



3rd September 2026

Dear Parents/carers

Welcome to the Year Ahead - Year 7

As we begin what promises to be an exciting and successful first year at Nailsea School, I wanted to share with you the key dates for Year 7 across the academic year. We know that families lead busy lives and that having important events, reporting points, parents' evenings and term dates available well in advance helps parents and carers plan ahead and support their child's school journey effectively.

The dates included in this letter reflect our plans at the start of the year, although there may occasionally be circumstances that require changes. Should this happen, we will ensure that any amendments are communicated clearly and promptly through our usual communication channels. For most of the events listed parents/carers will also receive a separate notification/reminder about the purpose and expectations of the event nearer the time.

The move from primary to secondary school is a significant milestone, and we are committed to making this transition as smooth and positive as possible. Throughout the year, we will provide opportunities for you to engage with the school, celebrate your child's progress and work alongside us to ensure they thrive academically, socially and personally.

Term One

- **Monday 7th September:** Year 7 and 12 students only in school. Arrive for 8:30am
- **Tuesday 8th September:** Start of academic year. Arrive for 8:30am
- **Tuesday 15th September:** Year 7 Drop in With Alison Moran, Family Support Worker. 9am and 5:15pm
- **Friday 18th September:** Year 7 School Photos
- **Thursday 24th September:** School Open Evening. Students leave site at 1:20pm
- **Friday 25th September:** School Day begins with tutor time at 9:30.
- **Thursday 15th October:** Yr 7 Tutor evening. During the evening parents will collect a Settling in Report completed by subject staff, meet the tutor to discuss the start their child has made at secondary school. It is essential that your child also attends this event.
- **Thursday 22nd October:** Last day of Term 1. Students dismissed at 3pm
- **Friday 23rd October:** INSET Day. Students not expected in school. End of Term One

Term Two

- **Monday 2nd November:** INSET Day. Students not expected in school
- **Tuesday 3rd November:** INSET day. Students not expected in school
- **Wednesday 4th November:** First day of Term 2 for students
- **Friday 18th December:** Last day of Term 2. Students dismissed at 12:20pm

Term Three

- **Monday 4th January:** First day of Term 3
- **Wk Comm 18th January:** Yr 7 reports sent home.
- **Friday 12th February:** Last day of Term 3. Students dismissed at 3pm



Term Four

- **Monday 22nd February:** INSET day. Students not expected in school
- **Tuesday 23rd February:** First day of Term 4 for students
- **Thursday 4th March:** Yr 7 Subject Evening
- **Thursday 25th March:** End of Term 5 Students dismissed at 3pm

Term Five

- **Monday 12th April** – Start of Term 5
- **Wk Comm 10th May:** Yr 7 internal exams begin
- **Friday 28th May**– End of Term 5 Students dismissed at 3pm

Term Six

- **Monday 7th June** – Start of term 6
- **Wk Comm 14th June:** Year 7 End of year reports sent home
- **Friday 25th June** – INSET Day. Students not expected in school
- **Wk Comm 28th June** – IGNITE week
- **Friday 23rd July** – End of Term 6. Students dismissed at 12:20pm

At Nailsea School, we firmly believe that the strongest outcomes are achieved when school, students and parents work together in partnership. Open communication, shared expectations and mutual support help young people develop the confidence, resilience and habits that enable them to succeed both in school and beyond.

A particular focus for us is attendance. Our recent GCSE and A Level results once again demonstrated a clear link between strong attendance and strong outcomes. Students who attend regularly benefit from high-quality teaching, build positive relationships with staff and peers, and are much more likely to achieve their full potential. Every lesson matters, and missing school can quickly lead to gaps in learning that become increasingly difficult to close.

We therefore expect all students to attend every day, arrive on time and be ready to learn unless there are exceptional circumstances that prevent this. We ask parents and carers to support this expectation by prioritising attendance, avoiding unnecessary absence during term time and working with us when challenges arise.

At the same time, we recognise that some families may face circumstances that can affect attendance. Where support is needed, we are committed to working alongside you to identify barriers and find solutions. Our aim is always to ensure that every child feels safe, supported and able to attend school regularly and successfully. Together, through high expectations, strong relationships and a shared commitment to your child's education, we can ensure that every Year 7 student is able to Aspire, Believe and Succeed.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Dee Elliott
Head teacher