



SCHOOL YEAR
HANDBOOK
JUNIOR SCHOOL
2020



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*Woodcroft College is vibrant, innovative and inclusive.
It seeks to provide an excellent all-round education
in a Christian environment.*

School Philosophy

Woodcroft College is future-oriented, equipping students with the knowledge, attitudes and skills they need to gain worthwhile employment, be responsible global citizens, and model their lives on Christian values and beliefs.

The curriculum is diverse and broadly based.

It is centred on the intellectual, physical, emotional and spiritual needs of students.

It encourages them to:

- Pursue academic excellence, yet caters for individual differences in learning styles and abilities.
- Strive in all areas of human endeavour from the subject-based disciplines to the arts, outdoor education, sports and leisure-time activities.
- Become confident, active, resilient, self-reliant and successful lifelong learners.
- Grow in faith through Religious and Values Education, corporate worship, and service to others in school, local community and international projects.

The curriculum, co-curriculum and pastoral care program have a global perspective, preparing students for citizenship in a democratic, multicultural society.

They are encouraged to:

- Be themselves, showing tolerance and respect for the rights of others.
- Appreciate social, religious and cultural differences.
- Grow in self-respect, taking responsibility for their own actions and conduct.
- Become leaders, experienced in decision-making.



From the Head of College

Dear Parents and Students

It is always my pleasure to welcome current and new families to Woodcroft College.

Thank you for choosing to be part of our community.

We look forward to sharing each student's journey through the years. We know that there will be challenges along with exciting and rewarding experiences.

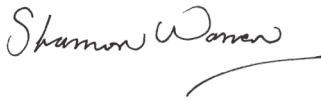
Woodcroft College encourages students to strive, to be inspired and to achieve their personal best. Our facilities and curriculum offerings are designed to give our students the opportunity to pursue many areas of interest.

Our pastoral care is a key focus for the wellbeing of our students. Ensuring that they feel supported both inside and outside the classroom is our priority.

This booklet is designed to give both parents and students a clear understanding of the start of a new school year at Woodcroft College.

You are encouraged to visit our College website (www.woodcroft.sa.edu.au) where you will find additional information to help you prepare for the 2020 school year. You will find some useful links to pages on our website in this booklet.

We wish every student success and we look forward to your family's involvement at Woodcroft College.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shannon Warren". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Shannon Warren
Head of College

The First Day in the Junior School

Students in Reception to Year 5 commence on Tuesday 28 January 2020.

1. Playground supervision commences at 8.20 am. Students arriving before this time are to be booked into the OSHC Program.
2. The classroom will be open at 8.35 am so your child can unpack their school bag and get ready for the day.
3. The school day begins at 8.45 am.
4. The school day ends at 3.15 pm.
If collecting your child/ren from the Upper or Lower Courtyard, please do not arrive before 3.00 pm.

Note: Children are not permitted on the playgrounds at the end of the school day. Afterschool access to playgrounds is only for children booked into the OSHC Program and under OSHC staff supervision.

For the first day please bring:

- blue document wallet and red library bag;
- school hat;
- small portion of cut up fruit or vegetable for crunch time; and
- recess, lunch and a water bottle.

Consents

Media Consent Authority

The College has an 'Opt Out Option' only for all media consent permissions.

During the year photographs, images, video, voice, academic and creative work of students are taken for teaching and learning, teacher reflections, standardisation and moderation, assessment, sharing students learning, class activities and excursions, archival and promotional purposes.

Students may also publish their own materials on the school or class websites, SeeSaw, blogs and other online environments.

Use of all media is at the discretion of the teacher and the College, and may be published in publications, on publicly accessible school sanctioned websites and on external media organisations for publication and broadcast, such as Facebook.

Families who wish to use the Opt Out Option must print, sign and return the form located on the website.

The 'Opt Out Option' form can be found on the College website:
www.woodcroft.sa.edu.au/enrolments/information-for-2020

Photography by Parents, Students or Staff

Photographs, video or digital images of a student or staff member are considered 'personal information'. Their use and disclosure are governed by the Privacy Act 1988 and the 2014 Australian Privacy Principles (APP) contained within it. Photographs, video and digital images of students and staff may also contain copyright, and therefore may also be governed by the Copyright Act 1968.

Apart from concerts, assemblies and special events, College approval must be obtained before taking any photographs, recordings or videos around the College. At special events, parents may photograph their own children and should never distribute, store or display photographs of others' children or staff members, in either electronic or printed form, without their express permission.

Similarly, College logos should not be used without the express permission of the Head of the College.

Notwithstanding this, parents should understand that their children may be photographed or filmed by other parents or visitors at Woodcroft College events or events at other schools and venues.

Consents & Agreements

Local Walks Permission

Occasionally it is necessary for students to go on short walks with their class and class teacher in the local area.

Some examples of these walks are:

- to the local library or shopping centre;
- to monitor flow and variety of traffic; and
- Environmental Studies.

We seek your consent for your child to be involved in this activity. When this consent is given it will be kept on record for your child's duration at the College (any changes to this consent should be advised in writing).

The Local Walks Permission form can be found on the College website:
www.woodcroft.sa.edu.au/enrolments/information-for-2020

DVD Permission

On special occasions throughout the year, including camps, we like to show students PG rated DVDs that are selected by their teachers. The DVDs shown are in relation to the class topic being discussed or as suitable entertainment at special times.

