2016 SENIOR PACKAGE

Merrylands High School offers a ‘Senior Package’, that provides students with greater flexibility and choice in sitting for the Higher School Certificate. The Senior Package enables students to

- access a broader choice of subjects through TAFE
- combine study and part-time employment
- tailor an appropriate individual pathway from school to work
- access school based apprenticeships and traineeships

The Senior Package provides senior students with greater flexibility, autonomy and choice and requires these young adults to have the maturity and commitment to accept the responsibilities that accompany this package.

Class Times
The school week is organised as follows:

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Early morning classes (Period 1), commence at 7.30am, Monday to Friday. Roll call takes place at 8.50am each day.

To be entitled to leave at lunchtime, students need to have returned a signed “Senior Package Consent Form” to the Year Adviser.

Period 1 Classes (7.30 – 8.30)
The Senior School Package stipulates that School begins at 7.30 for Year 11 and 12 students. As such Period 1 classes are a compulsory part of the curriculum and must be attended. Failure to attend this class will be considered as truancy. Students who are late or absent on a particular day, are required to provide a note explaining this absence.

Persistent unexplained lateness or failure to attend Period one classes will place you at risk of not meeting course requirements. Under the student management plan, teachers may use a number of measures to ensure satisfactory attendance including: contacting parents, placing a student on a yellow card or asking a student to complete missed work after lunch.
If a period one teacher is absent, students are to see the Head Teacher or a Deputy Principal to have the roll marked and collect the work for the lesson. Students will work in a classroom or library as directed.

Students studying Standard English are obliged to also study the Preliminary Course – Fundamentals of English. This is timetabled for 1.30 – 3.00pm.

Attending TAFE
Due to Public Transport timetabling and the scheduling of some TAFE courses, there may be some TAFE students who need to leave a timetabled class early.

Students who need to leave class early to attend TAFE must

- present their student ID card each week to their classroom teacher.
- show their ID card to the front office when leaving school.

ID Cards
All students will be issued a Student Identification Card outlining their starting time and finishing time. Students must bring this card to school everyday.

Sport
It is compulsory for all Year 11 students to participate in Tuesday afternoon sport. Students will have the option of Grade, Recreational or House Sport.

On Tuesday afternoons, Year 12 are offered the opportunity of

- personal study at home
- assisted study in the library
- participation in grade sport

Those Year 12 students electing to study at home are not to interfere with or attend any grade, recreational or house sport venue.

Driving to school
Students who are privileged enough to drive to school must

- proceed immediately into the playground after parking. (Do not loiter outside the school)
- park outside of school grounds
- not return to your vehicle during class or recess time
- not drive to sport or any other school activity

Early Departure and Late Arrivals
Students without a timetabled class Period 1 or Period 2 must attend roll call and then go to the library during Period 2 for senior study.

Students concluding timetabled classes in Period 4, will be permitted to sign out at the commencement of Period 5.

If you are signing in late or departing early, you must see the Attendance Officer at the Finance Office and follow the school procedures.
If you decide to come to school early or remain after your last class, you are to go to the library for a study period. *Sitting in the playground is not an option.*

**Study Periods**
Students with a timetabled study period must ensure their names are marked on the roll. They are then to remain in the library. (If the Library is closed an alternative study period room will be allocated). *Sitting in the playground is not an option.*

**Completion of mandatory programs**
All senior students must have satisfactorily completed the “All My Own Work” and “Crossroads Personal Development” program. Students must use their study periods to complete any missed modules.

**Teacher Absence**
If a teacher is absent, the class will have a relief teacher or course material provided by the Head Teacher and the roll marked. Students are to remain in the classroom or as directed by the Head Teacher if timetabled in a specialist room.

**Uniform**
All senior students MUST wear official school uniform including black leather shoes. The wearing of school blazers is encouraged. Year 12 students can wear the official Year 12 jacket instead of the plain bottle green pullover.

**Playground**
Students are expected to;

- follow directions, stay in bounds
- play safely
- respect others
- respect the environment
- play fair
- report incidents
- go to class on time

*Sitting in the playground is not an option for study periods.*
MERRYLANDS HIGH SCHOOL

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CONSENT FORM

Student Name: .............................................  Roll Class: ..............................

As a student of Merrylands High School, I have read the Senior Package information 2016 and understand my responsibilities regarding

- Class times
- Period 1 attendance
- Teacher absence
- Behaviour in the classroom
- Leaving school grounds
- Study periods
- Attending TAFE
- ID Cards
- Sport
- Driving to school
- Early departures/late arrivals
- The playground
- Study Periods
- Uniform
- Mandatory Programs – All My Own Work & Crossroads

Student signature: .............................................

Parent signature: .............................................