



Whitsunday ANGLICAN SCHOOL
MACKAY

2020 Parent Information Guide

Kindergarten to Year 12



INFORMATION GUIDE

To support a smooth transition to Whitsunday Anglican School, we have compiled this information guide. If you have any questions regarding any of the information detailed in this guide, please do not hesitate to contact our School Administration Office on (07) 4969 2000.

As we are concerned about our school's environmental footprint, many of our communication methods are electronic. If this is an inconvenience, please contact our Marketing Department via email at wasmedia@was.qld.edu.au to arrange an alternative avenue.

COMMUNICATION

The School's primary communication channels are listed below, along with the systems we use to inform parents of important information, events, key dates and online resources.

WHITSUNDAY APP

The Whitsunday Anglican School App is a key information tool for parents in one handy location. The App can be installed by searching "Whitsunday Anglican School" in the App Store or Google Play. You can then customise the App to your needs by managing your subscriptions.

The below information/services can be found on the application:

- Notices (including the Daily Correspondence)
- School Calendar
- Absentee Form
- Co-curricular information
- Useful links
- Contact information

For more information on the app including download and managing subscription guides please visit <https://was.qld.edu.au/school-life/whitsunday-app/>.

PARENT LOUNGE

Parent Lounge is a live portal which contains all of the current information regarding your child's academic reports, the School's online calendar, parent teacher meetings, excursions, subject selections, important events, attendance and much more.

Your username and password are automatically generated by the School's Information Technology (IT) Department. On commencement of your child's enrolment you will be given your login details. If you have any trouble accessing the Parent Lounge, please do not hesitate to email JED@was.qld.edu.au.

Parent Lounge can be accessed via this link [Parent Lounge](#) or through the School App or website.

DAILY CORRESPONDENCE

Here at Whitsunday Anglican School, we understand that parents are busy, and therefore require up-to-date information at their fingertips, in one easy format. With this in mind, we send a 'Daily Correspondence' which is accessible through the Whitsunday Anglican School App and also via email. The Daily Correspondence is delivered via email at approximately 1.30pm each school day and is also available on the App under Notices. The email contains information relating to events occurring in the near future, events that have been cancelled and any other pressing communications.

WHITSUNDAY WORD

The Whitsunday Word is our monthly newsletter. It is sent out to families during term time via the Daily Correspondence and is also available on the App and School's website. It includes the recent happenings at our school, photos, upcoming important dates, Old Scholar and Foundation news and mentions of our 'community of business partners.' If you would prefer to receive the Whitsunday Word in print, please contact our Marketing Department at wasmedia@was.qld.edu.au.

Please see below for what additional information and services are available via these communication methods and systems.

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

The ability to reserve a meeting with your child/children's teacher/s is accessible via Parent Lounge. Should this be an inconvenience to you, you are welcome to contact the relevant Sub-school to make alternative arrangements. The approaching date for these meetings will be brought to your attention via a notice in the Daily Correspondence and Whitsunday Word.

ATTENDANCE

We understand that at times, our students are unwell or attending out of school appointments and are unable to attend school. When this happens, the best avenue of contact is via our attendance email. This email address is monitored by multiple staff members. Should your child require time away from the School please email attendance@was.qld.edu.au. Please include your child's name, year level and reason for absence. Alternatively, there is also an Absentee Form available to complete via the School App. If a student's absence is unexplained, the parent will receive a SMS to ask for them to make contact with the School.

LATE ARRIVAL AND EARLY DEPARTURE

Students arriving late to school must report to the appropriate sub-School Office. Any students who depart school early must also report to the appropriate sub-School Office. This will be shown on the daily absentee list.

IMPORTANT DATES

COMMENCEMENT OF SCHOOL YEAR

The [School Calendar](#) includes key events for each year and is available on the School website or via the App.

TERM DATES FOR 2020

Term 1 – Tuesday 28 January – Friday 3 April (10 weeks)
Easter Vacation – Saturday 4 April – Sunday 19 April (2 weeks)
Term 2 – Monday 20 April – Friday 19 June (9 weeks)
End Semester Vacation – Saturday 20 June – Sunday 12 July (3 weeks)
Term 3 – Monday 13 July – Friday 18 September (9 weeks + 1 camp week)
Outdoor Education Week – Sunday 13 September – Friday 18 September
September Vacation – Saturday 19 September – Monday 5 October (2 weeks)
Term 4 – Tuesday 6 October – Friday 27 November (8 weeks)
Year 12 Finish – Friday 20 November
K – 11 Finish – Friday 27 November

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

- Australia Day - Monday 27 January
- Good Friday - Friday 10 April
- Easter Monday - Monday 13 April
- ANZAC Day - Saturday 25 April
- Labour Day - Monday 4 May
- Mackay Show Day – Friday 14 August
- Queen’s Birthday - Monday 5 October

OUTDOOR EDUCATION WEEK

In 2020, Outdoor Education Week will be held from Sunday 13 September through to Friday 18 September.

All students are expected to attend Outdoor Education Week and parents are asked not to make alternative arrangements. The Outdoor Education program is considered to be an essential part of each student's development and is a mandatory curriculum activity.

It is a program that teaches essential skills from Kindergarten to Year 10. While Year 11 is a leadership training and career camp. Due to external exams the Year 12 students will instead have a leadership camp at the beginning of the school year.



GENERAL INFORMATION

DAILY ROUTINE

Junior and Senior sub-Schools	
Period	Time
Tutor Group 8.25am – 8.45am	20 minutes
1 8.45am – 9.45am	60 minutes
2 9.45am – 10.45am	60 minutes
Break 10.45am – 11.20am	35 minutes
3 11.25am – 12.25pm	60 minutes
4 12.25pm – 1.25pm	60 minutes
Break 1.25pm – 2.00pm	30 minutes
5 2.00pm – 3.00pm	60 minutes

SCHOOL POLICIES

Copies of all the School's policies are available on the School's website at the following link - <https://was.qld.edu.au/our-school/school-policies/>.

In addition to this, information regarding the School's Student Protection Policy and Procedures can be found at - <https://was.qld.edu.au/safeguarding-our-students/>.

SCHOOL NURSE AND SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST

Within Whitsunday Anglican School's Wellbeing Centre sits our School Nurse and School Psychologist who work to ensure that our students are well both physically and mentally.

Our School Nurse Mrs Nikolsky is available if your child/children feel unwell at any time throughout the school day and is the leading health expert at Whitsunday Anglican School.

If there is any update or change to your child/children's medical status, please ensure the School is informed of this as soon as possible. It is paramount that we are kept up to date to ensure that we can provide the best care for your child/children.

Our School Psychologist Mrs Marchant is the leading mental health expert at Whitsunday Anglican School. She can assist our children, young people, families and teachers to support

a student to get the best out of life at the School. Our School Psychologist can work with students on:

- Peer relationships and friendships
- Parent-child communication
- Strategies for positive behaviour support
- Understanding child concerns
- Providing information and resources
- Making referrals to external agencies

School hour appointments are available, as scheduled through the relevant Head of sub-School.

ACADEMIC REPORTS

Your child/children's academic reports are issued via Parent Lounge. As the time for reports approaches, there will be notices in the Daily Correspondence. The reports will appear as an extra menu item in your family's Parent Lounge. Students receive academic reports at the end of Term 1, Semester 1 and Semester 2 of every school year.

CO-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

We offer a vast range of co-curricular activities at the School. These activities include cultural, pastoral, sports, the arts and academic focuses. We strongly encourage students to try at least one activity. A list of current co-curricular activities is available and distributed each term via the Daily Correspondence and co-curricular information is also available on the School App and website.

PLAZA LUNCHBOX INFORMATION 2020

The Plaza Lunchbox provides healthy food choices for busy families at reasonable prices. Plaza Lunchbox sources quality fresh produce from local businesses, and all funds go directly to the Parents and Friends Association to enhance the educational experience for our students.

