Welcome and Introduction

**Booklets**
- Session Booklet for notes and general information.

**Questions**
- If you have any questions, please write them down in the pages provided towards the back of the Session Booklet. A pen is provided in the envelope.
- There will be time at the end of the meeting to ask questions.
Group Session Program

- Procedures and Organisation—Getting through the 1st few weeks
- Pastoral Care, Parent Support, Communication and Coneqt
- Curriculum, Study Wall Planner, Homework and Coneqt
- Important Dates
- Questions
- Fill out and hand in forms
Procedures and Organisation – Getting through the 1st few weeks

Getting through Day 1
- Day 1 Checklist (Session Booklet – Page 5)

Transition Program for Year 7
- During the first two weeks, time will be spent during lessons and Homeroom to focus on routines, organisation, diary use and expectations.
- Peer support buddies in Homeroom will help students.
- Year 7 students will have an Activity Day in Term 1, which focuses on developing positive relationships with peers.

Café 135 @ Treasure
- Lunches ordered before school.
- Year 7 students are dismissed 5 minutes before recess and lunch during Term 1.
Procedures and Organisation – Getting through the 1\textsuperscript{st} few weeks

School Transport (Session Booklet – Page 11)

- Use of buses and trains.
- Purchase bus tickets from Student Services.
- On the Year 7 Orientation Day, students can trial catching the bus home.

Organisation

- Filling out the College Diary
  - Students write in all homework, due dates for assessments and reminders.
  - Parents and teachers use the diary to communicate.
  - Parents regularly check their child’s diary.
  - Students fill out the lessons for the whole week at the start of the week.
- Use of colour coded folders and wallets.
- Use of exercise books, binders and display folders.
Diary Use (Pages 12 & 13)

Procedures and Organisation – Getting through the 1st few weeks

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**Commentary/Comments:**

- Maths: solve problems, complete homework.
- English: read and write stories.
- Science: complete experiments.
- PE: complete games.

**Teacher's Signature:**

**Parent/Guardian Signature:**
Procedures and Organisation – Getting through the 1st few weeks

**Lockers**
- On the first day of school, students will be allocated lockers and combination locks.
- Peers support buddies and Homeroom teachers will assist students.
- Students are responsible to keep any valuables, school books, stationery, school bag and Blazer (when not in use) in the locker.
- Lockers can be used before Homeroom, during recess, at the beginning and end of the lunch break, and after school.

**Year 7 Lessons include:**
- 6 classes of Year 7 students.
- The use of the Br Patrick Doolan Learning Centre and C2 for most of the Year 7 core learning areas.
- Specialised classrooms and areas for Electives, Science, LOTE and Physical Education.
Procedures and Organisation – Getting through the 1st few weeks

**Summer Uniform** (See Parent Handbook)

- On the first day of school, students wear their Summer uniform.
- All articles of clothing need to be clearly labelled.

**College Uniform Shop Sales and Trading Hours** (Session Booklet – Pages 6 to 8)

- When purchasing uniform items, the Uniform Shop Staff can give advice as they are fully aware of the College expectations and recommendations.

**PE Uniform** (See Parent Handbook)

- Sports shoes should be rigid in the heel, provide ankle and foot support and not be easily twisted.
- It is important that shoes are not extreme or excessively bright colours as they need to blend with the College tracksuit and sports uniform.
- In Term 1, students will need their sports uniform as well as have a towel, blue College cap or blue bucket hat, sunscreen and College bathers.
Pastoral Care

• All staff are involved in the pastoral care of students.

• To assist students with pastoral care matters and settling into secondary school there are the students’ Homeroom Teachers, Heads of House and Year 7 Coordinator.

• The College Psychologist and College Counsellor are also available on site at the College.

• If parents or guardians are not sure who to contact in regards to their child, they can contact their child’s Homeroom Teacher or Year 7 Coordinator.

• See Parent Handbook for Staff Contacts.
Pastoral Care, Parent Support, Communication and Coneqt

Houses and Homeroom Structure (See Parent Handbook)

- There are 5 Houses and 7 Homerooms in each House.
- Each House has an appointed Head of House. Each House is named after a place of considerable significance to the Norbertine Order.
- A vertical Homeroom system consists of Years 7 to 12 students.
- Each Homeroom has the Peer Support Program where students assist each other and develop friendships.
- Heads of House catch-up with new students throughout Term 1, which is ongoing throughout the year.
Pastoral Care, Parent Support, Communication and Coneqt

Parent Communication (See Parent Handbook)

• College Diary
  - Parents and teachers check diaries regularly and they can use the diary to write notes to each other.

• Newsletter and Circulars
  - A fortnightly newsletter is published to inform parents and students of College activities.
  - The newsletter is emailed to all students.
  - The newsletter is emailed to parents through Coneqt if parents have supplied the College with current email addresses.
  - The newsletter is also available on the College website.
Pastoral Care, Parent Support, Communication and Coneqt

**Parent Communication** (See Parent Handbook)

- **Emails, letters, phone calls, direct messaging**
  - Teachers and parents may use email, letters, phone calls or direct messages through Coneqt to communicate with parents.

