



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to the final week of the year! As you know it has been a year like no other and despite the obvious setbacks I feel proud of our students, staff and school community in the way we have finished the 2020 school year. We have been resilient and determined to find new ways of doing things and ensuring that the continuity of student learning and wellbeing have been the most important priorities for our school. We were able to run school events such as Year 12 Formal, Graduation and Night of Excellence to involve our students and importantly all of our families by different means instead of face to face. We have been innovative in live-streaming events and connecting you with important messages and this is something we will continue to offer in 2021.

Last week I sent out a letter explaining the new changes to our school structure for next year. We will be adding two new houses to our school in 2021. Thank you to all who participated in the survey to give your say on what you want the new houses to be. I am glad to report we have the names of the two new houses from the most popular responses in the survey (over 400 responses). The most popular survey responses for each category:

Most popular colours: Purple and Orange

Most popular woods: Iron Bark and Kurrajong (Yugembeh names: Janehn and Yabara)

Most popular mascots: Samurais and Pirates

Our new houses are:

ORANGE: JANEHN PIRATES

PURPLE: YABARA SAMURAI

Work has been done to move students into the two houses, and a big thank you to Mr Finn for working with key people to complete this process.

Finally, I would like to welcome all of our Year 7 students for 2021 who participated in a two day transition program at OWSHS last week. We are looking forward to welcoming the entire Year 7 cohort at the start of next year. We will also welcome many new students in other year levels, and sadly say goodbye to some families as well. For those leaving us, I hope you enjoyed your time at OWSHS and will have lasting fond memories of the school, people and events.

I wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and holiday period, and I look forward to seeing you back in the new year.

All the best,

Dan Murtas

Principal



DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER

09/12
Year 7, 8 & 9 Final Day

2021

JANUARY

26/01
Australia Day Public Holiday

27/01
First Day of School 2021

FEBRUARY

05/02
MSP Photo Day





09/02
Splashfest
(swimming carnival)

11/02
MSP Catchup photo day

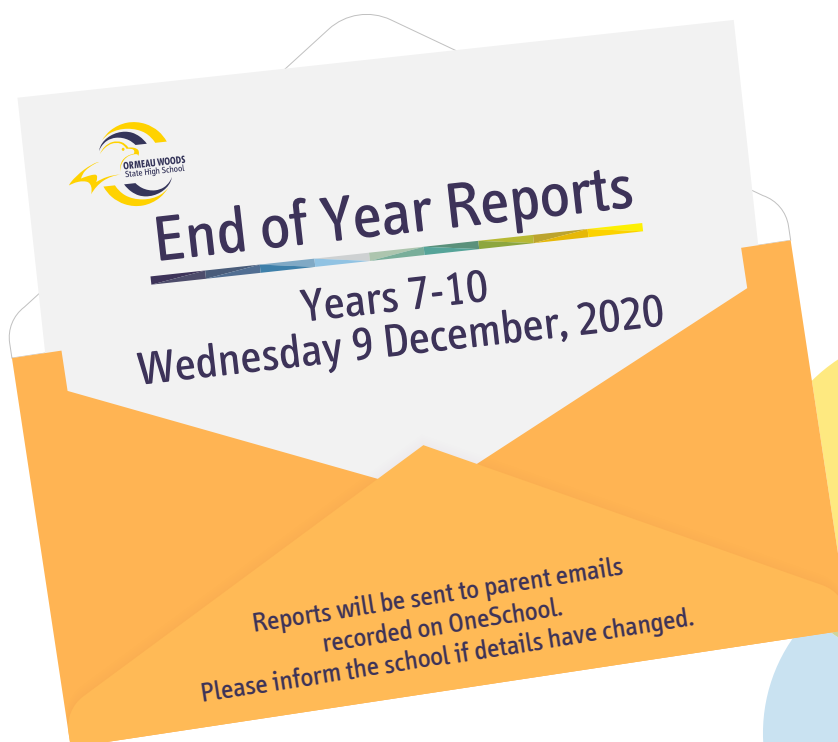
*note dates may change
please visit the Calendar on our
website for updated information
www.ormeauwoodsshs.eq.edu.au

