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18 December 2025

2026 Senior School Commencement Information

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

We are looking forward to the start of the new school year in 2026 at Scots All Saints College and welcome all returning and new students to our College community for what will be a year filled with growth and engaging learning opportunities.

To support our parents, carers and students to prepare for a great start to the 2026 school year we have compiled the following important information relevant to the first day, the first week and more.

Parent Portal

Details and information pertinent to a wide range of College activities including the start of the school year can be found in the Parent Portal under the Senior School tab on our website https://scotsallsaints.nsw.edu.au/parent-portal/. Links on the portal lead to information on transport, term dates, uniforms, technology, textbooks and stationery, student absences, policies and much more. We strongly encourage parents and carers to become familiar with the content on the Parent Portal.

Please note the 2026 Senior School Handbook and 2026 Boarding Handbook will be available on the Parent Portal ready for the start of 2026.

Heads of Year

The Heads of Year are the primary contact for students and parents with matters relating to welfare, organisation and wellbeing.

Our Heads of Year for 2026 are:

Year 7 – Mr Geoff Clifton-Smith geoffrey.clifton-smith@scotsallsaints.nsw.edu.au
Year 8 – Mrs Catherine Dundon catherine.dundon@scotsallsaints.nsw.edu.au
Year 9 – Ms Emily Togher emily.togher@scotsallsaints.nsw.edu.au
Year 10 – Mrs Liz Casey liz.casey@scotsallsaints.nsw.edu.au
Year 11 – Mrs Denise Nelson denise.nelson@scotsallsaints.nsw.edu.au
Year 12 – Mr Luke Gillmer luke.gillmer@scotsallsaints.nsw.edu.au
Careers and Year 10/11/12 Head of Year Support – Mrs Helen Jones helen.jones@scotsallsaints.nsw.edu.au

Laptop set up January 20 - 28

To ensure a smooth start to the school year all laptops new to the College technology environment in 2026 need to be booked in with our IT team to be set-up. This will involve configuring email, learning systems, security protocols, printing authorities etc. This is particularly relevant for local new students entering Year 7-12 and local current students with a new device. To book a set-up time for your device and find more information on technology visit: https://scotsallsaints.nsw.edu.au/parent-portal/technology-for-senior-school/

New boarding students will be able to deliver their laptops to the IT team on Monday 2 February and it will be configured for them in time for the start of classes on Tuesday 3 February.

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Return to School Dates

Monday 2 February – New boarding students; new day students Years 7 -12 only

11 am - New boarding students arrive on the Senior Campus

12.15pm arrival for 12.30pm – Light lunch and introductory meeting for all new students (Year 7 -11) and their families. Please park in the visitor car parking area.

Communication will be sent via email and/or CarerOrbit App (parent app) prior to the lunch - please confirm numbers and dietary requirements for those attending the lunch.

1.30pm – 3.15pm – New students will engage in activities and classes with their Head of Year. Day students will either need to be collected at 3.20pm or can catch local bus services. We will be offering transportation on our College buses to Blayney, Millthorpe, Orange, Oberon and Lithgow.

- **New students are to dress in the College sports uniform with House coloured shirt.**
- **School Prefects and House Captains are also required**. Prefects in full school uniform and House Captains in College sports uniform with House coloured shirt.

3.30pm - existing boarding students return to Senior Campus.

Tuesday 3 February - Day 1 Term 1 lessons commence for all students in Years 7 to 12

Day 1 uniform - summer school uniform with hats and blazers. We expect compliance with the College uniform and presentations requirements for makeup, hair styling, facial hair and jewellery from day 1.

8.25am - 8.55am – arrival at school and meet in allocated year group locker areas before moving to the following designated areas for collection of student diaries, timetables and other instructions.

Year 7	Hunter Sports Centre (please note that Year 7 will already have their diary and timetable)
Year 8	Aikman Hall
Year 9	Outdoor stage area at the Performing Arts Centre
Year 10	Shade cloth area outside the Day House
Year 11	Year 11 Locker Room
Year 12	Senior Quad

9.30am - 2026 school year begins with a commencement assembly and chapel service in Aikman Hall

Period 3 - formal classes commence.