First break, or morning tea, is the longest mealtime and commences at 10.45am through to 11.25am. Second break, or lunch, is the shorter mealtime, and this commences at 1.25pm through to 2.00pm.

While the tuck shop sells food during both breaks over the counter to Senior School students only, the School strongly encourages all students to pre-order their meals through Flexischools – a quick and convenient online ordering system. To place an order, log in to the [Flexischools website](#) and place your order before 8.00am each day for that day. Flexischools also has an [App](#) that can be downloaded for both Apple and Android devices. You can also place orders for any day in advance. There are also more choices of meals on Flexischools than over the counter.

BEFORE AND AFTER KINDERGARTEN CARE, OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OSHC) AND VACATION CARE

The School offers excellent Before and After Kindergarten and School Care services to students and parents. Within the programs for these services there are appropriate developmentally programmed activities, supervised care, plus a wholesome afternoon tea. There is also a Vacation Care Program that operates throughout the school holidays; this is available for all students enrolled from the Preparatory Year and now for Kindergarten aged children also. Please visit the [Kindergarten webpage](#) for further details on the changes to the program and visit the [OSHC webpage](#) for more information about school-aged care.

CO-ORDINATOR OF ATHLETIC DEVELOPMENT AND PHYSICAL WELLBEING

In 2020, Whitsunday Anglican School introduced the exciting new role of Co-ordinator Of Athletic Development and Physical Wellbeing which will be undertaken by Mr Alex Kertesz. This new role within our School will ensure that all Whitsunday Anglican School students have the opportunity to develop enhanced physical wellbeing and athletic performance through effective, evidence based, progressive and cooperative programs. The Co-ordinator of Athletic Development and Physical Wellbeing will facilitate cooperation between Health and Physical Education (HPE), School Sports and Strength and Conditioning (S&C) Programs to maximise the learning and performance and wellbeing of students and staff through a graduated, functional pathway of physical development and fundamental movement skill progressions.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

It is the aim of Whitsunday Anglican School to offer a consistently high-quality academic education within a caring, Christian environment, which encourages all students to reach their potential as individuals and as members of society. Whitsunday Anglican School places equal importance on the development of its students' academic, sporting and cultural lives. Music forms an integral part of school life at Whitsunday and, in addition to the comprehensive Class Music Program, students are actively encouraged to participate in the School's Co-curricular and Instrumental Music Programs.

All students from Preparatory Year to Year 12 are invited to join the program with specialist lessons available in Baritone/Euphonium/Tuba, Cello/Double Bass, Clarinet, Drums/Percussion, Flute, Guitar, Piano, Saxophone, Singing, Theory of Music, Trombone, Trumpet and Violin/Viola.

Information on the program and how to enrol is available here - [Instrumental Music Program](#).



BUS ARRANGEMENTS 2020

In 2020, Bus Fox Mackay (<https://busfox.com.au/>) is operating two direct branded bus services, morning and afternoons on school days. The service will cater solely for Whitsunday Anglican School students.

The Mirani Bus Service occurs through an interchange with the Sarina Bus Service. This interchange occurs at the Ooralea – Boundary Road stop (outside the Woolworths Shopping Complex).

The bus service is managed through the RollCall portal which allows parents to monitor the bus service, pay for the service and allocate stops.

The below fees apply to both services on offer.

Schedule of Fees			
Zone	Casual Rate (Per Trip)	Term Rate (1 Student) No Discount	Term Rate (2 & subsequent Students) 75% Discount
1	\$2.50	\$150.00	\$37.50
2	\$3.50	\$250.00	\$62.50
3	\$6.50	\$400.00	\$100.00

Sarina Bus Service Timetable

MORNING SERVICE		
Bus Stop	Time	Zone
Sarina Beach Surf Club, 1 Owen Jenkins Drive	7.12am	3
Campwin Beach Road Bus Stop	7.15am	3
Hay Point Turn Off (highway loop - stop before roundabout)	7.30am	3
Bakers Creek Bus Shelter (pull over shelter zone just after Bakers Creek Tavern)	7.42am	3
Temples Lane – McGrath Street Road Entry	7.45am	3
Ooralea – Schmidtkes Road	7.50am	2
Ooralea – Boundary Road Bus Stop (outside Woolworths Shopping Complex) - Transfer to Mirani Service	7.53am	2
Nebo Road Stop (bus shelter in front of Coral Cay)	7.59am	2
Mackay City Centre (Gregory Street Bus Stop – Rice Buffet side)	8.03am	1
Whitsunday Anglican School (Celeber Drive Bus Stop)	8.15am	0

AFTERNOON SERVICE

Bus Stop	Time	Zone
Whitsunday Anglican School (Celeber Drive Bus Stop)	3.10pm	0
Mackay City Centre (Gregory Street Bus Stop – Rydges Mackay Suites side)	3.25pm	1
Nebo Road Stop (bus shelter in front of Mackay Bowls Club)	3.30pm	2
Ooralea – Boundary Road Bus Stop (outside Woolworths Shopping Complex) – Transfer to Mirani Service	3.35pm	2
Ooralea – Schmidtkes Road	3.40pm	2
Temples Lane – McGrath Street Road Entry	3.45pm	3
Bakers Creek Bus Shelter (just after Bakers Creek Tavern)	3.49pm	3
Hay Point Turn Off (shoulder stop in drop off/turn facility area)	3.59pm	3
Campwin Beach Road Bus Stop	4.10pm	3
Sarina Beach Surf Club, 1 Owen Jenkins Drive, Sarina	4.15pm	3

Mirani Bus Service Timetable

MORNING SERVICE

Bus Stop	Time	Zone
Mirani – Alexandra Street Park (in front of the gazebos)	7.10am	3
Marian – Marian State School (in stop drop go lane)	7.22am	3
Pleystowe – Bus shelter pad (corner of Pleystowe Connection Road)	7.28am	3
Walkerston – Camerons Road Bus Shelter (driveway across from shelter)	7.35am	2
Ooralea – Boundary Road Bus Zone (outside Woolworths shopping complex)	7.51am	2

AFTERNOON SERVICE		
Bus Stop	Time	Zone
Ooralea – Boundary Road Bus Zone (outside Woolworths shopping complex)	3.35pm	2
Walkerston – Camerons Road Bus Shelter (driveway across from shelter)	3.50pm	2
Pleystowe – Bus shelter pad (corner of Pleystowe Connection Road)	3.55pm	3
Marian – Marian State School (in stop drop go lane)	4.02pm	3
Mirani – Alexandra Street Park (in front of the gazebos)	4.12pm	3

For more information on the WAS Bus Service please call (07) 4969 2007 or email wasbus@was.qld.edu.au.

Some Bus services also operate through Mackay Transit Coaches to and from the School. For further information visit the [Mackay Transit Coaches School Services](#) page or call (07) 4957 3330.



JUNIOR SCHOOL

OPERATING HOURS OF THE JUNIOR SCHOOL

- Classes begin at 8.25am (Kindergarten doors open at 8.15am; parents are invited to remain with their child until 8.30am).
- It is recommended that teachers (P-6) open their classrooms from 8.00am for students and parents.
- All other students are expected to be at school by 8.20am. Class rolls are marked at 8.25am with attendance for the day sent to the office. Any student arriving after this time must report to the Junior School Office to be marked as in attendance.
- Classes are dismissed at 3.00pm, including Kindergarten.
- Students should not arrive at School before 8.00am unless attending early morning organised co-curricular activities, tutoring or Before School/Kindergarten Care. Students arriving unaccompanied by parents before 8.00am may be placed in Before School Care.
- Junior School students remaining in the School grounds, unaccompanied, after 3.25pm may be placed in After School Care; parents will be contacted.

JUNIOR SCHOOL

Our Junior School provides a supportive environment for students as they transition between primary and secondary education. Catering for boys and girls from Kindergarten to Year 6, the Junior School creates an atmosphere in which students are encouraged and supported in developing a growth mindset to learning, with a curriculum that reflects best practice for engaging young students.