- **Reports**
  - Formal reports are sent to parents at the end of each semester via Coneqt P.
  - An Interim Report is issued in Term 1 for all students via Coneqt P.

**Useful Staff Contacts** (See Parent Handbook)
Pastoral Care, Parent Support, Communication and Coneqt

Parent Communication

• **For Parent-Student-Teacher Interviews:**
  - Interviews are held in Terms 2 and 3.
  - Dates will be published in the College Newsletter and put on the College Website.
  - Parents book interviews via the online booking system, PTO Online.

• **On Coneqt P:**
  - Parents can see everything that students can see on Coneqt S.
  - Students and parents will be able to see the student’s marks, work planned and when assessments are due.

Parent’s/Guardian’s Email Addresses

The College requires updated email addresses of parents and guardians in order to use Coneqt P for communication and receiving reports.
Pastoral Care, Parent Support, Communication and Coneqt

Direct Messaging to Staff on Coneqt P.
Pastoral Care, Parent Support, Communication and Coneqt

Access to Documents on Coneqt P.
The Year 7 classes include:

- Religious Education – 3 periods a week
- English - 6 periods per week (5 Content and Literacy; 1 Library and ICT skills)
- Mathematics – 5 periods per week
- Humanities – 4 periods per week
- Science – 4 periods per week
- Physical Education – 2 periods per week
- Health Education – 1 period per week
- Japanese – 1 period per week for a semester
- Italian – 1 period per week for a semester
Year 7 Electives are:

- Tasters for Technologies & Arts, and The Performing Arts
- 2 periods per week with term rotations with 2 tasters per term (Total = 8)

See Creative Arts Exhibition Invitation in your envelope.

Other Programs include:

Instrumental & Vocal and Basketball Programs (See brochures in envelope).
Homework and Study (See Parent Handbook)

Study Wall Planner
• Students use the Study Wall Planner to assist with time management.
• The Study Wall Planner Roll Out will be at the New Students 2016 Parent Seminar Evening on Monday 15 February 2016.

Homework Club
• Assists students with how to do homework, organisation, routines and achievements.
• Homework Club is on Tuesdays (Maths for all Year Groups) and Thursdays (Any Homework for Year 7s).
Curriculum, Study Wall Planner, Homework and Coneqt

**Coneqt allows:**

- Both students and parents to view items including timetables, courses, programs, assessment outlines, resource materials and assessment scores for specific tasks.
Use of ICT and MacBooks (See Parent Handbook)

MacBook Program (Session Booklet – Page 10)

• A letter from the Principal is in your envelope in regards to the MacBook.
• Information on how to purchase a MacBook for students is on the College website:
  1. Go onto the College website: www.norbert.wa.edu.au
  2. Click on Enrolments
  3. Click on MacBook Program
  4. Click on Link for Information on parent funded Macbook program is available at this Link.
• MacBooks need to be purchased by Friday 8 January 2016 from Winthrop.
• If purchased elsewhere, the MacBook will need to be delivered to the College by Friday 22 January 2016.
• MacBook sessions will be:
  - 25 January from 9.00am to 6.00pm
  - 27 January from 1.00pm to 6.00pm.
Important Dates for 2015

Important dates for 2015 (Session Booklet - Page 2)

- **Placement Test – New Students 2016**
  - Date: Tuesday 22 September 2015
  - Time: 4.00pm – 5.00pm
  - Venue: Br Patrick Doolan Learning Centre

- **Year 7 Students 2016 – Orientation Day**
  - Date: Friday 4 December 2015
  - Time: 9.00am – 3.10pm
  - Venue: Br Patrick Doolan Learning Centre

Orientation Day allows students to:

- Become more comfortable with starting secondary school.
- Become familiar with the College and general procedures, participate in different activities and make new friends.
- Have the opportunity to trial catching the bus home (Session Booklet - Page 11).
Important Dates for 2016

Important dates for in 2016 (Session Booklet - Page 2)

• MacBook Information Sessions
  - Date: Monday 25 January 2016
  - Time: 9.00am – 6.00pm
  - Date: Wednesday 27 January 2016
  - Time: 1.00pm – 6.00pm

• New Students and Years 11 & 12 Students Commence – Day One
  - Date: Monday 1 February 2016
  - Time: 8.45am – 3.20pm

• Years 8 – 10 Students Commence – Day One
  - Date: Tuesday 2 February 2016
  - Time: 8.45am – 3.20pm
Important Dates for 2016

Important dates for in 2016 (Session Booklet - Page 2)

• **New Students 2016 Parent Seminar Evening & Study Wall Planner Roll Out**
  - Date: Monday 15 February 2016
  - Time: 6.00pm

• **College Community Mass (College Oval)**
  - Date: Sunday 21 February 2016
  - Time: 6.30pm
Reminders

New Students 2016
Information Evening can be accessed from
http://www.norbert.wa.edu.au/
Questions
Please complete and hand in the following forms before leaving this evening:

- Consent to obtain Counselling/Psychology Services
- Consent to Photography, Film, or Video a Student, Non-Profit
- Information for Incoming Students
- Parental Involvement – 2016
- Year 6 Mathematics Workshops

If you are unable to complete any of these forms this evening, they will need to be handed into the College by **Tuesday 22 September 2015.**