

Webinar 1 & 2

Frequently asked questions



Uniform

Do girls have to wear skirts / dresses?

No, the uniform is designed to be not gender specific, girls can wear shorts in summer and long pants or shorts in winter.

Can the pullover be worn without the blazer? It may be too warm with the blazer?

The Blazer is the outer garment, so can be worn without the pullover. The pullover cannot be worn on its own without the blazer. If you do not need an outer garment due to warm weather, the blazer does not have to be worn.

Can kids wear sports uniform to or from school?

Students are permitted to wear their sport uniform on their allocated Sport day. This will be one day a week. This day is yet to be determined on the timetable for next year. If students have PE/Health and not sport on that day, they will bring their uniform to change into.

What, if any, is the advice on footwear?

Our Uniform policy requires students to wear black leather school shoes. Black runners/sneakers/boots are not permitted. You may wear runners of any colour with the sport uniform.

Is the bag a part of uniform?

Yes, the bag is part of the school uniform. The Blackburn High School bag is available to purchase through Dobsons.

How often do they do sport/PE, as in how many tops do they need?

Year 7 students will have 2 x 70 minute periods of Health/Physical Education and 1 x 70 minute period of Sport Education.

Are ties optional or compulsory?

Ties are compulsory in Term 2 and Term 3 with the winter uniform. Ties are optional in Term 1 and Term 4 with the summer uniform.

Music

Do the children have to have their lesson at school to be involved in the orchestras or can they be doing their lessons externally?

No, they don't have to have the lessons at school to be involved. We have a number of students who learn externally, but are members of the ensembles.

How much are music lessons?

The 2021 music group lesson fees are \$973 per annum, this includes the Ensemble fee.

When are music lessons? When are band practices?

Music lessons are held during the school day. With students going to their lesson at the allocated time. The time of the Ensemble practice will be dependant on which Ensemble your child is allocated to. More information regarding this will be communicated to you from the Music Department once the audition process has been finalised.

High Achievers Program

Can we opt out of the HAP program, even if my child qualifies after taking the Edu test?

If your child is offered placement in the HAP program you do not have to accept this offer.

General Questions

Is there a bike shed or some secure bike storage?

We do currently have a space for students to park their bikes. A bike shed is in our future planning.

If the family moves to another suburb in the middle of the year, can the child continue with Blackburn High for (1) that year (2) next years?

Yes, the enrolment will remain valid for their High School years.

Do you have tennis court as well in the school and do you participate in any tennis competitions?

Yes, we have a sport facility that can be used as a tennis court. We do participate in an interschool competition with tennis, numbers permitting.

At what point do students need to have their own devices with them for use at school?

Students will be required to have their own device from the beginning of the school year. Please refer to our website for the BYODD program. This will also be discussed in our October Webinar.

Will you share the slides after the webinar?

Yes, the webinar has been recorded and uploaded to the website under the Year 7 Transition area.

When do the children get their book lists?

The booklists will be available early in Term 4. The booklists will be loaded onto our website under the Year 7 Transition area.

By when might we find out the results of the Edutest?

The results of the website are for school information only, this information is not shared. If your child is identified as being suitable for the High Achievers Program, you will be contacted in Term 4.

If you have an older sibling at the school is there a possibility that your Year 7 can be placed in a different house so they can be with friends?

Siblings are placed in the same house, as relationships are built with the families. Friends cannot be guaranteed and are a lower priority when allocating classes.

If you have an older child currently at the school, will the sibling automatically be put into the same House?

Yes, except for the High Achievers Program. If your child has a sibling already at the school and is allocated the High Achievers class, your child will go into the house relevant to the High Achievers class for that year.

When is the Year 7 Camp?

Our camp will run from 9–13 May 2022 (two nights will be allocated over this week, depending on the student's house).

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I recall when my other child was in Grade 6 and was starting at Blackburn the next year, that I completed some information about who she knew at Blackburn or who she knew that was going to Blackburn. Is that information being still sought or do no longer ask these questions?

This information was provided on the online form that you were sent. If you haven't mentioned friends in this, you can email Denise with your child's name and friends request and I will add to the form if you have already submitted. Denise.strahan@education.vic.gov.au

Why is camp not in first term?

The Year 7 camp has changed location to a new and exciting location. The school is then restricted with availability and this was the earliest date available for this specific camp. 9-13 May 2022

Do the devices change year on year or can my child continue using a recommended device for next 2-3 years.

They can continue using the device for as long as it is still suitable for your child. There is no timeline as such.

Are we allowed to bring a MacBook?

Yes you can, although this device won't be supported with applications etc. It will be set up on the internet and you will have to have all programs on the device yourself. ie. word, excel, Adobe etc.

Is there an option to purchase the laptop through the school?

If you go into our BYODD device area on our website, you can purchase through a link there. The device will then be shipped directly to the school and re-imaged. Our IT department will then contact you to advise the device is ready.

How soon should we purchase devices through the school?

You can purchase the device through our website from now. This service will be available for October, November and December. Please note, we do close over January so would be beneficial to order the device so you obtain in December. The process normally takes a few weeks from ordering to having the device re-imaged by our IT department.

Is there a date for the Music orientation day?

We do not have a music orientation day as such. If you have expressed interest in the music program, a member from the Music Department will be in contact with you.

There will be a date where students new to music can try out various instruments. This date is yet to be finalised.

The children wont need to wear a uniform for the State wide transition day will they?

No students won't be expected to wear the Blackburn High School uniform. Students will normally wear neat casual clothes with hat and runners in case they are allocated PE for a lesson. More information regarding this will be advised to you closer to the time.

