

#### Every student deserves a great teacher, not by chance, but by design.

Who can disagree with that? Who doesn't believe that every student, in every classroom, deserves to be educated in ways that build his or her confidence and competence? Let's take apart that sentence and explore some of the thinking behind each word or phrase.

- Every student (not just some students, such as those who are lucky enough to live on a street that allows them to attend an amazing school)
- **deserves** (yes, we believe that students have the right to a quality education)
- a great teacher (one who develops strong relationships, knows his or her content and how to teach it, and evaluates his or her impact. This is where a lot of debate enters the picture because people differ in their understanding of what great teachers do and how they think)
- not by chance (meaning that we have to move beyond the luck of the draw that permeates much of the educational landscape. Children's education should not be left to chance, with one year being amazing and another average or awful. Further, children's education should be left not to whatever sense of challenge or level of education a teacher may have, but to an appropriate high level of challenge and expectation)
- **but by design** (yes, there are learning designs that work, when used at the right time. In fact the literature is awash with evidence of designs that work and those that do not work)

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### **INDEX OF STAFF HANDBOOK**

It is an expectation that all staff have read the Staff Handbook. It is a useful source of important information that is crucial to the effective and smooth running of the school.

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#### 1. Overview

The Thornlie Senior High School Staff Handbook is compiled for the benefit of all staff. The Handbook is designed to be a comprehensive directory of the life, work and organisation of the school. It is also a formal statement of the expectations that the School has of its entire staff.

#### 1.1 Vision

#### Engage, Inspire, Achieve

Thornlie Senior High School is a comprehensive senior high school. It offers its community a broad range of educational opportunities that reflect the social, academic and vocational needs and aspirations of each student.

Our students fulfil their aspirations working in an environment that emphasises the importance of respectful relationships and the achievement of personal best.

#### 1.2 Introduction

We are a proud Independent Public Secondary School with over four decades of experience in providing a successful education to our 1200 Year 7 to 12 students, helping them to identify their aspirations and to achieve their personal goals.

We value well established educational traditions set by past teachers, parents and students and we are passionate in our desire to use the latest research and learning strategies to prepare our students for the 21st Century. We know where we are going and how to get there.

We recognise that the world around us is changing and we are changing with it. Our students come to us from many different backgrounds, but they leave with one thing in common - a great education and a significant head start in life. Our students develop the skills they need to adapt and thrive in a future that is challenging, interesting and dynamic.

In Years 7 to 10, students have access to outstanding programs, including an Approved Specialist Rugby Program, as well as information technology and academic excellence programs. Students also excel in the extra-curricular opportunities offered in our cheer leading, Japanese, Music, Art and numerous sport programs.

In Years 11 and 12 students have a wealth of opportunities to follow their career and aspirational study options. Our tertiary entrance (ATAR) courses are well supported by local universities and our outstanding vocational education and training (VET) courses, combined with general studies and a focus on the big picture, ensures our students are well prepared for life beyond school. Thornlie SHS is accredited as a Registered Training Organisation.

Supported by an active P & C and School Board we believe success is all about the individual working effectively with the school and wider community. A dedicated staff and close ties with local industry and the community ensures we provide personalised programs that capture different interests and nurture the potential in every student. We play to our students' personal strengths and give them the support to develop their talents and abilities. For some, it's a matter of helping them create ambitions and dreams. For others, it's about realising those dreams and ambitions.

At Thornlie Senior High School our approach to visible learning is a little different, and our students are reaping the rewards. Our city, our country and our global community are changing and Thornlie Senior High School is changing with it.

#### 1.3 Facilities

Thornlie Senior High School is located 16 kilometers South East of Perth and caters for students in Years 7 to 12.

Our school takes a holistic approach to education and is concerned with the academic, social and physical progress and wellbeing of all our students. As a specialist sports school we offer scholarships to students wishing to join these exciting programs. Our Specialist Program in Rugby is available by application and a highly competitive selection process.

We offer student-centred learning programs, integrating information technology across our curriculum. Our students have access to an Academic Excellence Pathway and a comprehensive music program and Netball Scholarship.

Strong links with further education providers offers our students successful academic pathways leading to university entry and a broad range of vocational pathways leading to employment and further training. Thornlie Senior High School is a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) and provides nationally recognised qualifications from Certificate I to Certificate II in a range of industries.

Our students benefit from the latest technology and modern facilities including a commercial kitchen and well-appointed Gymnasium and Performing Arts Centre.

The school has a well-developed focus on pastoral care, catering to the needs of each student. All of our students belong to communities that comprise of an allocated Home Room and House.

# 1.4 Teaching and Learning

Thornlie Senior High School utilises a shared Teaching and Learning Framework, which guides all teaching and learning across our school and community. Our school is influenced by the research of John Hattie's Visible Learning, focusing on the impacts on student achievement.

Our learning culture is sustained and developed school-wide priorities in Literacy and Numeracy, ICT and STEM that link to learning. Learning Areas and specific Committees explore concepts around learning and guide the development of learning in our community. The Curriculum Committee leads the way in innovation and pedagogical practices to meet the needs of the learner of today. This committee is comprised of representatives from various Learning Areas who provide a link between pedagogy and curriculum and are the conduit in supporting other classroom teachers in the development of teaching and learning approaches linked specifically to the domain areas.

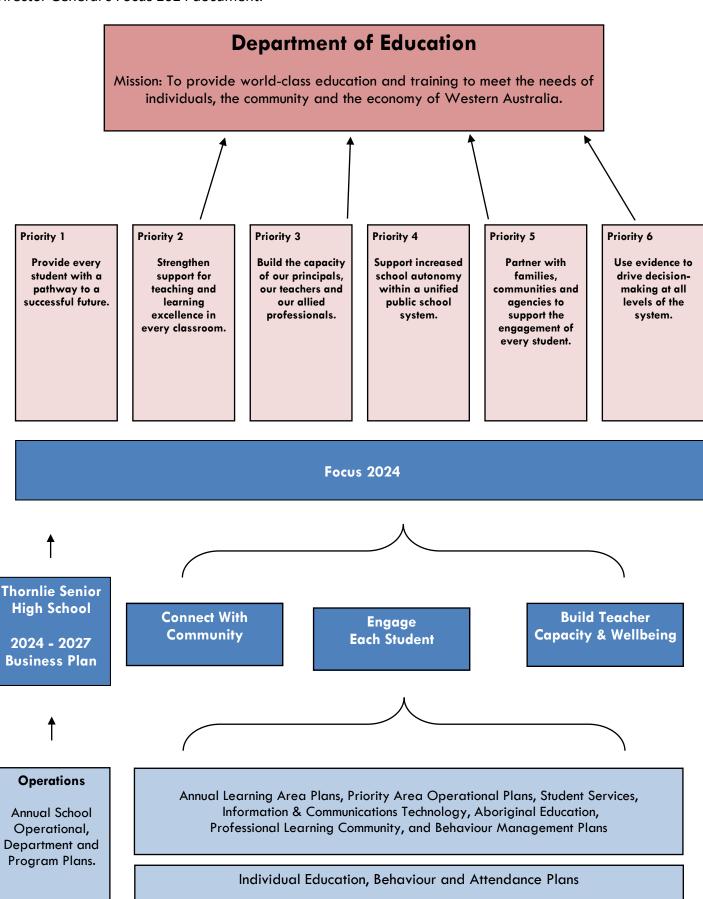
Extensive research and innovation is driven by the work of the STEM, ICT and Positive Behaviour Supports Working Parties and Committees. The recent work of the Health and Well-Being Committee ensures a high care environment for staff and students at Thornlie SHS.

# 1.5 Scope and Sequence

Scope and sequence – for development of the whole student over years 7 to 12						
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
Transition	Orientation Day	Orientation Day	Career Ed Goal Setting	Career Ed US Course Counselling Interviews for VET Work Experience	Competency Based Education – Study Skills	Competency Based Education – Study Skills
Pastoral Care	Year 7 Coordinator Deputy: Student Welfare	Year 8 Coordinator Deputy: Student Welfare	Year 9 Coordinator Deputy: Student Welfare	Year 10 Coordinator Deputy: Student Welfare	Year 11 Coordinator Deputy: Senior School	Year 12 Coordinator Deputy: Senior School
Curriculum Progression	Australian Curriculum NAPLAN Academic Challenge	Australian Curriculum Academic Extension	Australian Curriculum NAPLAN Academic Extension	Australian Curriculum Big Picture Academic Extension OLNA	ATAR Big Picture VET/ General Foundation OLNA	ATAR Big Picture VET/ General Foundation OLNA
	Literacy/Numeracy Support and STEM Literacy/Numeracy Supp		Support and STEM	Literacy/Numeracy Support and STEM		
Pathways	Year 7 Learning Team	Course 1 Year 8 Course 2 Year 8 Additional support Smaller classes	Course 1 Year 9 Course 2 Year 9 Additional support Smaller classes	Course 1 Year 10 Course 2 Year 10 Additional support Smaller classes	ATAR General Traineeship	ATAR General Traineeship
	Academic Challenge	Academic Excellence	Academic Excellence	Academic Excellence		
Student Support	Student Services Team	Student Services Team	Student Services Team	Student Services Team	Foundation courses Maintain the standard WACE tracking Student Services Team Deputy: SS	Foundation courses Maintain the standard WACE tracking Student Services Team Deputy: SS
	Education Assistants International Coord.	Education Assistants International Coord.	Education Assistants International Coord.	Education Assistants International Coord.	Education Assistants International Coord.	Education Assistants International Coord.
VET				Course Advisory Day Course Counselling Program	Range of Cert II Traineeship Workplace Learning	Range of Cert II Traineeship Workplace Learning
			Year 10/11/12 VET Coordinator			ator
Exit Strategy	Transfer	Transfer	Transfer	Transfer Apprenticeship Training provider Endorsed Programs	Transfer Apprenticeship Training provider Endorsed Programs	WACE WASSA Uni / Further training Employment Endorsed Programs

#### 1.6 School Planning Methodology

Thornlie Senior High School's Strategic Plan, Operational Plan and Department level plans have direct links to the Department of Education Mission and Strategic Directions for Public Schools 2020 – 2024 and the Director General's Focus 2024 document.



#### 1.7 School Priorities

Priorities are based on quality analysis of systemic data collected in the previous year. The progress and results relating to Priorities are reported to the School Board annually and included in the Annual Report that is published by the end of Term 1 each year.

#### School Priorities for 2024 to 2027

- Build Staff Capacity & Wellbeing
- Engage Each Student
- Connect with Community

#### 1.8 School Business Plan

As an Independent Public School our School Development Plan has now become a Business Plan. This incorporates our Operational Plans and an overview of our One Line Budget. The Operational Plans are developed by all of the teachers working collaboratively and these plans are shared with the School Board. One of the roles of the School Board is to review and endorse this plan. The completed Business Plan is then co-signed by the Principal, the Chair of the School Board and Ms Lisa Rodgers, Director General of Education in Western Australia.

The Thornlie Senior High School Business Plan 2024 to 2027 is available through the Schools Online Department website.

#### 1.9 Operational Plans

Thornlie Senior High School's Operational Plans are based around teaching strategies and resourcing for the different learning areas. These are developed after reviewing data collected in different learning areas across the course of the year.

The data is collected from a range of sources including NAPLAN, OLNA testing, WACE and VET data, as well as teacher judgments and formative assessments conducted throughout the year. These Plans identify strategies, resourcing, timelines and methods of monitoring data collected that will enable Thornlie staff to effectively plan for improving student outcomes. These plans also identify specific focus areas throughout the school that have been identified as areas of specific need.

Learning Areas, Programs and Focus Area Committees will document Operational Plans and make those plans available in shared storage for Whole School Planning documentation. Operational Plans will identify priorities, targets and KPI's in order to meet school improvement targets.

# 1.10 Review Cycle

The School Strategic Plan will align with the 3-year term of an Independent Public School Business Planning Cycle and was successfully evaluated by an Independent Review Group in 2019 and an External School Review in 2021. Operational Plans will be reviewed and refined each year in conjunction with data from reporting, system testing, and WACE. Operational Plan targets should be tested for progress at 5 weekly intervals – twice per term – for a total of 8 reviews over the Operational Planning year.