The Junior School introduces students to a variety of programs to assist them in developing emotional intelligence, character and leadership qualities.

Our Junior School staff firmly believe that every student is capable of success. As a team, we strive to provide, solid foundations, relevant and dynamic learning opportunities that develop the key 21st Century skills required for success in the future. Our staff work cooperatively and as part of the broader network of teachers, students and parents which make up the Junior and whole School family, with the collective goal of optimising the learning potential for all students.

Further information on the Junior School is available in the [2020 Junior School Handbook](#).

CURRICULUM

The School curriculum is organised from (Kindergarten) Preparatory to Year 6 and Years 7 to 12. At the Junior School we have a comprehensive program designed to awaken young minds to the joys of learning; including the first step in the School's digital journey with Year 4 to Year 6 students utilising laptops in their studies. Along with acquiring a firm grounding in literacy and numeracy through exploring, creating, communicating and documenting, students also experience the joys of History, Geography, Music (including Instrumental), Technologies, Science, Chinese and French, Art, Health and Physical Education. Learning also focuses on developing the skills, talents and abilities necessary to make better informed decisions in community living through the You Can Do It! program.

PASTORAL PROGRAM

The You Can Do It! program within the Junior School context is designed to support students, and, in this instance, the Junior School community, to optimise their social, emotional, and academic development. Our core business is to utilise the 'YCDI!' Program to assist in the development of our students' social and emotional learning (SEL) and capabilities through the explicit teaching of:

- ✓ Confidence
- ✓ Persistence
- ✓ Organisation
- ✓ Getting Along
- ✓ Emotional Resilience

These five foundations are central to the program and are supported by 12 Habits of Mind – accepting myself, taking risks, being independent, I can do it, giving effort, working tough, setting goals, planning my time, being tolerant of others, thinking first, playing by the rules, social responsibility.

Schools recognise the need to place students' social and emotional development on the same level as their academic development – many students won't learn to their fullest potential if this is not recognised. Research indicates that non-cognitive aspects of students' development including their attitudes, values and a range of social and emotional capabilities strongly influence their achievement, happiness, and relationships.

The framework reflects the belief based on research that there is a set of shared values that constitute what can be termed 'good character'. At the Junior School these values or virtues are incorporated in 5 'YCDI!' foundations.

EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM

Students in the Junior School will undertake a Pro-Social Behaviour program as part of the Aristotle Emotional Intelligence (EI) Development programs. This is supported through an established partnership with Swinburne University in Melbourne. The Fostering Pro-Social Behaviours EI Development Program targets pro-social behaviours and through a series of activities helps build emotion vocabulary and empowers students to take action and prevent exclusion related behaviour.

A rich and diverse co-curricular program is available to all students with opportunities in academic endeavours including a broad range of offerings inclusive of art and cultural pursuits, sport and service.

YEAR FOUR-SIX LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

From 2020, the Leadership program will build upon the Service Leadership Model in the Junior School. All Year 4 to Year 6 students in the Junior School will have the opportunity to engage in leadership opportunities which enable them to be responsible for activities within the Junior School and provide service to the school and wider community. The Year 4-6 students also experience leadership roles through leading Chapel and assemblies, and through representing the School at community events such as the Rats of Tobruk Service.

JUNIOR SCHOOL EVENTS

Global Learning Day and the 'Tastes of the World' Food Fest

Celebrating the multi-cultural community, we have in the Junior School, the students, parents and staff plan, create, rehearse and perform a range of wonderful dances, songs, poems from nations around the world. This is followed by a delicious and aromatic 'Tastes of the World' Food Fest. This is a delightful morning that includes all members of the Junior School community.

Grandparents and Grand Friends Morning

The Junior School hosts a morning for our grandparents and special 'grand' friends. The morning has the grandparents working with their grandchildren in class, and also includes a musical interlude with performances from a number of students across the sub-Schools. The morning concludes with morning tea for grandparents and friends.

Junior School 'Celebration of Achievement' (K-6)

To celebrate a successful year, the Junior School host their own Awards Ceremony in the Ron Bourne Hall at end of Term 4. The students are presented to the Principal and in their cohort, perform for the audience. Academic Awards for students in Years 4-6 will also be recognized at this ceremony.

KINDERGARTEN

All information on the School's Kindergarten program (and the Kindergarten Handbook) can be found on our website on the [Kindergarten webpage](#).

PREPARATORY YEAR

Further information on the Preparatory Year (Preparatory Year Handbook) is available on the [Junior School's webpage](#).

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OSHC)

Information on the School's OSHC program can be found on the School website under the [Community](#) tab.

TUTORING IN THE JUNIOR SCHOOL (P-4)

The Junior School teaching staff of Whitsunday Anglican School drive this individualised program by committing to provide a minimum of one hour of their time per week, before

or after School, to further support the needs of identified students. These students are invited to attend these tutorials.

HOMEWORK ASSISTANCE TUTORIAL SCHEME (HATS) – YEARS 5-6

HATS sessions generally commence in Week 3 of Term 1 and Term 3 for Years 5 and 6 students. HATS for these students will be in Trim 8/9 from 3.15pm - 4.15pm Tuesday-Thursday; following HATS they may access the library until 5.00pm. No students should be at the pick-up areas after 3.20pm if being collected later than that time. After 3.20pm, all Years 5 and 6 students who remain on campus are required to be in a supervised HATS session, in the library completing homework (Monday only) or at a co-curricular activity they have signed up for. Friday, the library will close at 4:00pm.

UNIFORMS

All students are expected to arrive at school neatly and correctly attired in the appropriate uniform and leave school in a similar fashion. Uniforms are not to be mixed. e.g. Physical Education (PE) shirts are not to be worn with the day uniform and black leather shoes are not to be worn with the PE Uniform. Students in Years 1 to 6 are to wear 'black leather lace-up' shoes.

Junior School students are expected to wear their uniform to all formal occasions such as ANZAC Day, school photographs, formal assemblies and the Awards Ceremony. In Terms 2 and 3, Year 6 students are expected to wear ties.

All girls from Years 1 to 6 will be expected to wear the Panama hat. Boys from Years 1 to 5 may continue to wear the 'older style' School formal hat until further notice. While boys in Year 6 should wear the newer 'Kimberley' formal hat.

Junior School students attending any formal School function would be expected to wear their formal School uniform in full. If a student is accompanying their Senior School sibling to a function, they should wear the same uniform as their older sibling.

Every student should bring a Whitsunday Anglican School hat to school each day, and wear it whilst at School, as the rule 'No hat, no yard play' will always be enforced by staff. All uniform items and personal equipment MUST BE CLEARLY NAMED.

- Popular fashion items including wrist bands, brightly coloured hair ties/accoutrements or jewellery are not permitted.
- Earrings – one pair of small plain gold or silver stud earrings (less than 5mm in diameter) and worn in the lobes. Girls unable to wear small studs may wear plain gold or silver sleepers after written parental requests have been made.
- Boys are not to wear earrings.
- Students' hair must be neat and tidy with boys' hair length cut at collar length, kept out of eyes, and cut around the ears in a conservative style. Once a girl's hair length reaches her shoulders it must be tied up in appropriate School coloured ties.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND CONTACTS (PERTINENT TO THE JUNIOR SCHOOL)

Head of Junior School	4969 2038
Junior School Secretary	4969 2038
Deans of Junior School	4969 2060
Kindergarten	4969 2083
Outside School Hours Care	4969 2052
School Chaplain	4969 2019
Junior School Music	4969 2050



YEARS 7 AND 8

At Whitsunday Anglican School, we recognise that Years 7 and 8 are acknowledged as a critical juncture for student in their adolescence.

During these crucial years we put a strong emphasis on creating enhanced teacher-student pastoral relationships that provide continuity and stability for both our new and current students. As a result, our students are provided a well-rounded education of excellence, setting the foundation for accomplished, confident students and citizens, who are able to take risks in their learning.

