

# TRANSITION INFORMATION

## Structure of the School Day

All Year 7, 8, and 9 students will study courses in Mathematics, English, Science, Humanities and Social, Sciences, Health and Physical Education, Technology and Enterprise and the Arts.

The school day will start for students at 8.50am and finish at 3.00pm. Each day will be made up of five teaching periods of 64 minutes duration.

### School Times

Period 0	8:00am to 8:50am
Period 1	8:50am to 9:54am
Period 2	9:54am to 10:58am
<b>Recess</b>	<b>10:58am to 11:20am</b>
Period 3	11:20am to 12:24pm
Period 4	12:24pm to 1:28pm
<b>Lunch</b>	<b>1:28pm to 1:56pm</b>
Period 5	1:56pm to 3:00pm
Period 6	3:00pm to 4:00pm

## School Buses

Transperth offers two bus routes for students, 390s and 391s. More information can be found under timetables at [www.transperth.wa.gov.au](http://www.transperth.wa.gov.au).

SmartRider cards are ordered through the college Reception in Term 1. The cards are used as a travel card for Transperth services, library card, concession card at various venues, student ID.

## Contribution and Charges

As per Government policy, all students are able to access an education programme that satisfies the requirements of the curriculum and is within the prescribed maximum voluntary contribution limit of \$235.

**The Contributions and Charges that parents pay is used by the school to fund the cost of materials and services directly used by students.** The success of our programs across all Learning Areas is directly related to the equipment and resources that we can afford to incorporate into the teaching and learning opportunities we provide. Specialised programs are high cost options and attract compulsory charges.

Payment plans are available should you wish to make such an arrangement. Please contact our Manager Corporate Services should you wish to organise a payment plan arrangement.

## Payments

Payments can be made over the phone, at the College in the Front Reception building only or via Direct Debit. Our bank details are provided below.

Name: Joseph Banks Secondary College

BSB: 066 158

ACC: 1032 55 53

Ref: Student full name and contact class

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## College Attendance

It is widely recognised that students need to attend school on a regular basis to gain the maximum benefit from schooling and in doing so optimise their life opportunities. It is also widely recognised that attendance problems are best managed by early identification and intervention. The School Education Act 1999 requires compulsory aged students, as defined in the Act, to attend school, or participate in an educational programme of a school, on the days on which the school is open for instruction unless an arrangement in writing has been entered into for a student.

At Joseph Banks Secondary College we recognise the strong link between student attendance and student achievement and are developing policies and processes to engage parents as partners in maximising student attendance and ensure that there is always timely communication to parents about their child's attendance.

## College Uniform

Wearing the college uniform plays an important part in establishing a positive community identity and contributes to the creation of an appropriate work ethic. Acceptance of enrolment at Joseph Banks Secondary College assumes an agreement between the parent/guardian and the enrolling student that the student will dress in accordance with the college's uniform policy at all times. Every student is expected to comply with the Student Dress Code (available on our website) in the same way that they are expected to comply with the rules relating to classroom behaviour, absences and so on.

The college uniform has been developed in consultation with the College Board and other members of the college community, including parents, students and school representatives.

## IT Helpdesk

An online Helpdesk is available on our website to all students and parents with I.T. issues. Every support request should be lodged through our Helpdesk and assigned a unique ticket number. Issues will be responded to within 48 hours between 8:00am and 4:00pm Monday to Friday.

## Mobile Phone Policy

In 2019, the State Government announced a new Student Mobile phones in Public Schools policy to take effect from the start of Term 1, 2021. The policy requires all public schools to implement a ban on the use of mobile phones for all students from the time they arrive at school to the end of the school day. This extends to the use of smart watches which need to be on airplane mode during this period. The policy aims to reduce distractions in class and improve student engagement.

In the policy, secondary students are allowed to have their phones in their possession, but must turn them off and keep them out of sight until the end of school. Exceptions are allowed for students who have approval from the College to use a phone to monitor health conditions, or where teachers give students permission to use mobile phones for a specific purpose.

If your child needs to contact you, they can do so through their Learning Community or College Reception. Likewise, if you need to get a message to your child, you can call the College.