#### **ANALYSIS AND REVIEW TIMELINE**

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Timeframe (time that process must be completed)	Self-Assessment Process	Responsibility	Notes
Term 1			
Week 0 (School Exec Meeting)	School Review	Executive Team	Review Y12 results; Grade Report Analysis, NAPLAN; OLNA; Attendance; Behaviour for previous year.
Term 1 Week 0 (Senior Management Meeting)	Review of previous year's achievement data	Senior Management	As Above
Term 1 Week 2	Transformational Meeting	Executive	Strategic and Operational Planning and Review
Term 1 Week 3	Semester 2 Review	Executive Team, Senior Management, Teaching Staff, Student Services	The Semester 2 Review to be completed by the end of the week.
Term 1 Week 4	Semester 2 Review	Principal, Deputy Principals Manager Operations, Manager Corporate Services	Business Plan review and Annual Report
Term 1 Week 4	Operational Plans	Deputy Principals, HOLAs, Managers, Coordinators	1 year Operation Plans to be completed by the end of this week.
Term 1 Week 5	OHI Survey opens	Principal	
Term 1	Whole School Data Review	Deputy Curriculum & Senior School	Distributed to all staff
Weeks 6 - 9	Performance Development 'Self- Reflection' and 2020 sign-off	All Staff	Self-Reflection Meeting and previous year's data.
Term 1 Week 7	Annual Report	Principal	The Annual Report to be ready for uploading to Schools Online
Term 1 Week 7	Transformational Meeting	Executive	Strategic and Operational Planning and Review
Term 1	Review Policies required	Coordinated by Deputies with Manager Operations	All school policies have a review schedule to follow
Term 2	Whole School Data	Deputy Curriculum & Senior	Distributed to all staff
Week 2	Review	School	
Term 2 Week 2	Transformational Meeting	Executive	Strategic and Operational Planning and Review
Term 2 Week 2	Review OHI Survey results	All staff	
Term 2 Week 3	Whole Day Exec Review and Planning	Principal, Deputy Principals MoO, MSC	Business Plan review
Term 2 Week 6	Whole School Data Review	Deputy Curriculum & Senior School	Distributed to all staff
Term 2 Week 7	Transformational Meeting	Executive	Strategic and Operational Planning and Review
Term 2 (when needed)	Review Policies required	Coordinated by Deputies with Manager Operations	All school policies have a review schedule to follow

Term 2	Semester 1 Review	Deputy Curriculum & HOLAs	LA Grades, Attendance, Behaviour,
End of Term	Years 11 & 12	Deputy Curriculum & HOLAS	WACE 11 Data

Timeframe (time that process must be completed)	Self-Assessment Process	Responsibility	Notes
Term 3 Week 2	Whole School Data Review	Deputy Curriculum & Senior School	Distributed to all staff
Term 3 Week 2	Semester 1 Middle School Review	Executive Team, Deputy Curriculum & Welfare, HOLAs	Review of all Year 7 -10 grades, Attendance, Behaviour
Term 3 Week 2	Transformational Meeting	Executive	Strategic and Operational Planning and Review
Term 3 Week 3	Whole Day Exec Review and Planning	Principal, Deputy Principals Manager of Operations & Manager Corporate Services	Business Plan review
Term 3 Week 6	Whole School Data Review	Deputy Curriculum & Senior School	Distributed to all staff
Term 3 Week 7	Transformational Meeting	Executive	Strategic and Operational Planning and Review
Term 3	Review Policies required	Coordinated by Deputies with Manager Operations	All school policies have a review schedule to follow
Term 4 Week 2	Whole School Data Review	Deputy Curriculum & Senior School	Distributed to all staff
Term 4 Week 2	Transformational Meeting	Executive	Strategic and Operational Planning and Review
Term 4 Week 2	Specialist Programs Review	Specialist Program Coordinators	Distributed to all staff
Term 4	Half Day Strategic Planning Meetings	HOLAs & Managers	Review available data and plan for the following year
Term 4 Week 3	Whole Day Exec Review and Planning	Principal, Deputy Principals Manager of Operations & Manager Corporate Services	Business Plan review
Term 4 Week 6	Whole School Data Review	Deputy Curriculum & Senior School	Distributed to all staff
Term 4 Week 7	Transformational Meeting	Executive	Strategic and Operational Planning and Review
Term 4	First Review of NAPLAN	Executive Team & Senior Management	As data becomes available.
Term 4	Review Policies required	Coordinated by Deputies with Manager Operations	All school policies have a review schedule to follow
2022, Term 1, Week 3-5	Final Performance Management Meeting and Sign off	All Staff	Review of Individual Performance Development

# 2. Administration

#### 2.1 Contact Details



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#### **Administration Team**

Principal	Donna McDonald
Deputy Principal: Student Welfare	Dee Kennedy
Deputy Principal: Senior School	David De Meo
Deputy Principal: Teaching & Learning	David Norcliffe
Manager Operations	Lori Lockyer
Manager Corporate Services	Maria Jardine

#### **Learning Area Leaders**

The Arts	Melissa McDonald
English & Languages	Jake Salmon
Health & Physical Education	Alisha Bayliss
Humanities & Social Sciences	Joseph Elson
Mathematics	Mandeep Dhillon
Science	Roberta Stacy
Technologies	Steven Young
Year 7 Learning Team	Emma Hussein

#### **Student Services**

Manager of Student Services	Gary Roberts & Jason Turner
School Psychologist	Allison Hanshaw
School Nurse	Sue James
AIEO	Charmaine Abraham
Student Support Officer	Naomi Rigby
Learning Support Coordinator	Michelle Allard

#### **Year Level Coordinators**

Year 7 Coordinator	Emma Hussein
Year 8 Coordinator	Heidi Virgin
Year 9 Coordinator	
Year 10 Coordinator	Rhonda Roberts
Year 11 Coordinator	Tahlia Brealey

#### **Careers & Vocational Education and Training**

Year 12 Coordinator

VET/RTO Manager	Linley Stewart
Workplace Learning Coordinator	Andrew Zambon
Career Practitioner	James Lamont

**Jarrad Symmans** 

#### 2.2 School Day

- ❖ All Periods are of 60 minutes duration.
- Recess and Lunch breaks are 30 minutes each
- The school day starts at 8:45am

	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday	Wednesday
Warning Bell	8:45am	8:45am
Period 1	8:50am – 9:50am	8:50am – 9:50am
Period 2	9:53am – 10:50am	9:50am – 10:50am
Recess	10:50am – 11:20am	10:50am – 11:20am
Homeroom	11:20am – 11:35am	No Homeroom
Period 3	11:35am – 12:35pm	11:20am – 12:20pm
Period 4	12:35pm – 1:35pm	12:20pm – 1:20pm
Lunch	1:35pm – 2:05pm	1:20pm – 1:50pm
Period 5	2:05pm – 3:05pm	1:50pm – 2:50pm

SSTUWA professional guidelines indicate that staff should be on school site at least 15 minutes prior/after the start and end of the school day.

Due to the flexible timetabling of our school, some classes may run in a Period 0/6 format.

The timings of these classes are as follows:

	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday	Wednesday
Period 0	7:50am – 8:50am	7:50am – 8:50am
Period 6	3:05pm – 4:05pm	2:50pm – 3:50pm

In order that the school may carry out its Duty of Care, staff are expected to perform yard duty. Whilst the EBA does not set out a specified duration it does state that the distribution of duty should be equitable. Every effort shall be made to ensure a fair distribution of duty, being one of, or a combination of;

- ❖ 1 Lunch time Duty 30 minutes
- ❖ 1 Recess Duty 30 minutes
- ❖ 1 Before School Duty 30 minutes
- ❖ 1 After School Duty -- 30 minutes

If teachers are under load, they may be allocated an extra duty. If in doubt, please see the Manager of Operations.

#### 2.3 Term Dates 2024

	Students	Teachers
	Semeste	er 1
Term 1	Wednesday 31 January - Thursday 28 March	Monday 29 January – Thursday 28 March
Break	Friday 29 March – Monday 15 April	Friday 29 March – Sunday 14 April
Term 2	Tuesday 16 April - Friday 28 June	Monday 15 April - Friday 28 June
Break	Saturday 29 June – Monday 15 July	Saturday 29 June – Sunday 14 July
	Semeste	er 2
Term 3	Tuesday 16 July - Friday 20 September	Monday 15 July - Friday 20 September
Break	Saturday 21 September – Monday 7 October	Saturday 21 September - Sunday 6 October
Term 4	Tuesday 8 October - Thursday 12 December	Monday 7 October - Friday 13 December
Break	Friday 13 December – Wednesday 5 February	Saturday 14 December - Monday 3 February

- Students start the school year on Wednesday 1 February 2023 and end the school year on Thursday 14 December 2023.
- There are six school development days where students do not attend:
  - Two of these days are before the school year starts for students and one day is after the school year ends for students.
  - Each school schedules another three days throughout the year in consultation with its school council/board and school community.
- Independent Public Schools have the flexibility to trade-off school development days (except Monday 30 January and Tuesday 31 January). All other schools have the flexibility to trade-off the last school development day of the school year (Friday 15 December). Teachers should confirm arrangements for their school development days with the school.

# 2.4 School Development Days for 2024

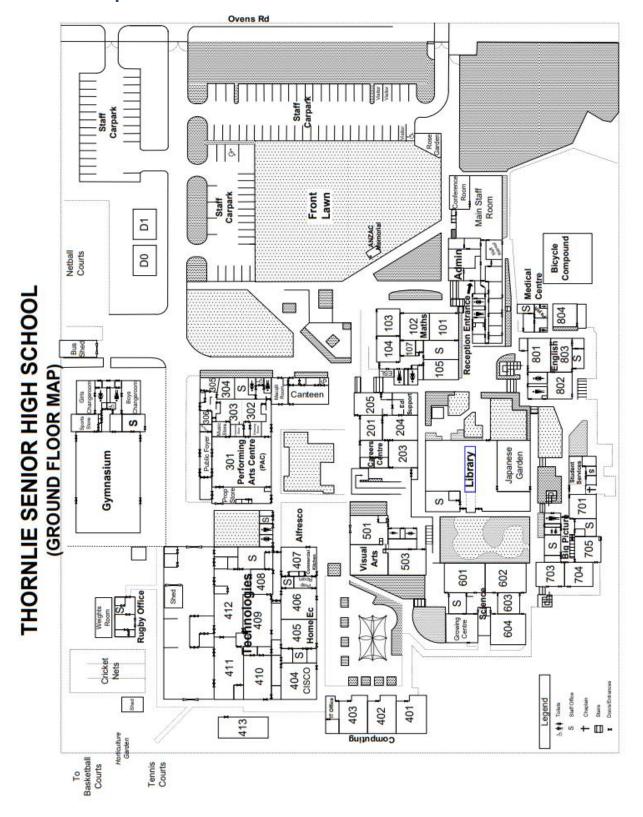
- Monday 29 January
- Tuesday 30 January
- Monday 15 April
- Wednesday 27 June
- Monday 16 July
- Monday 7 October
- Friday 14 December

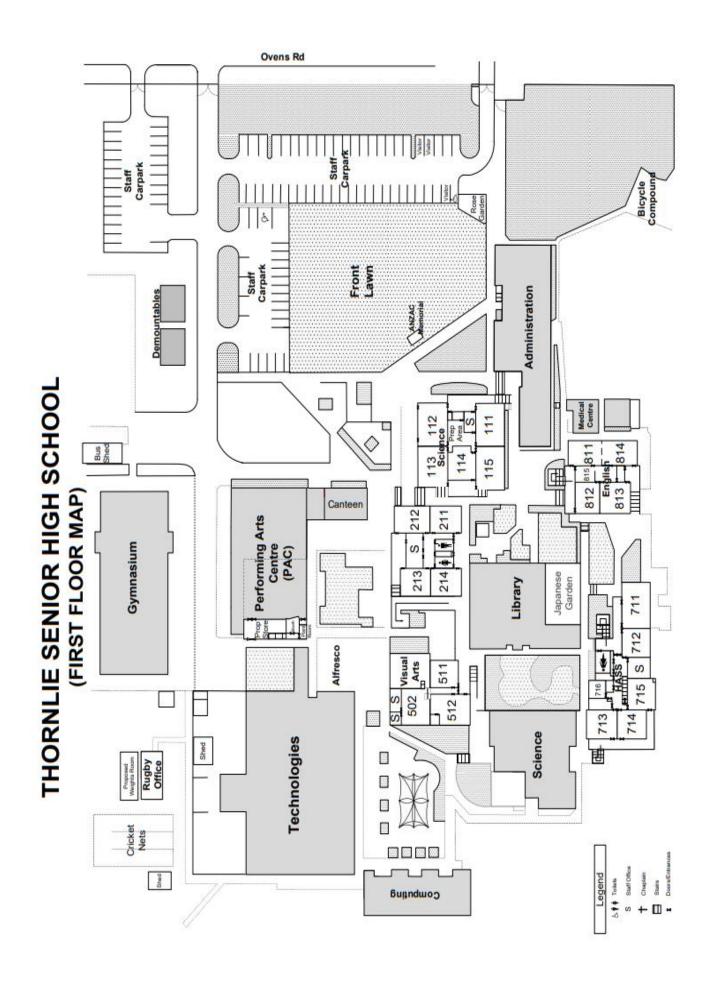
#### 2.5 Calendar

The Term Planner is updated frequently. The most up-to-date School Calendar can always be found at: S:\AdminShared\All Staff\Organisational Documents

All School Calendar dates should be passed on to HR Officer for entry into the master copy of the calendar. All excursion applications must be submitted to Senior Staff two weeks prior to the excursion date.

