

# Start of Year Information

## Sheldon College 2024



*Love Laughter Learning*

# Welcome to 2024

You are embarking on a rewarding journey filled with Love, Laughter and Learning. The start of a new year at school is a busy and exciting time for everyone.

For a seamless start to the year, this booklet provides important information on what you need to know before you arrive at Sheldon College and how best to prepare for your first day.



## COMMENCEMENT DATES FOR 2024

### Preparatory to Year 12

Monday 22 January 2024

### Kindergarten

Monday 22 January 2024

If you have any questions regarding Kindergarten, please contact Miss Hollie Reynolds, Enrolments Manager: [enrolments@sheldoncollege.com](mailto:enrolments@sheldoncollege.com).

## FIRST DAY STARTING TIMES

### Junior College (Preparatory to Year 4)

8:00am arrival for an 8:30am start. Students are required to go straight into their class:

Prep - JC Block

Year 1 - JB Block

Year 2 - JA Block

Year 3 - JD Block

Year 4 - JE Block

### Middle and Senior College (Years 5 to 12)

8:00am arrival to locate Home Room and meet the Home Group teacher.

Years 5 to 12 Students will meet with their Home Group Teacher from 8.20am.

During the day, students will attend a year level meeting to discuss the exciting year ahead and meet with their new Head of Year (HOY).

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### RESOURCE PACK DROP-OFF

#### Kindergarten, Preparatory and Years 1 to 4

All Resource Packs will be delivered to your child's classroom. Any further requirements for your child's first day will be passed on to you directly by your child's teacher.

### HOW WILL I KNOW WHERE TO GO?

#### Junior College Students

Class lists and classroom locations will be displayed at the Year Level blocks and outside the Student Services office.

#### Middle and Senior College

Parents will be able to access their child's home group class allocation via iLINK from Monday 15 January 2024.

#### New Students - Years 5 and 6

8:00am arrival to locate Home Room and meet the Home Group teacher.

#### New Students - Year 7

Gather at the Pavilion where students will meet with their allocated buddies and Home Group Teachers before moving to their home group classes.

#### New Students - Years 8 to 12

Meet their Home Group teacher at the Home Group Classroom. Home Group teachers will then introduce new students to their buddies.

#### Current Students - Years 5 to 12

Class Lists and Home Room locations for Middle and Senior College will be displayed outside Student Services.

## WHAT DOES MY CHILD NEED TO BRING?

### Kindergarten to Year 4 Students

Students will already have their stationery supplies delivered to their classrooms. They will only need to bring their morning tea, lunch, water bottle and play hat.

Students in Year 4 will need to bring their BYOD laptop.

### Years 5 to 12 Students

Students from Years 5 to 12 will be able to view their timetable via iLINQ from Friday 19 January 2024. They will attend their Period 4 and 5 classes on the first day of College.

## WHAT DOES MY CHILD NEED TO WEAR?

All students must attend in their formal uniform including dress hat (no blazer required) with an appropriate haircut or style.

Should your child not adhere to our policies and College expectations, we will talk with them at school and be in touch with you during the College Day.

It is vital that all of our students are with their teachers and peers and can celebrate their return to College for the year. However, their return on subsequent days will be determined through the acceptance and support of our requirements regarding dress and appearance.

Thank you for your co-operation in ensuring your child meets the College's dress standards.

## WILL CAFÉ 97 BE OPERATING?

Yes. Café 97 will open for business as usual on the first day.

## WHAT TIME WILL THE COLLEGE DAY END?

- > **Kindergarten - 3.00pm**  
Program concludes at 2.00pm
- > **Preparatory - 3.00pm**  
Program concludes at 2.45pm
- > **Years 1 and 2 - 3.00pm**
- > **Years 3 and 4 - 3.10pm**
- > **Middle College - 3.30pm**
- > **Senior College - 3.30pm**

## WILL THE COLLEGE BUS CHARTER SERVICE BE OPERATING?

Yes. Sheldon College offers privately run bus routes to a number of surrounding areas. This service will operate from the first day of College.

Details about these routes and ticket purchasing information can be found on the [Bus Service iLINQ Page](#) and the [College Website](#).

## WILL BEFORE AND AFTER COLLEGE CARE BE OPERATING?

Yes. 'Our Place' will operate as normal from the first day of College for students in Preparatory and above. Before College Care opens at 6:30am and After College Care closes at 6:15pm.

Please note, only those families who have registered for the service will be eligible to book a place. The OWNA Enrolment Form can be found on the '[Our Place](#)' iLINQ Page. Once the form is completed, the Finance Department will be in touch with further information on how to make a booking.

### How to Book

- > **New Families (Unregistered)**  
Email: [ourplacebookings@sheldoncollege.com](mailto:ourplacebookings@sheldoncollege.com)
- > **Existing "Our Place" Families**  
Book via the OWNA App or Website.

### Kindergarten Students

Please contact the Finance Department on (07) 3206 5554 or email [fees@sheldoncollege.com](mailto:fees@sheldoncollege.com).



## STUDENT IDENTIFICATION CARDS

### Current Students

Current students are reminded not to dispose of their 2023 Student ID cards over the holidays\*. These will remain valid until the new 2024 ID cards are issued at the end of Term 1.

Students are required to bring their ID cards to College on the first day of Term 1 to enable them to borrow their text books from the Library and purchase items from Café 97.

*\* Replacement cards will need to be ordered through the College Finance Department if students lose or throw out their current card. A replacement card will incur a charge.*

### New Students

We will take your child's photograph as soon as possible following their commencement in Term 1, 2024.

Until your child's ID card has been issued, you will be unable to use Sheldon Pay for students in Years 5 to 12 and you will need to provide your child with a packed morning tea and lunch or with cash to purchase items at Café 97.

You can still use Sheldon Pay for online ordering for students in Preparatory to Year 4.

Further information about Sheldon Pay and our Uniform Policy can be found in iLINQ.

## IMPORTANT TERM 1 EVENTS

### SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2024

#### Years 7 to 12

Our Swimming Carnival for students in Years 7 to 12 will be held on **Wednesday 24 January 2024** at the Sleeman Aquatic Centre, Chandler. Attendance at the swimming carnival is compulsory for all students.

Further detailed information will be posted home via iLINQ and made available in the [Upcoming Events](#) area.

### STUDENT CAMPS 2024

Each year, students in Years 4 to 12 participate in Outdoor Education Camps. The camps are a compulsory component of the College Curriculum and it is expected that all students will attend.

#### Year 4

Thursday 21 November to Friday 22 November 2024

#### Years 5 and 6

Wednesday 31 January to Friday 2 February 2024

#### Year 7

Tuesday 30 January to Friday 2 February 2024

#### Year 8

Monday 29 January to Friday 2 February 2024

#### Years 9 to 11

Monday 18 November to Friday 22 November 2024

#### Year 12 (Leadership Retreat)

Dates will be provided in 2024.

Further information can be found on the [Camp page in iLINQ](#).

We hope that knowing all of this information in advance helps make your transition into the College routine a smooth one.

We wish you all a most rewarding and successful year.

From the Student Services Team.

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