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Developments

The beginning of 2018 brings with it many exciting new developments.

The area behind the Junior Primary classrooms is being grassed to provide an extra play space for our youngest students.



This is the first of the four new Junior Primary sized toilets being delivered. These will be installed in the undercover area, making them conveniently located for our Junior Primary students to use.

Missions

2018 is an exciting year for missions. In a few short weeks, the first Middle School Missions Trip will leave to the centre of Australia. Students will spend time visiting remote communities and sharing their faith. At the end of Term 2, we have our first student going to Kenya for a life changing experience. In October, we have a group going to the Philippines.

In Term 3, Hope Christian College is having a Missions Celebration night where you can express interest for the 2019 trips, hear from people who have been, and have a traditional African, Filipino or Aboriginal meal.

Year 9 and 10 students are going to have a chance to sign up for the Kenya trip later this term. If your child is interested, please contact me.

Mission Wednesday is back- this is where you can donate \$1 to the class mission jar and together we can make a difference.

If you have any questions, or would like any information about the mission trips, please email me at megan.callan@hopecc.sa.edu.au

Megan Callan (Missions Coordinator)



A Few Start of the Year Reminders...

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16 NKJV)

At Hope Christian College “we aim to develop the whole child in a caring and nurturing environment in the knowledge of the Gospel of Jesus Christ”. Part of this is helping the youngsters God has placed in our care to see the importance of developing certain life skills which are essential for their future: health and hygiene, respectfully complying with expectations such as uniform and grooming standards, punctuality, time management, personal organisation, polite and respectful relationships, etc.

Below are a few reminders at this time of the year to help keep everyone safe, well presented, well behaved and able to achieve and maintain high standards of work.

SAFETY when arriving and departing the College Pedestrians (Adults and students)

- Use the crossing, do not cut across at an angle.
- Walk, don't run.
- Only cross on the green man, not on the red flashing.
- When arriving, please use the drive through 'kiss and drop' crossing and the crossing inside the gate. Do NOT walk down to the bottom gate, which is not supervised.

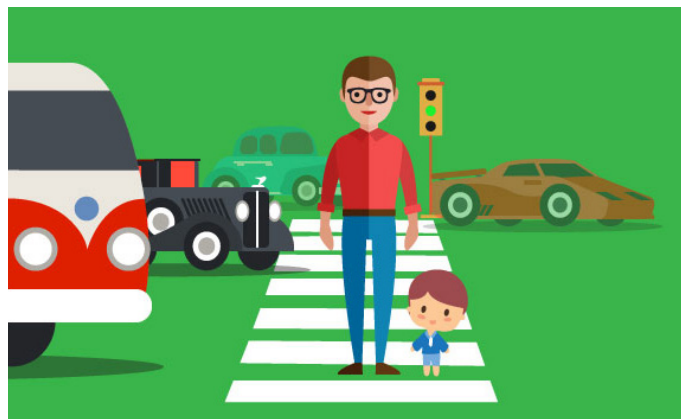
Drivers

- There are a limited number of onsite parking spaces. You may use the council carpark to the east of the shopping centre and walk over. Please do not park in front of the shops.
- When entering either access road, observe the 5km/h speed sign.
- Use parking spaces if they are vacant, reversing carefully.
- If no spaces are available, keep driving around. Do not double park or block the passage of other vehicles, causing congestion.
- If your child(ren) hasn't arrived yet, please keep moving, even if it means circling again.
- Please remain calm and be patient; everyone wishes to get home safely.
- If waiting outside the main administrative building, do NOT leave your car unattended. Observe the signs, and wait in your car in case it needs to be moved.
- If you have a disability parking permit, but you do not have to leave your car to collect an able-bodied student,

kindly consider leaving the disability parks for those who do need to leave their car, or who are collecting students who have disabilities. If the student you are collecting is able bodied and you do not get out of your vehicle, they will be able to walk to wherever you are waiting in your car. This will leave the maximum number of disability parks for those who need to leave their vehicle. I am sure they would greatly appreciate this.

Start of the day

- Please remember the school day starts at 8:35am. Students are to be at their lockers or lining up outside their classroom. They need to be inside the College grounds before this time. The College asks and expects parents/caregivers to do their part in ensuring their child(ren) is here on time so they can be well prepared for the day.



UNIFORM and GROOMING

With regard to student uniform and grooming, wearing uniform correctly is an important part of life training for young people. Many jobs, from apprentices to nurses, require uniform to be worn correctly. Uniform also helps take away anxiety about what to wear each day and it helps to eliminate squabbles over who can or cannot afford the latest clothing.

The most up-to-date Uniform Policy is on the College website. The link to the policy is: <https://www.hopecc.sa.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/STUDENT-UNIFORM.pdf>. There are consequences for students who do not wear the uniform correctly. However, we would like to avoid children getting into trouble over uniform.

To assist you with this matter, the following are some of the common issues so far this year:

- In 2014 Hope Christian College was launched. No CCS (Craigmore Christian School) uniform is permitted to be worn. The College has HOPE CC replacement Blazer pockets for free. You can have these sewn on by

a dressmaker. Please ask at the Uniform Shop.

