

9 December, 2022

Dear Parent / Guardian,

I would like to sincerely thank you for enrolling your child at Palmview State Secondary College. Your trust in us providing your student with the best educational outcomes, support and guidance in the years to come is a responsibility we do not take lightly. I, and all our staff at Palmview State Secondary College, excitedly look forward to working collaboratively with you to create an incredible future for your child.

Most of the information required for a successful transition to secondary school was / will be discussed at the enrolment interview and will be available on the College website. This letter provides some further details regarding the commencement of the year for your child as a foundation student at Palmview State Secondary College.

#### **DAY 1**

On Monday, 23 January, 2023 students can arrive from 8.20am and are required to be dressed in the College uniform (details available on the website).

At 8.40am, all students are asked to make their way to the tables in front of the canteen (B Block) to meet with House Mentors in preparation for our welcome ceremony. Parents are also welcomed to attend the first assembly, taking a seat under C Block in readiness for the assembly. The ceremony should conclude by 9.30am.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, parents will have the opportunity to leave and students will commence orientation activities. These activities will see the students meet and connect with their new classmates and teachers, become familiar with the College facilities, as well as learn more about the policies and procedures of the College. On this note, we remind families that our Personal Technology Device policy is that, if students have a mobile telephone, it is to be off and away for the entire time they are at the College (including breaks).

*The plan is for students to be allocated their i-LEARN computer device during the first week of school.*

#### **DAY 2 and 3**

On Tuesday, 24 January, and Wednesday, 25 January, students will be required to again wear their college uniform and will continue the orientation and transition activities. Our inaugural college Swimming Carnival will be held on Tuesday, 31 January, and students will be invited to nominate for events by the end of our first week.

#### **DAY 4**

Thursday, 26 January, is a public holiday, so Friday, 27 January, will our fourth day with students. That Friday students will wear their activewear uniform, but will need to bring along some old clothes, preferably a white t-shirt; they will all be involved in an event which will get them dirty! This will be the culminating celebration event of Week 1.

#### **DAY 5**

On Monday, 30 January, students will wear their activewear uniform. All students will be engaged in a range of leadership challenges and activities to further strengthen the Trust, Connect and Grow attributes that sit at the core of our "purposeful pursuit of personal best".

#### **DAY 6**

As noted above, all students will attend the inaugural College Swimming Carnival at Kawana Aquatic Centre on Tuesday, January 31. Further information and permission forms will be sent to families the week prior to school commencing. Students are encouraged to wear house colours, remembering to adhere to sun safe and casual dress code expectations. The day will be filled with both competitive and novelty events.

## UNIFORMS

College uniforms and activewear will be available through the Palmview SPS uniform shop with the required items for the start of the year due to be ready for pickup from **Wednesday, 18 January 2023**. Parents are reminded to engage with our suppliers, Seaborne, via the online shop (<https://pvsecondary.uniform.net.au/>). Please ensure that the Palmview Learning Community bucket hat is also purchased as part of the College uniform for Day 1, to protect your student from the hot temperatures that time of year.

## STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME (SRS)

The interim P&C endorsed the College operating an SRS at the October 2022 P&C meeting. The annual participation fee for 2023 is **\$450** per student. SRS information will be available on the website from **Tuesday, 10th January**. We are thankful to all families for your commitment at interview to this scheme and invoicing will commence from **Monday 16 January 2023**. Enquires about payments can be directed to the office team via [admin@palmviewssc.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@palmviewssc.eq.edu.au).

As a community, our commitment through the scheme is to provide **all** learning materials, including the student *i-LEARN* laptop device, digital textbooks, novels, consumable resources and stationery. Parents are asked to supply pencil case with basic stationery items (pens, pencils, erasers) and laptop-compatible headphones (including microphone).

## SWIMMING CARNIVAL

As noted above, Tuesday, 31 January, is the inaugural College Swimming Carnival. The details of this event will be forwarded to all families via email in the new year, however to assist families the main details are:

**Location:** Kawana Aquatic Centre (45 Sportsman Parade, Bokarina)

**Travel:** Students will travel by bus to and from Kawana in their house groups. Buses depart at 9.00am and return at 2.00pm

**Lunch:** Students need to bring morning tea and lunch items, including water bottle.

**Uniform:** Students are encouraged to wear house colours in line with the Casual Dress Day expectations in the Student Dress Code. Bucket hats and sunscreen are also required. When swimming in novelty events students are encouraged to wear a sun safe rash vest.

**Cost:** The cost of the day is expected to be no more than \$10 to cover bus travel and pool entry.

*Permission and payment will be collected at the beginning of the 2023 school year.*

## ENROLMENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

Two group enrolment sessions have been arranged for **Wednesday, 11 January, 5.30-6.30pm** and **Monday, 16 January, 5.00-6.00pm**. These sessions are for recently received enrolments to ensure all families meet and connect with our Executive Team before students start the school for the year.

## CONTACT US

The College executive will commence moving into the Administration building from Monday, 12 December, 2022, in preparation to open to families from **Monday, 16 January, 2023**. Families with prearranged enrolment interviews prior to this date are asked to park in the drop-off zone in the carpark and enter the Administration via the main entrance. If you require further information, please contact us to book an appointment via email to [admin@palmviewssc.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@palmviewssc.eq.edu.au).

I trust you and your family have a wonderful summer vacation, and an opportunity to catch up with family and friends over the festive season. Please stay safe, and I look forward to seeing you all at the start of 2023 for the opening of Palmview State Secondary College, and of what will be a memorable year as together we create a legacy of learning, forging the traditions and history of the newest and greatest State Secondary Education facility on the Sunshine Coast.

Yours faithfully



Mr Barry Dittman  
Principal