As a leading school, it is important that our students and staff are supported to meet a range of new developments in the educational landscape.

Our Dean of Students (Years 7-8) supports the transition of new students who enter Year 7 from the Junior School and those students who join Whitsunday Anglican School externally. The Dean of Students (Years 7-8) reports through to the Head of Senior School, ensuring that our young men and women transition safely into Years 7 and 8, before moving confidentially into Year 9.

Whitsunday Anglican School also has an established partnership with Swinburne University in Melbourne. This progressive collaboration has seen us implement the Aristotle Emotional Intelligence Development programs, delivering pastoral care as well as personal and professional development growth opportunity for our students. Our Year 8 students undertake a Wellbeing Program which aims to continue to support students to develop their personal and social skills in emotional intelligence.

The benefits of these programs are diverse, including: a positive influence on psychological well-being; boosting resilience and coping mechanisms; stress management; improved academic performance in tandem with motivation and focus; improved performance in sport and co-curricular activities; and improved communication and relationship skills.

Further information on these programs are available at <https://aristotle-ei.com/>.



SENIOR SCHOOL

The Senior School provides a vibrant, friendly environment where students are provided with opportunities and experiences that encourage personal development and positive growth. Students are encouraged to investigate how they fit into their world, and how their influence can bring about change as they become global citizens.

We encourage our students to follow Whitsunday Anglican School's strategic aims of internationalism, ICT and innovation, while adhering to our Core Values of Christianity, Tolerance, Excellence, Dignity and Trust.

Every adolescent wants to enjoy their time at school, and while they might not articulate this desire, they want to learn more about themselves and the world around them. This can only come about if students have positive relationships with staff and are encouraged to extend themselves without fear of failure. In the Senior School, we aim to provide a learning environment with high standards of care, Christian values, academic rigour and a focus on independent learning and a positive environment. We believe that our graduates will leave with a passion for learning and with the virtues of wisdom and integrity. They will be citizens who positively transform the communities in which they live and work. They will have bright futures that they learned to imagine at our fine School.



GLOBAL LEARNING PROGRAM

The Whitsunday Anglican School Global Learning Program aims to allow our students the opportunity to develop a passport of global learning experiences. The program is integral to our strategic aim of ensuring that our students develop a sense of identity and growth as they develop independence and interdependence. In achieving this, our program provides educational experiences through experiential learning to increase international and cultural understanding to promote a globally competent school community.

Global Exchanges – Students in Years 10 and 11 have the opportunity to undertake a reciprocal exchange with a student at one of our Global Partner Schools. These exchanges range from 4 to 8 weeks in length. Global Exchanges provide an opportunity for students to develop independence by spending time in a foreign environment learning how to adapt to new situations and different cultures. Exchanges can either have a cultural or language focus.

Global Expeditions – The digital revolution may have brought the world into the classroom, but it has also fed a desire to take the classroom into the world. The life-skills students develop through leadership, cultural, language and service experiences cannot be gained sitting behind a desk. They are gathered by travelling as a member of a team, whilst exploring new cultures. As part of Whitsunday's Global Learning Program, senior students have the opportunity to participate in the various global expeditions we offer annually. Each expedition has either a personal challenge, service learning or language immersion focus.

Global Classroom Collaboration – Students and teachers have the opportunity to connect and collaborate with our [Global Partners Schools](#) within our various curriculum areas. These collaborative projects will provide students the opportunity to participate in global educational experiences within their studies, which increases their global mindset as they advance through their schooling. These global partnerships will also provide the opportunities for staff to connect, share and learn from each other.

TRANSITION TO NEW SENIOR ASSESSMENT AND TERTIARY EDUCATION SYSTEM

The new Queensland Certificate of Education system now sees students working towards an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank ([ATAR](#)) rather than an OP (Overall Position). Under this system, there will be general subjects, applied subjects and vocational qualifications. There will be two methods of calculating an ATAR. A student may choose to study 5 general subjects to attain an ATAR or to study 4 general subjects plus an applied subject or a vocational qualification. Students must also pass an English subject. Currently while a pass in English is a requirement for admission to most post-secondary courses it is not a requirement for an OP.

There will no longer be a state-wide exam, such as the QCS test, which is used to scale internal school results. Each subject result will be expressed in terms of a percentage, calculated by adding the four pieces of assessment completed in that subject in Year 12. The external piece will not be used to scale the internal pieces. In all subjects except for Maths and Sciences, the external assessment will be 25% of the final grade, contributing the same as each of the three internal pieces. In Maths and Science subjects, the external exam will be 50% of the final subject grade. The scaling that will exist in the new system will be inter-subject scaling. That means that some subjects will be worth more than other subjects in terms of ATAR calculation. This scaling will not be available until the end of 2020.

Advice regarding which subjects students should choose in their senior years remains the same. Students should continue to choose subjects that:

- they enjoy
- they have some success in or believe they can develop in
- provide them with a balanced course of learning
- meet the pre-requisites for tertiary study that are relevant to them

TELEPHONE NUMBERS (PERTINENT TO THE SENIOR SCHOOL)

Head of Senior School	4969 2032
Senior School/Heads of House Office	4969 2032
Head of Ambrose House	4969 2053
Head of Barnabas House	4969 2054
Head of Trinity House	4969 2057
Head of Charles House	4969 2058
Dean of Students (Years 7-8)	TBA
Senior School Music	4969 2050



BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD)

Whitsunday Anglican School has adopted Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) approach to technology usage across the School for Years 4 to 12.

This model gives parents and families a personal choice of selecting equipment (including accessories) to suit the individual needs of each student. BYOD is becoming more common in the education sector, as it is within business environments.

The School provides students with enterprise-grade communication and productivity services as part of a Microsoft Office 365 education subscription at no charge to families. Office 365 provides cloud-based data storage, Office products (Word, Excel, PowerPoint) online, and access to install Microsoft Office on student owned devices. The School also supplies a Google G-Suite Education account for each student providing further integration with our Learning Management System (Schoology) and greater interaction with teachers through Google Classroom.

Students require one primary device which meets the hardware requirements below. Optionally, students may have a secondary device such as an iPad/e-reader that they can use for digital textbooks and similar purposes.

Please note that student devices using Microsoft Family Features are not compatible with the School's network and this will inhibit student laptop setup until it is disabled. While at school, student internet access is filtered to allow appropriate sites. For parental web filtering and monitoring at home, we recommend Sophos Home or Norton Family Premier which are both compatible with our school systems.

Hardware Requirements for Primary Device

Minimum specifications:

- i5 Processor
- 4GB RAM (8Gb recommended)
- 250GB internal storage
- Screen greater than 11"
- Physical Keyboard
- Windows 10 is required to run some school applications required for learning.

If purchasing a new laptop, a Windows 10 device is recommended for the School's environment.

A Mac device with Windows 10 Configured via Mac's Boot Camp may also work.

Please note, if you are purchasing a Mac, you will need to obtain a Windows 10 license, as it does not come with the device.

Some essential school applications only run on Windows.

Students can obtain a free Windows 10 license and download Windows 10 Education from <https://was.onthehub.com> using their school email and password, in need.

Accessories for Younger Students

- Protective case and/or carry sleeve – This is a mandatory requirement
- Mouse – scroll function either wireless or USB.

Purchasing a New Device

If you wish to purchase a new device for your student, the School arranges special pricing for WAS families through the below retailers for November-January each year.

This allows you to buy a school-recommended device at a discounted rate. The shopping portals are available here:

- Datacom Systems – visit <https://datashop-qld.datacom.com.au/WAS>
Username: BYOD2020
Password: WASBYOD2020
- JB Hi-Fi – visit <https://www.jbeducation.com.au/byod/>
Code: WHITSUNDAY2020

Student Data

Students should store all work on their OneDrive for Business cloud storage (school provided with Office 365). This allows the files to be accessed across internet-enabled devices and significantly reduces the risk of lost data in the event of a damaged laptop or USB drive. OneDrive also provides previous versions of files to be accessed in case of accidentally saving the wrong edit of an assignment.

