



SCHOOL YEAR  
HANDBOOK  
MIDDLE 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.

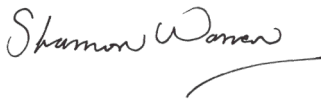
Woodcroft College encourages students to strive, to be inspired and to achieve their personal best. Our facilities and curriculum offerings are designed to give our students the opportunity to pursue many areas of interest.

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](http://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.



**Shannon Warren**  
Head of College

# The First Day in the Middle School

**Students in Year 6 to Year 8 commence on Tuesday 28 January 2020.**

1. School begins at 8.45 am.  
*All Year 6 - 8 students are asked to assemble on the College Green by 8.40 am. Teachers will be there to direct you.*
2. At 8.45 am students will be welcomed to the College.  
*Students will then be divided into Year Groups.*
3. Students will be collected and taken to their classrooms by their Tutors for a day of orientation activities.
4. Timetables will be distributed to students.

## **Year 6/7 Students for the first day please bring:**

- pencil case;
- your recess, lunch and a drink – water bottles are permitted in the classroom (Canteen facilities are available);
- iPad; and
- College Hat.

## **Year 8 Students for the first day please bring:**

- your student diary;
- pencil case;
- books & stationery – display folders, lined/blank exercise books and pad paper;
- your recess, lunch and a drink – water bottles are permitted in the classroom (Canteen facilities are available);
- iPad; and
- College Hat.

## **On Wednesday please bring:**

- Books – All text books, safety glasses (optional) and Visual Art Diary.

**Students in Year 9 commence on Wednesday 29 January 2020.**

1. New Year 9 students commencing in 2020 please report to Mrs Ross in Student Administration at 8.30 am.
2. School begins at 8.45 am and students will assemble in the Gymnasium.
3. Students will then be divided into Year Groups.
4. Timetables will be distributed to students in Tutor Group.
5. Students must bring their diary, pencil case, a pad of paper or exercise book, iPad and College Hat.

If you have any comments or questions on the Middle School, please feel free to contact your child's tutor, or any of the following staff:

Head of Year 6/7  
Head of Year 8  
Head of Year 9

Mr Richard Graham  
Mr Mark Cussadia  
Mr Neil Turner

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# 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 their form.***

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

## Local Walks Permission Form

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](http://www.woodcroft.sa.edu.au/enrolments/information-for-2020)

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

The 'ICT User Agreement' consent form can be found on the College website:  
[www.woodcroft.sa.edu.au/enrolments/information-for-2020](http://www.woodcroft.sa.edu.au/enrolments/information-for-2020)

# School Information

## Code of Social Conduct

The College Code of Social conduct can be located at:

[www.woodcroft.sa.edu.au/enrolments/information-for-2020](http://www.woodcroft.sa.edu.au/enrolments/information-for-2020)

## 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](http://www.woodcroft.sa.edu.au/our-college/publications/handbooks)

# Digital Learning

## Overview & Frequently Asked Questions

All students in Years 3 to 9 will be 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](http://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](http://www.woodcroft.sa.edu.au/enrolments/information-for-2020)

For more information, parents should visit: <https://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: <http://www.woodcroft.sa.edu.au/our-community/bus-services>

## Canteen

Rory's School Lunches manages the College Canteen. For more information, parents should visit:

[www.woodcroft.sa.edu.au/our-community/canteen](http://www.woodcroft.sa.edu.au/our-community/canteen)

## College Uniform

The College Uniform is managed by Hambours Uniform Specialists.

For information, parents should visit: [www.woodcroft.sa.edu.au/our-community/uniform-shop](http://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](http://www.woodcroft.sa.edu.au/our-community/oshc)

# Extra-curricular

## Extra-curricular Program (including HPAP)

Information and the nomination process is included in the Orientation Package and can be found on the College website: [www.woodcroft.sa.edu.au/enrolments/information-for-2020](http://www.woodcroft.sa.edu.au/enrolments/information-for-2020)

## Instrumental Music Tuition

Details on the Instrumental Music Tuition program and the 2020 Application Form can be found on the College website: [www.woodcroft.sa.edu.au/enrolments/information-for-2020](http://www.woodcroft.sa.edu.au/enrolments/information-for-2020)

# General Information

## Texts & Stationery

Campion Education (Aust) Pty Ltd is Woodcroft College's official supplier of texts and stationery to the Middle and Senior Schools. There is no booklist for Year 6 - 7. Stationery orders for Year 8 - 9 are on-line (no hard copies provided). The online code is **6JTX**. Details on how to order can be found on the College website: [www.woodcroft.sa.edu.au/enrolments/information-for-2020](http://www.woodcroft.sa.edu.au/enrolments/information-for-2020)

Campion online ordering: <https://order.campion.com.au>

## Digital Resources

Some subjects may require students to purchase digital resources. Information relating to purchasing will be communicated directly to parents.

## Middle School Calculator

Carron Calculators, a South Australian company, are our preferred supplier. Order forms can be found on the College website: [www.woodcroft.sa.edu.au/enrolments/information-for-2020](http://www.woodcroft.sa.edu.au/enrolments/information-for-2020)

## Book Labelling

Information is included in the Orientation Package and can be found on the College website: [www.woodcroft.sa.edu.au/enrolments/information-for-2020](http://www.woodcroft.sa.edu.au/enrolments/information-for-2020)

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## Middle and Senior School Library

The Middle and Senior School Library supports the educational, personal and social development of students. Further details and opening times can be found on the College website: [www.woodcroft.sa.edu.au/enrolments/information-for-2020](http://www.woodcroft.sa.edu.au/enrolments/information-for-2020)

# Checklist

## Have you:

- Ordered iPad
- Ordered Texts & Stationery
- Ordered Calculator

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

- Local Walks (*new students only*)
- Media (*Opt Out Option only*)
- ICT Agreement (*new students only*)



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