Gosford High School

August 2021

Dear Year 7 student and family,

Congratulations on your enrolment into Gosford Selective High School. Gosford is a coeducational academically selective high school. Gosford High School prides itself on its ability to enrich the development of gifted and talented young people through offering a diverse and supportive learning environment.

As a student at Gosford High School you will be offered unique opportunities within each of the content areas. You will find yourself extended and challenged across each of your subjects. The educational environment we provide is designed to equip students with the skills to continually build on their learning; to constantly look for opportunities for further improvement and growth, and be critical and creative thinkers in all that they do.

As a selective high school, Gosford High School supports students to achieve outstanding academic results whilst recognising the importance of developing the whole individual. Through co-curricular activities students are encouraged to become involved in the culture and the directions of the school. Whether students are interested in the arts, student leadership, sport or mentoring there are numerous ways to enhance your time at Gosford. For many of our alumni, it is these experiences that provide the fondest memories of their time at Gosford High School.

The staff at Gosford High School are experts in their field with a passion for education. They provide students with challenging and engaging learning activities both in and out of the classroom and have an excellent understanding of the unique nature provided by the selective school educational environment. The teaching staff and wellbeing team support students and ensure that every student is known, valued and cared for whilst being part of our school.

Gosford High School is very fortunate to have a strong and committed Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) who provide additional resources to complement student learning. The P&C provide a valuable contribution to the school and new members are always welcome.

I look forward to supporting you as a student of Gosford High School.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Smith
Principal

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Dear Parents/Caregiver,

Congratulations on your child's placement at Gosford High School. We would like to welcome you to our educational community. Over the next six months an adventure begins as your child transitions to high school.

Students moving through high school are very different from any generation of students we have taught previously. It is our collective responsibility to assist our young adolescent learners to manage the complex changes and challenges they are experiencing in a fast paced global community. For many students the transition from primary to secondary school can be exciting and smooth sailing and for others it can be a time of apprehension and anxiety.

Gifted and talented students need to develop a positive sense of self and a deep respect for others. We need to understand and adapt the ways in which we teach, guide, encourage and relate to our students within the context of our growing knowledge about how they think, develop and learn.

Soon you will hear about our specialist programs such as Enrichment in Year 7 where students in the classroom seek challenge and engagement. A hands-on innovative approach with the opportunity for students to have a say in what they learn, how they learn and how they will be assessed. Students enjoy working cooperatively with their peers yet also like working independently on individual research and projects.

We also acknowledge the significant change for parents as their children transition to high school. Even if this is your first or last child to arrive at high school every child's experience is unique. What is important is that we maintain and further develop ongoing communication and positive partnerships between parents and the school. At a time when some students embrace increasing autonomy and the possible disconnect between home and school, we believe parental involvement should be encouraged and are committed to finding ways to promote genuine parental participation in student learning.

You will also be invited to Gosford High Schools **Year 7 Orientation Day for parents and students. Year 7 Orientation Day date will be confirmed via email at a later date**. At this stage it is scheduled for Tuesday 23rd November 2021 from 9:00am but may change depending on Covid restrictions.

Again, congratulations and welcome to Gosford High School.

Kind Regards,

The Transition Team

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Checklist

Checklist for Year 7 2022

☐ **Year 7 Orientation Day date will be confirmed via email at a later date**. At this stage it is scheduled for Tuesday 23rd November 2021 from 9:00am but may change depending on Covid restrictions.

The following forms need to be completed and posted to Gosford High School

Friday 10th September, 2021

☐ Completed Enrolment form.

☐ A copy of one of the following documents:
- Australian Birth Certificate
- Australian Citizenship Certificate, or
- Visa documents and passport.

☐ SRE (Special Religious Education) permission note

N.B: Please return all documents via mail in the envelope provided by Friday 10th September 2021.

NOTE: A postage stamp needs to be purchased for the envelope.

Thank you
Administration
Gosford High School

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Special Religious Education

A feature of the public education system in NSW is the opportunity to provide time in class for education in faith and morality from a religious or non-religious perspective at the choice of parents.

A parent/carer may at any time notify the school in writing that they wish to change their decision. Students will continue the same arrangement as the previous year, unless a parent/carer has requested a change in writing.

For more information about Special Religious Education (SRE) including the list of approved providers, please visit: SRE Religion and Ethics

Students not attending SRE are given supervised alternative meaningful activities.

The following options are available at Gosford High School. Please choose one SRE option:

- ☐ Option 1: Catholic Christian – provider – Our Lady of the Rosary
- ☐ Option 2: Non Catholic Christian – provider – C3 Church

OR

- ☐ Please check this box if you **DO NOT** wish for your child to attend SRE. Your child will participate in alternative meaningful activities.

Student Name: _____ _____ Year: _____
First Name *Surname*

Signature of Parent/Caregiver: _____ Date: _____

Yours sincerely

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Dear Parent/ Caregiver,

Please find enclosed an enrolment portfolio to prepare students and parents/caregivers for Year 7 at Gosford High School.

To confirm your child's enrolment at Gosford High School please complete **all** of the following:-

1. Complete/edit the enrolment form and sign page 13. Provide all relevant medical and supporting documents as listed below;

- **If your child has NO medical or allergic conditions please sign and date "MY CHILD DOES NOT HAVE ANY ALLERGIES OR MEDICAL CONDITIONS"** on page 11 of the enrolment form. However, if your child does please carefully read the following points.

- **Any student with Medical Conditions** listed on their enrolment form must provide a signed, current letter from their doctor outlining the Medical Condition and any medication required to be taken.

- **Any student with Allergies** listed on their enrolment form must provide an original, current 'Anaphylaxis Action Plan' or 'Allergic Reaction Action Plan' which has been completed during 2021 and signed by their doctor. Copies cannot be accepted.

3. Please ensure your email address on the enrolment form is correct as this is our preferred contact method. An email will be sent to all parents in October/November advising when it is time to apply for School Opal Cards for the 2022 school year. This email will also contain information regarding the Year 7 2022 school camp and school fees.

4. Please also provide a copy of one of the following documents:
- Australian Birth Certificate,
- Australian Citizenship Certificate, or
- Visa documents and Passport.

5. **Return by post by Friday 10th September**. A checklist (orange page) has been provided to ensure you are returning all the required documentation.

If you have any questions or require any additional information please email the school: gosford-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Yours sincerely
School Administrative Support Staff
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