Students may choose to store data on their laptop (this is not recommended), but students are responsible for ensuring they maintain backups of their files.

Software

Setup of the student's laptop for use at school can be mostly done at home using the information at <https://whitsundayanglican.sharepoint.com/sites/Intranet/students/SitePages/LaptopSetup.aspx>

To increase productivity in class, students are requested to have the software from this portal installed on their device prior to the new school year commencing.

Microsoft Office is also available for install at any time from the student's Office 365 account at <https://www.office.com> on up to 5 devices.

For Antivirus, we would recommend Sophos Home or Symantec Family Premier as it allows for parental monitoring of computer use and website monitoring/filtering, as well as antivirus protection.

- <https://home.sophos.com/>
- <https://au.norton.com/norton-family-premier>

If no antivirus is installed, the student can download and install the School's antivirus, but this does not allow for parental monitoring.

Onsite IT Support

The School has limited onsite IT Support to assist with:

- Connecting to the School wireless network
- Installing school required software
- Installation of the School Antivirus if needed
- To provide recommendations.

Please note we are not able to assist with hardware issues.

It is recommended that any device used within the School is adequately covered by family/household insurance policy for theft and damage.

If you would like more details or have further queries, please email techsupport@was.qld.edu.au.



REBATES AND ASSISTANCE

KINDERGARTEN REBATES

Eligible families have access to the [Child Care Subsidy \(CCS\)](#) which will reduce the annual cost of the program for the majority of families.

Junior and Senior School Rebates - Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC)

The [AIC Scheme](#) helps families of the following types of students who are unable to attend an appropriate state school on a daily basis, mainly due to geographic isolation:

- Primary and secondary students
- Tertiary students who are either under the minimum education or training participating age in their state or territory or under 16 years of age (whichever is greater).

ABSTUDY

This scheme helps with costs for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians who are studying.

To be eligible you must be:

- An Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
- Enrolled in an approved course
- Not receiving any other Government assistance in regard to study

If you are studying at a secondary school or an approved tertiary institution, ABSTUDY can help with the costs of:

- Education
- Accommodation
- Living
- Fares for travel to your place of study each term or semester if you need to study away from home
- Prescription medicine

If you qualify for ABSTUDY, you may be entitled to additional payments and benefits.

For more information and claiming options visit the [ABSTUDY](#) site.

Living Away from Home Allowance Scheme (LAFHAS)

The Department of Education and Training provides assistance to eligible Queensland parents whose children must board away from home to attend school on a daily basis due to:

- Their homes being geographically isolated
- They do not have reasonable daily access to a Government school with the appropriate level of primary, secondary or special schooling.

Support Available

- Remote Area Tuition Allowance (RATuA)—helps pay tuition fees charged by non-state boarding schools
- Remote Area Travel Allowance (RATrA)—helps pay a student's travel costs between home and boarding school during holidays
- Remote Area Allowance (RAA)—contributes to the cost of boarding at a Queensland Australian Agricultural College campus or a state high school campus
- Remote Area Disability Supplement (RADS)—helps with additional boarding costs for students with disability.

For more information visit the [LAFHAS](#) site.



SCHOOL UNIFORM 2020

The uniform requirements of the School are listed in this guide. Please clearly label all articles of clothing and property.

The School uniform is important in developing school spirit, personal dignity and self-pride, and parents are reminded that acceptance of our standards is a condition of enrolment. The co-operation of all parents in ensuring standards are maintained in this area is important. It is a requirement that the school uniform be worn correctly at all times. The grey, formal school hat must be owned and worn as per School expectations by all students in Years 1-12. The correct formal uniform is to be worn to assemblies and on all formal occasions.

Students may only wear their sports uniform on days when they have timetabled Physical Education lessons. Students may wear school sports uniform all day on the day of their Physical Education classes. Combinations (sports shirt with day skirt) are not permitted. Sports shoes must be worn with white shoe laces. Street (fashionable) shoes, e.g. Dunlop Volleys, High Top Basketball Shoes, canvas/skate shoes cannot be worn. Socks worn with the sports uniform must be the official Whitsunday Sport Sock or completely white without logos. Socks need to cover the ankle.

Students are expected to change into Formal Uniform if they are on stage either performing or receiving an award at a Whole School Assembly. Students will be advised of the appropriate uniform for excursions or other events that involve a change of routine.

One of the uniform hats is expected to be worn when students are engaged in outdoor activities (e.g. the red bucket hat or the grey formal hat for PE/Sports, and the grey formal hat for formal activities like the ANZAC Day march).

WASMart, the P & F Association's School Shop, operates at the School for the purchase and sale of stationery and new uniforms and textbooks.

LOST PROPERTY

The lost property trolley bins are located in the Junior School and Senior School and Information Services Centre and can be accessed during school hours.

All lost property not claimed at the end of the School year will be sold, given to charity or destroyed.

UNIFORM STANDARDS

The School operates a limited hire scheme for students who arrive at School without ties or belts. A \$1.00 a day levy applies, and items not returned within a week are debited (at retail price) to student accounts.

The School keeps on hand shoe polish, shaving gear, face makeup remover, nail polish remover and such items that may be required in an urgent situation.

For all of the above (or other), students should report the office of the relevant Sub-school.

BOARDERS

Boarders are expected to adhere to all the rules of presentation (uniform, etc), as are all day students, in the hours of formal and informal education. At times when they can reasonably be expected to be 'at home', casual dress is permitted.



WASMART OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES

TRADING HOURS

School Term trading hours:

Monday to Thursday - 7.45am to 3.45pm

Fridays - 7.45am to 2.30pm

- The shop may be closed periodically for staff meetings and school events, and where possible parents will be notified via the Daily Correspondence or via the School App.
- Students in Years 5 to 12 are permitted to purchase items before/after school and during break times.
- WASMart does not open during April/June/September school holidays except by appointment for new students.

CONTACT DETAILS

Phone: 07 4969 2003

Fax: 07 4969 2004

e-mail:

wasmart@was.qld.edu.au

Payment Options: Credit is not available at WASMart and students are not permitted to borrow items. Items can be paid for using cash, cheque or EFTPOS (including credit cards) at the time of purchase. Only in the following circumstances will students be allowed to put items onto their school account:

- Boarders are permitted to add essential school items as required.
- Students directed by teachers who are missing stationery or essential uniform items.

If parents are unable to come into WASMart during trading hours they are welcome to ring and pay for items over the phone using a Credit Card and have children collect these items on their behalf.

BOOKLISTS

For a complete list of books required for your child, please see the [WASMart webpage](#) on the School's website.

PURCHASING AND SELLING OF SECOND-HAND GOODS

Second hand goods are available all year for purchase at WASMart and via the [Whitsunday Anglican School Buy, Swap, Sell](#) Facebook Group.

BACK TO SCHOOL ORDERING

Completed booklists should be returned to WASMart. Please be aware that while we endeavor to fully supply all orders, we cannot guarantee stock levels for late orders. Orders can be returned via the shop, fax (07 4969 2004 - please ring to confirm) or e-mail (wasmart@was.qld.edu.au). **Orders are processed in the order in which they are received.** When collecting orders please be patient, this is a busy time for everyone.

