



# Northmead

Creative and Performing Arts High School

Dear Parent/Carer

Starting high school is a very important time in your child's life. You want to be sure that you have made the right decision for your child's education. More importantly you will want your child to feel comfortable with his/her new school and the prospects of their high school education. Knowing that Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School values your child and cares about their future education will hopefully reassure you that you have made the right decision. Orientation Day will provide you with another opportunity to ask questions and to become more familiar with the school, its policies and procedures.

Orientation Day will be held on:

**Date:** Tuesday December 4<sup>th</sup> 2018  
**Start:** 8.45 am – Assemble School Hall  
**Finish:** 2.00pm

The day will commence with a meeting in the school auditorium. This will include information on the arrangements for the first week of school, details of uniform and expectations of students. Our Year 7 students for 2019 will hear from this year's Year 7 students, their Year Adviser, as well as support staff and key school personnel.

Following the meeting in the auditorium the students will attend a series of classes. This will give them a good idea of life at high school. **Each student will need a pen or pencil for this part of the program.** Students are expected to be at school by 8:45am and can be collected from school at 2:00pm. The school has allocated considerable time and resources to ensure that your child has the best possible start to learning in high school. As it is a school day students are requested to wear their primary school uniform.

Students will receive a full orientation to the school. Parents will have an opportunity to purchase and/or make arrangements for school uniform, school fees and the Year 7 Camp. Year 7 students will be required to purchase a Chromebook for use at school. You will need to independently complete the purchase as soon as possible to ensure that your student can engage with learning day 1, 2019. Please see the following information.

The school Uniform Shop will be available on Orientation Day It will be open at other times before and after Orientation Day to facilitate a smooth ordering process. The normal hours of operation in 2019 for the Uniform Shop are on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8.00am to 10.00am. You will have the opportunity of paying school contributions & subject fees on this day. To facilitate a more time efficient process (avoiding queues) an online system will be available 7 days prior to Orientation day. This is accessed through the school's website. The schedule for Year 7 subject fees in 2019 is:

| General School Contribution              | \$90 | Subject Material Contributions:         |      |
|--|------|---|------|
| Sport                                    | \$25 | - Science                               | \$30 |
| P&C Donation / Membership                | \$50 | - Visual Arts                           | \$30 |
| Mathspace Homework Program               | \$20 | - Mandatory Technology (Home Economics) | \$75 |
| Anti-Bullying Program                    | \$5  | - Technology (Industrial Arts)          | \$50 |
| English                                  | \$15 | - Music                                 | \$10 |
|  |      | - Dance                                 | \$10 |
|  |      | - Drama                                 | \$10 |
| <b>TOTAL AMOUNT: \$420 + E- Elective</b> |      |   |      |

Northmead CAPA High School offers an endeavour elective program for Year 7 and 8 students. Students should indicate their top four choices. Parents should note that there are fees attached to specialised programs (\$50.00). Students will be given this form to fill out on Orientation Day.

Students who have auditioned for the Creative and Performing Arts classes do not need to complete selections. Their endeavour elective is linked to their area of expertise, but fees do apply (\$50.00). There is also a fee of \$50.00 for those students who have been accepted into the Gifted and Talented Academic Program for 2019.

The Year 7 Camp will be held at Mangrove Mountain from Monday February 11<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at a cost of \$295. Full payment should be paid on Orientation Day or a \$50 deposit if necessary and the balance to be paid by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019. Full details will be issued next year. If you have concerns regarding your student attending the camp, please be in touch with the Year 7 Year Advisor Ms Bottrill.

Payment can be made by cheque, credit card or cash. There will also be extended opportunities for parents to meet with staff and ask questions. The day will conclude with a sausage sizzle for students.

I am looking forward to meeting with you on Tuesday December 4<sup>th</sup> 2018

Yours sincerely

*M Vazquez*