KEY CONTACTS - Ending 2020



ROLE	BUNDARI	ROXINHO	TINTARA	ZAMBUCA
DEPUTY PRINCIPALS	 Nicole Norfolk	 Megan Herbert	 Dan Finn	 Joel McCarthy
HEAD OF HOUSE	Liana Tufuga-Mika	Tracy Kenny	Di Russell	Louise Ferguson
STUDENT ADVISORS	Hillary Gibson	Jessica Miller	Erin White	Asha Cameron
CURRICULUM HEAD OF DEPARTMENT	MATHS ENGLISH SCIENCE HUMANITIES	Hemant Prahaladh Jane Petersen Janelle Norton Carmel Naidoo	ARTS IT & ENTERPRISE HEALTH & MOVEMENT STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES TEACHING & LEARNING	Terry Antcliffe Glen Armstrong Warren Camps Wendy Nolan Lisa MacDermott
HEALTH HUB	GUIDANCE OFFICER GUIDANCE OFFICER YOUTH WORKER	Alan Fraser Kylie Dann Tiana Hosking	INDIGENOUS ED OFFICER PASTORAL CARER	Caleb Hall Sam Fiaalii
BUSINESS MANAGER	Adam Ronald			

* The Organisational Structure guide can be found on the last page of the newsletter



THE HEALTH HUB

Parent TV

Ormeau Woods State High School has signed up to ParentTV on behalf of all of our parents and staff which we are very excited about. ParentTV is an on demand video streaming website for parents delivering the help they need from trusted experts anytime of the day or night. Experts include a paediatrician, occupational therapist, psychiatrist, psychologist, accredited practising dietitian, autism consultant, behaviour therapist, sleep consultant, technology expert, social worker, health and wellness expert and counsellor with new experts coming on every month.

Each parent will be able to create their own personal account which allows them to create profiles for each of their children with their age, gender and any specific concerns you may have. The website then shows you the content most relevant to each of your children based on your preferences and their profile.

To create an account using our school subscription make sure you go to www.parenttv.com/membership and use the code - **ormeau** to gain access to all of the videos through our subscription.

Please be aware Goggle Chrome, Safari or Mozilla Firefox are preferred when viewing the Parent TV platform.



Wellbeing Wall

OWSHS wellbeing and community resources & activities for the family over the summer holidays.

<https://padlet.com/kdann9/12nhwr7euhim>



Health Nurse

School Based Youth Health Nurses Open Door Virtual Clinic is a free, confidential service for children that need support from a health care professional.

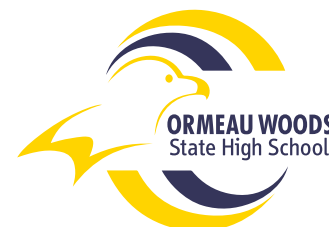
Contact SBYHN via
email: SBYHNGoldCoast@health.qld.gov.au or
phone: (07)5687 9183



P&C

P&Cs Qld is the peak body supporting and representing more than 576,000 state school parents and wider school communities throughout Queensland. We support the achievement of quality educational outcomes for students through fostering parental and community engagement in a thriving and successful education system. Through our state-wide network of over 1200 P&C Associations and School Councils, we have the localised presence and voice to lead and enact change.

Our Parent Talk magazine is a parent focused publication and published on a quarterly basis. It is circulated throughout Queensland state schools and P&Cs as a resource to provide parents and school communities with regular news and information on a wide range of topics relevant to parenting and education. Research confirms that where parents and community are engaged in their children's education the outcomes vastly increase. Help us ensure Every Child has Every Chance to a successful education. All editions of Parent Talk can be viewed here - <https://pandcsqld.com.au/members/publications/parent-talk/>

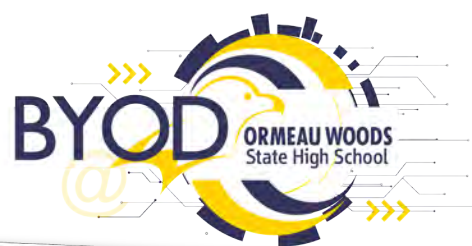


**PARENTS & CITIZENS
ASSOCIATION**

IT Department - BYOD@OWSHS

All Year 7's and 8's are expected to have an iPad in class in 2021 - All students will require an iPad by 2023 so why not get ready now with the OWSHS iPad purchase program.