UNIFORM PRICE LIST

Prices include GST and may be subject to change without notice

JS – JUNIOR SCHOOL SS - SENIOR SCHOOL

Girls Formal Uniform

JS BLOUSE	\$52.00
JS SKORT	\$47.00
Year 6 BOW	\$19.50
SS BLOUSE	\$53.00
SS WHITE BLOUSE	\$43.00
SS TIE	\$24.00
SS SKIRT	\$57.00
GREY SOCKS 3 PK	\$20.00
TIGHTS	\$10.00
BLACK SCARF	\$16.00
PULLOVER	\$70.00
BLACK LEATHER SHOE	\$108.00
GIRLS FORMAL HAT	\$80.00
BLAZER YEAR 12	\$235.00

Boys Formal Uniform

JS SS FORMAL SHIRT	\$55.00
JS FORMAL SHORTS	\$39.00
SS COLLEGE SHORTS	\$49.50
SS TROUSERS	\$60.00
SS WHITE SHIRT	\$25.00
SS TIE	\$24.00
Year 6 TIE	\$24.00
BELTS	\$20.00
FORMAL SOCKS	\$10.00
BLACK LEATHER SHOE	\$105.00
PULLOVER	\$70.00
Years 1-5 BOYS HAT	\$48.00
Years 6-12 FORMAL HAT	\$95.00
BLAZER YEAR 12	\$235.00

Girls Sports Uniform

POLO	\$43.00
SHORTS	\$30.00
SPORTS SOCKS 3PK	\$15.00
BUCKET HAT	\$18.50
TRACKSUIT JACKET	\$56.00
TRACKSUIT PANTS	\$40.00

Boys Sports Uniform

POLO	\$43.00
SHORTS	\$30.00
SPORTS SOCKS 3PK	\$15.00
BUCKET HAT	\$18.50
TRACKSUIT JACKET	\$56.00
TRACKSUIT PANTS	\$40.00

Bags

Kindergarten & Preparatory Year Items

RED BACKPACK	\$45.00	POLO	\$38.00
BLACK BACKPACK	\$55.00	SHORTS	\$28.00
TROLLEY BAG	\$75.00	BUCKET HAT	\$18.50
TRAVEL BAG	\$40.00	WHITE SOCKS	\$15.00

BOYS UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

All items of school uniform are available through the School at WASMart with the exception of joggers which are for sport only (except for Kindergarten and Preparatory). Items can be purchased directly from WASMart or by contacting WASMart during school term opening hours to make other arrangements.

KINDERGARTEN

- Red bucket hat
- Blue Unisex Kindergarten polo shirt
- Black unisex School shorts with red WAS embroidery
- Joggers
- Red School backpack (can be used for Kindergarten, Preparatory and Year 1)

PREPARATORY

- Red unisex Preparatory polo shirt
- Black unisex School shorts with red WAS embroidery
- Plain white socks (no markings on socks, plain white above the shoe only)
- Red bucket hat
- Joggers (no sandals)

Optional items:

- Red unisex long sleeve Preparatory polo shirt
- Red and black School tracksuit jacket or red school pullover
- Black School tracksuit pants with WAS embroidery
- Red School backpack

JUNIOR SCHOOL FORMAL UNIFORM (YEARS 1 TO)

- Grey button down shirt with School Crest – red trim on the sleeve and pocket
- Dark grey Junior School shorts – fly in front ½ elastic back – long style (only available from WASMart)
- Formal long grey socks with red stripes (only available from WASMart)
- Black leather traditional lace up school shoes (NO other shoes are acceptable)
- Formal grey School hat (Years 1-5)

Optional items:

- Red School pullover (can be worn with formal and sports uniform)
- School backpack

JUNIOR SCHOOL FORMAL UNIFORM (YEARS 5 TO 6)

- Grey button down shirt with School Crest – red trim on sleeve and pocket, button for tie
- Dark grey college shorts (only available from WASMart)
- WAS embossed black leather belt with silver buckle (only available from WASMart)

- Year 6 only – School tie (worn daily during Terms 2 & 3 and for formal occasions in Terms 1 and 4)
- Formal long grey socks with red stripes (only available from WASMart)
- Black leather traditional lace up school shoes (NO other shoes are acceptable)
- Formal grey School 'Kimberley' hat (Years 6 to 12)

Optional items:

- Red school pullover (can be worn with formal and sports uniform)
- School backpack or trolley bag

SENIOR SCHOOL FORMAL UNIFORM (YEARS 7 TO 12)

- Grey Senior School button down shirt with School Crest
- Dark grey college shorts (only available from WASMart)
- WAS embossed black leather belt with silver buckle (only available from WASMart)
- Senior School tie (worn daily during Terms 2 and 3 and for formal occasions in Terms 1 and 4)
- Formal long grey socks with red stripes (only available from WASMart)
- Black leather traditional lace up school shoes (NO other shoes are acceptable)
- Formal grey School 'Kimberley' hat (Years 9 to 12)

Optional items:

- Red School pullover (can be worn with formal and sports uniform)
- Long dark grey trousers
- Black School blazer (Year 12 only)
- School backpack or trolley bag

YEAR 12 FORMAL UNIFORM

Year 12 students wear a different uniform for formal occasions such as Anzac Day, Whitsunday Service and Awards nights. This uniform is also worn each Wednesday, or when assembly is held, and on any other formal occasions as announced. Students who do not wear this uniform correctly will be expected to refrain from wearing the formal uniform at all.

The formal uniform is made up of:

- Plain white long sleeve business shirt
- Dark grey college trousers
- WAS embossed black leather belt with silver buckle (only available from WASMart)
- Year 12 tie (presented to students during first term)
- Black leather traditional lace up school shoes (NO other shoes are acceptable)
- Formal grey School 'Kimberley' hat (Years 9-12)

Optional items:

- Black School blazer with School Crest on pocket (These can be purchased or hired through WASMart)

SPORTS UNIFORM (YEARS 1 TO 12)

- Preparatory Year students wear their day uniform for sport (House polo shirts are optional for Preparatory and Kindergarten)
- Grey/red/black unisex School sports shirt
- Years 11 and 12 students only require a sports shirt if representing the School or taking a Physical Education subject
- Unisex black sports shorts with red WAS embroidery
- Plain white socks (long/ankle)
- Red bucket hat
- Joggers
- House polo shirt
- Ambrose: Blue and Yellow / Barnabas: Black and White / Trinity: Green and White / Charles: Red and White

Optional Items:

- Red and black School tracksuit jacket (can only be worn with the sports uniform)
- Black School tracksuit pants with red WAS embroidery



GIRLS UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

All items of school uniform are available through the School at WASMart with the exception of joggers which are for sport only (except for Kindergarten and Preparatory). Items can be purchased directly from WASMart or by contacting WASMart during school term opening hours to make other arrangements.

KINDERGARTEN

- Red bucket hat
- Blue unisex Kindergarten polo shirt
- Black unisex School Shorts with Red WAS embroidery
- Joggers
- Red School Backpack (can be used for Kindy, Prep and Year 1)

PREPARATORY

- Red unisex Preparatory polo shirt
- Black unisex School shorts with red WAS embroidery
- Plain white socks (no markings on socks, plain white above the shoe only)
- Red bucket hat
- Joggers (no sandals)

Optional items:

- Red unisex long sleeve Preparatory polo shirt
- Red and black School tracksuit jacket or red school pullover
- Black School tracksuit pants with WAS embroidery
- Red School backpack

JUNIOR SCHOOL FORMAL UNIFORM (YEARS 1 TO 4)

- Junior School girls striped blouse with School Crest
- Grey School skort with elastic back (only available from WASMart)
- Grey socks turned over above the ankle
- Black leather traditional lace up school shoes (NO other shoes are acceptable)
- Formal grey School 'Panama' hat (Years 1 to 12)

Optional items:

- Red School pullover (can be worn with formal and sports uniform)
- Hair accessories – must be School colours only (matching accessories available from WASMart)
- Black cotton tights
- School backpack

JUNIOR SCHOOL FORMAL UNIFORM (YEARS 5 TO 6)

- Junior School girls striped blouse with School Crest
- Grey School skort with elastic back (only available from WASMart)
- Year 6 option – long grey formal skirt (only available from WASMart)

- Grey socks turned over above the ankle
- Year 6 School bow
- Black leather traditional lace up school shoes (NO other shoes are acceptable)
- Formal grey School 'Panama' hat (Years 1 to 12)

Optional items:

- Red School pullover (can be worn with formal and sports uniform)
- Hair accessories – must be School colours only (matching accessories available from WASMart)
- Black cotton tights
- School backpack or trolley bag

SENIOR SCHOOL FORMAL UNIFORM (YEARS 7 TO 12)

- Senior School striped blouse with School Crest
- Long grey formal skirt (knee length) (only available from WASMart)
- Senior School tie
- Grey socks turned over above the ankle
- Formal grey school 'Panama' hat (Years 7 to 12)

Optional items:

- Red School pullover (can be worn with formal and sports uniform)
- Sheer black stockings
- Hair accessories – must be School colours only (matching accessories available from WASMart)
- Black School blazer (Year 12 only)
- School backpack or trolley bag

YEAR 12 FORMAL UNIFORM

Year 12 students wear a different uniform for formal occasions such as Anzac Day, the Whitsunday Service and Awards nights. This uniform is also worn each Wednesday, or when assembly is held, and on any other formal occasions as announced. Students who do not wear this uniform correctly will be expected to refrain from wearing the formal uniform at all.

