process. For any queries not listed here, please contact Ms Jo Dunn: [registrar@newman.wa.edu.au](mailto:registrar@newman.wa.edu.au)

Name	Role	Reasons to contact this person	Email Address
Ms Jo Dunn	College Registrar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enrolment queries</li> <li>Guild allocation</li> <li>Transition program queries</li> </ul>	<a href="mailto:registrar@newman.wa.edu.au">registrar@newman.wa.edu.au</a>
Mr Daniel Bothma	ICT Supervisor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BYODD queries</li> <li>Out-of-box-experience</li> <li>Office 365</li> </ul>	<a href="mailto:daniel.bothma@newman.wa.edu.au">daniel.bothma@newman.wa.edu.au</a>
Mrs Diana Potter	Uniform Shop Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uniform requirement and bookings</li> </ul>	<a href="mailto:diana.potter@newman.wa.edu.au">diana.potter@newman.wa.edu.au</a>
Mrs Aleisha Dows	Arts Administrator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Special Instrumental Program enquiries</li> <li>Private lesson enquiries/information</li> </ul>	<a href="mailto:aleisha.dows@newman.wa.edu.au">aleisha.dows@newman.wa.edu.au</a>
Mrs Sarah Pagett	Leader of Support and Pedagogy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implementation of Curriculum Adjustment Plans (CAPs) or Individualised Education Programs (IEPs)</li> <li>Documentation from external providers</li> </ul>	<a href="mailto:sarah.pagett@newman.wa.edu.au">sarah.pagett@newman.wa.edu.au</a>
Mrs Antonia Johnstone	Leader of Education Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engagement with Education Support Centre</li> <li>Implementation of IEPs</li> </ul>	<a href="mailto:antonia.johnstone@newman.wa.edu.au">antonia.johnstone@newman.wa.edu.au</a>
Mrs Flora Hughes	Student Data Administrator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SEQTA Access and Login Details</li> <li>Reporting information</li> </ul>	<a href="mailto:flora.hughes@newman.wa.edu.au">flora.hughes@newman.wa.edu.au</a>
Mrs Sarah Ellam	Deputy Principal Secondary (Acting)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pastoral care or wellbeing concerns</li> </ul>	<a href="mailto:sarah.ellam@newman.wa.edu.au">sarah.ellam@newman.wa.edu.au</a>
Mrs Beth Murphy	Deputy Principal Teaching and Learning (PK-12)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Curriculum on offer</li> <li>Homework club</li> <li>Assessments and testing</li> </ul>	<a href="mailto:beth.murphy@newman.wa.edu.au">beth.murphy@newman.wa.edu.au</a>



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