OWSHS has an iPad purchase program with payment plans available to ensure your child has what they need in the classroom each day. All the information can be found on the school website. For all the information on BYOD@OWSHS please visit: <https://ormeauwoodsshs.eq.edu.au/curriculum/bring-your-own-device>



ALL
Year 7's & 8's
MUST
have an iPad in
2021

BYOD Requirements
@Ormeau Woods State High School

All Students at Ormeau Woods will require an approved device for learning from 2021. Timeline and device options outlined below. Please note a mobile phone is not a suitable BYOD device and are NOT permitted in classrooms from 2021.

Year	Device Requirements
2021	Year 7 & 8 - iPad® ONLY (option 1 or 2 only) Year 9 to 12 - iPad® or suitable device required (option 1, 2 or 3)
2022	Year 7 to 11 - iPad® ONLY (option 1 or 2 only) Year 12 ONLY - iPad® or suitable device required (option 1, 2 or 3)
2023	All Year levels - iPad® ONLY (option 1 or 2)

BYOD@OWSHS
iPad® Bundle
available for purchase @
Ormeau Woods State High School

Included in the school 2021 iPad purchase program bundle:

- Apple iPad® 8th gen 32GB with Wi-Fi
- Apple Pencil® (1st Generation)
- Black iPad® STM DUX case
- Screen Protector
- Selfservice App
- School Insurance (3 Years)
- 100% Technical Support (3 Years)
- Administration of Program

current cost: \$750 (including GST)
paid over 3 years

Get in now to be ready for 2021

When purchasing the school bundle there is nothing you need to setup, our IT department will look after it all for you with 100% IT support.

Contact the OWSHS Finance Team to discuss the payment options we have available to ensure your child has everything they need to enhance their learning experience.

contact IT@ormeauwoodsshs.eq.edu.au for further information and support or visit <https://ormeauwoodsshs.eq.edu.au/curriculum/bring-your-own-device>

Microsoft 365

Implementation of location-based access (geo-blocking)

What is location-based access (geo-blocking)?

Location-based access will prevent school staff and students from authenticating to Microsoft 365 applications and services from locations (countries) outside of Australia.

Why is it being implemented?

An increasing number of cyber-attacks against school-based users of Microsoft 365 applications and services originate from locations outside of Australia, and implementation of location-based access is one of several mitigations the department is implementing to keep staff and students, and their data, safe from threats in an increasingly hostile cyber environment.

How does it work and what are the general implications?

Location-based access leverages conditional access policies in conjunction with named locations - consisting of the Internet Protocol (IP) address ranges assigned to each country. Where an authentication attempt to a Microsoft 365 application or service originates from an IP address outside the range assigned to Australia, then the authentication attempt will fail.

School staff and student users who utilise location obfuscating technologies such as Virtual Private Network (VPN) and proxy server services will need to ensure that they disconnect from these technologies prior to attempting to authenticate to Microsoft 365 applications and services.

Can I request a temporary exemption from this control so that I can sign-in when travelling internationally?

School staff travelling internationally can request a temporary exemption from location-based access to allow them to authenticate to Microsoft 365 applications and services from locations outside of Australia. Please refer to [Services Catalogue Online](#) for further information on the process and requirements.

What about students at my school who travel internationally?

We recommend that you notify your school community of this change, including the parents/guardians of students at your school. Where a student continues to require access to Microsoft 365 applications and services while travelling overseas, parents/guardians must inform the school so that appropriate action can be taken to temporarily exempt students from location-based access controls. Please refer to [Services Catalogue Online](#) for further information.

The department is working to update the [School excursions and international school study tours procedure](#) to include information about location-based access and the exemption process.

If you have any queries or concerns about this communication, please contact the School Applications team - mis.team@qed.qld.gov.au

BUS SERVICE

If your child needs to use public transport to and from school each day, Ormeau Woods has two bus companies that run services for students. Please contact Surfside Buslines (07) 5552 2700 or visit their website surfside.com.au and for more information on the Yatala Bus service please phone (07) 3287 1427.

Please contact the bus companies directly as the school does not run these bus services.



ATTENDANCE

Even at the end of the school year it is important to inform the school of any absences right up until the last day of term.