The formal uniform is made up of:

- White Senior School blouse with red trim
- Long grey formal skirt (worn at knee length)
- Year 12 tie
- Grey socks turned over above ankle
- Black leather traditional lace up School shoes (NO other shoes are acceptable)
- Formal grey School 'Panama' hat (Years 1 to 12)

Optional items:

- Sheer black stockings
- Hair accessories – must be School colours only (matching accessories available from WASMart)

- Black School blazer with School Crest on pocket (This can be purchased or hired through WASMart)

SPORTS UNIFORM (YEARS 1 TO 12)

- Preparatory Year students wear their day uniform for sport (House polo shirts are optional for Preparatory and Kindergarten)
- Grey/red/black unisex School sports shirt
- Years 11 and 12 students only require a sports shirt if representing the School or taking a Physical Education subject
- Unisex black sports shorts with red WAS embroidery Plain white socks (long/ankle)
- Red bucket hat
- Joggers
- House polo shirt
- Ambrose: Blue and Yellow / Barnabas: Black and White / Trinity: Green and White / Charles: Red and White

Optional Items:

- Red and black School tracksuit jacket (can only be worn with the sports uniform)
- Black School tracksuit pants with red WAS embroidery



UNIFORM INFORMATION

The following should assist parents in determining the correct uniform for certain co-curricular activities:

DEBATING AND PUBLIC SPEAKING

Years 11 to 12: Formal School uniform with blazer

Years 6 to 10: Formal School uniform with school pullover (if necessary)

MUSIC

Junior Choir/s:

Full school uniform

Senior Choir, Stage Band, Concert Band, other Ensembles:

Whitsunday Anglican School music shirt (available from WASMART), black full-length trousers and black shoes and socks for boys and girls.

SPORTS

Athletics:

School sports shirt

School running shorts or unisex shorts

Sports socks

Rugby Union:

School jersey (provided by school)

School rugby shorts

Red rugby socks

Mouth guard

Basketball:

School basketball singlet (provided by school)

WAS mesh basketball shorts

Sports socks

Netball:

Netball uniform

Sports socks

Football:

Football shirt (provided by school)

WAS black QSF shorts

WAS black QSF socks

Swimming:

Black speedo-style one piece togs (girls)

Black speedo-style togs (boys)

(speedos not available from WASMART)

Touch:

Girls School board shorts (optional)

Boys School board shorts (optional)

School running shorts or unisex shorts

School sports shirt

School running shorts or unisex shorts

School tracksuit (with all sports)

For all excursions (unless specifically notified) students will be in full school uniform.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

- Students are not permitted to wear any other than the above mentioned as part of the School uniform.
- Uniforms designed for specific events e.g. club sports, may not be worn as part of the School uniform, including Physical Education classes. They may only be worn for their particular activities.
- Any variations to the above expectations are at the Principal's discretion only.

HOMework AND TUTORIAL SCHEME (HATS)

Whitsunday Anglican School offers a Homework Assistance (Years 5&6) and Tutorial Scheme (Senior School) free of charge. The Homework and Tutorial Scheme has been a unique part of the School's offerings for over a decade. Students, formally from Year 5 onwards, are encouraged to be involved in this optional internal tuition program.

The teaching staff of Whitsunday Anglican School drive this program by committing to providing a minimum of one hour of their time per week, after school, every Tuesday to Thursday, to further enhance the depth of knowledge of the student's curriculum areas.

HATS is provided for:

- Years 5-6 students in the rooms T8-9;
- Years 7-9 students in the rooms G2-3; and,
- Years 10-12 students in the Tindall rooms near the Senior School Administration building.

Due to supervision requirements, students will not be able to access the Mienert Centre until 4.15 pm. Teachers will be allocated to each afternoon and will provide homework and tutorial assistance to support each student's learning. Heads of Faculty may run a one-off tutorial on a specific subject with access to resources, depending on each cohort's learning requirements. This opportunity will be communicated through the Daily Correspondence.

Please note, that all students remaining on campus after 3:30pm will be directed to the appropriate HATS venue for adequate supervision.

HATS provides:

- the opportunity to learn in small groups
- help with problem solving strategies
- specific assistance with learning to work independently.

CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAM

Whitsunday Anglican School offers a vast list of co-curricular activities and opportunities for all students who attend the School (K to 12).

Activities on offer cover the fields of sport, music, cultural, performance, artistic digital and service. All students are encouraged to be involved in at least one activity, as the co-curricular program aims to provide balance within the School's holistic approach to education.

The involvement in co-curricular activities is recorded on each student's report card at the end of each semester, providing parents with a thorough knowledge of their child/children's participation across all ranges of school life.

Further information about our co-curricular offerings is available on the School App, via Daily Correspondence and on the School's [website](#).



WHITSUNDAY ANGLICAN SCHOOL FOUNDATION

HISTORY

Early in 1999 a group of interested parties formed a Steering Committee and the official Foundation launch occurred on Friday 5th November 1999 in the Pansy Wood Music Centre. The Foundation is ultimately a vehicle for attracting financial donations to ensure the continuing development of facilities at the Whitsunday Anglican School, which will benefit our students now and into the future. We encourage our whole community to participate in the provision of first-class academically focused education in Mackay.

THE SUSAN KENNEDY LIBRARY FUND

Ms Susan Kennedy was the inaugural Librarian at Whitsunday Anglican School, and it was her great love of bringing together children and books that prompted the Foundation to set up this Fund. Donations to the Fund are tax deductible.

THE PARENTS

The Foundation, and indeed the School, sees parents as an integral part of Whitsunday Anglican School. At the commencement of each year, a small function is held to welcome new parents to the School. Likewise, at the end of each year, those parents whose formal connection to the school through their children is about to come to a close are farewelled and thanked for their support and involvement throughout their children's time with us. These functions are co-hosted with the School Board and Parents & Friends Association.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

There exists the option for potential donors to Whitsunday Anglican School to fund Scholarships and/or Bursaries to deserving students. Information on how to become a benefactor in this area can be obtained by contacting the Registrar.

BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM

The BPP is an initiative of the Foundation established to fund building projects, facility upgrades and resource improvements for the School. Information on the program can be obtained from the School's Office on (07) 4969 2000.

OLD SCHOLARS AND REUNIONS

The Foundation has been the driving force behind developing the Old Scholars Association, hosting functions in Townsville, Mackay and Brisbane since 2001. Ten, twenty and twenty-five Year Class Reunions are also now an annual event under the guidance of the Foundation's staff. To be kept up to date on the Old Scholars Association visit its [Facebook page](#).

For more information on any aspect of The Foundation's work please contact the Foundation Support Officer on (07) 4969 2000 or visit the [Foundation webpage](#).

PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

The Whitsunday Anglican School Parents and Friends Association has been in existence since the early years of the School. The mission of the association is:

To meet regularly to facilitate communication between the School community and School leadership team, to protect the School's core values through 'friendraising' and fundraising.

