

Jamison High School

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An Outstanding Comprehensive High School



NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR EVENTS

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WEEK 8A		
Nov 30 – Dec 4	Monday - Friday	Year 10 Work Experience
December 1	Tuesday	Year 7 - 2021 Orientation Day
December 1	Tuesday	P&C meeting 6pm-School Library
WEEK 9B		
December	-	Presentation Assembly
WEEK 10A		
December 16	Wednesday	Last Day of School Term-All Students
WEEK 1A		
January 29	Friday	7,11 & 12 First Day Back 2021
WEEK 2B		
February 1	Monday	8,9 & 10 First Day Back 2021

WHO'S WHO

PRINCIPAL

Mr Glyn Trethewy

DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

Mrs Clarinda Oliveux
Mr Luke Grahame

SCHOOL CAPTAINS 2021

Grace Lees
Nicklas Lusch

SCHOOL VICE CAPTAINS 2021

Sara Baburi
Katie Meier
Rhiannon Paget
Tyler Consolacion
Liam Firth
James Hewitt





Principal's Report

Welcome to the final few weeks of 2020. This Newsletter contains important information about the final few weeks of school as well as the start of next year.

Over the past two terms our school has been undertaking a situational analysis looking at all aspects of our school operations. This has been with a view to design our next School Improvement Plan 2021 to 2024. Our analysis has been comprehensive and has had as a focus teaching and learning, student advocacy and student voice, assessment processes and feedback, high expectations, classroom management and student wellbeing. We have also analysed a range of data sources including our HSC and NAPLAN data over successive years.

Our school is committed to ensuring that how we teach your child is based on what we know makes the biggest difference to their learning. In our school, we have a focus on using the 'What works best' eight practices for effective teaching.

In addition, research shows that greater levels of support and engagement from parents and carers are associated with better student academic and wellbeing outcomes. We also know that students learn more effectively when the home and school environments form complementary and supportive roles for learning. It is for this reason that we are focused on continuing to foster the partnership between our school and parents.

The Department of Education has now released a 'What works best' resource for parents and carers, which provides tips for having conversations with your child about their learning. You can visit the department's Parent Hub where you'll find other tailored resources for parents and carers, as well as message from the NSW Minister for Education the Hon. Sarah Mitchell MLC <https://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/learning/what-works-best-2020-update>

We will be working thorough the implications of our findings to develop our new School Improvement Plan in Term 1 of next year.

Year 12 Graduation was held on Tuesday November 17. It was our first ever open-air graduation ceremony and it was a pleasure to attend. The sense of achievement from students, staff and parents was evident on the night. I would like to acknowledge the cooperation of our school community in ensuring the success of this evening given the layers of organisation that had to occur in order to ensure the event ran smoothly and safely. Thank you to the P&C volunteers who assisted with gown distribution on the night.

In the final few weeks of this term we have had Creating Chances come into our school to run wellbeing days for our students in Years 7 -10. The purpose of these days has been to focus on students' self-esteem, resilience, interpersonal relationships and to build student identity. Our program finishes up this week and the feedback from students regarding the workshops has been very positive. Creating Chances typically run workshops for small groups and these whole Year group wellbeing days are a new initiative this year.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT CONT.

We have also been working towards completing assessment activities for all year groups. Year 11 students have been issued with their Academic Reports as they are now preparing for their Higher School Certificate through completing their Year 12 work. In coming weeks there will be a series of formal assessment tasks for student to complete. For students in Years 7 -10, Academic Reports will be issued in the final week of the term.

On Tuesday December 1 we will be hosting our Year 7 students for 2021. Our transition program has been adapted this year to accommodate COVID restrictions. A reminder that our Year 7 Orientation Day on December 1 will be for students only. Students will walk from York, Jamisontown and Penrith South Public Schools to our school for Orientation Day. Notes and information have been sent out to our parents of Year 7 2021 explaining the details. The day will start at 9:30 am and conclude at 2pm. The uniform shop will be in operation on the day and the office will be able to take payment, but parents access to the school will be limited in line with current guidelines. Further correspondence will be put out to parents regarding the start of the school term next year.

