

## **Orientation Information**

We welcome you to Mueller College in 2022. It will be a very exciting and challenging time as you settle into a new school, or maybe into school for the first time.

Mueller College is a ministry of Mueller Community Church and was established in 1990. It is part of the larger Mueller community which includes Peninsula Palms Retirement Village and Aged Care, AMOS (Australian Mission Outreach Support), Mueller College Early Learning Centre and the Outside of School Hours care facility.

It is a very exciting time for Mueller College with a number of major construction projects now completed and the facilities in full use. These include new Industrial Tech and Design studios as well as the Arts Cube, a modern space housing all Arts facilities in a dynamic learning environment. We have also completed a revamp of our existing drop off / pick up area and an extension to Wattle Road which has provided an additional drop off/pick up area and has done much to alleviate traffic congestion. We continue to make upgrades around the campus particularly around College Square which is now the central venue for students to meet, learn and celebrate success.

All of the developments at the College come from a clear vision to provide learning opportunities in a safe and supportive community, underpinned by the Gospel.

At Mueller College we believe all students want to learn, and all students want to belong. The College is therefore built on two pillars:

Teaching and Learning, and

Pastoral Care and community.

This is all built on a foundation of the Gospel which informs all we do.

In the context of these two pillars, here is an overall picture of how the College is structured:

**Head of College:** Paul Valesse

**Deputy Head of College:** Todd Langford

**Head of Primary:** Sarah Grady

**Head of Teaching and Learning:** Priscilla Walker

**Acting Prep Co-ordinator:** Melody Lean

**Early Years Co-ordinator:** Angela Langford

**Upper Primary Co-ordinator:** Chantel Jordaan

We also have Year Level Co-ordinators for Years 1-6 who are there to help with the day to day teaching program.

**Head of Secondary:** Ben Stiller

**Head of Teaching and Learning:** Adrien Bird

**Middle School Co-ordinator:** David French

**Senior School Co-ordinator:** Rachel Baker

We also have Year Level Co-ordinators for Years 7-12 who are there to help with the pastoral care needs of the students.

# Teaching and learning

## Secondary

Teachers and students are supported by Heads of Department who ensure that what is being taught is relevant, current and meets external requirements in the following areas:

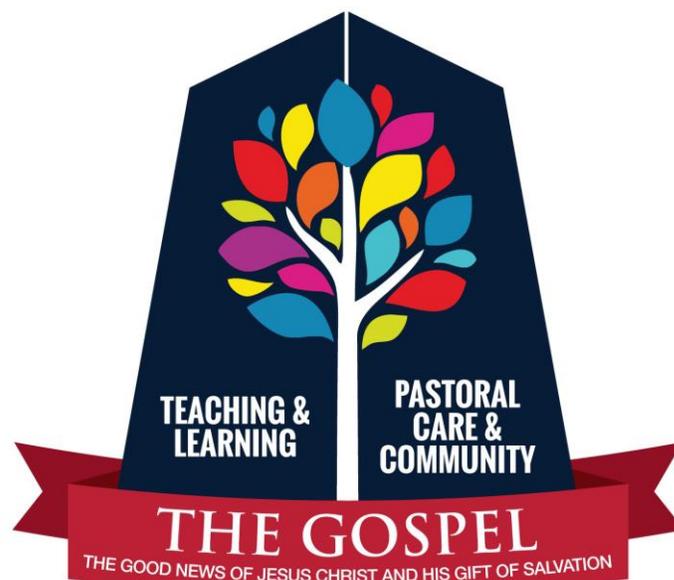
English, The Arts, Mathematics, Science, Humanities, Health and Physical Education, Christian Studies and Technology

## Primary

Teachers and students are supported by our Year Level Co-ordinators, Curriculum Co-ordinator, Prep, Early Years and Upper Primary Co-ordinators and Literacy, Numeracy and Pedagogy coaches.

## Learning Support

Our Future Pathways Department assists with work related life both during and after school, and our Learning Assistance Department provides support to students with particular needs.



