

WELCOME TO YEAR 1

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 1 at Claremont College. We trust you have all enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and holiday period with your families. During this year, we will focus on building and consolidating essential learning dispositions which will greatly assist each child not only at school, but in every aspect of their lives. These skills include; empathy, curiosity, collaboration, reflectiveness, resilience, risk taking and flexibility of mind. We believe that it is important for your child to love school, be motivated by their curiosity, learn to question and be empowered by their thinking.

We believe Year 1 is such an important school year and our team is enthusiastic about our plans for the year ahead. We can't wait to get started! We have planned a year full of exciting and stimulating learning experiences which provide your child with opportunities to further develop both their social, emotional and academic learning skills.

We look forward to meeting you all at our Parent/Teacher evening in Week 3 on **Wednesday 20 February**. The evening will provide an opportunity to discuss classroom routines, expectations, homework and other useful information in more details to start to the year.

Our Year 1 teaching team this year:

- Mrs Emily Eu (Class Teacher)
- Mrs Adelaide Marquet (Class Teacher)
- Miss Deborah Tan (Intern Teacher)
- Miss Lisa Tyson (Learning Support Teacher)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **School begins at 8:45am**, your child is encouraged to arrive shortly after 8:30am which gives them time to place their belongings in their class lockers before heading to the playground. For the first week, we will walk your child to various school gates at 3:00pm to assist with easier afternoon pick ups. All team members will be at various gates so please take the opportunity to say hello. From the second week once your child has settled into their new routine, we will dismiss them at 3:10pm.
- Recess: 10:30am- 11:00am
- Infants Lunch 1:05pm-1:50pm
- The school canteen is open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Recess and lunch orders must be ordered online through Flexi Schools. Students are able to buy extra snacks from the canteen at recess and lunch, however we ask that students bring no more than \$5 to school.
- Claremont prefers **all full day absences to be reported via your Parent Portal**. After the class roll has been marked by the teachers, you will be able to see your child's absence and select the absentee reason. All class rolls should be marked by 9.30am at the latest. You will receive an automated SMS if you have not provided an absentee reason via the Portal by 10.30am. You **ONLY** need to call the office if you believe your child is supposed to be at school. (this system is mainly to confirm the safety of children who walk or catch a public bus to school). At this stage the portal can still only be accessed via a computer, not mobile phone.
- If you know your child will be away on a particular date, you can let your child's teacher know by emailing office@claremont.nsw.edu.au. If you are unable to access your Parent Portal on the actual day of the absence between 9.30am-10.30am, you will still receive an automated SMS. However you have 7 days to report this absentee reason. After 7 days you will need to send an email or note to the office for this reason to be reported. Alternatively the absence will show on the Semester Report as 'unexplained absence'.
- All children who arrive after 8.45am or are collected before 3.10pm **MUST** be signed in or signed out by an adult in the blue student book in the front office.
- Please do not send any nuts to school. Claremont College is nut-aware, with a number of students in the school having severe allergies.
- Please ensure that you check the **school newsletter** each week to keep up to date with school events and activities. You can find this via the Claremont College app or <https://www.claremont.nsw.edu.au/news-events/newsletter> .

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YEAR 1 TERM 1 WEEKLY OUTLINE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Homework sent home	Bring Homework book and Diary	Bring Homework book and Diary	Bring Homework book and Diary	Bring Homework book and Diary
Morning Assembly (Formal hats)	PE Lesson: Wear sports uniform	Sport Day: Wear sports uniform	Library Borrowing (Bring Library bag and books)	Chapel: Parents welcome to attend at 8:45-9:10am
Music Lesson	Indonesian Lesson			
Library Lesson (No library bag)				

SCHOOL BOOKS

Three exercise books have been sent home with your child today. These are:

- Writing Book
- Discovery Book
- Homework book

Please cover all books with **clear contact only**. All books need to be returned by **Monday 11 February**. Your child will also be provided with additional display folders and books in class; however, these do not need to be covered (English, Mathematics and Discovery Folder).

HOMEWORK GRIDS AND HOME READING BOOKS

Homework grids and home reading books will be sent home from Week 2. In the meantime, we strongly encourage you to take the opportunity to read a variety of quality literature with your child (story books, suitable newspaper articles, brochures etc). Make this an enjoyable shared reading experience for your family.