When a student is absent from school, no matter the reason, you need to notify the school. You can do this by, phoning the Absence Line (07) 5540 9266, sending a message to 0427 248 087 or emailing absences@ormeauwoodsshs.eq.edu.au

If a student hasn't arrived at school and we haven't heard from you, a text message will be sent letting you know about the absence. If you receive this message please reply directly to the text with a short message stating the students name, duration of the absence (*if known*) and reason for the absence. This will keep the school information up to date.

EVERY day
counts
attendance matters

CLASSROOM 'LEAVE REQUEST' - *Let's make early pickup easy in 2021*

Do you ever need to pick up a child during a school day for an appointment or for another reason?

Has it taken a long time to get your child to the office?

Did you know you can arrange a classroom 'Leave Request' slip in advance?

If your child brings a signed note to Administration before school explaining the reason for the early pickup and the time the child needs to be at the office, we can issue a classroom 'Leave Request' slip. This way they can show their teacher the slip and at the nominated time come and wait at the office until your arrival. It's as easy as that.

We suggest this is a good idea especially on days where there are sporting events on the oval or you know your child is in a class that is hard to reach by phone like sport. You can do this for all collection reasons on any day to reduce the chance of delay.

Students will still need to be signed out at the office as normal, this pass is just to allow them to leave the classroom at the required time without Administration having to disturb the class by calling the classroom and will also reduce delay.

If you require more information about the classroom 'Leave Request' slip please contact Administration on (07) 55409222



UNIFORMS

THE SCHOOL LOCKER

All uniforms are available at the School Locker
shop 2/3878 Pacific Hwy, Loganholme QLD 4129
Phone: (07) 3440 9701
www.theschoollocker.com.au



The school uniform is viewed as integral in encouraging a sense of self-esteem, belonging and self-discipline in our students.

Please check the uniform policy carefully to ensure your student complies with the correct uniform. A reminder that leather shoes must be ALL BLACK with BLACK LACES. No white/coloured logos or markings are permitted on the leather shoes. Plain white socks must be crew length above the ankle.

Facial and tongue piercings are not permitted under school policy (full policy available on the school website).

School Locker now have OWSHS bucket hats and caps available or students can provide their own hats but they must be free from offensive language, symbols or logos.



Scan for full Uniform
& Appearance Policy

HAIR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hairstyles must be neat, clean, tidy and well-maintained Only hair ribbons or hair bands in any of the school's colours may be worn Extreme hairstyles (e.g. Mohawks, tracks, razor patterns and rat's tails) or bright unnatural hair colours are not acceptable. Natural toning only is permitted. 			
JEWELLERY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One flat ring Two (2) pairs of plain studs or sleepers worn in the ears (studs no more than 5mm in diameter, sleepers no more than 10mm in diameter) Spacers worn in the ears are to be clear only, flat and solid, no more than 10mm in diameter One watch One item of necklace jewellery may be worn if it is of cultural or religious significance following negotiation with the school Principal and parents/ caregivers. Students with facial piercings will be referred to administration where they will be directed to remove the item. If a student refuses or repeatedly breaches the policy the issue will then be viewed as wilful misconduct. 			
MAKE-UP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discreet sun factor make up may be worn as part of the Sun Safety in Secondary Schools guidelines. Eyeliner, eye shadow, mascara, lipstick/lip-gloss and other make-up are not permitted. 			
NAILS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clear nail polish is permitted. Acrylic nails or French tips must be of a clear colour 			
TATTOOS	<p>In keeping with our school culture, Ormeau Woods State High School has a no visible tattoo policy. The school acknowledges that tattoos are part of some religious and cultural beliefs and practices. Students who have a visible tattoo are required to have it covered at all times whilst at school or on school activities.</p>			
SHOES	<p>To assist parents when purchasing footwear, the following guide is provided. Footwear must be black leather, either shoes or joggers with black laces. All footwear must be fully enclosed. Students may be withdrawn from activities under Workplace Health and Safety legislation if wearing inappropriate footwear.</p>			
ACCEPTABLE SHOES				
UNACCEPTABLE SHOES				
SOCKS	<p>To assist when purchasing socks, the following guide is provided. The white crew sock is the only acceptable style of sock that may be worn. These may be purchased from the the School Locker or from a clothing retail outlet.</p>			
ACCEPTABLE SOCKS				
UNACCEPTABLE SOCKS				

GETTING READY FOR 2021!