A reminder that we have also had to cancel our annual presentation evening. This is very disappointing as it is an important time to celebrate the year and recognise student success and achievement. Within the guidelines, we have decided to run hour long assemblies for students in each Year group in week 9 of term. At these assemblies we will present our Recognition Awards, Principals Awards and Academic Awards. We regret that parents will be unable to attend these assemblies due to limitations on numbers in the school hall.

At our last P&C Meeting we discussed Penrith Councils plans for pedestrian safety around Eileen Cammack Reserve. There have been concerns for student safety with cars accessing the car park, especially in the afternoons. No stopping signs have recently been put up along the traffic island next to the reserve. This is to ensure sight lines for motorists leaving the carpark as well as to ensure pedestrian safety. Traffic flow devices will be installed in the Eileen Cammack carpark as the next stage.

Lastly, some dates for your calendar. Our next Parents and Citizens Association meeting will be on Tuesday December 1 starting at 6 pm in the school library. The final day for student attendance at school for 2020 will be Wednesday December 16. School will resume in 2021 for Years 7,11, and 12 on Friday January 29 and for Years 8,9 and 10 on Monday February 1.

May I take this opportunity to thank the Jamison High School Community for the way you have approached the challenges of the year and worked with us to ensure the continuity of teaching and learning throughout. On behalf of the staff I extend our best wishes to you for a safe, relaxing and enjoyable holiday.

Glyn Trethewy
Principal Jamison High School

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Deputy's Desk

Where has the year gone? Although we are now in the second half of Term 4, things are by no means slowing down at Jamison High School. Despite certain excursions and activities not going ahead that normally would, there are a number of events that will still take place to celebrate the achievements of our students this year.



Presentation Day Assemblies

This year we will be having school-based assemblies in place of the Principal's Assembly and Presentation Evening. On Thursday 10 December we will hold assemblies in the Hall to recognise the academic achievements of our students in each subject. Principal and Deputy Principal awards will also be given at these assemblies. These will be conducted throughout the day and restricted to only one or two year groups at a time. For some year groups, only students receiving awards will be in attendance in order to meet COVID guidelines. The schedule for the day will be as follows:

Thursday 10 December - Presentation Assemblies

Period 1 - Year 7 (all students), Year 9 (award recipients only)

Period 3 - Year 8 (all students), Year 10 (award recipients only)

Period 5 - Year 11 (all students)

Our Classroom Expectations

Over the last two months, we have been conducting a review of our Classroom Expectations. These have been revised in consultation with teachers, community and parents. Our next step is to consult with students prior to new signage and implementation throughout student workshops with our student leaders.

1. Be on time
2. Act safely at all times
3. Be prepared for work and with all equipment, including BYOD
4. Listen carefully and follow teacher's instructions promptly
5. Respect personal space, rights and property of others
6. Aspire to produce my best work and work towards self-improvement
7. Mobile phones and earphones are in your bag during class time/school events

Safety Concern - long or acrylic/fake fingernails

Just a reminder that these are not allowed at school. They can pose a danger when completing practical subjects and can make it difficult for students to use their BYOD devices. In particular, students may be asked to complete alternative activities if these prevent them from using equipment, wearing necessary safety gear or participating in learning activities safely. Please ensure that nails are kept short and acrylic/fake nails are not advised due to WHS safety issues.

Normal lessons will continue up until Wednesday 16 December which is our final day of school for 2020. All students are expected to ensure that they are in the correct uniform everyday and bringing all required equipment so that they can participate as SAFE, ASPIRING and RESPECTFUL learners in all school activities. Bring on a wonderful next few weeks!

