

## Year 7 Enrolment FAQ's

These questions and answers have been compiled from the survey results following the Year 7 Information Evening.

**Q. In terms of laptops, I noticed there is a per term technology fee. Does this include the hire of the laptop & if so is it covered under school insurances?**

**A.** Please read the information attached to this link.

<https://www.highfields.catholic.edu.au/enrollments/2020-new-student-welcome-pack>

The College hires the laptop to the family over a period of 3 years for \$130 per term with a \$20 residual buyout at the end of this term should the family wish to purchase the device at this time.

The device is covered under College insurance whilst on the College premises but once it is removed it needs to be covered by the family's personal home and contents insurance.

**Q. What percentage of the senior school teachers are 'High School' qualified?**

**A.** We employ 21 teachers with Secondary Education qualifications, and all teach in the Secondary Campus. There are also 5 colleagues who teach in the areas of Languages Other Than English, Drama, Religious Education, Physical Education and Literacy Support who are Cross Phase – that is, they teach Junior and Senior.

**Q. Can parents request their child is not placed in a PC group with another child due to ongoing issues?**

**A.** This is a case by case basis. It is something that can be considered at time of enrolment, but if there are on-going issues – it is likely that the student would remain in the same House group but could move PC. Again, this is not preferred because of the precedent that is set – but is deliverable if it is felt this is the best for all.

**Q. Is there a dedicated period in the timetable for sport?**

**A.** NO – and with the onset of ATAR, several schools are planning to or have dropped afternoon sport from their timetable.

To ensure regular activity, HPE is compulsory for grades 7-10 and can also be taken as an elective in grades 9 and 10.

***Q. I was wondering if additional assistance will be given to kids transitioning from external schools with regards to things like reading timetables etc.?***

**A.** There will be a transition program over three-four weeks in Term 4. Throughout this time, we will discuss things like how to read a timetable, organizing a locker, and getting to know Senior school teachers. This will be open to all students (inclusive of students from external schools).

***Q. You spoke a lot about continuing students from MMCC and not a lot about new students. What supports will be in place for new students because the whole environment will be new for them?***

- Transition program as outlined above
- Orientation Day (Term 4)
- A separate Orientation Day for external students
- External students are welcome to visit for a day into a Year 6 class in order to meet current year 6 students and be taught in the High School.

For further information, please contact our College Enrolments Officer on 4698 7777.