In the past ten years alone, the P&F Association has provided over \$575,000 in funds for computer hardware and software, soft furnishings, equipment for sporting clubs, various instruments for the music department, art supplies, display boards to showcase student art, water coolers, playground equipment, video equipment, educational resources and underwriting the Art Centre and the Senior Learning Centre. The P&F also sponsors a variety of School activities, such as the Whitsunday Voices Youth Literature Festival (so that WAS students attend for free), Mackay Sony Foundation Children's Holiday Camp and the WAS Football Club.

The P&F Association operates WASMart and the Plaza Lunchbox, with profits from both these activities directed back into the School through P&F funded projects. Your support of WASMart, the Plaza Lunchbox, and our P&F events means we can support more projects in the School in the coming year.

All Whitsunday Anglican School parents are automatically members of the P&F Association and are encouraged to attend the meetings.

The Executive Committee is made up of volunteer parents and friends, with elections held at the AGM.

Getting involved in the P&F is a great way to help to put something back into the School, even if it's just helping out at the occasional event. Please contact a member of the Committee for more information.

To keep up to date on P&F meetings and events visit its [Facebook page](#).

President: Mrs Andrea Ranson

Phone: 0438 674 616

Contact Email: pandfcommittee@was.qld.edu.au

Website: <https://was.qld.edu.au/community/parents-and-friends-association/>



USEFUL INFORMATION AND LINKS INDEX

CELEBRATE WHITSUNDAY

Each year we celebrate our founding as a School. In effect, it is our 'birthday' celebrations. On that day, we take the opportunity to do a number of activities as part of the ritual of our thanksgiving. The first part of our celebrations is the Run for Cover. This tradition began when Mr Bassingthwaighe was Principal. One of his dreams was to see the whole campus serviced by covered walkways from one end to the other so that students and staff were able to get to all parts of the School without being affected by the weather. Mr Bassingthwaighe was also inspired by a famous run that occurs around the Great Court of Cambridge University each year. Some of you may have seen that run portrayed in the movie "Chariots of Fire". It is for these reasons that we line the central walkway that transverses the campus from north to south and cheer on our House runners as the baton is passed down from one year level to the next, symbolising the bond that links us through the Junior, Middle and Senior Schools.

Immediately after the Run for Cover, we move to our sub-school areas for the second part of our celebrations - the Cutting of the Cake. Like all good birthday parties, it has been part of our tradition to celebrate with cake on this day. Normally, the third part of our celebrations is the most formal part of the day when we have speeches, dedications and blessings to recognise and give thanks for any of the major building projects which have been completed in the year.

As we are an Anglican School, the final part of our celebrations will be a Eucharist Service which will be presided over by the School Chaplain.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS/TELEPHONE NUMBER

Should you change your address and/or telephone number, please do so through Parent Lounge or notify the Sub-school Secretary in writing or via telephone.

HOUSE SPIRIT DAY

It is a planned day held each semester that is completely House oriented with students wearing House colours and engaged in House activities such as a sporting event, games, and lunches during the breaks. Prizes or awards may be given for the best outfit, funniest socks, or to a student who engenderers a positive House spirit. It was introduced in 2004 by keen House Captains who wanted to promote more house spirit across the School. In past years Senior School students have organised face painting and other appropriate activities for the Junior School students.

HOUSE SYSTEM

The School is divided into four (sports) Houses: Ambrose (the 'blue' house), Barnabas (the 'black/white' house), Charles (the 'red' house) and Trinity (the 'green' house). The Houses have been named after the Anglican Churches of Mackay. Throughout each term there are a number of 'House' activities. These include House Spirit Day, the House Choir Competition, Interhouse Sports carnivals, Junior School Interhouse Ball Games and 'Arts' competitions, as well as regular House gatherings.

ILLNESS AND INJURY

If a student becomes ill, or is injured, whilst at school, they will be escorted to the School Nurse, in the case of Senior School students, with Junior School students referred to the Junior School Office. There they will be given any first aid deemed necessary for their well-being. Serious cases will be referred to parents/guardians and the School Nurse as soon as possible. Generally, students will be asked to return to class after a brief rest. It is important that parents ensure that emergency

numbers are kept current both through Parent Lounge and in the front of the student diary. In the case of more serious medical issues, such as asthma and anaphylactic reactions, parents are asked that the School be given an appropriate 'medical plan'. If there is any doubt as to the well-being of your child, and in the case of potentially 'infectious' illness please do not send your child to school.

ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION

If it is necessary for a child to be given **Prescribed Medication** while at school, parents must: Make a request in writing for the School to administer the medication, stating request/guidelines from medical practitioners about the medication including possible side effects or adverse reactions. Provide the medication in the original container, labelled by a pharmacist/doctor, to the School Nurse (Senior School students) or the sub-school secretary (Junior School students). Make sure the label on the medication shows the name of the student, name of the drug and name of the doctor prescribing it, as well as use by date, dosage and time to be taken. Please collect the medication when it is no longer required at the School.

For **over the counter medication**, including analgesics and herbal medicines the above also applies. Having parent permission via phone is not in line with the above. Staff has been advised that no medication is to be issued to a student prescribed or otherwise unless the above procedure has been followed.

LEARNING ENRICHMENT

The School conducts a program of enrichment in which students with learning difficulties are supported by the class teachers and specialist staff. The curriculum throughout the school is differentiated in order that the various levels of student ability are catered for within the classroom, however, it is necessary at times to supplement this with either targeted teaching to help a student overcome a particular weakness or to provide other support activities; this may include withdrawal classes, in-class support and specialist programs.

The Learning Enrichment team is led by the Coordinator of Learning Enrichment who liaises with teachers and the Head of sub-schools to coordinate student placement in support groups, specialist programs and the students' movement between these groups. Any issues or concerns can be referred to the Head of Learning Enrichment, though parents are encouraged to approach class teachers in the first instance.

SERVICE LEARNING DAYS (NON-UNIFORM DAYS)

As a school community we support a number of worthy causes and to assist in the fund raising for these causes we have allocated a non-uniform day per school term for a gold coin donation. However, parents need to be reminded that these are still 'normal' school days and as such students need to wear appropriate clothing i.e. tops with sleeves covering shoulders and upper arms, enclosed foot wear.

SPLENDOR IN THE ARTS

This is our only whole School social event that celebrates all things 'Arts' across the school. It is usually held mid Term Four and is a wonderful event for families and friends.

WHITSUNDAY VOICES YOUTH LITERATURE FESTIVAL

Every year in July, the School hosts the [Whitsunday Voices Youth Literature Festival](#). The festival is the largest and only literature festival of its kind north of the Sunshine Coast. It provides a unique opportunity for students, teachers and residents in and around Mackay to experience a literary and cultural event not normally available outside major metropolitan centres.

USEFUL LINKS

- [ABSTUDY](#)
- [ATAR](#)
- [BYOD Information](#)
- [Co-curricular Information](#)
- [Flexischools](#)
- [HATS Information](#)
- [Kindergarten webpage](#)
- [Key Contacts at WAS](#)
- [LAFHAS](#)
- [Mackay Transit Coaches School Services](#)
- [Old Scholars Association Facebook Page](#)
- [OSHC webpage](#)
- [Parent Lounge](#)
- [Parents and Friends Association Information](#)
- [Parents and Friends Association Facebook Page](#)
- [School App Information](#)
- [STEM](#)
- [Student Protection in Anglican Schools - Policy and Procedures](#)
- [The YCDI! Program](#)
- [Term Dates 2020](#)
- [WASMart webpage](#)
- [Whitsunday Anglican School Buy, Swap, Sell](#)
- [Whitsunday Anglican School Facebook Page](#)
- [Whitsunday Anglican School YouTube Channel](#)
- [Whitsunday Voices Youth Literature Festival](#)
- [Workplace Health and Safety and Child Protection Induction](#)

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