

Year 7 School Start-Up Newsletter Welcome and Commencement Information

Welcome – Mr Richard Usher Executive Principal



On behalf of our school community I welcome all of our new Year 7 students as well as the new and continuing parents to our school for 2023. Cavendish Road SHS is a proud and highly accomplished school with a great culture for learning by any measure of academic achievement. Our school motto “nothing without effort, nothing but the best” remains our mission. As our new Year 7 students embark on their first week of secondary schooling at Cavendish Road SHS, I wish them every success in their journey across the next 6 years.

Richard Usher
Executive Principal

The first day of school at Cav Rd – What to do?

The first day of Year 7 is Monday 23 January. Students are to meet at the Alan Sampson Sports Centre (accessed through Gate 6a on Elgar Street) commencing at 8:45am. This first day will be a day where students meet their new classmates, teachers, learn about the school grounds, classrooms, routines and values.

Students are to wear their formal school uniform and formal school hat. In their school bags, students only need their pencil case, water bottle and their food for the day. The canteen will be open for students to purchase lunch. iPads will not be needed on the first day. iPads will be required at school from Tuesday 24 January.

School Photos

School photos will be taken on day 1, Monday 23 January. This way we can provide student ID cards to our students quickly. We will send a separate email soon with the online instructions to order Cavendish Road High School 2023 Photos. If your child misses having their individual or sibling photo for any reason there is a catch-up day scheduled for Friday 3 February (week 2).

Year 7 Deputy Principal – Paul Cox



Welcome to Cavendish Road SHS. As the Year 7 Deputy Principal, I look forward to welcoming all of our new Cavroadians to our school on Day One - Monday 23 January. We are working towards ensuring that our Year 7 students can make their best start possible to their high school journey at Cav Rd. As a Deputy Principal and also a parent of twin Year 7 students, I understand the need for students and families to feel happy, welcome, safe and accepted in their new school setting. We all want to establish a strong sense of belonging at Cav Rd from the outset for our year 7 students. With an initial week one focus of “getting a feel” for Cav Rd and our expectations, we encourage our newly enrolled students to open their senses from day one and absorb the culture of Cav Rd to gain a sense of where and how they fit into the mix of our great school. A good start is be courteous,

polite and kind to others so we all feel welcome, fit in together and feel accepted. A happy learner is an engaged learner.

In 2023, we will host a Year 7 Parent Evening scheduled for Thursday 9 February (week 3) to ensure parents/carers and teachers have an opportunity to meet, establish relationships and share information about our school and our year 7 learners. We will be in contact with an update of this event.

Paul Cox

Year 7 Deputy Principal

Year 7 Dean – Mitch Baker



I am very excited to welcome our newest members to Cavendish Road SHS; the Year 7s of 2023. The transition to high school can bring a mix of emotions for both students and family members alike, as students face the challenges of a new school, new expectations, new routines, new teachers and new friends. This is also a significant stage of adolescence, where students begin to develop their identity and learn where they fit into the world. We will be with our new members of Cav Rd every step of the way as they learn about themselves and the world around them. We cannot wait to watch them grow and are keen to support them in accomplishing their goals and becoming independent learners.

We have a fantastic team guiding our Year 7s on their journey, from Deputy Principals, Guidance Officers, Support Staff and our Year 7 Pastoral Care Teachers. All of these staff members are exceptional educators who are committed to supporting students during this important time. Throughout 2023 we will be focussing on students developing empathetic connections, which will encourage them to explore the concepts of kindness, resilience, compassion, understanding, adaptability and open-mindedness. By exploring these concepts students will become more considerate which, in turn, will enhance their relationships and amplify their connections.

While my role is to monitor student wellbeing, performance, attendance and behaviour for the cohort, a main focus of mine will be to ensure students feel a sense of belonging in a safe and supportive environment during this significant transition to high school. This will be achieved through the development and maintenance of positive attitudes, as well as setting high expectations for students to engage in schooling and to be aspirant for their schooling outcomes.

Mitch Baker - mbake131@eq.edu.au

Year 7 Dean

Year 7 Orientation Week Information

Students will be participating in an orientation program on their first three days of school. This will include a free sausage sizzle at first break on Tuesday 24 January 2023.

The school swimming carnival is scheduled for Friday 27 January 2023. All students attend this annual event. Students are transported by bus from school to Chandler and then back at the end of the day.