# 2.6 School Map





#### 2.7 Meeting Schedule

As per the requirements as the EBA Agreement Clause 9.3-9.4; the Principal can require teachers to attend whole staff meetings outside the normal school day or normal operating hours, totalling **five hours** (300 minutes) per term. These meetings are to be used for collaborative purposes to improve the school's performance. Whole of staff meetings may include meetings of groups of teachers working in phases of learning or learning areas.

In addition to this time allocation is the 15 minutes per week due to early closure of the day x 10 weeks – totalling 150 minutes, making the total meeting time allocation per term being 450 minutes.

HOLAs/Program Coordinators will be responsible for managing the use of the additional 2 hours of trade off time. Minutes of all Learning Area/Team Meetings will be forward to the relevant Deputy Principal (Line Manager) and the Principal.

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The following meeting schedule is proposed for 2023:

# Meeting Schedule 2024 Wednesday (Early Close)

#### **TERMS 1-4**

#### **General Staff Meetings**

Three per term, Wednesday Weeks 3, 6 & 9 These meetings will be 60 minutes in length

Total: 180 minutes (3 hours)

#### **Learning Area Meetings**

Frequency, minutes and timings coordinated by HOLA/PC

Total: 270 minutes (4 ½ hours)

Total: 450 minutes/term

Note: The frequency, timing and combination of the above

meetings may change due to operational matters.

# 2.8 Learning Area Meeting Proforma



# **THORNLIE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

THORNLIE SH		Staff Meeti	ng Agenda		
NSPIRE	-	(Learning	Area)	_	
	-	(Day/D	ate)	-	
Chair:	Learning Area Leader	1	Minute Taker:	Representative	
Attendees:					
Good 'Stuff':					
Business Arisin	g:				

Topic	Presenter	Duration
Senior Leadership Team Update - Update of key information - Discussion of minutes from previous meeting	Learning Area Leader	
Committee Updates from Learning Area Representatives		

#### Agenda Items:

Topic	Presenter	Duration

\*Summary of minutes to be emailed by HOLA/TIC to Line Manager after each meeting\*

#### 2.9 **Security**

#### 2.9.1 School Keys

All staff members must see the Manager of Corporate Services - for the issue and return of keys. You are required to sign for all keys. The keys issued to you **must not** be passed to any other staff member — they are assigned to you and you take responsibility for their use. Any lost keys must be reported immediately to the Manager Corporate Services to ensure school security is not breached.

#### 2.9.2 School Access out of Normal Hours

If wishing to visit the school site outside of normal school hours, staff must contact the Manager Corporate Services prior to the planned day or time. Different sections of the school are covered by separate alarms. The school alarm system will activate if you have not been given prior access. Out-of-hour alarms are attended by Education Security and also Police, and if this is caused by staff entry, the school is issued with a substantial fine. A policy is currently being developed to address this.

#### 2.9.3 School Access During Holidays

If accessing the school premises during the holidays, you must contact the Manager Corporate Services at least one day prior to the planned visit, to organise a time and point of access. Similarly, you must also report when leaving the premises. Failure to do this results in your safety being jeopardised.

#### 2.9.4 School Security System

During school days the security system is generally switched off early in the morning when the cleaners open the school. At the end of the day the cleaners switch on the security system at approximately 5.30pm. If you intend to stay after 5.00pm please let the Head Cleaner know. After this time, you will be responsible for activating the alarm and locking doors and gates behind you when you leave. Contact the Manager Corporate Services for a security code. You may be allocated a number for your use only – do not share this number with other staff.

#### 2.9.5 Photocopiers

Photocopiers for staff use are located throughout the school in the following locations:

- Library
- Upstairs and downstairs of 100 block
- Upstairs and downstairs of 200 block
- H&PE Office
- D&T Office
- 500 block upstairs
- 600 block Science Office
- 700 block upstairs
- 800 block upstairs
- Student Services
- The photocopiers in the Administration area are not available for general staff use.
- Staples and toner are available from the administration office.
- Please ensure that any copier faults are reported promptly to the IT Office via the JobCard program, which can be found on the desktop of all networked computers.

#### 2.9.6 Visitors

All visitors must report to Reception on arrival. They are to sign 'in' and 'out' electronically via the touchscreen and keep the visitor's slip. The electronic system will send an email to the person they register

as visiting. This is an OH&S requirement and is vital for communication and evacuation (if necessary). Teachers expecting visiting speakers, parents, photographers etc. should advise Reception of expected arrival time and where you can be contacted.

Visitors for students should remain in Reception. They should not go into the yard, particularly during break times.

#### 2.9.7 Insurance

In order to expedite the processing of insurance claims, the following procedure has been implemented:

- ❖ In the event of a break-in to school premises where Education Security has attended, a yellow Insurance Details form will be sent out. Please complete all details and return it to the Manager Corporate Services office with 24 hours.
- If you discover any evidence of a break-in where goods have been stolen from your classroom or office and Education Security has not attended, it is your responsibility to advise the Manager of Corporate Services urgently.

#### 2.9.8 School Gates

The gates to Knightsbridge Way, Discovery Drive, Cavalier Court and Castle Court are closed after the start of the school day and opened again at the end. They are to remain locked during the day. Any staff member wishing to enter or exit, through these gates, during the school day must lock them afterwards.

#### 2.9.9 Asbestos Register

All school works must be done in conjunction with the School's Asbestos Register and the appropriate materials handling policies and procedures followed. The Asbestos Register is kept in Administration.

#### 2.10 Conference Room

The Conference Room is adjacent to the Staffroom and can be booked for meetings. Bookings can be made via Bookit.

### 2.11 Room Bookings and after hours use of facilities

#### **After Hours Use of Facilities:**

If you are planning an after-hours activity please check with the Manager Corporate Services to ensure that you do not clash with external users and ring Education Security to advise of closing time.

#### Meeting Room and other School Resource Bookings (School Time and After Hours):

You are advised to book the following rooms for group meetings via the Bookit system on-line.

- Computer labs
- Performing Arts Centre
- Gymnasium
- Library

#### 2.12 School Uniforms

School uniform is compulsory in all public schools. After consultation with student representatives, parents and the wider community, a range of school uniform items was determined.

Students and families are aware of our requirements before accepting enrolment at our school.

Students dressed in full school uniform are all part of the public image, which is important to a school. They are the face we present to the community. It is in all our interests to ensure our school maintains a high profile and a positive image in the community.

If families face financial difficulties in regard to uniform, the school can assist through the student assistance scheme. All enquiries to the Principal are confidential. All items of school uniform are available at the school's Uniform Shop (except for school shoes).

The Uniform Shop is operated by an external provider – Uniform Concepts. Located at 3/9 Yampi Way, Willetton. It is open on Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm (Thursday 6pm) & Saturday 9am – 1pm.

Thornlie's Uniform Policy can be read in detail in the Appendix Section of this handbook.

#### 2.13 Communication

It is essential that all concerned with the life of the school communicate effectively with one another to obtain maximum benefit for everyone.

The most efficient means of communicating absence, excursions and school activities in this school are the use of Reception's **School Movement Diary and on Compass.** It is essential that all movement and activity is recorded using these processes.

#### 2.13.1 Day-to-Day Notices

Being in a large school, communication to all staff and students can be a challenge. Day-to-Day Notices are communication via the following resources:

- Teacher's email
- Connect and Compass
- Term Planner
- Thornlie Times email
- Daily Notices (read out to all students in Homeroom)
- Public Address system ideally to be used sparingly or in urgent circumstances

#### 2.13.2 Curriculum Information

All students will receive information regarding course selection. Parents should read this and an appointment made with one of the Deputy Principals if further information is required.

#### 2.13.3 School Newsletter

A whole school magazine is published to parents via email at regular intervals and is available via the website. Staff are invited to submit articles and pictures for the school newsletter to the School Officer of Senior School.

#### 2.13.4 Notes to Parents

Various forms of letters are sent to parents, including;

- Interim Reports, indicating concerns for student progress
- Letters of Commendation or concern about the student's performance in a particular subject
- Selection forms regarding subjects for the following year are issued mid-year
- Reports and references are available at various times during the year
- Letters pertaining to the Reward System
- Financial accounts
- Absentee information

#### 2.13.5 Parent Communication and Support

At the annual Semester 1 Report afternoon in Term 3, all teachers are available to issue and discuss reports with parents. This is an essential part of our parental communication, with between 70% and 80% of parents taking this opportunity to communicate with staff.

Over the course of the year parents are invited to a range of relevant Parent Information Evenings to assist them with the challenging decisions of Course Selection and to provide information on assisting their child as they progress towards becoming a young adult. Year Level Coordinators and clerical officers work closely with students and their families on a daily basis and are available by phone to answer any immediate queries or concerns.

Thornlie's "Communicating with the School" Policy can be found in the Appendix Section of this handbook.

#### 2.14 Attendance

#### 2.14.1 Compulsory Attendance

The Education Act requires that all students must attend school daily until the end of the year the student turns seventeen. Record of daily attendance is kept electronically, enabling access by any government agency and may be subpoenaed for legal purposes. Poor performance is closely linked to poor attendance.

#### 2.14.2 Special Exemption

A student may be permitted to leave school the year they turn fifteen in certain circumstances. A secure and guaranteed job with a training component is required and the mandatory Notice of Arrangement application form (supplied by the school) must be completed by the employer, parents and the Principal. The Minister for Education must grant final approval.

#### 2.14.3 Absences

Absences must be for legitimate reasons. Any absence for part of a day, all day, or many days, must be covered by a written explanation from the parent or guardian to Student Services. Such notes should be dated and specify the actual date(s) and the reasons for absence. If a note is not supplied, truancy may be suspected. Absentee notes must be given to the relevant School Officer or Homeroom teacher.

When a note is supplied, it needs to be acceptable in law. For example, a note which states "Johnny was absent with my permission" is not a legitimate reason for absence. A parent is not entitled to keep a student away from school without a good reason. Such reason is usually sickness, or urgent family business.

Swimming carnivals, athletic carnivals and other school-organised activities are treated as normal school days. All absences affect a student's school performance.

#### 2.14.4 Leaving the School Grounds

Thornlie is a "CLOSED SITE". No student is permitted to leave the school grounds without prior approval through communication between the parent and school administration. Any student leaving the school (apart from excursions/camps) must have the official DoE leave pass, obtainable from the appropriate office.

#### **2.14.5 Truancy**

Truancy is illegal. The South Metropolitan Education Region Student Attendance Policy will address truancy. Parents of those who so offend may be liable to fines and other action. Concern has regularly been expressed

that much crime, especially that of breaking and entering, is committed by juveniles who are truanting from schools. Police patrols often return truanting students.

#### 2.14.6 Punctuality

There is a moral obligation on parents to ensure that their children are punctual in attendance, and are properly equipped for their studies that day. It is expected the student be punctual and prepared for each lesson.

After 8:50 am all student latecomers must report to the Student Services office where a late note is issued. The student then reports to class with this note.

#### 2.14.7 Time of Arrival at School

Students should be punctual to classes at 8:50am but should not arrive at school before 8:20am as duty of care cannot be guaranteed.

#### 2.14.8 Student Drivers

Students are not permitted to park their cars on the school site. Public parking is available on Discovery Drive, adjacent to the school oval. Student motor scooters can be parked in the marked M/C bay in the main staff car park. Please refer to the Student Parking Policy in the Appendix of this document for more information.

STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO USE THEIR VEHICLES TO LEAVE SCHOOL DURING BREAKTIMES.