- All of the College uniform is supplied by the on-site Uniform Shop, and we ask that you do not purchase items elsewhere, as they will not match the official uniform.
- In Term 1, students must wear their hat whenever they are outside. Only the official College hat is allowed to be worn. Students not wearing their hat will have to sit in the shade, and may receive a suitable disciplinary consequence.
- The Hair Policy is to be adhered to, and students not complying will be required to have the issue rectified within a reasonable time frame. Consequences will be applied if this is not done.
- If boys elect to wear a long-sleeved shirt, the sleeves must not be rolled up. We strongly suggest that you purchase a short-sleeved shirt for the summer terms.
- When wearing the jumper, boys must wear their tie.
- Girls dress length is to touch the ground when the student is kneeling.
- The band across the back of the girls dress is not to be altered in any way.
- Socks are to be grey for boys when wearing the formal summer/winter uniform and white for PE.
- Socks are to be white crew length or long for girls.
- Anklets and invisible socks are not part of the College Uniform.

The following College Policies may be downloaded from <https://www.hopecc.sa.edu.au/policies/>

- College Purpose and Vision
- Uniform
- Casual Dress
- Body Piercings and Tattoos
- Behaviour Management
- Anti-Bullying
- Grievances
- Drug Abuse

Uniform Shop

The College Uniform Shop is open on Monday mornings from 8:00am until 12:00pm and on Thursday afternoons from 12:00pm to 4:00pm. Julie Gent is the Uniform Shop Manager and she will be able to assist you with everything you need to equip your child with the correct uniform.

Pet Reminder

Please remember that we do not allow pets onto the College grounds. Many students are allergic, some are quite afraid of animals, and animals can become unpredictable in a noisy crowd. To assist us in providing a safe space for your children, please do not bring your pets into the College grounds when dropping off or collecting your children.



Coles Vouchers

Hope Christian College has decided to take part in the Coles Sports for Schools programme. If you shop at Coles, you will receive a voucher for every \$10 spent. Every voucher you donate to Hope Christian College can be redeemed for leading brand sports equipment.



PARENTS' CORNER

Cybersafety

Happy New Year everyone! At Hope Christian College, we recognise that part of helping to 'develop the whole child' is to assist parents in our shared responsibility to achieve this successfully. As such, many digital resources exist to help us. Each newsletter we will recommend some of these for you to view and try out for yourselves.

The notion of Internet addiction has become a reality. To understand the implications of this further, please refer to <https://wanglefamilyinsites.com/> where you will find a 49-page eBook and answers to several important questions such as:

- Does smartphone addiction affect your teen's mental health?
- Screen addiction in children. How much device time is too much?
- What do you need to know about Internet addiction?

eBook Contents:

'Cyber Safety: The Essential Guide To Protect Your Children Online.'

- Introduction – The challenges of parenting in the digital age, online threats and how to guide your children as they grow into confident young adults.
- Unwanted Sexual Solicitation- Online predators, grooming, sexting and sextortion
- Cyberbullying – Harassment and trolling.
- Social Media & Apps – Digital addiction, self-esteem implications, sleep deprivation, distraction from homework, and privacy.
- Offensive & Illegal Content – Graphic or violent images, pornography, and illegal material.
- Key Takeaways For Parents – Helping children learn self-regulation skills and grow up digitally aware.

Safe parenting!

Phil Tarrant (Deputy Principal, Secondary School)



Homework in Secondary Schooling at HCC

Research shows that:

1. There is a strong connection between good homework practices and academic success at school;
2. Teacher instruction and feedback encourages good student homework practice;
3. Parental involvement and encouragement enhances student homework effectiveness.

Hope Christian College believes homework to be an important part of the College expectations and therefore encourages students to develop regular, diligent homework routines as an extension of the College day.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Teachers will take responsibility for leading students in their learning in the classroom at College. This will also include advice on how to undertake home study and a range of assessment tasks to be completed in part or whole at home. Secondary teachers will communicate with parents via a simple SMS when a task has not been submitted on time, with the subject, task, due date missed and the teacher's name.

Students are to develop ownership of their learning and be responsible for ensuring they undertake their studies to the best of their ability and submit work on time. Late work will normally result in a 'zero' or 'not completed' grade (and still required to be completed for marking and feedback purposes) unless permission for an extension has been sought and granted prior to the submission date. Students should record homework tasks in their College diary.

We ask **parents** to oversee their child's home study, including ensuring any homework tasks and assignments are completed and submitted by the due date for marking assessment and reporting. Parents are encouraged to provide a quiet, work conducive environment at home for effective school work to be done, and to set aside time for homework within family routines. It is not a parent's job, however, to do students' homework for them. It is expected that parents will encourage their child in their work and provide assistance where possible and if necessary. Please communicate with subject teachers where difficulties are discovered. Homework time needs to be balanced with other family, leisure and out of College activities. Additionally, we ask

that when a parent receives an SMS or email indicating their child has not completed their home study task on time, that a suitable home consequence is issued. Please communicate if there is a legitimate reason why a task was unable to be completed via an email or via the student's diary. Parents should also check their child's diary and sign it each day.