Luke Grahame

Deputy Principal
Years 7, 9 & 11

Clarinda Oliveux

Deputy Principal
Years 8, 10 & 12

Our New Mobile Phone Policy

We have reviewed our mobile phone policy and in 2021 we will be implementing the new policy across the school. There has always been the expectation that phones are 'Off and out of sight' during the school day and that expectation still holds. The major change is the introduction of Mobile Phone Storage Boxes in each classroom. At the start of each lesson students will have the opportunity to place their phone in the box for storage for the duration of the lesson. If a student decides to keep their phone with them and is then found to have it out during the lesson, it will be confiscated and placed in the mobile phone storage box until the end of the lesson. Should a student be repeatedly found to have their phones out on a regular basis parents will be contacted. If a student refuses to hand their phone to a teacher it will be confiscated and held in storage for the rest of the day by the Deputy Principal.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

"So, my child is sometimes late for school - does it matter that much?"

School is usually the first place where children are made aware of the importance of regular timekeeping.

Arriving early will boost your child's confidence for the day, and set them in the right frame of mind for learning and achievement. If a child arrives late the whole class is disrupted and the teacher has to repeat the same things over and over again-losing valuable teaching time. Punctuality and good attendance will always be important—at school now and later at work.

Help to make sure your child is given a good start in life by ensuring they arrive at school on time.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What time does school start?

School **starts at 8:25**. Students are to make their way to home room at the sound of this bell. All students should be seated in home room by the 8:30 bell. A student who arrives after the 8:30 bell, must report to the office to sign in.

What Do I Do If My Child is Late to School?

You may do any of the following:

1. Accompany your child to the front office and provide a verbal explanation
2. Phone the school to provide a verbal explanation
3. Send a written explanation with your child when they arrive to school on the day they are late

What to do if my child is persistently late?

If your child is persistently late, they will be interviewed by their mentor or year advisor and an improvement program will be implemented. Consequences may be imposed if there is no improvement made.

What can I do to help my child?

Overslept	→ Have a back-up plan in case the alarm fails to go off
Late Night	→ Go to bed early - <i>save the late nights for the weekend</i>
Can't find my ... <i>shirt, book etc</i>	→ Be organised and have everything ready to go the night before
Dawdling on the way to school	→ Walk faster!
Stopping off at the shops	→ Leave the shops by 8:15
Missed the bus	→ Parent to ring the school, written explanation to follow
Appointment <i>e.g dentist, driving test</i>	→ Do your best to avoid scheduling appointments during school hours

Below are some common reasons for students arriving late to school and what you can do to support your child:

2021 SCHOOL TRAVEL

2021 SCHOOL TRAVEL APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

To assist with any enquiries schools may receive about student travel applications, we have provided some information below. We have also attached an information sheet on School Travel for 2021 if you wish to share this in your school newsletter.

Applications for student travel in 2021 opened on Monday 12 October 2020.

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass for 2021 can now apply online. A new application should be submitted if a student is applying for a school travel pass for the first time or requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who have changed school/campus, changed address, repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [re-apply or update their details](#).

Where there is a change of distance eligibility based on a student's grade, the system will automatically update a student's entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply. [Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Applications need to be submitted before **31 December 2020** to ensure that current student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card remains valid. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2020, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2021.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the commencement of the new school year from their nominated operator, this may be distributed via the school or sent direct to their address. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/Parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

CHANGES TO SCHOOL STUDENT CONCESSION CARDS

Tuesday 13 October 2020

Around 200,000 school students will join [tertiary and TAFE students](#) in using the Transport Concession Entitlement Card.

2021 SCHOOL TRAVEL CONT.

As part of the move to standardise concession cards, the Transport Concession Entitlement Card is replacing the following cards:

1. Senior Secondary Student Concession Card (16 years and over) – also issued to Mature Secondary Students (18 years and over), Distance Education Students and Home School Students.
2. Proof of Age card (when a student under 16 years of age looks older)
3. Boarders Rail Pass



Students need to carry a concession entitlement card if they're travelling on a Child/Youth Opal card or a child/concession ticket.

Eligible students aged 16 years or older will be able to use a Transport Concession Entitlement Card as proof of entitlement when using a Child/Youth Opal card within the Opal network, or when travelling on child or concession fares in NSW.



