



TOWNSVILLE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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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 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) you will find a digital copy of the full Commencement Pack for 2020 located under the North Shore section. We hope you and your family have 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, 20 January	Townsville Grammar School -North Shore Office opens 9:00am
Monday, 27 January	Australia Day Public Holiday
Tuesday, 28 January	Campus Orientation for New North Shore Students (Prep to Year 5) 1.30-3.00pm
Wednesday, 29 January	School commences 8:30am (Year 3, 4 & 5 students) 8:45am (Prep to Year 2 students)
Monday, 3 February	EEC 2020 Session Commences

CAMPUS ORIENTATION FOR NEW NORTH SHORE STUDENTS

There will be an orientation afternoon, 1:30-3:00pm on Tuesday, 28 January. New students (returning students welcome too) 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.

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.

MEDICATION

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

WORK SAMPLES/REPORTS (New TGS Enrolments for 2020)

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.

Years 7-12
North Ward
45 Paxton Street
NORTH WARD QLD 4810

Pre-Prep-Year 6
Annandale
1 Brazier Drive
ANNANDALE QLD 4814

Pre-Kindy-Early Primary
North Shore
70-90 North Shore Blvd
NORTH SHORE QLD 4818

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FIRST DAY ARRANGEMENTS

Prep to Year 5 students who are aware of their class may report directly to their 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 and KISS AND GO

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.

Students from Prep - 2 may be dropped to the staff member on duty from 8:30am in the morning; they must then make their way directly to their classroom. 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. 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, however, 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 can download a form from the school website [Peripatetic Music Form](#). If lessons become viable for a particular instrument at the North Shore Campus, families will be informed through the North Shore News during the year. Currently Singing, Guitar and Piano lessons are available.

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Outside School Hours Care is available on all school days, from 6:30 until 8:30am in the morning and then 3:00 until 6:00pm in the afternoon. Vacation Care is also available throughout the school holidays from 2020. Please contact OSHC for bookings well ahead of time if possible by phoning OSHC Co-ordinator Ms Joanne Stockwell on 4412 4857 during December 2019 and 4412 6604 from January 2020.

EARLY EDUCATION CENTRE

Any enquiries regarding the Pre-Kindy or Pre-Prep programmes at North Shore can be directed to the Director of Early Education, Ms Cyndi Friend, on 4412 6601 or via email: cyndi.friend@tgs.qld.edu.au.

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 from Year 2 to Year 5 in 2019 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), or Director of Netball, Prue Watson (prue.watson@tgs.qld.edu.au), for training and more information. Club Sport training for Junior School students will operate at the Annandale Campus but transport arrangements will include a minibus service.

Squad Swimming will be advertised to swimmers from Year 1 to Year 5 who meet the minimum requirements during the formal Swim Trials in Week Two of Term One.

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. The School Shop will be open on Wednesday, 15 January from 7.30 am to 12.00 noon, Monday to Friday until School commences. Normal hours are, Monday to Friday 7:30am until 10:00am. 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 and 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: predominately white or black 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 to 5: Black leather lace-up shoes are to be worn with the formal uniform. They must be able to be polished, be hard-soled with no higher heels, no suede or nubuck finishes and no 'Mary Jane' style shoes.

Please ensure you carefully check that the footwear being purchased meets the requirements, as the issue of replacement of incorrect shoes can be 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,



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