We seek your consent for your child to be involved in this activity. When this consent is given it will be kept on record for your child's duration at the College (any changes to this consent should be advised in writing).

The DVD's Permission' form can be found on the College website:
www.woodcroft.sa.edu.au/enrolments/information-for-2020

Information and Communications Technology User Agreement

The safe and responsible use of ICT at Woodcroft College

Woodcroft College recognises that Information and Communications Technologies (ICT), including mobile devices, are now an integral part of a student's culture and way of life. We also recognise that digital learning will play a valuable and significant part in the education of our students.

All new students entering the Junior School are to complete, sign and return the ICT User Agreement. College. Receipt of the agreement will ensure students are provided with access to the College ICT platforms.

The ICT User Agreement consent forms can be found on the College website:
www.woodcroft.sa.edu.au/enrolments/information-for-2020

Year 5 Band Program

All children in Year 5 participate in the school's Band Program. Students learn one band instrument (flute, clarinet, trumpet or trombone) for three terms in small group tuition lessons and participate in the Year 5 Band.

The Year 5 Band Hire Agreement can be found on the College website:
www.woodcroft.sa.edu.au/enrolments/information-for-2020

Further information on the Year 5 Band Program can be found by visiting the College website:
www.woodcroft.sa.edu.au/our-college/publications/handbooks

Consents & Agreements

Essential Agreement: Food for Life

Woodcroft College supports the health and well-being of its students and members of the wider community through a 'Food For Life' Policy which underpins the curriculum, food services and general operation (where food is involved) across the College.

Woodcroft College is guided by the 'Australian Guide to Healthy Eating' and the 'Australian Dietary Guidelines'. We understand that 'less-nutritious' food is a part of most people's food intake but we accept a responsibility to educate students to understand the importance of nutritious food and to consider role-modelling healthy food practices in all college operations and services.

The Food for Life Essential Agreement can be found on the College website:
www.woodcroft.sa.edu.au/enrolments/information-for-2020

Essential Agreement: Allergy Awareness

Woodcroft College Junior School is an Allergy Aware School. This is to protect children with allergies and educate all children on the dangers of allergies and their associated risks.

It is our aim to provide a safe and healthy learning environment for all staff, students and their families in our community.

The Allergy Awareness Essential Agreement can be found on the College website:
www.woodcroft.sa.edu.au/enrolments/information-for-2020

School Information

College Handbooks

All College handbooks (including parent and curriculum handbooks) can be downloaded for viewing by visiting:
www.woodcroft.sa.edu.au/our-college/publications/handbooks

Handwriting Guides

Handwriting Guide, Reception to Year 2 and South Australian Modern Cursive, Years 3 to 5 information, can be found on the College website: www.woodcroft.sa.edu.au/enrolments/information-for-2020

Digital Learning

Overview & Frequently Asked Questions

All students in Years 3 to 9 are required to have their own iPads. Lessons are planned and prepared with the expectation that all students will have their own iPads ready and available as part of their learning toolkit.

The Digital Learning Handbook can be found on the College website:
www.woodcroft.sa.edu.au/enrolments/information-for-2020

The School Locker Finance Options

The College has partnered with The School Locker to offer preferential pricing for Woodcroft families. Details and Order forms can be found on the College website: www.woodcroft.sa.edu.au/enrolments/information-for-2020

For more information, parents should visit: theschoollocker.com.au/schools/woodcroft-college

School Services

Bus Services

The College operates bus services to and from the school. For more information, parents should visit:
www.woodcroft.sa.edu.au/our-community/bus-services

Canteen

Rory's School Lunches manages the College Canteen. They are a local based Catering and Canteen Management Company who provide excellent and extensive "healthy choice" food offerings to numerous schools across South Australia.

For more information, parents should visit: www.woodcroft.sa.edu.au/our-community/canteen

College Uniform

The College Uniform is managed by Hambours Uniform Specialists. The Uniform Shop is located in Faith Cottage. Opening hours can be found on the College website.

For information, parents should visit: www.woodcroft.sa.edu.au/our-community/uniform-shop

OSHC Program

The Out of School Hours Care Program (OSHC), including Vacation Care, are operated by Woodcroft College. For information and bookings, parents should visit: www.woodcroft.sa.edu.au/our-community/oshc

Extra-curricular Program

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We encourage students to participate in at least one of the many extra-curricular sports and activities offered in the Junior School. We believe that an involvement in such activities supports the College's aim of providing each individual student with an all-round education.

Information and the Expression of Interest (nomination) form can be found on the College website: www.woodcroft.sa.edu.au/enrolments/information-for-2020

Instrumental Music Tuition

Details on the Instrumental Music Tuition Program (Years 3 to 12) and the 2020 Application form can be found on the College website: www.woodcroft.sa.edu.au/enrolments/information-for-2020

General Information

Junior School Booklists

All texts and stationery in the Junior School are supplied by the College.

Head Lice Fact Sheet

The College follows the guidelines set by the local government environmental health authority. To download the Headlice Fact sheet visit the Onkaparinga Council website: www.onkaparingacity.com/onka/home.jsp

Checklist

Have you:

- Ordered iPad (*Years 3 - 5 only*)

Read, Signed and Returned the following consents (applicable for entry in 2020):

- Local Walks (*new students only*)
- DVD permission (*new students only*)
- Media (*Opt Out Option only*)
- ICT Agreement (*new students only*)
- Year 5 Band Program (*all Year 5 students only*)



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