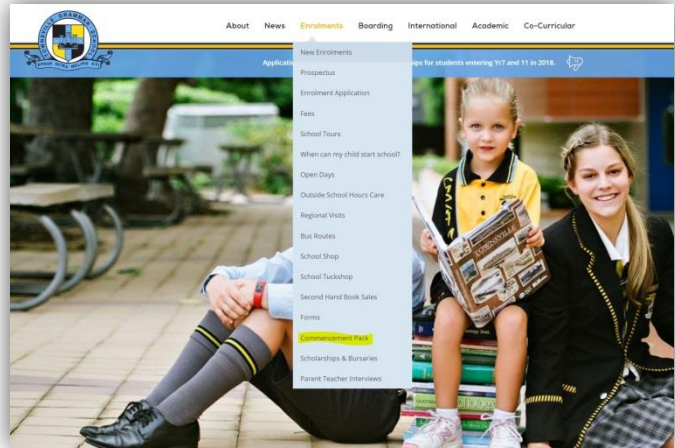


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**Dear Parents,**

A warm welcome to Townsville Grammar Junior School's North Shore Campus! As always, the staff are looking forward to the start of a new school year; obviously it is a hugely exciting for everyone! We look forward to working together with families to provide a vibrant, safe learning environment for our students and to encourage holistic engagement, fostering and embracing a love of learning within our community.

On our website ([www.tgs.qld.edu.au](http://www.tgs.qld.edu.au)) you will find a digital copy of the full Commencement Pack for 2018 located under the North Shore section. We hope you and your family have had a happy and safe festive season and we look forward to meeting and welcoming all new families into the Townsville Grammar School community.



#### **EARLY KEY DATES**

Monday, 15 January	Townsville Grammar North Shore Campus School Office Opens 9:00am
Friday, 19 January	Campus Orientation for New North Shore Students (P-3) 1.30-3.00pm
Monday, 22 January	School commences 8:45am
Friday, 26 January	Australia Day Public Holiday
Monday, 29 January	EEC Commences

#### **Campus Orientation for New North Shore Students**

There will be an orientation afternoon, 1:30-3:00pm on Friday, 19 January. New students and parents will get the chance to look around the School and familiarise themselves with the layout and facilities at the campus as well as meet their new teachers. Appointments are not necessary. This 'trial run' of the first day should help your child transition calmly into their new school and build further excitement about their first day. We look forward to seeing as many of our new faces as possible.



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## **BOOK PACK**

As part of the General Purpose Levy (GPL), all students will be given a book pack on the first day of school. This will contain all the textbooks and basic stationery that your child will need throughout the year. Your child's teacher will go through these supplies during the first week and will send items home for labelling and covering as required during the course of the week. Although students will be provided with coloured pencils or textas within the room, some prefer to have their own set for use at home. Prep to 3 students will be working in pencil.

## **MEDICATION**

If medication for your child is required (short term or ongoing), please ensure it is always delivered directly to the Office in a zip lock bag for processing. A permission form also needs to be completed by a parent/guardian.

## **WORK SAMPLES/REPORTS (New TGS Enrolments for 2018)**

If you have documents from a previous school, these should be provided at your earliest convenience, either to your classroom teacher or through the Office.

## **FIRST DAY ARRANGEMENTS – Monday 22nd January 2018 – 8:45am Start**

Prep to Year 3 students who are aware of their class may report directly to the classroom from approximately 8.15am. New students seeking direction to their classroom are asked to report to the School Office at approximately 8.20am so that they can be shown to the classroom and introduced to their teacher.

Once you have accompanied your child/children to their classrooms you are invited into the undercover area for morning tea. A firm but friendly goodbye to your child demonstrates your trust in the teacher and helps your child settle within the classroom quickly. Please explain pick up arrangements in advance with your child or procedures if they are attending Outside School Hours Care.

## **PARKING**

Parking is always at a premium during the first days of the School year and we ask that parents observe the set-down areas and bus bays and use them accordingly. The speed limit in the car park is 10km/hr. Please obey traffic flow signs, particularly the one way system regarding entry (EEC end) and exit gates. Under no circumstances are cars to block traffic on Erskine Drive.

## **KISS AND GO**

A 'kiss and go' system will be in operation at the North Shore Campus from the first day of the 2018 school year. Students from Prep - 3 may be dropped to the staff member on duty from 8:30am in the morning; they then must make their way to their classroom where they will be supervised by their classroom teacher until the start of school. At the end of school, students will be supervised in the undercover area outside Admin until 3:15pm.