#### 2.14.9 Attendance Recording Procedures

Student attendance is recorded using Compass.

#### Roll

Knowledge Base > Roll

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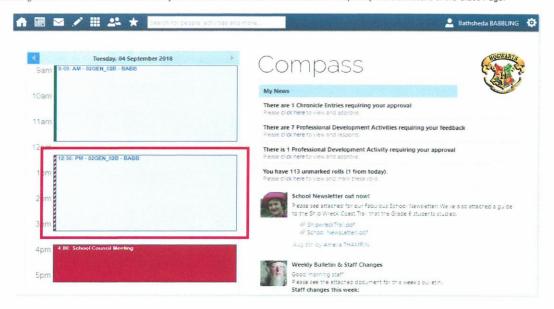
A separate Knowledge Base article exists for Attendance management. Click here for more information.

#### How to Mark Your Roll

When you log into Compass, your homepage will be displayed. A display of your schedule, including all of your classes for the day, is located on the left of the screen. Select which roll you would like to mark by clicking on the corresponding class session within the schedule.

Classes in a schedule yet to be marked will display with a red and white striped bar on the left-hand side. Any classes that have been marked will display with a solid green bar.

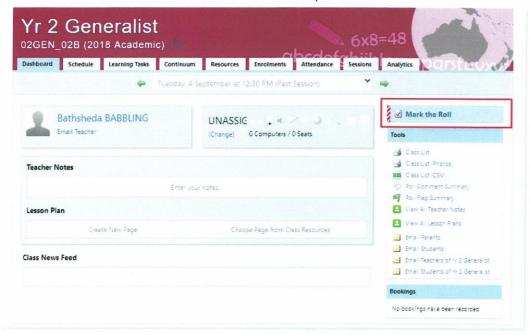
Clicking on the relevant class session from your schedule or another staff's schedule will open up the Dashboard of the Class Page.



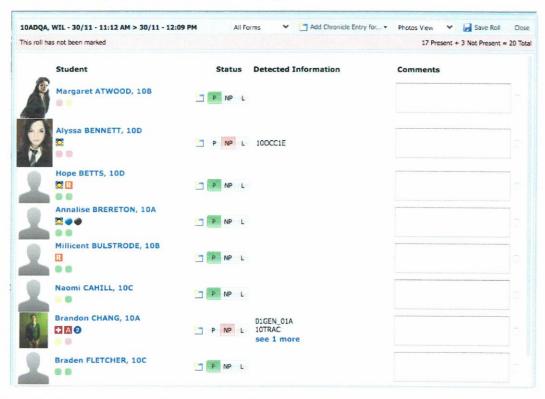
The date, class session start time and 'Current Session' will display. Click on 'Mark the Roll', located on the right-hand side to open the roll for this session.

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The class roll of all currently enrolled students in the class will be displayed.



Compass' intelligent attendance system will preselect the status of students dependent on current attendance information. If any attendance information is detected, Compass will display the status and the reason.

For Example: A parent has added an Attendance Note via their parent portal or the app to inform the school their child will not be at school today as child is ill. The student's status will display as Not Present - NP: Illness on the roll.

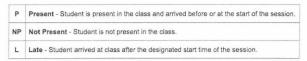
If Compass does not detect any attendance information the student's status will be preselected P - Present.

As the teacher, you just need to verify the preselected statuses are right with the students in front of you and make any relevant attendance status changes.

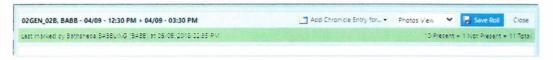
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To change a student's attendance status, click on the corresponding radio button beside their name to reflect the appropriate status (see table below):



Once the attendance status for each student has been correctly selected (or left at the default value if correct), click 'Save Roll' on the top right-hand side to save all changes. The pink bar at the top of the roll will then change from pink to green and a green pop-up will state the roll is saved.



Each time a roll is marked it is date and time stamped with the staff member's name who saved the roll. This information is displayed at the bottom of all marked rolls under Previous Markings.



Click the 'Close' button at the top right-hand side to return to your class page.



You will now notice the indicator bar on the 'Mark the Roll' button for this session has changed from a red and white striped bar to a solid green bar on the left-hand side.



This indicator bar will reflect that the roll for the session has been marked throughout Compass. Classes in a schedule yet to be marked will display with a red and white striped bar on the left-hand side. Any classes that have been marked will display with a solid green bar.

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You can re-mark a roll at any time. For example, if a student has been marked as Not Present (NP) for a class when the roll was first marked and they have arrived late, you can go back into the roll and mark them as Late (L). Please note: this will not approve the student's late arrival, this will only change the status of their whereabouts. A note/approval will be required to cover the time that the student was not in class.

Each time you go in to a roll to make and save changes, the Previous Marking list at the bottom of the roll will display the date and time stamp of each save with the staff member's name.

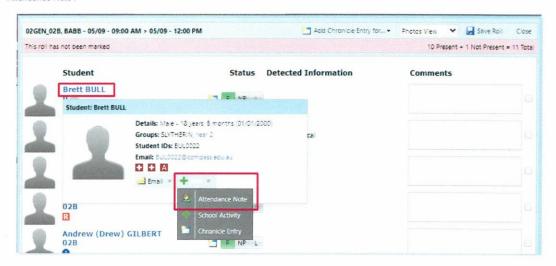
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#### Adding a Note/Approval from the Roll

If the school has allowed teaching staff to add notes and approvals to approve student absences or late arrivals, teaching staff will be able add these from the Roll or on the student's Profile Page. You can turn this feature on or off by contacting the Compass Support Team via <a href="mailto:support@compass.edu.au">support@compass.edu.au</a>.

You do not need to go to the specific roll for the date of the Attendance Note, you can add the Attendance Note from any roll the student is listed on.

When you hover over a student's name in the roll, a pop-up will display with the student's profile details. Click the '+ Add' button and select 'Attendance Note'.



This will open the Attendance Note screen and you can then add the approval details that were provided from the parent (reason, comment, date range) and click 'Save'. The Attendance Note will then be added to the student's record and their attendance data will update accordingly.

#### 2.15 Teacher Leave Procedures

#### 2.15.1 Early Notice

If you are unwell and know in advance that you will be taking the following day off, please let the school know immediately to enable early contacting of external relief teachers.

In case of absence, **text** the Human Resources Officer on the Relief Line in the evening until 9:00pm, or between 6:00am to 7:00am in the morning. Please also inform your HOLA.

Relief Line number is 0419 925 238

A call at school at 8:30am is likely to result in a relief teacher not being available to cover your classes and internal reliefs being required.

ALL requests for planned absences should be discussed with the Executive Team and approved prior to being written in the Relief Diary.

#### 2.15.2 Relief Lessons

It is important that the teacher who takes your classes in your absence has a suitable outline of the work to be covered.

- If the absence is advised in advance the preparation should be left in your pigeon-hole in the Staffroom.
- In the case of sickness, an outline of the work to be covered should be emailed to the school before 8:30am. This should be emailed to the Human Resource Officer **and** your HOLA or TIC. It is the responsibility of the HOLA/TIC or Second in Charge to present the work in a suitable format.
- Clerical staff will not be provided to photocopy materials for your relief lesson.



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#### **2.16** Application for Leave – All Staff

An application for leave must be made for each absence, which is not related to your teaching work. Applications for Sick Leave should be submitted by the employee **immediately** upon their return to work or they can do this whilst they are on leave using the Employee Self Service function within the HRMIS system located on the DoE portal homepage. Leave should be booked using this method. In the event an employee is unable to access the HRMIS to book their leave, the line manager may book it on their behalf. In such instances a leave form must be completed.

Approval for short leave, long service leave, LWOP and study leave must be obtained from the school **prior** to taking these types of leave. Application forms are available in the staff room. Please note that all Long Service leave applications must be made no later than 2 years after the date on which an entitlement to Long Service Leave has accrued.

Please refer all Teacher leave queries to the Principal or the Human Resources Officer.

Please refer all Non-Teaching Staff leave queries to the Manager Corporate Services or the Human Resources Officer.

#### 2.16.1 Sick Leave – All Staff

Each staff member accrues 12.5 days per year on full pay. This may be accessed for five days without a doctor's certificate with a maximum of three consecutive days. These days may also be used for Family Carer's leave (a certificate is not required but a reasonable explanation must be given and noted on the Leave Form). All leave will be deducted from the 12.5 days. The residue of this leave will accumulate over your career. Please refer queries to the Principal or the Human Resources Officer. LWOP and LSL are allocated through the school. Other leave (i.e. study leave) will be approved by Central Office and will have been applied for in the previous year.

#### 2.16.2 Paid Partner Leave

This entitlement is five consecutive days from birth of a child (certificate must be provided).

#### 2.16.3 Relief Teachers

Feedback with regards to how relief teachers carried out their duties would also be appreciated since this will enable us to obtain the best possible replacements.

Wherever possible, teachers who are accessing Professional Learning are encouraged to do so in their own time for which they will be reimbursed without disadvantaging their students.

While the above procedures will not solve all the problems related to absences and teacher relief, they should assist in minimising the impact of absences on all members of the school community.

#### 2.16.4 **DOTT Time**

All teaching staff are required to be at school during their Duties Other Than Teaching time. Staff should arrive at school by 8:35am and depart after 3:20pm. Staff are not covered by Department Insurance off school grounds unless having signed out via the School Movement Diary and a member of the Executive Team has been notified.

#### 2.16.5 Professional Learning

Professional Learning should be in context of your Performance Management Agreement and its appropriateness ratified by your Head of Learning Area or TIC before submitting to the Manager of Operations. Please be aware that there are very real constraints upon resourcing Professional Development. It may be necessary to collapse classes and/or cover relief classes within the Learning Area.

**Manager of Operations Approval:** 

### Thornlie Senior High School Professional Learning Application

This form is to be completed for ALL Professional Learning Development courses, meetings, seminars. Name: Learning Area: **COURSE DETAILS** Please attach all relevant documents to this application e.g. course brochure, registration form Course Title: Venue: Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Total number of course hours During School: \_\_\_\_\_ Out of School: \_\_\_\_\_ **Brief Description of Objectives:** Linking to the School/LA Plan: Relevance to Students: Staff electing to attend the PL do so on the understanding that are required to disseminate the knowledge / skills acquired to other staff in their LA and/or the whole staff at an appropriate time. Please complete the required evaluation sheet on completion of course and return to the HR Officer. **Attendee Signature:** RESOURCES REQUIRED Registration Cost: \_\_\_\_ Funding Requested: (NB: Once approved, you must complete an order form for all cost centre expenditure, and be submitted to the Finance Officer with a copy of the Registration Form Relief Time Required: \_\_\_\_\_ hours / \_\_\_\_ days Relief Required: Yes / No Cost Centre Account: (please tick) □ Big Picture (834) □ Dance (822)
□ Business Ed (820) □ D&T (823) ☐ HPE (825) Maths (828) ☐ Student Svcs (833) ☐ Home Ec (826) ☐ Music (829)☐ Rugby (837) ☐ Visual Arts (832) ☐ Language (826)
☐ Library (836) □ PD/Misc (838) ■ English (824) ☐ CAVE (821) ☐ Science (830) ■ HASS (831) ☐ Yr 7 (839) Line Manager Approval: **Cost Centre Manager Approval:** 

# Thornlie Senior High School Professional Learning Evaluation & Plan

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#### 2.17 Staff Details

This information is to be supplied by ALL STAFF.

At the commencement of employment, and at the beginning of each school year you will be issued with a Personal Details Update form. Please carefully update/complete the form and return to the School Officer/Reception for processing.

#### 2.18 General Information

#### 2.18.1 Belongings

All belongings, including books and clothing, should be clearly marked with the student's name. This increases the chance of recovery of lost property and deters potential thieves.

Large sums of cash and valuable jewellery should not be brought to school, as the school cannot guarantee their security. Money and other valuables should not be left in unattended school bags, classrooms or change rooms. These should be entrusted to teachers or Year Coordinators.

#### 2.18.2 Requirements for Physical Education

- A Blue Thornlie PE Department Polo Shirt.
- Sneakers or joggers with socks.
- Elastic bands for hair and a hat for summer.
- Appropriate bathers for swimming and a towel.
- Black shorts.

#### 2.18.3 Bicycles & Scooters

Bikes and scooters can be parked in the bicycle enclosure near the Administration block. Students should equip bikes with a sturdy locking device. Bike areas are out of bounds, other than at arrival and departure times.