2021 Queensland School Calendar

Stay up to date with all the term dates, public holidays and student free across the year by printing a copy of the 2021 Department of Education's State School Calendar.

<https://education.qld.gov.au/about/Documents/2021-school-calendar.pdf>



SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT - Wednesday 27 January 2021

Australia Day public holiday is on Tuesday 26 January 2021. School commences on Wednesday 27 January for ALL YEAR levels.

Students are to meet at 8.30am in the Year level locations listed below to receive their timetables

Year 7 - PAC

Year 8 - MPC

Year 9 - Under Lecture Centre

Year 10 - Under Innovate

Year 11 - Southern Amenities

Year 12 - Northern Amenities

These areas will be clearly signed around the school and a map of the school can be found on our school website.

<https://ormeauwoodsshs.eq.edu.au/SupportAndResources/FormsAndDocuments/Documents/1%20Our%20School/Maps%20and%20Transport/2021-school-map.pdf>

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The 'New' Student Code of Conduct has now been completed and will be available online. It will be found at :

<https://ormeauwoodsshs.eq.edu.au/our-school/rules-and-policies>

STATIONERY LIST 2021

Years 7 & 8

- Exercise Books - 6 x 48 pages
- Three pens - 2 x black, 2 x blue, 2 x red
- Two pencils (HB)
- One sharpener
- One glue stick
- One eraser
- One transparent plastic 30cm
- One stapler
- One pencil case
- Three display folders with plastic inserts
- + 1 specifically for Maths Portfolio Work
- One USB Memory Stick
- Scientific calculators - Casio FX-82 (or variants of FX-82)
- A4 quad ruled book for Maths
- Art students require a Visual Diary

* Plus BYOD iPad with Apple pencil

Years 9 to 12

- Exercise Books - 6 x 48 pages
- OR
- A Ringed Binder with dividers and 200 pages refill
- Three pens - 2 x black, 2 x blue, 2 x red
- Two pencils (HB)
- One sharpener
- One glue stick
- One eraser
- One transparent plastic 30cm
- One stapler
- One pencil case
- Three display folders with plastic inserts
- One USB Memory Stick
- Scientific calculators - Casio FX-82 (or variants of FX-82)

* Plus BYOD iPad with Apple pencil or suitable device

**Please Note: this is a guide and some subject teachers might require additional or varying items to those listed.*

TRADING HOURS - FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

CLASS HOURS

Form	8.30am - 8.45am
Period 1	8.45am - 9.40am
Period 2	9.40am - 10.35am
Lunch 1	10.35am - 11.20am
Period 3	11.20am - 12.15pm
Period 4	12.15pm - 1.10pm
Lunch 2	1.10pm - 1.35pm
Period 5	1.35pm - 2.30pm

ADMINISTRATION HOURS

*Closing for 2020 - 12.00pm Wednesday 9 December 2020
 Reopen for 2021 - 8.00am to 3.00pm Tuesday 19 January 2021 to Friday 22 January 2021
 Closed - Monday 25 January 2021 & Tuesday 26 January 2021
 Opening for Term 1 - Wednesday 27 January 2021
 School Term Hours - Monday to Friday - 7.30am to 4.00pm
 Phone Hours - 8.00am to 3.30pm - 07 5540 9222

FINANCE WINDOW

Closed for 2020
 Reopen Wednesday 20 January 2021 8.00am to 3.00pm
 Thursday 21 January 2021 8.00am to 12.00pm
 Friday 22 January 2021 8.00am to 12.00pm
 Opening for Term 1 - Monday, Wednesday and Friday - 8.00am to 11.00am

* The Administration building (Executive Services) will be closed from 12pm Wednesday 9 December 2020. If you need to collect a student between 12pm and 2.30pm on this day all students will be supervised by the Deputy Principal's in the MPC where a sign out sheet will be available for parents.

