



# MACQUARIE FIELDS HIGH SCHOOL

## A SELECTIVE & COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Parent/Carer

Orientation Day for Year 7 2022 will be held in a different way this year due to COVID-19. Our traditional day for Year 7 will **not** be held at Macquarie Fields High School. Instead we will be conducting a number of visits to our incoming Year 7 students at their own primary schools.

The Macquarie Fields High School Year 7 Teaching and Wellbeing Team will be visiting Macquarie Fields Primary School on Tuesday 23 November 2021, and will visit other feeder primary schools from 24 November 2021 – 3 December 2021.

We will be delivering our Orientation Packs (O Packs) to our feeder primary schools and are hopeful that our Year 7 Teaching and Wellbeing Team will be able to meet as many students as possible. Any schools that we are not able to visit will have their O Packs mailed home. The O Pack will contain important information for both students and their parents.

The O Pack includes a copy of the costs and materials for Year 7 2022, and a guide on how to use the MFHS online payment system. Orientation Day is usually an opportunity for parents to pay fees should they wish to. This year we will be encouraging online payments for all our families. On 7 December 2021 we will send a Statement of Account via email to the address you nominated on your child's enrolment form. This email will be from [macfields-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:macfields-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au) and will give you the ability to pay fees or to simply have a look at how the online system works. Please note - fees can be paid off throughout 2022 and Student Assistance application forms can be requested from the MFHS Office should you need financial assistance.

The first day of attendance for Year 7 is **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022**. Please ensure your child arrives at **8:45am** for a **9:05am** start with an assembly for all Year 7. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 we are unable to confirm at this stage whether parents will be able to attend this assembly. Parents should drop their children off outside the school and students can walk in on their own or arrive on the school bus. Staff will be present at the gate to greet and direct students to the assembly area. At the end of the day students will leave school grounds to be picked up or travel from school by bus - please arrange with your child where you will pick them up from at the end of the day. If NSW Health and Department of Education guidelines allow parents onsite for the morning assembly, we will communicate this to parents via the MFHS school website and Facebook page.

On their first day Year 7 will be provided with a lunch pack – this will consist of a sandwich, piece of fruit and a drink. Students are encouraged to bring water and additional food if they wish. The canteen will also be open on this day.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Tracy Smith on 9605 3111.

I look forward to welcoming your child to Macquarie Fields High School.

Yours faithfully

Karyn O'Brien

**Principal**

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