## **CANTEEN**

The School Canteen will **not** be operating on the first day of school and students need to bring a packed lunch. The School Canteen list is available on our website and orders can be made online: <https://www.flexischools.com.au/>. There will not be any items available for purchase from the Canteen for cash. It is possible to order morning tea and lunch items from the Canteen; however, these will all be delivered to the classrooms at morning tea, so only cold options are available for lunch.

## **PERIPATETIC MUSIC LESSONS**

The school invites enquiries regarding specialist peripatetic music lessons. Parents who are interested in accessing peripatetic music lessons for their child should liaise with the Director of Music – Samuel Blanch directly ([samuel.blanch@tgs.qld.edu.au](mailto:samuel.blanch@tgs.qld.edu.au)). If lessons become viable for a particular instrument at the North Shore Campus, families will be informed through the North Shore Update during the year.

## OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Outside School Hours Care is available on all school days, from 6:30am – 6:00pm at the North Shore Campus. Please note that there is no Vacation Care in 2018 at the North Shore Campus. Students who wish to access Vacation Care will be allocated places at Annandale. The School bus services do not run during the school holidays so alternative travel arrangements will need to be made. Contact with OSHC for bookings should be made well ahead of time by phoning OSHC Co-ordinator Ms Joanne Stockwell on 4412 4857.

## EARLY EDUCATION CENTRE

Any enquiries regarding the Pre-Kindy or Pre-Prep at North Shore can be directed to the Director of Early Education, Ms Cyndi Friend, on 4412 4858.

## LEAVE ARRANGEMENTS

As per the School Handbook, all requests for leave, e.g. early departure at the end of term, long weekends, family holidays, sporting trips etc. must be directed in writing to the Head of Campus in advance of the leave.

## CLUB SPORT

North Shore students who are in Year 2 or 3 in 2018 are able to participate in Club Sport: Rugby or Netball. For those students who are interested, families should contact either Director of Rugby – Giles Derrett ([giles.derrett@tgs.qld.edu.au](mailto:giles.derrett@tgs.qld.edu.au)) or Director of Netball – Prue Watson ([prue.watson@tgs.qld.edu.au](mailto:prue.watson@tgs.qld.edu.au)) for training and more information. For the foreseeable future, Club Sport training for Junior School students will operate at the Annandale Campus.

## UNIFORMS

All students are to arrive in the correct uniform on the first day of School. Uniforms may be purchased at the Uniform Shop on the Annandale Campus, Monday to Friday 7:30am until 10:00am. The School Shop will be open from Monday, 8 January until Monday, 22 January 2018 from 7:30am-12 noon. As per the Handbook, the following is of particular note:

### ➤ **Hair:**

For comfort, safety and appearance, it is expected that children's hair be kept tidy. Conventional haircuts, natural hair colours and styles only are acceptable. The general rule for boys is not below collar or in eyes – minimum number 3 (no undercuts). **Haircuts should not bring undue attention to the child.** Long hair on girls is to be tied back by scrunchies or ribbon in black, navy blue or yellow (available from the School Shop).

### ➤ **Jewellery:**

The wearing of ornamental jewellery is forbidden. The practice of wearing jewellery creates hazards in such areas as Physical Education, Science and Drama.

Minimal jewellery – wristwatch, 1 pair of sleepers or studs for pierced ears – is permitted. Earrings may only be worn by girls through the lobe of the ear. Decorative earrings are not part of the uniform – simple sleepers or studs only. Nail polish is not acceptable. Jewellery of sentimental value or religious significance is not to be worn as exceptions cannot be allowed.

### ➤ **Shoes: Prep**

Sport Shoes (Velcro or lace up) with visible short white socks, must be worn on PE days. Black sandals (Velcro or buckle – no surf style sandals) may be worn on other days.

### **Years 1 – 3**

Children in Years 1 – 3 must wear black leather lace up shoes or black leather sandals with their formal uniform. The uniform code stipulates that the black lace up shoes:

- Are able to be polished
- Be hard-soled and no higher heels
- No suede or nubuck finishes

Please ensure you carefully check that the footwear being purchased meets the requirements, as the issue of replacement of incorrect shoes can be embarrassing and expensive. If in doubt, refer to the School Shoe brochure within this commencement pack.

We look forward to an enjoyable and exciting year at the Townsville Grammar School North Shore Campus. Your child's teacher should be your first point of contact on most occasions but please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Giles Derrett', with a stylized, cursive script.

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