



Erskine Park High School

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Erskine Park High School **Orientation Day** for Year 7 2020 will take place on **Tuesday 3rd December** in the school hall. Students attending Year 7 at Erskine Park High School in 2020 and their parents are invited to attend. The purpose of this letter is to provide important information about the day.

Students should **wear** their **primary school uniform** and **bring a pen or pencil** to complete the Orientation Day workshop activities. The agenda for Orientation Day will be as follows:

Time	Activity	
From 8.45am	Students have photographs taken for Identification cards	Students
9.30am	Year Adviser, School Captain and Principal welcome	Parents & students
9.50am	Students participate in Orientation Day workshop with Peer Support leaders	Students
	Information session for parents	Parents
10.50am	Sausage sizzle – parents collect students from the sausage sizzle	Parents & students

Following the information session parents may purchase uniforms, stationery packs, calculators and pay for excursions and fees.

Uniforms

In the lead up to Year 7 Orientation Day, parents and students can book uniform fittings at the Uniform Shop. It is highly recommended that parents book ahead to avoid lengthy waiting times on Orientation Day. The online School Uniform Shop is available at www.schoolshop.miford.com.au.

Uniforms can also be purchased during the holidays. Holiday trading hours can be found on the included flyer. Regular opening hours are Tuesdays 8.00am – 4.00pm and Fridays 12.00pm - 3.00pm, during school terms. Purchases can be made via cash, cheque and EFTPOS (Visa, MasterCard and Amex accepted).

Stationery pack

Year 7 **stationery pack** may be purchased for **\$30.00**. Refer to the flyer included listing the stationery included in the pack. **Approved calculators** are available for **\$22.00** (students enrolled in a Support Unit class do not need to purchase this calculator).

School charges

Erskine Park High School relies heavily on the contributions to the school by parents. Parental support in the prompt payment of this charge in the past has ensured the very best education and learning environment at Erskine Park High School.

The Year 7 **Subject Contributions** for 2020 is **\$95.00**, the Year 7 **Administration Charge** is **\$40.00** and the **P&C fundraising levy** is **\$10.00**. These can be paid during Orientation Day.

- **Subject Contributions** are set and approved by the P&C. This fee covers all consumables and equipment, tools and computer resources for Music, Agriculture, Home Economics (Food Technology, Textiles), Industrial Arts (Woodwork, Metalwork) and other areas such as PD/H/PE, Science and Drama for example. We utilise these funds to sustain these subjects, their consumable costs and the stimulating activities presented to our students. If these charges are not paid, then the student would be expected to supply the necessary materials himself/herself in order to participate in those particular learning activities and so meet course requirements.
- The **Administration Charge** is used to allow the school to maintain excellent resources in the library and technology spaces and to improve the school environment for your child. Photocopied worksheets and high quality reports and certificates are other uses of this. This charge has been unchanged since the establishment of the school. The support of the school community has historically been very strong and it is our expectation that all parents support our school.
- The **P&C Levy**. Since many parents are time poor with day to day life, the P&C have initiated a fundraising levy of \$10.00 per student which commenced at the beginning of 2019. This is in lieu of asking parents to sell raffle tickets or chocolates. This will make it easier for parents to support the work the P&C do in continuing to improve our student's school environment. We always welcome new members to our P&C meetings. Please join us on the last Monday of each month in the school's front office at 7.00pm.
- **Camps, excursions** and **school sporting carnivals** are charged separately per event according to those students attending. All Year 7 students will attend **aquatic week** during Week 9, Term 1. This is a three day program designed to assist students in developing water safety skills, develop and understand survival swimming techniques and build leadership skills. Attendance is expected. Payment of **\$40.00** can also be made during orientation day.

If you are unable to pay these amounts on orientation day, they should be paid by the end of Term 1. Families facing financial difficulties are encouraged to contact myself or the administration office manager through the school office, so that options/alternative payment plans can be discussed.

During the sausage sizzle a BUSWAYS and NSW Heath representative will be available to answer any questions regarding buses and vaccinations.

The first day of school for Year 7 is **Wednesday 29th January 2020**. School commences at **8.30am**. Students should plan to be at school no later than **8.20am**.

Please contact the school, during office hours, on 9834 3536 if you would like further information.

We look forward to meeting you on **Tuesday 3rd December 2019**.

Brenda Quayle
Principal

Hayley Crowshaw
Year 7 Adviser