



Alexandria Park Community School

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Important information for students in years 7 – 12 and their families for 2023

Dear parents, caregivers and students,

Students Return to School Dates:

Tuesday 31 January, 2023

Year 7 - 10.00 am – 2.40 pm

Year 11 and 12 - 8.40am – 2.40pm

Wednesday 1 February, 2023

Years 8, 9 and 10 - 8.40am – 2.40pm

On the first day of school, all students are to report for assembly to the Denzil. Following this, there will be an assembly for each year group to provide important information for commencement of the school year.

Holiday Opening Hours, School Administration Office

The school administration office will be open on the following day in the January holidays:

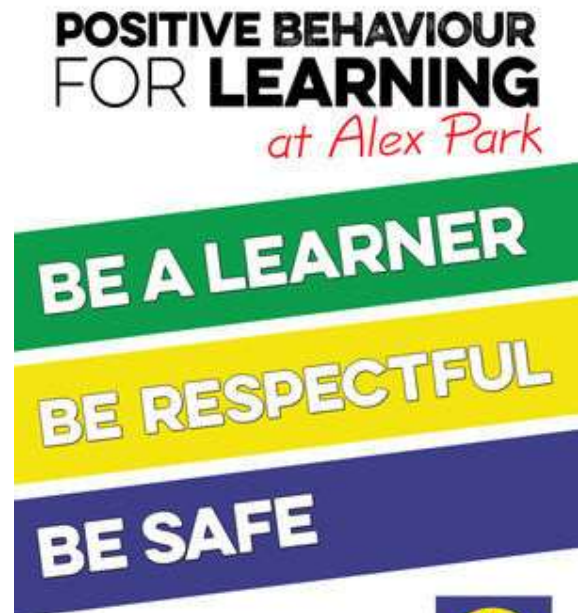
Wednesday 25 January from 10:00am – 2:00pm.

Our office staff will be able to assist you with the purchase of uniforms and the payment of contributions and fees for Kindergarten to Year 12.

PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) at Alexandria Park Community School

Positive Behaviour for Learning, known as PBL is an evidence-based whole school systems approach that:

- addresses the diverse academic and social needs of every student to support them to be successful
- supports students in early childhood settings through to senior years of schooling
- enables schools to establish a continuum of supports that are intensified to meet the needs of every student
- is team driven, using a problem solving approach (data, systems and practices) that engages students, parents and all school staff
- establishes positive social expectations for all in the school community
- provides a framework for the school and its community to collectively support the wellbeing of every student.



At Alex Park:

- students respond positively as they have been taught what is expected of them
- staff deliver consistent responses to student learning and behaviour
- students feel safe and cared for at school. Their parents, family and community are more involved in their school
- unproductive and challenging behaviour can be significantly reduced for most students.

Reward system:

- at Alex Park, we use a reward system where students are given positive comments for showing the PBL values of 'be a learner, be respectful and be safe'
- Positive comments are accumulated by individual students and students are able to participate in 'achievers' excursions' if they reach a particular count.
- Students may be given verbal praise, positive acknowledgement, merit awards or letter of commendation to reinforce the PBL values.

Behaviour code for students

NSW public schools

NSW public schools are committed to providing safe, supportive and responsive learning environments for everyone. We teach and model the behaviours we value in our students.

In NSW public schools students are expected to:

- Respect other students, their teachers and school staff and community members
- Follow school and class rules and follow the directions of their teachers
- Strive for the highest standards in learning
- Respect all members of the school community and show courtesy to all students, teachers and community members
- Resolve conflict respectfully, calmly and fairly
- Comply with the school's uniform policy or dress code
- Attend school every day (unless legally excused)
- Respect all property
- Not be violent or bring weapons, illegal drugs, alcohol or tobacco into our schools
- Not bully, harass, intimidate or discriminate against anyone in our schools

Schools take strong action in response to behaviour that is detrimental to self or others or to the achievement of high quality teaching and learning.

Behaviour Code for Students: Actions

Promoting the learning, wellbeing and safety of all students in NSW Public Schools is a high priority for the Department of Education.

We implement teaching and learning approaches to support the development of skills needed by students to meet our high standards for respectful, safe and engaged behaviour.