#### 2.18.4 **Buses**

Transperth buses operate to and from Thornlie Senior High School. The services numbers that pass by our school's entrance are 212, 745 and 746. Timetables are available via the Transperth website.

#### 2.18.5 Financial Assistance

The Department of Education WA provides an allowance to assist eligible families with secondary schooling costs for students in all years. Up to \$350 per student is available to assist with payment of school contributions and charges. Parents and guardians who hold a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, which is current at the start of the school year, are eligible to apply. Applications must be completed at the school prior to the end of Term 1 of each year.

#### 2.18.6 Mobile Phones / Audio Devices

In a changing society mobile phones and audio devices have almost become a necessity. The school therefore acknowledges that students bring phones and audio devices to school. The school policy requires that these phones and audio devices be used within the constraints of the School Mobile Phone Policy. This policy can be found in the appendix section of this handbook.

#### 2.18.7 **Library**

The library is open from 8:20am to 3:30pm during the school year. It houses an extensive range of resources and is computerised. The Librarian aims to co-operate and work with subject teachers, in order to

- promote the centre as a source of materials for leisure activities, literature and audio visual work.
- actively support the educational aims and programs of the school.

- foster positive attitudes toward learning.
- encourage resource based, research orientated teaching and learning.
- co-ordinate a sequential research skills process that spans all curricula and all years at school.

#### 2.19 Yard Duty

Staff will be rostered for duty in various areas of the school, each term, by the Manager of Operations. The duty roster indicates the areas to be supervised by teachers. The importance of vigilant supervision cannot be overstressed. Staff on duty must be "out and about" as the prevention of undesirable behaviour is more important than catching culprits after they have done the act.

Staff on Yard Duty must wear the appropriate HIGH-VIS vest, and preferably carry a mobile phone. Please add **6235 7900** to your contacts list so assistance can be requested if required. Should you not have a vest, please contact the Human Resources Officer to organise one.

It is desirable for the efficient functioning of the school that staff consider themselves to be on duty at all times and not only when listed for duty, or between the change of periods. The "turning of a blind eye" helps create double standards and makes it difficult for those staff that are prepared to act when necessary.

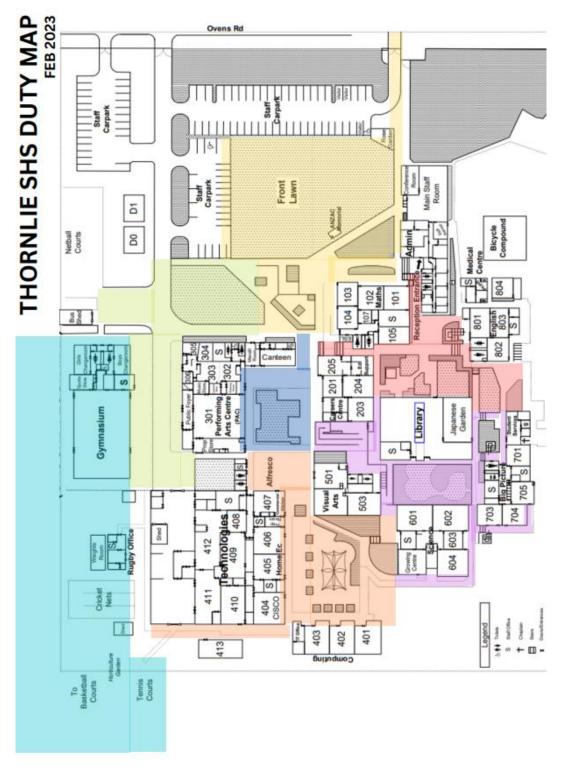
Duty areas are indicated on diagrams posted in the staffroom and offices. If unable to perform a normal duty session because of some other activity etc. please inform the Human Resources Officer so that a substitute can be arranged.

#### **2.19.1** Yard Duty Requirements

- Teachers owe students under their control and supervision a responsibility to take reasonable care for their safety under both the Education Act (1999) and common law. "Reasonable care" means that teachers must respond to all elements of foreseeable risk and take reasonable steps to ensure that students risk neither injury nor their health.
- ❖ It is the responsibility of each staff member to ensure their assigned duty is carried out in accordance with all school policies and requirements. If a staff member is unable to carry out an assigned duty as per the roster then it is their responsibility to arrange a suitable swap with a colleague. If you are absent from school for the whole day the duty will be covered.
- ❖ Ensure that you are mobile and vigilant at all times while you are on duty. Also to increase your visibility to students and other staff please wear your orange vest. Spares are available in the Manager Operations office.
- **Be punctual for your rostered duty sessions.** Do not leave early.
- ❖ Each toilet block in a staff member's duty area must be regularly checked while on duty. If any activities arouse suspicion from the opposite gender toilet, staff are requested to seek assistance from another staff member or administration. Staff must also be aware of and ensure vigilant supervision of any other area within their duty boundary for which there is an increased risk of unsafe behaviours.
- ❖ While each staff member's primary responsibility is to provide an adequate duty of care for all students while on duty, it is also requested that other school priorities (such as litter, dress code, pastoral care, etc.) are monitored and addressed.
- ❖ Every person on the Thornlie Senior High School site must be able to be identified as belonging to the site or be an accepted visitor on approved business. If any staff member has any concerns about unauthorised persons on school property they should immediately ask that person to report to the office and/or contact the school administration.
- \* Remember: any crisis situation can often be best managed by staying calm and reacting in a way that does not inflame the situation. Students will react to our signals.

- ❖ In an emergency all staff are directed to assist wherever possible to satisfy Duty of Care requirements. Initial staff arriving should attend to the crisis; remaining staff should manage students by quickly and efficiently moving them away from area of concern.
- If a fight between students is observed you have a Duty of Care to intervene. The moment you sense there may be a violent incident send a teacher or student to a member of the administration team. (In an emergency, make contact with reception who will coordinate an appropriate response.) You must attempt to stop the fight, using authoritative verbal direction. If, in your own judgement, it is safe for you to do so, you may use reasonable force to restrain a student. You must attempt to provide for the safety of other children in the vicinity using appropriate verbal instruction.

#### 2.19.1 Yard Duty Map



### 2.20 Register of Bus Drivers & Bus Use Rules

Both Buses	Rosa Only (smaller bus)
Jeremy Binder	Rebecca Millar
Maurits Bruns	Alisha Bayliss
Rod Firth (Bus Coordinator)	Amy Leo-Smith
James Lamont	
Dave Norcliffe	
Gary Roberts	
Jarrad Symmans	
Andrew Zambon	
David De Meo	
John Foeken	

If you have a bus licence and are not on the above list, please advise the Manager of Operations.

### Licenses:

- Bus drivers need to hold the appropriate license for the bus they are driving. If an intended driver does not have the license required, they will not be able to drive the bus under any circumstances.
- A copy of all license details must be given to the Business Manager before staff can drive any busses.

### Induction:

 No staff are to drive either bus without an official induction on the bus they intend to drive by the Bus Coordinator or another designated agent. This process must take place to ensure you are covered for potential damage and costs.

### **Booking process:**

- Busses must be correctly booked on BookIt before being used.
- Should both busses be required for more than one excursion, a cost comparison for each trip will
  determine if external hire or use of the school bus is most suitable. The cheapest price will determine
  bus allocation.

### Before using the bus:

- Staff are to check the condition of the bus prior to using it. If they believe there is a problem with the state of the bus, they need to inform the Bus Coordinator who will address the issue.
- Food and drink are not to be consumed while on the bus.
- Where possible, there should be no student bags on the buses and may be stored in the bus shed.

### After using the bus, using the 'Thornlie SHS Bus Driver Log', staff are to:

- Check the state of the bus after using it. If any damage or mess is present, it is their responsibility to clean the bus and record/report any damages to the Bus Coordinator.
- Check the fuel gauge after every trip and record it on the bus log. If the level is low, inform the Bus Coordinator.
- Return the keys to the PE office.

### **Housekeeping:**

• All sheds are to be closed while the busses are in use.

- Key arrangements must be made ahead of time by staff if using the buses after hours or arriving late back to school. Please do not take keys home with you unless this has been arranged between yourself and the Bus Coordinator.
- Users will be charged \$4/km; please budget for this.
- The Principal will make any final decisions regarding bus use. Continual breaches in the rules may result in being banned from using the Thornlie SHS busses.

### 2.21 Occupational Health and Safety

### **Functions of the Occupational Health and Safety Committee**

These functions include:

- enable and encourage consultation and cooperation between the employer and the employees
- assist to initiate, develop and implement safety and health measures
- keep informed about safety and health standards in similar workplaces
- make recommendations on safety and health rules, programs, measures and procedures at the workplace
- check that information on hazards is kept where it is readily accessible
- consider and make recommendations about changes that may affect the safety and health of employees
- consider matters referred to it by safety and health representatives.

A Safety and Health Committee can also perform other functions prescribed in the Occupational Safety and Health Regulations 1996 or other tasks as requested by the employer.

The committee may also deal with local policy development, monitoring programs, emergency procedures, training and supervision, trends in accident and illness reports, and resolution of safety and health issues.

For further information on establishing OSH committees, refer to the <u>WorkSafe WA</u><sup>1</sup> Guidance Note "Formal Consultative Processes at the Workplace".

### **Functions of Safety and Health Representatives**

Under the *Occupational Safety and Health Act 1984* WA ('the Act'), safety and health representatives do not have 'duties' that must be complied with, in the same way that employers and employees have duties. Representatives have 'functions', which are summarised below:

- Inspect the workplace or any part of it; at times agreed to by the Principal/ Line Manager
- Where the workplace has not been inspected in the last 30 days, inspect the workplace at any time upon giving the employer reasonable notice
- Investigate accidents, dangerous incidents and risks of imminent and serious injury or harm to the health of people in the workplace
- Keep informed on safety and health information provided by the employer and by WorkSafe and other government or private bodies as necessary
- Report hazards that people may be exposed to in the workplace
- Where there is a safety and health committee, refer matters for consideration
- Consult and co-operate with employers regarding all safety and health matters
- Liaise with employees regarding safety and health matters in the workplace

A safety and health representative has the powers that are necessary for carrying out these functions under the Act.

A representative may be asked to accompany an Inspector whilst they are in the workplace. A safety and health representative incurs no civil liability from performing (or failing to perform) their functions under the Act.

Site managers (principals and line managers) should meet with elected safety and health representatives to discuss their functions and the duties of the employer to arrange for training and to provide assistance and access to facilities so the safety and health representative can carry out their functions.

OSH legislation does not prescribe the amount of time needed for a safety and health representative to carry out their functions. The amount of time required may depend, for example, on the numbers of persons at a workplace, size of the workplace, the nature of the work and the exposure to hazards. The time required for the safety and health representative to carry out their functions should be discussed and agreed to with the site manager.

For more information refer to WorkSafe's *Guidance Note: Formal Consultative Process at the Workplace* (2006).



### Occupational safety and health induction checklist

Employee name:		
Position:		
Line manager:		
School/ workplace:		
Location/ section:		

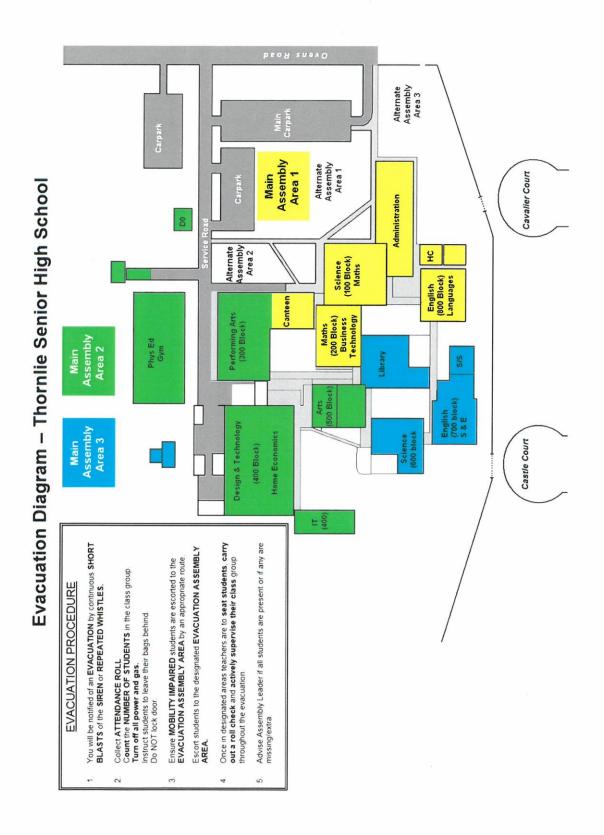
Line manager: This induction should be completed with new starters as soon as possible after commencement. Please tick off each action and sign when completed. Retain the checklist for your records and provide a copy to the new employee.