# Pastoral Care and Community

## Primary and Secondary

Our Chaplains and Year Level Co-ordinators provide pastoral support to students. They will help with settling into the College, and come alongside students at any time they may need extra care.

## Health Centre

We have a registered nurse on site at all times during the school day for any health related issues or first aid for the students, or if they just need somewhere to go for some time out from the school day.

## Community Activities

We have a large number of activities to build community that happen throughout the year and during the week. These include:

### Fete

Our annual fete is a much loved event with its primary role being to build community. It is action packed with rides, food stalls, entertainment and topped off with an amazing fireworks display.

### You Belong week

A week of fun activities around the College building an atmosphere of acceptance and highlighting that every student has a place and is known and valued at Mueller College.



## **MegaChapel**

MegaChapel happens 3 times a year. As its name suggests, it is a mega sized chapel service where the entire College, students and parents, acknowledge and celebrate Christ's birth, death and resurrection, and acknowledge that Jesus Christ is at the centre of our College.



## **SL@M**

Student Life @ Mueller helps students learn to deal with life issues and challenges

### **Clubs and Groups**

There are a number of different groups and clubs run by the teachers, chaplains and senior students through the week that give students a place to belong, develop friendships across year levels and build confidence knowing they are a child of God, all while having heaps of fun.

### **Builder's Club**

Builder's club is a group for Primary boys who do not have a father figure in their life. The Senior School boys provide mentorship and friendship.

# Getting Ready for 2022

## Uniforms

New uniforms are available from School Locker in North Lakes. Good quality second hand uniforms can be purchased from The Mueller Shop which is open on Tuesday and Thursday mornings 8-11am during the school term. It will also be open in the week before the start of the first term on 17, 18 and 20 January 9am to 1pm.

Uniform standards need to be adhered to and details of the uniform policy can be found in the Parent handbook on [www.muellerconnect.com](http://www.muellerconnect.com)

## Books and Stationery

The 2022 Mueller Booklists are now available for ordering. We are using Impact School Supplies, who have a good reputation for service. Details and dates for ordering can be found on [www.muellerconnect.com](http://www.muellerconnect.com), as well as PDF's of each year's booklist. Look on the Community Tab under Handbooks and Documents (scroll down).



This is our weekly newsletter website and is updated every Wednesday during the term. It has all the news of what is happening around the campus, and also has copies of all of the College Handbooks as well as other helpful information such as uniforms, bus transport, flexischools etc. For any of these handbooks click on the Community Tab, and then look under Handbooks and Documents.

## What to do on Day 1

*Primary students* can go directly to their classrooms. You will be emailed details of which class your child is in, as well as a map. Simply head to the classroom to meet the teacher and help your child settle in. You are also welcome to come to Reception and will be shown to the classroom if you would prefer.

*Secondary students* should go to Student Services where they will be met by the Year Level Co-ordinator, given their timetable and will be introduced to students in their class who will help them settle in.

## **Where to get help**

Form teachers know their students best and can always be approached for help.

Our two chaplains Alan Kregenbrink and Naomi Kusic are always available to come alongside students to support them through difficult times.

The Registered Nurse on site in our Health Centre can be seen for any health management or first aid needs, and is also available for advice or help with any struggles.

Student Services is the place for day to day assistance and students can go there at any time. Student Services is also the place for all parents to sign in late students, or sign out students that may need to leave early.

## **Food**

In addition to students bringing their own food, we also have a tuckshop that provides nutritious hot and cold meals and snacks prepared in our Trade Skills kitchen. Free fruit is available every day from the tuckshop and students are encouraged to help themselves at morning tea and lunch time.

Online ordering can be done through the Flexischools program. This can be accessed through [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au). Prep food needs to be ordered, but Years 1-12 may buy food directly from the tuckshop.

We have a Breakfast Club which runs every morning from 7.45am and provides a free breakfast of cereal, toast and juice.

Our Hudson's Café is open for parents and staff between 8.30am and 3.30pm every day. It is staffed by our Trade school students and supplies hot and cold meals, coffee, tea and snacks. Year 12 students may be granted access to Hudson's.

