



31 October 2018

**Year 7 2019 Orientation Morning  
Parent/Carer Information Evening  
Thursday, 15 November 2018**

Dear Parent/Carer

It is with pleasure that I again welcome your child to James Sheahan Catholic High School in Year 7 2019. As mentioned at your enrolment interview, we offer a further Orientation Morning to be held on **Thursday, 15 November 2018** to assist with the familiarisation process of high school life.

Students

Students currently enrolled at Catherine McAuley Catholic Primary School and St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Orange will go to school as normal and be transported to Sheahan, returning to their primary school in time for afternoon lessons and hence will be able to make their usual way home. Students attending schools other than Catherine McAuley and St Mary's, Orange are requested to be at James Sheahan by **9.15am**. We strongly recommend that, where possible, students attending schools other than Catherine McAuley and St Mary's travel to school as they will in 2019, especially if using out-of-town buses.

Students will be able to attend the Catholic Mission Expo, hosted by Year 8 students, which will be set up in our school quadrangle for Periods 1 and 2. This year, Catholic Mission are supporting the improvement of educational opportunities for young people in Myanmar and the Expo stalls will highlight the issues and also give information on how we can help. Year 8 students will be fundraising during the Expo, so will be selling lots of delicious things as well as running competitions and games. Year 11 students will also be running some free activities to help increase our understanding of education in Myanmar. If your child would like to contribute to the fundraising stalls, they may need to bring a couple of dollars to purchase treats or play some fun games. However, there will be plenty to do that doesn't require money so if they forget to bring some, they won't be left out.

To assist us, we also urge all children to wear their current school sports uniforms. Canteen facilities will be available at Recess for those new students not wishing to bring a packed recess. A sausage sizzle lunch will also be provided before the students return to their primary schools.

Orientation Day concludes officially at **12:50pm**. Students, other than students from Catherine McAuley and St Mary's, will need to be collected from the bus bay area at this time.

Parent/Carer Information Evening

Parents of students enrolling in Year 7 are invited to a meeting at **7.00pm** on the evening of Thursday, 15 November 2018. This meeting will be held in Mercy Hall at James Sheahan where matters concerning the school and other details of enrolment will be explained. It is expected that all parents will be in attendance on this evening. The School Executive and Year 7 2019 Year Coordinator Mr Ben Shore are keen to meet new parents and to welcome them at the meeting. This meeting will conclude by 8.30pm.

Off street parking is available in the school car park adjacent to Mercy Hall.

A separate notification outlining fees and details for commencement of the 2019 school year will be sent to all parents at the end of this school year.

There will be representatives from the bus companies present to answer any questions about transport to/from school.

## Uniform

The uniform is compulsory and compliance with all aspects of uniform and grooming is a condition of enrolment. It includes a chiropractic school bag, the school belt (for boys) and the school socks for both boys and girls.

Our uniform looks very smart and is well received by all members of our community.

The uniform is ONLY AVAILABLE FROM Orange Clothing Company. All students should have already been fitted for their uniform.

Second hand uniforms are available through the clothing pool and also through the Sustainable School Shop. The James Sheahan Clothing Pool operates through the School Canteen by appointment only. Please contact our school's canteen on 6362 1422 to book an appointment. In addition, the Sustainable School Shop is an innovative online service that has been especially developed to assist parents and students with trading all their second hand uniforms. Please visit the website <https://www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au> as it outlines information on how parents can take full advantage of this beneficial service. If you have any questions, please contact the Sustainable School Shop on 1300 683 337, or Mrs Tilston in the School Library.

## Textbook Purchase

Enclosed with this letter you will find online ordering instructions from Campion Education, [www.campion.com.au](http://www.campion.com.au) for the purchase of the required print and electronic textbooks for your child. After orders are completed you will be emailed instructions to download and access the appropriate textbooks. Advice and additional help downloading electronic texts can be found at <https://www.campion.com.au/support-help/support-for-parents/>. If you have any questions, please contact Campion Education.

*Please note: There will be no mail-in orders taken at the front office. All orders must be completed online using a credit card or money order. The deadline for online and phone orders is 20 December 2018. Books ordered after this date are not guaranteed to be delivered before the first day of school 2019.*

## App Purchase

A list of mandatory application (apps) that should be downloaded onto your child's device, will be distributed at the Parent/Carer Information Evening on Thursday, 15 November. We would like all students to try to download these Apps before the first day of school. Your child will be given assistance during the first week of school if they experience difficulties downloading or accessing these Apps themselves.

If you have any questions regarding textbook or app purchase, please contact Mrs Laura Tilston or Mr Scott Preston.

We look forward to welcoming you on Thursday, 15 November 2018.

Yours sincerely



Michelle Whiteley  
Assistant Principal