Employee: When actions have been completed, sign the form and retain a record copy.

Further occupational safety and health, workers compensation and injury management information is available on the Department's Employee Support Bureau (ESB) intranet site.

1. General safety and health information				
Department of Education WA occupational safety and health (OSH) policy and				
procedures - locate and show hardcopy or electronic / provide / discuss				
Department of Education WA guidance:				
Excursions policy				
<ul> <li>Guidelines for first aid in Department workplaces</li> </ul>				
<ul> <li>Process for resolving safety and health issues (OSH policy)</li> </ul>				
<ul> <li>Risk management/ hazard reporting (forms and discuss)</li> </ul>				
<ul> <li>Accident incident investigation report form (AIIR and AIIR-P form)</li> </ul>				
Workers' compensation and injury management				
Workplace bullying policy				
<ul> <li>Keeping our workplace safe (KOWS)</li> </ul>				
OSH, ESB and workplace wellbeing intranet site				
Known major hazards in the workplace				
Employee assistance program (EAP: forms/ brochure)				
Mediation service				
Role specific training opportunities				
Role specific baseline hearing tests				

# Provide and explain the emergency procedure for fire, evacuation, bomb threats, working after hours, intruders, lockdown and critical incidents. Show emergency evacuation school plan highlighting location of: Fire response equipment First aid kits Escape routes and alternative escape routes Muster points and alternative muster points Inform of evacuation drills, communications, warnings and alerts, school lockdown procedure



## 3. Financial & Human Resources Policy and Procedures

The following procedures are a requirement at Thornlie Senior High School. Your compliance will ensure school Finances and Human Resources are managed in accordance with the Department of Education Policy and The Financial Management Act. Copies of all Finance and Human Resource Forms mentioned in this booklet are available on S:/AdminShared/All Staff/Finance & HR Forms

Any enquiries in relation to this policy should be directed to the Principal or Manager Corporate Services.

### 3.1 Cost Centre Managers

Cost Centre Managers are accountable for the efficient and accurate management of their cost centre.

### **Each Cost Centre Manager**

- Must maintain a personal Cost Centre record of expenditure (a monthly transaction history will be supplied to ensure all costs have been allocated correctly).
- Approves and authorises expenditure.
- Ensures expenditure does not exceed budget allocation.
- Prepares and submits a yearly budget.
- Maintains Assets and Resources lists.

### 3.2 Purchasing and Ordering

The Finance Officer is the School's Purchasing Officer.

The following procedure has been developed to make this task easier for Cost Centre Managers.

A TSHS Order Form has been created for your convenience for ordering goods. This form should be completed in full and given to the Finance Officer either by pigeonhole or email for processing. This form MUST BE AUTHORISED by the Cost Centre Manager otherwise items will not be ordered.

For those Cost Centre Managers who have a Department of Education Purchasing Card you must follow this procedure:

 Once you have purchased your goods you must complete a Credit Card Payment Voucher with company name, address, ABN, description of goods purchased, cost centre code and AUTHORISE before returning to Finance Officer for processing. You can only use this purchasing card to purchase school items.

### Registering item on Resource register

Complete an asset/resource purchase form when goods are received and forward to the Finance Officer so this can be updated on the asset/resource system.

### **Staff Re-imbursement**

Please do not purchase items for the school on your personal credit card or debit card, as you will not be reimbursed. You should be ordering items through the Cost Centre Manager or if you have to purchase something from your local store you can only pay by cash, or EFTPOS (savings/cheque account) only. NO PERSONAL CREDIT/DEBIT CARD.

### Hospitality

- The expenditure of school funds on hospitality is not normally permitted. It is; however, permissible where it can be demonstrated that this expenditure:
  - \*\*Is appropriately budgeted for and links with and supports the School Plan.
  - \*\*Facilitates school business.
  - \*\*Meets the cost of basic working meals.

### Note: NO ALCOHOL CAN BE PURCHASED WITH SCHOOL FUNDS FOR ANY PURPOSE.

All expenditure on hospitality must be approved and recorded on the Hospitality Form.

### 3.3 Receipting

### **COLLECTION OF MONEY**

The Finance Officer will be responsible for the collection of money from students and parents for school charges & voluntary contributions, excursions, camps, fundraising etc. The exceptions are Library, I.T.

It is necessary for staff to provide the Finance Officer with the information package below prior to students / parents turning up with payments.

- Information / flyer on the excursion etc which includes cost / date and teacher responsible. If a deposit only is being paid and balance at a later time please note this.
- Permission slip must have teachers name on it and the exact excursion/cost and date if they are to be collected at the accounts office. (Permission slips will only be collected if students are expected to make payment at the same time as handing in the permission slip).
- Class List/s of students who may attend etc. (It is possible that it may be various students from various classes, if so provide <u>every</u> class list).
- The account code which money is to be paid into.

On receipt of payments The Finance Officer will highlight the students on the class list who have made payments and provide to you for your information.

### 3.4 Fundraising

All fundraising must be authorised by the Manager of Operations.

- Fundraising funds must be used for that particular venture.
- Individual student receipts must be issued for money received over \$5.00.
- Money must be paid to the Finance Officer.
- All fundraising money should be banked and invoice/s paid afterwards. No cash should be taken from proceeds to make payments.
- Raffles must be drawn on the same day as they are sold, otherwise you will require a permit from the Lotteries Commission.

### 3.5 Camps and Excursions

- An excursion or camp is GST free if it is related to the curriculum and is not predominately recreational.
- All related costs, such as tickets, accommodation and transport etc are also GST free. The supply of food is not GST free.
- When calculating a camp budget, students should only be charged the GST component for food. All other related costs will be based on the net price.

An excursion not related to the curriculum is TAXABLE and GST is charged to students.

### STEPS TO REMEMBER WHEN GOING ON CAMPS/EXCURSIONS.

All Information / flyers on the excursion need to be given to the Finance Officer at least 3 weeks prior to the excursion/camp. This information should include cost / date and teacher responsible. If a deposit only is being paid and balance at a later time please note this.

- Make sure all money is paid to the Finance Officer prior to the camp/excursion.
- If you have to pay for the outing on the day make sure the appropriate paper work has been submitted to obtain a cheque to take with you. This should be done at least three to four days before hand.
- See the Manager Corporate Services to book a mobile phone.
- Complete the excursion form listing all the details including mobile number and submit to Principal for signing.
- Ensure you have completed your relief supervision form and your lesson plan.

### DO NOT LEAVE THESE STEPS TO THE LAST MINUTE.

### 3.6 Asset Resource Management

An <u>Asset</u> is any item of capital equipment valued at \$5000 or more must be recorded on the <u>ASSETS</u> register. All other items with a value of \$500 - \$5000 must be recorded on the **RESOURCE** register.

It is the responsibility of the Cost Centre Manager to ensure that the purchase date, make, model and serial number of all assets and resources are correctly recorded onto the appropriate form. All items must be stored securely at all times.

Assets/Resources that have become obsolete or unserviceable must be recorded on the Asset/Resource Register Disposal Advise Form. Please include Asset/Resource Number and the reason for disposal and return complete form to the Finance Officer.

School Assets and Resources only can be borrowed and taken off the school premises by staff for activities directly related to their work at school. You can for instance;

- Borrow the school's digital projector to learn how to use it so you can demonstrate its use to students or use it in a class for a lesson.
- Borrow the school's text books/small equipment to familiarise yourself with the content/use in order to teach your classes.
- Borrow the school's digital camera to photograph wildflowers for your Science class.
- Borrow the school's gardening equipment to plant trees out of school hours, on behalf of the school, for Arbour Day or Greening Australia or similar.
- Borrow a school sewing machine to create a demonstration model for use at school or to sew costumes for a school play.
- Borrow a school laptop (if you don't have your own computer/laptop) to create worksheets for your lessons.

### HOWEVER;

- You cannot borrow the school's lawn mower to mow the lawns at home.
- You cannot borrow a school digital camera to take away on family holidays.
- You cannot borrow the school's canoes to paddle down the Blackwood on a long weekend.
- You cannot borrow the school's tools to build a jarrah dining table for your home.
- You cannot borrow the school's gardening equipment for a spring clean around your garden.
- You cannot borrow a school digital projector for a social slide evening.
- You cannot borrow the school's crockery for a dinner party at home.

Staff who wish to borrow Assets/Resources can only do so if;

- It is not being used by students and staff during school time, and
- It has been authorised by the Head of Department or Cost Centre Manager, and the Loan Register has been completed and signed.

If an item is given permanently to another department then you must complete the Asset/Resource Transfer Form and forward to the Finance Officer. *If an Asset or Resource is stolen and is not on the Asset/Resource register, or on your consumable inventory list it will not be covered by insurance.* 

### 3.7 Insurance Claims

When there has been a theft/damage to school property or resources:

- Report it to the Manager Corporate Services immediately; complete the Insurance claim form so that details can be given to the police as too much delay in processing could result in the claim being rejected.
- ❖ The claim form will require a description of the items stolen including, make, model and serial number. How the theft occurred, who is reporting the claim and copies of the asset, resource list itemising the stolen property.
- Personal items and un-receipted money cannot be claimed.
- Wait for acknowledgement from the Manager Corporate Services before any replacements can be made.
- ❖ When replacements arrive please complete Asset/Resource Replacement Form and return to the Finance Officer for updating.

### 3.8 Travel Claims

Travel claims can only be made for travel from school to a school activity such as Professional Development, Student WL visits or other authorised activities. The claim is for travel between school and the venue or venue to school. This does not cover travel to and from your personal residence or any personal activities.

Remember if are claiming travel allowance regularly you must have paid the standard rate on your car registration.

Each individual is responsible to enter this information into HRMIS. Please follow these simple instructions:

- Log onto HRMIS (same log on as your computer)
- Self Service
- Payroll & Compensation
- Motor Vehicle Allowance

Enter the information where required to complete the form. Once completed, it electronically comes through to the Principal or Manager Corporate Services to approve. You will then receive payment on your next pay cycle, itemised on your pay slip. Please forward a copy of your authorised claim to the Manager Corporate Services.

### 3.9 Staff Code of Conduct

The Code provides a set of general principles to guide Departmental staff in their conduct as employees. These principles are designed to give guidance to Department employees when making both professional and personal decisions. Decisions of employees made in the context of their private lives might nevertheless impact on their professional standing. These principles are to be read in conjunction with other relevant policy and legal obligations.

### **PRINCIPLES**

The Department of Education expects employees to maintain high standards of behaviour in all activities and environments associated with their employment. To assist employees to meet this expectation, the Department has developed the following principles:

### A. Personal Behaviour

As employees of the Department we behave with integrity in all personal conduct and treat all others with due consideration. Employees are expected at all times to behave ethically and act with integrity. In practice, this means employees:

- treat others with respect, dignity, courtesy, honesty and fairness and with proper regard for their rights, safety and welfare;
- make decisions fairly, impartially and promptly, having regard to all relevant information, legislation, policies and procedures;
- contribute to a workplace that is free of harassment, bullying or discrimination against colleagues, students or members of the public;
- encourage positive work habits, behaviour and personal and professional workplace relationships and boundaries;
- do not engage in behaviour that may bring your own reputation or that of the Department and the Public Sector into disrepute; and
- do not tolerate or participate in behaviour that is inconsistent with these principles.

### **B.** Communication and Official Information

As employees of the Department we only use official information for authorised purposes. In practice this means employees:

- only disclose official information or documents as required by law or where proper authorisation is given; and
- do not misuse official information or documents for personal or commercial gain for themselves and/or others.

### C. Fraudulent and Corrupt Behaviour

As employees of the Department we act ethically and avoid engaging in any behaviour which may be considered fraudulent and/or corrupt. This means employees:

- do not engage in conduct which is dishonest and that causes actual or potential benefit or detriment to any person or entity; and
- do not misuse their position to the advantage of themselves or others.

### D. Use of Public Resources

As employees of the Department we use the resources of the State in a responsible and accountable manner. In practice this means employees:

- are diligent and efficient in the use of public resources;
- are accountable for the use of public resources; and
- do not use public resources, including work time, for private or commercial gain for themselves and/or others.