## Technology

Prep to Year 4 – Students will use College iPads when required

Year 5 to 9 – Students will be issued with a College owned and managed iPad during the first week of school and returned at the end of the year.

Year 10 to 12 – Students are to bring their own device. These would usually be a Windows or Apple laptop.

## Camping Program

We run Year Level camps for Years 2 - 4 and Years 6 - 11, with our Grade 2's and 3's staying overnight at the College. The camps are great opportunities for students to bond with their cohort through fun, or sometimes challenging experiences. They are included in the curriculum and there is no additional charge for the year level camps.

## Behaviour Expectations

With our belief that all students want to learn, and all students want to belong, we strive to create a positive learning community. We expect students to show respect to our staff, volunteers and their peers and to care for others. They are expected to represent the College and its high standards of dress and behaviour at all times including travelling to and from school and when in public. Students are encouraged to participate in and contribute to the broader life of the College.



# Communication

There are a number of different means of communication used within the College:

## Communicating with a teacher

The first point of contact for parents is the classroom teacher. You are welcome to communicate with your child's teacher, with email generally being the most convenient. Teachers are only available for phone calls during non-teaching periods. Alternatively you may arrange a face to face meeting with them.

## Assessment Schedules for Years 7-12

At the beginning of each term, your child will be given an assessment schedule with detailed information on the type of assessment, as well as due dates for drafts, and the final assessment.

## Weekly Email and Mueller Connect

Each Wednesday an email is sent out with highlights of the week, and a reminder to visit [www.muellerconnect.com](http://www.muellerconnect.com) for the full weekly update from around the campus.

## SMS

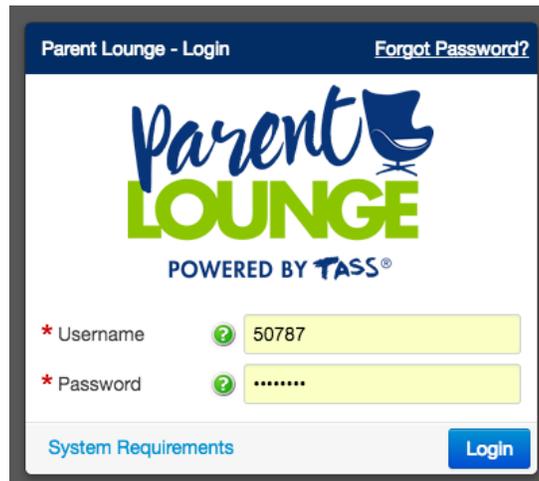
Should your child be absent from school, and you have not notified us of this, you will be sent an SMS asking to you to contact the College to confirm their absence.

## [www.facebook.com/muellercollege90](http://www.facebook.com/muellercollege90)

We communicate daily happenings at the College through Facebook.

This could include sport team successes, reminders of upcoming events, or as happened in the past, details on College closure due to a natural disaster.

<https://muellerhub.com/parentlounge>



Parent Lounge - Login [Forgot Password?](#)

**Parent LOUNGE**  
POWERED BY TASS®

\* Username

\* Password

[System Requirements](#)

You will gain access to Parent Lounge prior to the commencement of Term 1.

Parent Lounge will give you access to information specific to your child/ren. You will be able to access the contact details we have on record, and make changes to them. You will access your child's school report through Parent Lounge. You will give approval to excursions or camps, and make payments. You will also be able to access the school calendar, make appointments or email teachers and schedule the Parent Teacher interviews when applicable.

You will be mailed a printed school calendar during December. You will also be sent a first day checklist and printed copies of the information you will need to prepare for Day 1.

For Primary students, your new class details will be emailed to you in December. For Secondary students (excluding Year 7) you will receive your timetable and details of your form class on the first day of term.

Year 7 will receive class details at the Year 6 into 7 Gala Day.

## **2022 Term Dates**

**Term 1**      Monday 24 January - Friday 1 April

**Term 2**      Wednesday 20 April - Friday 24 June

**Term 3**      Wednesday 13 July - Friday 16 September

**Term 4**      Tuesday 4 October - Friday 25 November