Students can never say that they have no homework.

All Middle Schooling students should make a habit of preparing for upcoming work (if known) and revising work in preparation for tests whether or not homework tasks have been directly set. Parents should feel free to request work for students by consulting their teachers.

The following times are a guide for minimum homework expectations from Monday to Friday:

Year level	Minimum Expectation
MS Year 6	30 to 60 minutes per night
MS Year 7	30 to 60 minutes per night
MS Year 8	60 to 90 minutes per night
MS Year 9	60 to 90 minutes per night
SS Year 10	60 to 120 minutes per night on average
SS Year 11	As per SACE demands/requirements (Could be 2-2.5 hrs on average per night and some time on the weekend to do the learning and development justice)
SS Year 12	As per SACE demands/requirements (Could be 2- 2.5 hrs on average per night and some time at the weekend to do the learning and development justice)

TIPS FOR GREATER SUCCESS

A well-known saying goes, "Proper prior preparation prevents poor performance." It therefore helps to develop good habits.

- Establish routines that maintain helpful procedures in your learning.
- Decide on a set time to do your homework/study every day.

- Put your work back in your school bag when you're done.
- Put everything you'll need for the next day in your bag the night before.
- Set out your clothing and any extra things you'll need.
- Consult your diary/planner often, and check on, maintain, and alter your organisation system when needed. Organised people are constantly tweaking their systems to adapt to new situations, and you should do the same.
- Be on time to class. Being punctual increases efficiency.
- Make sure to take the time to put the correct books in your bag.
- Try not to waste time and then pay for it later.

With a little practice, you'll be good to go.

HOMEWORK CLUB

A supervised 'Homework Club' is open to Middle and Senior Schooling Students on Wednesday afternoon from 3:30-4:30pm in the Library. Students may voluntarily elect to attend provided parental consent (written or phone call) has been given beforehand to the Middle and Senior Schooling Coordinators. During this time, students have access to computers and Internet as well as one-on-one assistance from staff.

Supply of alcohol to minors – new law

The law pertaining to the supply of alcohol to minors changed from 18 December 2017. There are now stronger penalties for people who illegally supply alcohol to anyone **under 18 years of age**. The law states that:

- You cannot give alcohol to teenagers attending a party at somebody's house, unless that teenager's parent or caregiver has provided permission for them to drink alcohol. There must be responsible supervision at the party.
- You cannot provide alcohol to teenagers at any private property that is not residential.

An adult who supplies alcohol illegally is liable to:

- \$10,000 maximum penalty
- \$500 on-the-spot fine.

If you are under 18 and caught with alcohol illegally, you are liable to:

- \$2,500 maximum penalty
- \$10 on-the-spot fine.

The Parenting Revolution

Less Stress, more fun!

Dr Robi Sonderegger's DVD series will teach you:

- How to inspire, nurture and capture your child's heart.
- The value and importance of working as a family team.
- Strategic order of rules and relationships in your home.
- How to eliminate destructive attitudes and behaviours.
- Ways to cultivate and sustain positive behaviour.
- Simple action to achieve family goals.
- How to make the hardest job in the world less stressful and more fun.

We invite all Hope Christian College families to come and watch 'Parenting Revolution: Part 1' in the church café on Sunday, February 25th at 5pm. Dinner and childcare provided!

For catering purposes, please RSVP to marg@craigmorechurch.org



OSHC News

In the December/January holidays we had four weeks of fun activities, excursions and incursions in our vacation care program. In addition to our normal activities, we also enjoyed:

- Two cinema excursions, 'Ferdinand' and 'Paddington 2'
- Incursions – Science Mobile Education Superhero Science, Stuffers, The Inflatable Water Slide and Jukebox/Karaoke
- Excursions – Picnic and play at Carisbrooke Park, The Planetarium.
- Plus dress ups, painting and much more!

For all enrolled OSHC and Vacation Care families, we have a successful Facebook page. The purpose of this page is to keep our families updated and informed. This page is not for bookings, but for important information you may

need to know throughout holidays and Term time. Please visit it at www.facebook.com/groups/HopeOSHC/



SA Power Network Apprenticeships

SA Power Networks is now recruiting powerline apprentices for metropolitan and country locations to commence in July 2018.

For information about the Apprenticeship Program, see the FAQs at sapowernetworks.com.au/apprenticeships, or call 08 8404 4100 between 8:30am and 4:30pm, Monday to Friday.

Apply online at sapowernetworks.com.au/apprenticeships by **5pm Friday 2 March 2018**.

College Calendar - Important Dates

2018 Term 1

	SUN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT	WEEK
FEBRUARY	18	19 Playgroup 9:30-11:00am	20	21 Yr 6 Japanese Excursion Yr 6-12 1500m race	22	23	24	4
	25	26 Playgroup 9:30- 11:00am Open Indoor Cricket Carnival	27	28	1 Yr 12 F & H Excursion	2 Year 6-12 Sports Day	3	5
MARCH	4	5 Playgroup 9:30- 11:00am	6 Yr 4 Zoo Excursion Yr 8 Immunisations 9:00am	7	8	9	10	6