### E. Record Keeping and Use of Information

As employees of the Department we ensure that Government information is properly recorded, managed and maintained. In practice this means employees:

- properly record actions and decisions to ensure transparency and accuracy;
- securely store records and confidential information; and
- comply with the relevant Department policies and procedures.

### F. Conflicts of Interest

As employees of the Department we ensure that our private interests and affiliations do not conflict, or appear to conflict, with our public and professional duties. In practice this means employees:

- verify that personal, financial or political interests of themselves or those of their family and/or associates do not conflict with, or influence, their professional obligations;
- make appropriate declarations of all actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interest; and properly manage any actual, potential or perceived conflict of interest.

### 3.10 Use of Online Services

Staff of the Department of Education must only use telecommunication resources, including computer hardware, Internet, intranet, electronic mail, faxes, telephones (fixed and mobile), for purposes that are legal, ethical and consistent with the aims, values and ethos of the Department. Staff must not deliberately access, download, store or send materials of a pornographic, racist, sexist, inflammatory, hateful, obscene or abusive nature.

Personal use of telecommunication resources is permitted provided it is not for commercial gain or in any way counterproductive to the business of the Department.

Staff of the Department of Education must treat electronic messages sent or received in the course of business transactions as public records. These messages are subject to the Department's Records Management Policy in the same way as any other Departmental records.

Principals must ensure that procedures are developed to manage student use of online services such as email, the Internet and other web-based services at their school.

Line managers are responsible for the management of telecommunications resources.

### 3.11 IT Support

For any staff wishing to report a fault or list an IT task that needs to be fixed/completed, they should use the JobCard program. The link to the JobCard program is on the desktop of all school computers

Staff requiring help with any of the school's IT services should first check the Computer "How To" Folder. This folder holds guides on how to use several programs and applications, and often how to troubleshoot them.

S:\AdminShared\All Staff\Organisational Documents

### **Computer Lab Protocols**

### **TEACHERS**

Teachers using the lab are to have a class seating plan i.e. each time the class enters the lab the students sit at the same designated computer.

Prior to the start of the lesson, the teacher checks each computer within the class. Any issues should be noted and acted upon at a suitable time.

When students are seated, (i) the student checks the computer workstation (monitor, keyboard and mouse) and informs the teacher of any issues before the lesson starts.

(ii) the teacher is to make visual checks (WALK PAST) of every computer during the lesson.

Before the students leave the lab, the teacher makes a visual check of all computer workstations.

**Note:** (i) Avoid leaving the class unsupervised.

- (ii) Report any damage/issues to the Network Technicians using JOB CARD. Student behaviour needs to be dealt with using the TSHS behaviour policy.
- (iii) It is the teachers' responsibility to deal with <u>any issues</u> that happen during the lesson using the TSHS behaviour policy. It is not simply a matter of handballing it to other staff members.

### **STUDENTS**

### Do not enter the lab without a teacher.

Enter the computer lab quietly and listen for teacher instructions.

Once you are at your computer workstation, check the monitor, keyboard and mouse.

Report any damage/issues to the teacher before the lesson starts.

**BE RESPECTFUL!** Always treat the computer lab equipment **AND** your teacher and classmates the way that you would want your belongings and yourself to be treated.

Do not remove any hardware from the computers (letters, numbers or symbol keys).

Do not change computer settings or backgrounds.

**Surf safely!** Only visit assigned websites. Some web links can contain viruses or malware. Others may contain inappropriate content. If you are not certain that a website is **SAFE**, please ask a teacher or other adult.

Ask permission before you print.

**SAVE all work in your My Documents folder.** Any work that is not saved to the computer will be deleted when the computer is powered off.

**Clean up your work area before you leave.** All cords should be placed on the tables (not hanging off the sides). Headphones should be placed back into the storage container. Chair should be pushed under the tables. All rubbish, papers, and pencils should be picked up.

Do not leave the lab until you are dismissed by your teacher.

## 4. Organisation

### 4.1 Leadership and Communication Flowchart

The Leadership and Communication Flowchart is updated frequently. The most up-to-date version can always be found at:

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### 4.2 Independent Public School

The Independent Public Schools initiative is a State Government commitment to empower school communities by giving them greater capacity to shape the ethos, priorities and directions of their schools. Independent Public Schools assume greater responsibility for their own affairs and have greater flexibility to respond to their communities. They create more diversity in the public school system and help build strong communities that are more able to respond to the needs of students.

As an Independent Public School it means that we have the flexibility to select staff for vacancies and operate a One Line Budget. The school has an External School Review every three years to validate the progress of the Business Plan and Delivery and Performance Agreement.

### 4.3 School Board

The School Board was inaugurated in 2015 as the school has now attained Independent Public School status. The school board consists of school representatives and community representatives. The functions of the Board are as provided in Section 128 of the School Education Act and include:

- 1. A focus on improving learning outcomes for all students.
- 2. A shared vision and a plan reflecting the broad values of the school community.
- 3. Active involvement in endorsing the School's Delivery and Performance Agreement, Budget, Business Plan and Annual Report.
- 4. Monitoring progress towards the achievement of goals.
- 5 Promoting meaningful parent and community participation and actively seeking the views of its school community.
- 6. Deciding on issues related to charges and contributions.
- 7. An advocacy role to enhance the operations of the school.

School Board Committee Members			
Name Position			
Teresa Lynes (Chairperson)	Community		
Chris Tallentire	Community		
Dante Osorio Parent			
Dave Norcliffe Deputy Principal			
Donna McDonald Principal			
Dorothy Ellies Parent			
Joe Elson	Teacher		
Megan Roode	Teacher		
Crystal Glossop	Parent		

Maria Jardine	Manager Corporate Services	
Michelle D'Agnone	School Support Staff	
Tracey Nelson	Parent	
Lah May Htoo	Student Rep – Head Boy	
Jasmine Manolas	Student Rep – Head Girl	

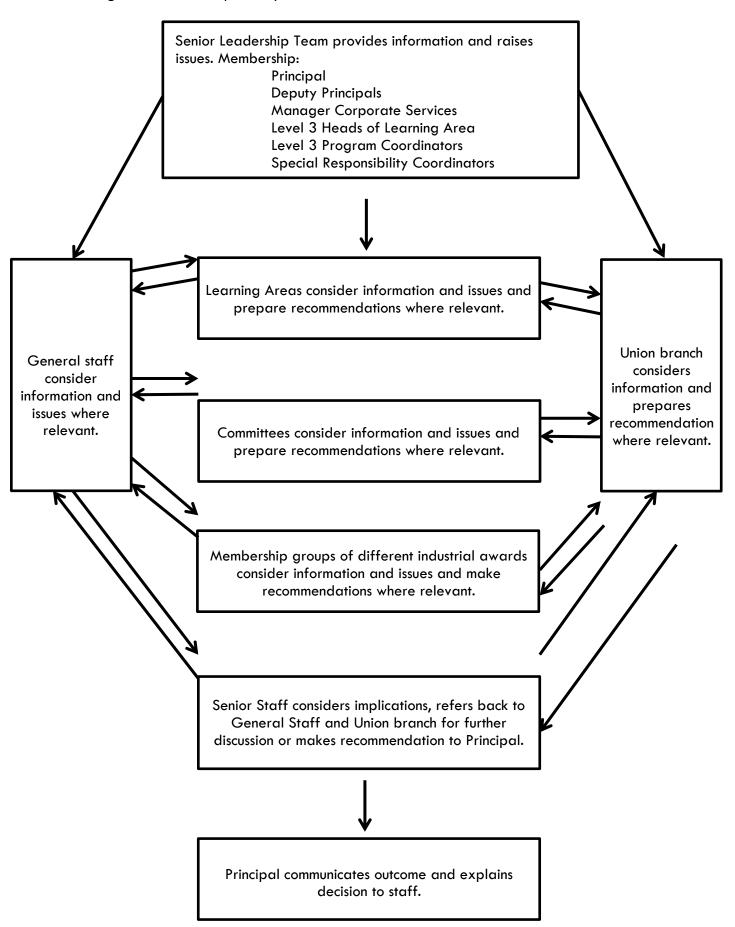
## 4.4 P&C Association

Thornlie SHS P&C Association is formed from interested parents and community members. The committee meet once a term after a School Board Meeting. The P&C President is Mrs Michelle Manolas.

P&C Committee Members				
Name	Position			
Michelle Manolas	President			
Tracey Nelson	Vice President			
Gentian Evans	Treasurer			
Donna McDonald	Principal			
Maria Jardine	Manager Corporate Services			
Annette Ward	Parent			
Lorena Smith	Parent			
Michelle Gunter	Parent			
Kim Hayes	Parent			
Kerensa Dodds	Parent			
Nancy Papaphotis	Parent			
Eve Kelly	Parent			
Alaine Poulsen	Parent			

### 4.5 Consultative Process

Thornlie Senior High School's Consultation Process requires consideration and input from all staff through the following communication pathways.



### 4.6 Student Services

The Student Services Team work closely together to assist every Thornlie Senior High School student to achieve their best at our school and to guide them smoothly into their life beyond secondary schooling. The team works collaboratively to provide advice and services that foster the intellectual, emotional and social development of our students in an inclusive, safe and healthy environment.

The services we provide for our students include:

- Pastoral care and mentoring
- Academic, behaviour and attendance monitoring and management
- Individual Education Plans
- Facilitation of communication between parents, students and staff at our school
- Academic support, assessment and monitoring
- Course and career advice where relevant
- Psychological assessment and counselling
- Health and wellbeing advice
- Referrals to other agencies/health professionals
- Orientation and transition to high school
- Organisation of student social activities
- Difficulties in relating to other students, teachers and parents;
- Educational testing of students experiencing difficulty with their school work;
- Assisting parents to handle parent-child conflict situations through individual interviews or parent education groups.

The Student Services staff are professional practitioners qualified in addressing education, health care, behavioural and/or psychological issues.

### 4.6.1 Managers of Student Services

The Managers of Student Services are responsible for the overall coordination of the Student Services Centre. The Managers are available in a non-teaching capacity to support students, staff and parents in a variety of areas. The Managers can also direct parents and students to the most appropriate person or organisation to assist them.

The Student Services Managers aims to:

- work in collaboration with services within the community to identify and intervene early with students who have additional needs or are at risk of disengagement
- develop the capacity of the workforce within schools to meet the needs of students who have additional needs, or are disadvantaged or vulnerable, to enable them to achieve successful education and wellbeing outcomes
- target the delivery of individual support services to those who require specialised expertise, assessment and intervention in order to overcome barriers to learning
- respond to emerging student wellbeing needs and contribute to identified school and network priorities
- respond to critical incidents involving students, staff and school communities

### 4.6.2 School Psychologist

One of our fully qualified educational psychologists is available each day of the week to assist students and parents to deal with difficult situations that sometimes occur in a large school, and to provide support in these instances. Students and parents are able to make appointments to see our psychologists at any time.

### 4.6.3 School Nurse

The school has a community nurse in attendance for **4 days a week**. Parents/Caregivers or students are able to self-refer any health issues and the school nurse can give information and if necessary refer to an appropriate agency.

The School Nurse is involved in health education, health promotion, short term counselling and are available to students who are sick of injured during the school day. Students may arrange to see a School Nurse before or after school, breaks or during class time with the permission of the class teacher.

All families are advised to take out ambulance cover, as the school must call an ambulance if they feel it is necessary. The cost of an ambulance can be more than \$800.00. St John Ambulance will give the approximate cost. Family Ambulance Cover depends on the provider but it is approximately \$135.00 annually.

### 4.6.4 Aboriginal and Islander Education Officer

The Aboriginal and Islander Education Officer (AIEO) is available 4 days per week and supports Aboriginal students in all areas of their schooling. She liaises with the local community to engage parents in their children's education and assist in addressing any issues that may arise. She also provides classroom support to assist the teacher in the delivery of planned education programs.

### 4.6.5 Student Support Officer

The school has a School Support Officer in attendance for **2 days a week** to assist students and parents with children who have attendance or engagement issues. Students and parents are able to make appointments at any time.

### **4.6.6 Year Coordinators**

A Year Coordinator is appointed to each year group of students and is the students' first port of call if they require assistance. They help resolve issues regarding a students' academic and social well-being. In most cases the Year Coordinators will follow their year group from year to year. Year Coordinators are also responsible for organising year assemblies, social events, and other initiatives targeting the needs of their students.

