



## Parent Communications

The College has a number of ways to communicate with parents. Depending on the nature of the communication, it is important you have access to all platforms to ensure you do not miss any information from the college or about your child.

### *Email Communication*

Email is our preferred method of communication. For this reason, please ensure your email address is up to date via the Community Portal or by contacting the school with any changes.

Emails that are general in nature and sent to the whole school, sub school or year level are sent from our Marketing and Communications Coordinator, Meredith Baker. We use Mailchimp to send emails to our families and so it is important you set up your inbox to allow emails from this source to ensure they are not filtered or put in to your junk folder.

If you unsubscribe from our mailing list at any time this will mean you will not receive any emails from the College and to change this you will need to re-subscribe via our contact page on our website.

### *Text Messaging*

The College uses a messaging system to sent text messages to parents that are of an important or immediate nature and usually require some sort of action from the parent.

Text Messaging is used to:

- alert parents when their child has been marked absent from school
- remind parents about upcoming events that require an RSVP
- advise when school fee accounts have been sent

### *Skoolbag*

SkoolBag is an App used to update our families on College news and information, including upcoming events, school activities and changes in sport fixtures.

Parents are also able to notify the College of absentees and view our website and Term Newsletters from the App.

For information on how to download and use the App, please refer to the SkoolBag Information Sheet in the Orientation Pack.



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### *SeeSaw*

SeeSaw is an App used in our Junior School in lieu of a diary. It is used to keep families updated with:

- class notices
- event reminders
- student work
- class activities
- homework
- library updates

**Year 6 and 7 classes may also use SeeSaw App to keep families up to date with class activities and student achievements.**

### *Middle School Diary*

Students in the Middle School are expected to use and maintain their diary to record:

- term timetable
- homework
- assignment due dates
- activities
- special events
- notes from teachers

It is expected that the diary is checked and signed by parents each week and shown to the student's Tutor Group teacher.

### *Learning Conversations*

Learning Conversations are held once a Term and are a valuable opportunity for teachers to discuss progress with students and their parents.

Learning Conversation dates are detailed in the College Calendar and parents are notified by email when bookings are available online via the Community Portal.

In addition to learning conversations, the Junior School also hold three-way interviews once a year. These provide an invaluable opportunity for students to talk about their learning and share their goals and achievements.



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### *Reports and Junior School Learning Portfolios*

Learning Portfolios are sent home to Junior School families at the end of each term to read through the school holidays. If there are any concerns then the parent will be contacted before the Learning Portfolio is sent home.

Reports are produced for students in Year 1 to Year 12 at the end of each term. Parents can access student reports online, through the Community Portal. An email is sent when they are available.

### *Social Media*

Woodcroft College host Facebook and Instagram Pages.

You are able to access the official Woodcroft College social media pages by clicking on the appropriate logos located at the top of the College Website home page. Please follow us and feel free to share, like and comment on our posts.

Facebook is used to keep families updated with classroom activities, excursions, upcoming events, latest news and other student related activities that are happening on a day to day basis during the school term.

Instagram is used as a fun way to highlight a day in the life of our students.

### *Written Communication*

The College issues consent forms for all excursions and incursions. These are sent home with students, together with a parent copy, with the expectation the school copy is signed and returned by the due date.

Occasionally the College host special events that require a formal invitation and these are posted direct to the family's postal address for students in the Middle and Senior Schools and sent home with students in the Junior School.

It is important your postal address is kept up to date so any communication sent through the post will reach you.



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