Respect

- Treat one another with dignity
- Speak and behave courteously
- Cooperate with others
- Develop positive and respectful relationships and think about the effect on relationships before acting
- Value the interests, ability and culture of others
- Dress appropriately by complying with the school uniform or dress code
- Take care with property

Safety

- Model and follow departmental, school and/or class codes of behaviour and conduct
- Negotiate and resolve conflict with empathy
- Take personal responsibility for behaviour and actions
- Care for self and others
- Avoid dangerous behaviour and encourage others to avoid dangerous behaviour

Engagement

- Attend school every day (unless legally excused)
- Arrive at school and class on time
- Be prepared for every lesson
- Actively participate in learning
- Aspire and strive to achieve the highest standards of learning

The principal and school staff, using their professional judgment, are best placed to maintain discipline and provide safe, supportive and responsive learning environments. The department provides a policy framework and resources such as Legal Issues Bulletins, access to specialist advice, and professional learning to guide principals and their staff in exercising their professional judgment. In this context the NSW Government and the Department of Education will back the authority and judgment of principals and school staff at the local level.

2023 Bell times

Bell times for Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday	Activity
8:40-9:40am	Period 1 (60 mins)
9:40-10:40am	Period 2 (60 mins)
10:40-11:00am	Recess (20 mins)
11:00-12:00pm	Period 3 (60 mins)
12:00-1:00pm	Period 4 (60 mins)
1:00-1:40pm	Lunch (40 mins)
1:40-2:40pm	Period 5 (60 mins)

School Uniform

Students of Alexandria Park Community School are expected to wear full school uniform. It is an important part of our school's **"Code of Behaviour"**, which was introduced after extensive consultation with students, parents, teachers and community groups. All students are to wear full school uniform every school day. This presents a positive school image outside of the school and contributes to a shared school identity within.

High School Uniform - Years 7 to Year 12

- APCS white with blue sleeve polo shirt OR a white school shirt and tie
- Navy or black shorts, pants, skirt or skort – shorts and skirts are to be worn to a modest and reasonable length for school attire
- Navy blue Jumper or jacket with school logo
- School Tie (optional)
- Black school shoes

The High School Sport uniform

- APCS red polo shirt with logo
- Navy blue or black shorts, or track pants
- Sport shoes

These items are **NOT** school uniform

- Hoodies
- Tights
- Jeans
- Non-APCS jumpers, cardigans & pullovers
- Non-navy pants or shorts.
- Tops or pants with random logos

The Uniform Shop

Our uniform shop, located in the Bunin, is open each school day. You are welcome to come any day that suits you to purchase uniforms for 2023. Uniforms can also be purchased via the Flexischools website. Uniforms purchased through Flexischools can be picked up from the Bunin.

BYOD

All students in Years 7 – 12 are required to bring their own computing device to school each day. A student provided personal computing device needs to meet the APCS **BYOD device specifications**. Students and Parents are responsible for ensuring the device brought to school meets all the requirements of the **BYOD device specifications**. A device which does not meet the Specifications will not be permitted access to the school networks and services.

APCS preferred device is the HP 11.5” Chromebook, available through the APCS HP website www.hpshopping.com.au/apcsbyod

The **BYOD device specifications** identify the minimum system requirements/ hardware specifications for student devices and also offer guidance on some suggested makes and models so that parents are fully informed about requirements to ensure that each student's BYOD enhances their learning. https://alexparkcs-c.schools.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/doe/sws/schools/a/alexparkcs-c/e-learning/byod-policy/BYOD_Recommended_device_specifications.pdf

The personal device must be able to be brought to school every school day fully charged and be used solely by the student throughout the school day for educational purposes. Prior to bringing a personal device for the first time, students and their parents must read and sign the **BYOD Student agreement**, which sets out the responsibilities and expectations for use of the personal devices at Alexandria Park Community School. https://alexparkcs-c.schools.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/doe/sws/schools/a/alexparkcs-c/e-learning/byod-policy/student_agreement.pdf

Students must then use their device in accordance with the school's Cyber Safety Policy, the Department of Education and Communities' policy Online Communication Services: Acceptable Usage and their BYOD User agreement. https://alexparkcs-c.schools.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/doe/sws/schools/a/alexparkcs-c/e-learning/byod-policy/BYOD_policy_2019.pdf

Details of APCS BYOD device specifications, BYOD school policy and BYOD User Agreement are available from our school website: <https://alexparkcs-c.schools.nsw.gov.au/e-learning/byod.html>