SOCIAL SKILLS

This year we will be working with Mrs Cameron and our School Counsellor, Miss McKersie with our Social Skills program. This will involve students working in small groups, individually or as a whole cohort. They will be learning more about themselves, their relationship with others, Protective Behaviours and e-safety. We will let you know via the School Newsletter when these workshops occur, so that you can reinforce and discuss them at home. Should you or your child wish to discuss anything with Miss McKersie about your child's behaviour, friendships, social life and emotional wellbeing this term, please contact the office. Both Mrs Cameron and Miss McKersie will be working closely with us and with your child to ensure our Pastoral Care continues to be a priority at Claremont College.

YEAR 1 LIBRARY

Your child will attend two formal sessions in the Library this year. Their Library research and literature lesson will be on **Mondays** with Mrs Affleck and their borrowing session on Thursdays with Mrs Kesur. For their borrowing session they will need their school library bag.

YEAR 1 SPORT

Your child will have their PE lesson each *Tuesday*. They will wear sports uniform and white sport shoes on this day, as well as their formal hat to and from school. Your child will continue to practise the fundamental movement skills of running, hopping, skipping, jumping and side-stepping. They will also explore ball skills such as throwing and catching through a variety of modified games.

Your child will have Sport each *Wednesday*. They wear sports uniform and running shoes on this day, as well as their formal hat to and from school. Year 1 will have gymnastics lessons in Week 1-6 in the Claremont hall delivered by "Triskills", who have been expertly teaching gymnastics at Claremont for a number of years. They will then join Kindergarten at Grant Reserve for the remainder of the term, engaging in a number of team games involving movement and ball skills. The focus as always is on fun, teamwork and participation.

Mr Geering

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YEAR 1 MUSIC

In Music this term, Year 1 students are going to begin learning to read music notation using graphic and pictorial notation as a foundation. Students will be creating their own graphic scores and soundscapes using music technology while also learning about well-known classical composers and pieces. The Year 1 Music lessons will be held on Monday.

Tutor lessons

Year 1 students have the exciting opportunity to be offered music lessons with our talented, enthusiastic tutors. We offer piano, percussion, guitar and strings at this age. We do not offer woodwind or brass for children as research proves that for most it is too early. It is important for children to learn at an age where they are physically able to handle an instrument. Please register ASAP if you have not done already with the office.

Mr Sheldon

YEAR 1 INDONESIAN

Selamat datang!

I am very excited that 2019 will be the first year of Claremont's K-6 Indonesian program. Lessons will be held every Tuesday in the Year 1 classroom. Learning a language will provide opportunities for students to engage with other cultures and people. Contemporary research and practice have established a clear link between language learning and improved literacy skills.

Year 1 students will be learning *Bahasa Indonesia* (literally, the language of Indonesia) and appreciating aspects of Indonesian culture through Music, Dance, Literature, Visual Arts and digital technologies.

The school will provide a folder and an Indonesian work booklet that will go home at the end of each term.

Terima kasih banyak!

Bu Jill

SEESAW APP

This year we will be continuing to use the 'Seesaw' app. Seesaw gives your child a creative tool to capture and reflect on their learning. This work will then be shared with you online. We hope that using Seesaw will give you a window into our classrooms and into your child's learning process.

We need your help with Seesaw to ensure it is a success in Year 1. If your child used Seesaw last year at Claremont College, their learning journal should continue to exist and be added to this year without needing to do anything at home. If you are new to Seesaw, you can download the Seesaw Parent app for iOS, Android or use the web to view your child's learning. When your child adds new work, you will receive a notification to see, hear and respond to your child's learning. You will only have access to your own child's work or group work. All the content is stored securely.

COMMUNICATION

We are more than happy to speak to you throughout the year if you need any assistance. If you have a question or need to organise an appointment with us, please write a note in your child's diary or email us via the school office.

office@claremont.nsw.edu.au

We look forward to working with your child and getting to know you. We are going to have a fantastic year full of learning and fun. We are very approachable, so if you have any concerns or need to speak to us in more detail, please write a quick note or email us through the school office to schedule in a suitable time.

Kind regards,

Mrs Emily Eu, Mrs Adelaide Marquet, Miss Deborah Tan and Miss Lisa Tyson
Year 1 Teaching Team