



23 April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for enrolling your child in Year 7 2025 at St Columba's College. We feel sure that next year will mark the beginning of a very rewarding educational experience for your child.

At St Columba's College, we are keen to provide our students (and their parents/carers) with a smooth transition from primary to secondary school. The following presents an outline of the transition activities and tasks that Year 7 2025 parents/carers and students need to engage with in the coming months. Key dates are summarised in the following table:

Task	Date(s)	Location(s)/Other
Intake Testing	Saturday, 25 May 2024	St Columba's College MPC 8:30am – 12:30pm
Parent and Student Information Night - Including Language Exposure	Monday, 5 August 2024	St Columba's College Multi-Purpose Centre (MPC) 7:00pm - 8:30pm
Language Selection	Tuesday, 6 August – Friday, 23 August 2024	Year 7 2025 Information Website
Laptop Purchase and Agreement Form	Due Friday, 23 August 2024	Refer to link Year 7 2025 Parent Information communication
College Uniform	September/October 2024	Noone – 541 Keilor Road, Niddrie
Orientation Day	Monday, 9 December 2024	St Columba's College MPC
Performing Arts Enrolment (Optional)	Term 4 2024 onwards	The information booklets & forms will be accessible via the College website

INTAKE TESTING

St Columba's College conducts this testing session to gain an understanding of the incoming Year 7 students' abilities in Literacy, Numeracy and general learning skills. St Columba's teachers are provided with this information to assist them to support and/or extend the students they teach and inform curriculum planning and development. You will receive the results of this testing early in 2025.

The testing will occur on **Saturday, 25 May 2024** at St Columba's College commencing at 8:45am and concluding at 12:30pm. Students should arrive no later than 8:30am. Students will be supervised by Academic Assessment Service staff as well as College staff. The testing session is approximately 3 hours with a 20-minute break. It is expected all students will attend the testing session. We ask that students bring a **blue or black pen, a snack, a water bottle and any medication** that may need to be taken. This includes an EpiPen or asthma medication.

Arrangements for Year 7 2025 Intake Testing

- Students to arrive at the Leslie Road entrance between 8:10am and 8:25am and will be directed to Gayip-biik to have their name checked off
- Students can wear casual clothes. Warm clothes are recommended
- Students are to bring their own snacks and water and have them clearly labelled with names
- We ask that parents/carers have your phones accessible during the testing time in the event that contact is needed.

We ask that you communicate with us prior to the day if you are concerned about your child's attendance or specific learning needs. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Mr Brad Taylor, Performance and Development Leader, on 9331 9464.

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT (PIN) TRANSITION AND LANGUAGES EXPOSURE EVENING

Parents/carers and students are asked to attend the Parent Information Night on Monday, 5 August 2024 at the College at 7:00pm. The Parent Information Night is a great opportunity for new parents/carers to obtain an overview of the transition program. It will outline what the College does to assist students in their transition as well as information about what to expect in Year 7. It is also a chance for parents/carers to ask questions and plan for the coming year.

At 7:15pm, the students will move to the Slater Learning Space where they will rotate through three short language lessons; Italian, Japanese and French. These sessions will be run by the St Columba's College Language teachers who will provide your child with the opportunity to experience a taster class. The purpose of the evening is for students to gain an insight into the French, Italian and Japanese curriculum to assist them with their decision-making process.

Light refreshments representing the French, Italian and Japanese cultures will be served and the evening will conclude at 8:30pm.

LANGUAGES SELECTION

Students are asked to decide on a first, second and third preference for the language that will be studied by your child until the end of Year 9. Students can choose from Japanese, French and Italian. Year 7 Language selection is completed online through the [St Columba's College - Year 7 2025](#) website. The Language selection form will be active from **Tuesday 6 August** until Friday, 23 August 2024. Any student who has not lodged a preference by the closing date, will be allocated to a language.

LAPTOP PROGRAM

All St Columba's College students are required to use a College provided laptop as their learning device. Incoming Year 7 students will be required to purchase a College provided laptop for use within the learning program. Please see below the St Columba's College Laptop Program Handbook that has been prepared to support the compulsory program, together with a Laptop Purchase & Agreement form. Please complete this form by Friday, 23 August 2024.

PERFORMING ARTS CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAM

The College offers a wide range of activities as part of the Performing Arts Co-curricular Program. Information regarding Private Music, Dance, Speech and Drama classes can be found in the Performing Arts information booklets. You will receive an email in Term 4 with a link to access this information and the relevant forms. To enrol your child in one or more of these classes, please complete and return the forms on or before Orientation Day on Monday, 9 December 2024.

YEAR 7 MUSIC CURRICULUM

All students will learn a musical instrument as part of their Music classes. The Year 7 Music Curriculum is designed to engage students in a practical and authentic learning experience through the study of an orchestral instrument. Students receive small group tuition from specialist instrumental staff and participate in Junior Performing Arts concerts towards the end of each semester. Students will have an opportunity to submit instrument preferences in December, prior to Orientation Day.

COLLEGE UNIFORM

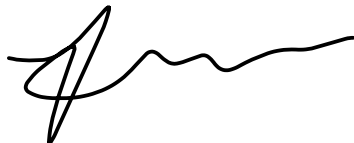
The St Columba's College Academic and Sports uniform is supplied by Noone, located at 541 Keilor Road, Niddrie. In September you will be provided with more details regarding booking an appointment time for a fitting. The uniform price list and instructions on how to book a uniform fitting will be uploaded to the [St Columba's College - Year 7 2025](#) website. For further information regarding the College uniform, you can contact Noone at their email address, sales@noone.com.au, or by phone on 9379 5037.

ORIENTATION DAY

This year Orientation Day will take place on Monday, 9 December 2024. Further information will be sent in Term 4 about the arrangements for this day.

If you have any queries regarding the above information, please contact me on 9331 9128 or registrar@columba.vic.edu.au.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Tammy Colson
College Registrar