The Finance Office

Hello and welcome to Cavendish Road SHS. Over the coming weeks and years, you will see us in your email inboxes sending you information, invoices and account statements. We are always available for contact if you have any questions or if we can assist in any way.

If you have not done so already, please ensure that the **Student Resource Scheme (SRS)** agreement is returned by the end of the first week. This will ensure that the distribution of resources to your child is efficiently managed. Where the SRS agreement has been returned, resources will be issued to your child. Invoices for SRS will be generated in Term 1 2023.

When paying the SRS you may choose to:

- Make the full payment at the beginning of the school year by 1 March 2023.
- Pay in instalments across three payments at the beginning of Terms 1, 2 & 3 paying approximately one-third of the amount each time. The first payment is due by 1 March 2023 with the final payment due by 21 July 2023.
- Make contact with us to setup an Electronic Direct Debit Request or to implement a Payment Plan.

Any invoice sent to you has a BPoint link on the bottom left of the page for credit card payments. Feel free to contact us at any time on 3394 0777.

Samantha Jeffs
Business Manager

The Information Technology Team in D10 – Marty Davey IT Manager

Welcome to Cavendish Road SHS. I am Marty Davey and I lead the IT team at Cav. Room D10 is the place students go to when the need support with their school iPads.

Year 7 students need to connect their BYOD iPad to the school network. Information has been previously emailed to you and can be found at [BYOD Webpage](#).

Please contact us if you have any questions. We are available at itsupport@cavendishroadshs.eq.edu.au

Marty Davey
Information Technology Manager

School Sport at Cav – Nikki Bairstow, Sport Director

Welcome to Cavendish Road SHS!

I oversee all things Sport here at Cavendish Road State High School. This consists of Interschool Sport, Recreational Sport, Representative School Sport Pathways, School-Carnivals (Swimming, Cross Country & Track & Field) and external competitions. I support students trialling for representative school sports across District, Regional and State level school sport. These include: South District Sport (13-18 years), Mt Gravatt District Primary Sport (12 years), Metropolitan East Regional Sport and Queensland School Sport. I also support the coordination of the Sports Academies (Touch Football, Football and Netball).

Key Sport details are:

Recreational Sport Coordinators

Sally Miller - Year 7, 8 & 9 sebut1@eq.edu.au

Rena Rusit - Years 10, 11 & 12 rusi2@eq.edu.au

Sport Academy Directors

Cathy Farrelly - Touch Football cfarr5@eq.edu.au

Cail Turp - Football cxtur7@eq.edu.au

Jacqui Russell - Netball jirus0@eq.edu.au

Sport Timelines:

- **Trimester 1** – Summer Sports (February-May) & Recreational Sport
- **Trimester 2** – Winter Sports (May-August) & Recreational Sport
- **Trimester 3** – Only Recreational Sport (August-December)

Interschool Sport trials for Trimester 1 (Summer) 2023 will be Tuesday 14 February (Period 4) for 7, 8 & 9s and Wednesday 15 February (Period 4) for 10, 11 & 12s. There will be one trial only. Students have a range of sports on offer that they can trial for selection. All interschool sports will incur a levy that includes bus and venue hire. More details are included in the letter home upon selection. Trialling for an Interschool Sport is not compulsory.

Sports available for all students for Trimester 1 (Summer) Interschool Season

- Basketball
- Volleyball
- Futsal
- Touch
- Cricket (Super 8s)

Those students that are unsuccessful or not trialling for interschool sport **must select** a Recreational sport for the trimester. More details will be released from the relevant Recreational Sport Coordinator shortly. All selections are completed using an on-line portal.

We offer a range of recreational sports. These include sporting activities that occur at school as well as off-campus activities that involve a cost. The Recreational Sport Coordinators will email these details to parents early in the school year. Students make their selection online soon after interschool sport trials have been finalised.

2023 Sports Carnival Dates

- Swimming Carnival - Friday 27 January
- Cross Country Carnival - Friday 31 March (end Week 10, Term 1)
- Field Carnival - Thursday 22 June (end Week 10, Term 2) - Nominations Only
- Track Carnival - Friday 23 June – (end Week 10, Term 2) - Whole School Event

Nikki Bairstow
Sports Director

Email: nbair4@eq.edu.au

We look forward to meeting all of our new Cavroadians on Monday 23 January.