Term 1 Student Uniform Requirements

A reminder that all students are required to be neat and appropriately attired at all times. Whenever students are wearing their school uniform at the College or in public, they must wear the full school uniform correctly. Summer uniform is worn in Term 1. Parents/Carers and Students are strongly encouraged to review the Senior School Handbook for details on our College Expectations.

Hats

Students are to have a College branded broad brimmed hat (formal hat or bucket hat) at school each day. From day one in 2026 we expect every student to arrive at school with a broad brimmed hat. Students who are being active and in the sun will need to wear a College hat. Students who do not comply will be moved to the shade and have a demerit recorded against their name. Students playing sport or PE outdoors are to wear a hat.

Blazers

Blazers are a part of the full school uniform and are required to be worn all year.

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- At all school assemblies and Chapel services and at other special formal occasions when advised.
- When travelling to and from the College and on excursions (not sports related), unless the staff member in charge directs otherwise.

Hair

All students' hair must be neat and appropriately styled. Please refer to the College Student Handbook in the Parent Portal for full details.

Student Lockers

All students will be allocated a locker by their Head of Year. These are to be used for the storage of schoolbooks, equipment and uniform. **Students should only need to carry small amounts of books/equipment between classes and only return to their lockers during breaks in the day (e.g. recess and lunch) and not between periods.** A College tote bag is highly recommended and has been given to Year 7 students. All lockers must have a lock (pad lock style around 25 to 40mm size), supplied by the student and always be locked when not in use. Spare keys can be given to the Head of Year in a clear labelled Ziplock bag in case the key is lost or forgotten.

Mobile phones

A reminder that the use of mobile phones during the school day is not permitted. Students whose mobile phone is seen or heard will have it confiscated, a demerit will be recorded, an email sent home to parents and an automatic after school detention. Students are encouraged to lock their phone in their locker or leave it at home. If students need to contact a parent/carer during the day, they can ask to use a phone in reception, the Head of Senior School office or with their Head of Year. We remind parents to please not attempt to call or message your children during the day, as you may get them in trouble.

Student Discipline and Procedures

Throughout 2025, our student discipline policy and procedures have been reviewed and refined and the updated policy and procedures will be introduced for the start of the 2026 school year. Our student and classroom expectations will remain the same however the recording, consequences and communication of poor and good behaviour will change. The improved use of Edumate and CarerOrbit will provide parents with notifications of both positive (merits) and negative (demerits) behaviours of the students.

A tiered or level styled system is being introduced with Level 1 infringements relating to compliance issues such as students not having their diary, a charged laptop, special equipment for a lesson or for uniform infringements. During the first period of each day, teachers will be required to ensure that the students in their classes are complying with our student expectations. A series of Level 1 referrals will result in a notification to parents and detentions. Level 2 behavioural issues such as swearing, lesson disruption, property misuse, mobile phone use, chewing gum, etc. will be an automatic notification to parents and a form of detention. The higher levels are for behavioural issues of a more serious nature which will involve parent meetings and significant consequences. The students will be briefed on these refinements at the start of 2026.

Dining Hall Lunches - Meal Plans

Parents are reminded that Term 1 meal plans for day students can be ordered through FlexiSchools. By doing this, day students will have access to the dining hall and the food that it provides during lunch times. Details regarding this and the other options for food offered through Chartwells and Flexischools can be found on the Parent Portal. https://scotsallsaints.nsw.edu.au/parent-portal/meals-dining-options/

Meal plans are best ordered prior to the first day of school and will need to be finalised by 6 February, 2026.

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Please note that I will be on Long Service Leave in Term 1, 2026 and that Mr Dan Odell will be the Acting Head of Senior School. He can be contacted at daniel.odell@scotsallsaints.nsw.edu.au

On behalf of the Senior School staff, I wish everyone a holy Christmas and happy New Year. We pray that everyone will be safe, healthy and enjoy quality time to rest and relax with family and friends.



Justin Adams

Head of Senior School