CANTEEN UPDATE

The school canteen will not be open on the final day of term. Please ensure your child/ren have a packed lunch and water for the final day of Term, Wednesday 9 December 2020. The canteen will then re-open on the first day of term, Wednesday 27 January 2021

SCHOOL WATCH

Please keep an eye on the school over the summer break. If you see anything please report to school watch - 13 17 88



EARLY 2021 PLANNING

Australia Day Public Holiday Tuesday 26 January 2021

School Term commences Wednesday 27 January 2021

School photos

Student school photographs will be taken for ALL year levels on **Friday 5 February 2021**. Should a student be absent on this day for any reason, there is a catch up day on **Thursday 11 February 2021**.

ALL students must be in full formal school uniform. Their photograph will also be used for their Student ID card (which is part of the Student Resource Scheme).



Splashfest

The 2021 school swimming carnival will be held at Runaway Bay Sports Centre on **Tuesday 9 February**.

Consent forms will be given to all students at the beginning of next year to be completed and returned to school.

Permission forms and payment of \$11 per student will be due back at school by **Friday 5 February**. Payments can be made via the Qkr! App at any time.



EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We are proud to offer a range of extra-curricular activities at our school:

Sports - Touch Football, Rugby League, AFL, Netball, Volleyball, Futsal, Soccer, Basketball, HPV - Human Powered Vehicles

For further information please contact Sports Coordinator - Warren Camps, wcamp31@eq.edu.au

Music - Instrumental Music Program - Drumline, Strings, Choir, Keyboard/Guitar Workshop, Tech Crew Workshop

For further information please contact Music Teacher - Laveenia Ganash, lgana4@eq.edu.au

Dance- OWSHS Performance Team. Performances include: Brisbane Eisteddfod, BPAC, Beenleigh Eisteddfod, Gold Coast Eisteddfod, Ormeau Fair and our very own Ormeau Woods Annual Dance Concert.

For further information please contact Senior Dance Teacher - Jaci McIntosh, jfawd3@eq.edu.au

Tutorials - Tutorials are held each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 2.30pm to 3.30pm in the Resource Centre.

Tuesday - Math and Science

Thursday - English and Humanities

Students are to inform their subject teacher prior to attending a tutorial session.



COMMUNICATING WITH US

We are committed to building positive home/school relationships to provide optimal learning environments. We value and appreciate feedback from our parents and school community. School feedback can be provided through the following options:

1. Arrange a meeting with a staff member by contacting the School on 07 5540 9222. Appointments are necessary to see staff as this will ensure their availability to see you. Schools are busy places and we generally spend most days outside our offices.
2. Whilst our first preference is for contact via phone or in person, you may need to contact a staff member via email. You will find a contacts list on our website.
3. P & C - Parents and Citizens Association meets every third Tuesday of the month at 5.30pm.
4. Annual School Opinion Survey

SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

We are proud of our links to the wider community. As a School, we have partnerships with:



From everyone at
Ormeau Woods State High School
we would like to wish you all
a very Merry

Christmas
and a Safe and Happy
New Year

we look forward to seeing everyone in 2021

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

As we are a growing school, we have introduced a new organisational structure in 2020 to further support the House system already in place.

Deputy Principals no longer manage year levels. Instead, each Deputy Principal manages a House of students, supported by Heads of House and Student Advisors. All contact email addresses are on the School Website.

COMMUNICATION - QUICK GUIDE FOR PARENTS

QUERY	WHO DO I CONTACT?
I would like to know more about what is happening in a subject.	Class Teacher
I have tried to contact the class teacher, but would like further support for my child in a particular subject.	Curriculum Head of Department
My child will be away for assessment / my child needs assessment adjustments (including extensions). Therefore, I will need to submit an Access Arrangement and Reasonable Adjustment Form (AARA).	Year 7-9 (see Curriculum Head of Department) Year 10-12 (see Guidance Officer) *See Assessment Policy on website
My child has had a one-off conflict with another child and I would like a mediation to occur.	Student Advisor (for your child's house)
I am concerned about attendance.	Attendance Officer or Student Advisor (for your child's house)
I would like some support with my child's uniform.	Student Advisor (for your child's house)
I am concerned about bullying.	Head of House
I would like some wellbeing support for my child.	Guidance Officer
I am concerned about my child's progress across a number of subjects.	Head of House (1st Instance) Deputy Principal (2nd Instance)
My child would like a subject change.	Student needs to complete a subject change form (available at the office)
I am concerned about the safety of my child/other children.	Deputy Principal (for your child's house)
I would like to provide positive feedback.	Always welcome!