Children aged between 4 to 15 years do not require a proof of entitlement for concession travel. However, if they look more mature, they can get a Transport Concession Entitlement Card to verify to authorised officers that they are under 16 years old.

Valid older style cards can continue to be used. Senior Secondary Student Concession Cards and Proof of Age cards will remain valid until the end of March 2021. Boarders Rail Passes can be used until the expiry date shown on the card.

There are no changes to eligibility for the cards. As with previous years, students can use the cards as soon as they receive them. Schools will start to receive the new cards from mid-October this year.

Cont + Click this link [Find out more](#)

UNIFORM SHOP



Jamison High School UNIFORM SHOP Price List

NAME: _____ YEAR: _____ DATE: _____ REC# _____

	ITEM	PRICE	SIZE	QTY	TOTAL INCL GST
Girls	JNR Girls Blouse	35.00			
	SNR Girls Blouse	35.00			
	Girls Shorts	37.00			
	Girls Skirt	42.00			
	Grey Slacks	40.00			
Boys	JNR Boys Shirt	35.00			
	SNR Boys Shirt	35.00			
	Boys Shorts	37.00			
	Chino Trousers Beltloop/elastic Waist	40.00			
Unisex	JNR Wool Jumper	72.00			
	SNR Wool Jumper	72.00			
	Corporate Casual Pants	40.00			
	Microfibre Jacket	65.00			
	JNR Fleecy Top	32.00			
	SNR Fleecy Top	32.00			
	JNR Sky Polo	36.00			
	SNR White Polo	36.00			
Sports	Sports Shorts	32.00			
	Sports Shirt	38.00			
Accessory	Apron	09.50			
	Cooking Hat	06.50			
	School Hat	11.00			
	Socks Reg 5pk	20.00			
	Socks Ankle 5pk	20.00			
	School Tie	20.00			
	Girls Tights	09.50			
	Eco Bag	01.00			

Tuesday 12:30-4:30pm & Friday 7:30-11:30am CLOSED SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Shop ph# 0422888364 (during shop opening hours)

Purchase Online: daylightsportswear.com/jamison

Pickup from Uniform Shop

MASTERCARD VISA EFTPOS NOW AVAILABLE, CHEQUES NOT ACCEPTED. NO LAYBY.

* Prices are subject to change without notice

UNIFORM SHOP CONT.



JAMISON HIGH SCHOOL

Uniform Shop Special Opening Hours

Uniform Shop is located within the school

December 2020

Tuesday	1st. December - Orientation Day	7:30AM - 11:30AM
Tuesday	1st. December - Orientation Day	12:30PM - 4:30PM
Friday	4th. December	7:30AM - 11:30AM
Tuesday	8th. December	12:30PM - 4:30PM
Friday	11th. December	7:30AM - 11:30AM
Tuesday	15th. December	12:30PM - 4:30PM

January 2021

Thursday	14th. January - BY APPOINTMENT	8:00AM - 1:45PM
Friday	15th. January - BY APPOINTMENT	8:00AM - 1:45PM
Tuesday	19th. January - BY APPOINTMENT	8:00AM - 1:45PM
Thursday	21st. January - BY APPOINTMENT	8:00AM - 1:45PM
Friday	22nd. January - BY APPOINTMENT	8:00AM - 1:45PM
Tuesday	26th. January	CLOSED
Wednesday	27th. January - BY APPOINTMENT	8:00AM - 1:45PM
Thursday	28th. January	8:00AM - 1:45PM
Friday	29th. January	7:30AM - 11:30AM

NORMAL HOURS TUESDAY:

12:30pm - 4:30pm

FRIDAY:

7:30am - 11:30am

CLOSED SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Shop ph# 0422888364 (during shop opening hours)

TO BOOK APPOINTMENT VISIT: <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/>

AND USE THE EVENT CODE: ye2du

Purchase Online: daylightsportswear.com/jamison

Pickup from Uniform Shop

PRICE LIST / ORDER FORM ON THE BACK

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