



Year 7 Family Night

Wednesday 15th February

5:30 – 7:30pm

Purpose:

The theme of this evening is making connections within the Wantirna College community, including students, parents, and teachers.

Our goal is to make every family feel welcome, get to know their names, and check in with their experiences so far. Peer Support Leaders represent our student community, can answer questions about the way we work at Wantirna College and highlight the different areas of the college. Transition Support Teachers will build positive relationships with families and clarify their roles, encouraging connection between families as well.

One of the best ways to connect with people is to have fun!

Dinner:

- We are supplying a sausage sizzle for all families from 5:30 – 6pm in and around the Orchard, before they split into year level halves. Please use the attached link to indicate dietary requirements - [DIETARY](#)
- Peer Support Leaders will serve sausages, onion, and bread from the Orchard kitchen as staff monitor the numbers of people inside

Program and Locations:

Home Group	Transition Support Teacher	Peer Support Leaders	Session 1 (6:00 – 6:40pm)	Session 2 (6:50 – 7:20pm)
A	Mr Trevor Bergshoeff	TBC	THEATRE	H1
B	Ms Bonita Gu-Yang	TBC		H2
C	Ms Andrea Digby	TBC		MASON OPEN
D	Ms Erin Robinson	TBC		H3
E	Ms Marissa Thomas	TBC		H4
F	Ms Sarah Sleight	TBC	H1	THEATRE
G	Ms Rebecca Howell / Ms Lynne Nettleton	TBC	H2	
H	Ms Michaela Piritidis	TBC	MASON OPEN	
I	Ms Danielle Brotto	TBC	MASON OPEN 2	
J	Ms Della Zhang	TBC	H3	
S	Ms Caitlin Scholefield	TBC	H4	

The Information Session in Theatre (35 minutes):

This will be in the Theatre, alternating each half of the year level, and will be an informal opportunity for us to celebrate the year so far, communicate key messages about upcoming events and connect with families in person.

Time	Who	What
5 mins	DOB (DOBLE, James)	Welcome
10 mins	MUR (MURPHY, Kevin)	Welcome and Introduction
5 mins	RAC (RACKHAM, Kylie) /GRL (Guiseppe Relia)	Inclusion and Wellbeing
10 mins	WAC (WALLIS, Carrie)	Developmental Assessment and Dashboard
5 mins	GAN/RAN	Celebration of the year so far

The Connections Session in Mason House will last about 35 minutes.

There will be signs up to show families where to be and when. Classrooms will be set up to allow families to sit in a circle more conducive to connection.

There will be representatives from VCE/VM as well as our College Captains, walking around to show parents where to go.

Time	Who	What
5 mins	Peer Support Leaders	Will Introduce themselves and talk about their experiences at Wantirna College so far – highlights, challenges overcome, extracurricular opportunities (sport, production, music etc) and the role of a Peer Support Leader – including how they will support your child on camp!
3 mins	Transition Support Teacher	Will Introduce themselves and their role in the school and their own experiences of Wantirna College.
15 mins	PSL and TST	Facilitate a circle discussion where each student and parent can ask one question and shares a positive experience they have had so far.
The remaining time	Small groups	Highlights tour- make it fun!! Parents will be shown where their children learn different subjects (Mason, Rees, SLC), where they go for support (Middle Years Office, Wellbeing), where their Transition Support Teacher’s staff room is, where their specific locker is. Questions may be asked of you so remember the answers!