All Year Coordinators are members of the Thornlie SHS Student Services Team and work to ensure that *every student is a successful student*. They undertake tasks that are general to all year groups and specific to their own. Examples of their work includes:

- PBS & Pastoral Care including:
  - o Reward Activities each term
  - Social Functions
- Parent Liaison and Student Individual Progress Reports as requested
- Monitor student attendance/achievement/uniform
- Assist Homeroom Teachers in student attendance/achievement/uniform
- Primary: Secondary Transitions and Orientation Days
- Parent Presentation Evening and Meet & Greets
- Guidance with Subject Selections
- Support students in undertaking NAPLAN, OLNA and Exams
- Year 12 Presentation Evening and other events

### 4.6.7 Pathways for First Aid and Pastoral Care

Please refer to the following page for details on how Thornlie SHS responds to the various health needs of students, as presented in the school day.

# Thornlie SHS Pathways for First Aid and Pastoral Care

Minor injury and illness are common in schools. Most problems are minor and do not require specialist or emergency care. As a general rule, the health issues should be dealt with as listed.

**GREEN** Non Emergency - Students should not be sent out of class for these issues.

AMBER Non Emergency - Students should be sent, with their diaries, to Student Services for these issues.

**RED** Emergency - Staff should contact the Principle/Delegate ASAP for these issues.

This information has been provided to assist school staff in making decisions relating to first aid and health issues with students in their care.

- The Health Centre is not always attended by the Community Health Nurse please tell students to go to Student Services if Health Centre closed.
- For students frequently requesting health care/attention, please refer to Student Services. A SAER referral may be required to determine underlying psychosocial issues.

EXAMPLE ONLY	Health issue	ACTION
GREEN NON EMERGENCY	<ul> <li>Headache / Hayfever</li> <li>Head cold/Blocked ears</li> <li>Toothache</li> <li>Blisters</li> <li>Insect bite (no allergy)</li> <li>Piercing soreness</li> <li>Paper cut</li> <li>Sore throat</li> <li>Minor grazes</li> <li>Period pain</li> </ul>	Student should not be sent out of class for these issues.  Encourage student to self manage and use first aid kits in subject area.  If persisting, encourage student to visit the Health Centre at recess/lunch.
AMBER  NON EMERGENCY	<ul> <li>Abdominal pain</li> <li>Anxiety or panic attack</li> <li>Broken bones/dislocations</li> <li>Emotional upset</li> <li>Fever or Coughing</li> <li>Nausea or vomiting</li> <li>Sprains or strain</li> <li>Suspected drug use</li> <li>Bullying</li> <li>Self harm</li> <li>Significant bleeding from grazes or cuts</li> </ul>	Student to be sent to Health Centre/Student Services.  Staff to provide first aid if required, and/or contact parent/guardian to take student home.  Monitor for deteriorating condition and a need for (red) emergency actions, as below.  If appropriate, staff to refer student to member of the student services or pastoral care team, eg School Psych, Chaplain, Community Nurse
RED EMERGENCY	<ul> <li>Severe Asthma</li> <li>Seizures or fits</li> <li>Profuse bleeding</li> <li>Suspected anaphylaxis</li> <li>Severe trauma</li> <li>Severe burns</li> <li>Head injuries</li> <li>Diabetic collapse</li> <li>Choking</li> <li>Snake bite</li> <li>Eye injury</li> </ul>	Teacher to stay with the student and send someone to Health Centre/Student Services.  School officer to contact a member of the Student Services team and check for any medical action plan on SIS.  Follow medical action plan and call ambulance-000.  Parent and principal to be notified.

### 4.7 House Structure

Houses play an important role within the school as they create a sense of team unity. Houses work in a number of ways within Thornlie Senior High School, in a sporting nature and as a behaviour incentive. Houses are also a means of maintaining the sense of belonging attributed to homerooms at Thornlie.

Thornlie has four Houses: Curtin, Forrest, Hannan and O'Connor. Each of these Houses has two Captains, selected from the Year 12 student cohort. Students are organised into Houses when they enrol in the school. The Houses compete against each other for the House Shield at sporting carnivals.

In addition, the House system is used as a behavioural incentive within the school, where students are awarded House Points from their teachers for commendable behaviour. These points are distributed by teachers' use of the House Points booklets. A booklet can be obtained from Student Services.

### 4.7.1 House Points and Other Positive Incentives

Thornlie House Points are reward slips, given to students by school staff, to acknowledge that student demonstrating an attribute of positive behaviour. Each time a student is observed demonstrating a particular attribute a reward slip (Thornlie House Point) will be given to the student in acknowledgement of their exemplary behaviour. These tokens are then submitted by students at Student Services where each week they are entered into the weekly raffle for a canteen voucher. Furthermore, they are then collated and added to the student's homeroom tally for our school wide House Reward System.

Students are given points for various reasons, as outlined in the table below:

House Points Value	Sanctioned Events and Values (for e.g)			
1-5 points	Membership of Lighting Carnival Teams			
for <b>participation</b> in school events	House Points (face value) from points booklet			
	Athletics Carnival			
	Colour Day (for wearing House colours on nominated days)			
	Japanese – mastering hiragana (100%)			
	Improved Assessment tasks			
	Attendance at homework classes			
10 Points	Hospitality Functions assistants (non-task/subject related events)			
(beyond normal call of duty)	Participation in Mathematics Competitions			
	Student of the Month nomination			
(~100 winners or more per event	School representation – academic or sporting or cultural events			
across the school?)	Hosting Japanese students/Interstate sporting teams			
	Outstanding Assessment Tasks – subjects			
	Participation in			
	- Asiawise Competition			
	- Simpson Prize			
	- Australian Geography Competition			
	Letters of Commendation			
20 points	Captain Of Lightning Carnival Teams			
for 'distinction' or 'high	Member of Champion Schools Teams (junior or senior)			
achievement' in school events	Completion of Community Services Obligations (20 Hours)			
	Invitation to Reward Barbecue			
(~50 winners per event across the	Attendance Champion – Term			
school?)	Honourable Mention – Attendance champion - Term			
	Representing Thornlie SHS in Japan			
	Distinction/High Distinction –			
	- Asiawise Competition			
	- Australian Geography Competition			
	- Australian Mathematics Competition			
	- National Science Competition			
	Home Room Competition 3rd Place			

House Points Value	Sanctioned Events and Values (for e.g)
50 points for 'outstanding'	Captain of Interschool Teams
achievement or recognition of	Local Association representation in sporting teams
'excellence' in school events.	Winning an event in the Interschool Athletics
	Completion of Community Services Obligations (30 Hours)
(~ 25 winners or less per event across	100% Attendance Champion - Semester
the school?)	Honourable Mention – Attendance champion - Semester
	State award in Simpson Prize
	Home Room Competition 2nd Place
100 POINTS for "PRINCIPAL'S	Age Champion – Interschool Athletics
CHOICE"	Runner Up age Champion – Interschool Athletics
recognising students who by their actions	Member of State Sporting Teams
place themselves and/or the school in the	Student of the Month - Winner
most positive of lights for our community	Completion of Community Services Obligations (50+ Hours)
to see.	100% Attendance Champion – Whole Year
(~10 or less winners across the school? –	Honourable Mention – Attendance Champion – Whole Year
Unique achievements – Thornlie kids at	Member of Student Council
their best?)	Dux of each Year
,	Top Student – Subject awards for each year
	House Captains
	Home Room Competition Winner

### Other Positive Consequences:

Teachers at Thornlie SHS will continue to ensure that positive behaviour is given recognition. The staff are committed to increasing communication not only between teachers and students, but also between school and home. This may come in the form of:

- House Point acknowledgements
- Student of the Month (STOM) Nominations and Awards
- Top Student Awards
- Encouraging phone calls to parents
- Positive Behaviour Reports
- Letter of Commendation
- Reward Activities.
- Attendance Champion certificate.

### 4.7.2 WA Positive Behaviour Support

Improving student academic and behaviour outcomes is about ensuring all students have access to the most effective and accurately implemented instructional and behavioural practices and interventions possible. PBS provides an operational framework for achieving these outcomes.

PBS builds a continuum of supports for staff and students. At each level (or tier) there is an emphasis on outcomes in the form of agreed expectations for student and staff behaviour, and data to guide decision-making about what practices should be put in place to support student learning and social behaviour. There is equal emphasis on the system supports that will be needed to build fluency with new or revised practice among all teachers and staff within the school.

Positive behaviour support is an ecological approach to behaviour, learning and teaching. It encompasses many factors such as physical setting, teacher, student, curriculum and resources. PBS requires administrators, team members and coaches to make a commitment to outcomes, systems, practices, and data in order to effectively and efficiently implement and sustain PBS.

Our Purpose statement at Thornlie Senior High is to establish, through a consultative process, an agreed framework of behaviours that is embraced by the whole school community. This will create a safe, supportive and positive learning environment.

In 2018 we created Thornlie Senior High Schools Behaviour matrix. The Behaviour Matrix creates the 'curriculum' that will guide the teaching of our expected behaviours and enhances communication and creates common language among staff and students. The 4 main values within the Thornlie Senior High School matrix are Responsibility, Respect, Perseverance and Pride.

Phase 2 of PBS is developing lessons around the behaviour matrix. These lessons will be taught starting in Term 2 2020 after PBS is officially launched in the school.



### 4.8 Portfolios and Responsibilities

### 4.8.1 Principal Responsibilities

The Principal will lead and manage the planning, delivery, evaluation and improvement of the education of all students in our community, through the deployment of resources provided by the Department and other stakeholders. The Principal has the end-of-line sign-off responsibility for all DoE Policies, Procedures, Quality Assurance, Systemic Target Setting and State / National Priorities. They will ensure compliance and accountability for the overall management and development of the school within Government and Departmental policies and guidelines.

Responsibilities include, but are not restricted to;

- building positive relationships with key stakeholders;
- valuing, developing and mentoring staff;
- optimising the school's financial, physical and human resources through sound management practices and organisational systems and processes that contribute to the implementation of the school's vision and goals;
- fostering a safe, purposeful and inclusive learning environment and the capacity to develop constructive and respectful relationships with staff, students, parents and other stakeholders;
- being innovative and creative in the establishment of systems and structures to foster academic development and improvements in social and emotional development for students;
- engaging a diverse school community in the educational programs of the school
- building networks with other agencies, other schools, and services in the community to benefit school programs;
- enhancing the social environment of the school, particularly that aspect which relates to high quality human relationships.

### 4.8.2 Deputy Principal Responsibilities

The Deputy Principals share responsibility for;

- Assisting the Principal to lead the school community to develop, articulate and commit to a shared educational vision focussed on providing quality learning outcomes for all students.
- Focus on Curriculum Leadership, effective data analysis and continuous school improvement
- Manage the day-to-day operations of school life
- Embed socially just practices in daily school life.
- Manage key portfolios on behalf of the Principal
- End-of-line role in the school behaviour management process
- Set high standards for student and staff performance.
- Actively participate in life-long learning and ongoing professional development.
- Form partnerships with parents, other government agencies, community groups, industry and business.
- Be futures oriented and strategic.
- Understand the legislation and policies that impact on schooling.
- Manage resources to achieve goals

In 2024, the Portfolios of the Principal, Deputies and Manager of Operations include:

Prac Teachers	Task	Principal	DP T & L	DP Welfare	DP Senior	Manager Operations
Curriculum Audit	Prac Teachers					
Teaching and Learning	Improving OLNA		?			?
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Course Counselling Year 10, 11 & 12	Middle School Year 7, 8 & 9			?		
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Census			?		
Student Services			?		
Presentation Evening			?	?	
Excursions					?
External Engagement Programs			?		
School Business Plan	?				
Student Council		?			?
House Captains				?	
Staff Development Days	?				
Year 12 Final Activities			?	?	
WACE External Exams				?	
Assemblies:					
- Academic (Term 1)		?			
- ANZAC (Term 2)					?
- Academic (Term 3)		?			
- Year 12 Final (Term 4)				?	
- End of Year (Term 4)		?	?		
School Photos			?		
Year 11 & 12 ATAR Parent Nights (x2)				?	
Year 7 Meet and Greet			?		
Peer Support			?		
Year 10 Parent Night (selections)				?	
Year 10 Subject Information Day				?	
School Ball			?	?	

### 4.8.3 **HOLA Responsibilities**

As a member of the Senior Leadership Team, the Head of Learning Area will:

- Enact the vision of the school.
- Create an atmosphere that promotes success for all students.
- Develop goals and objectives for the school improvement plan that reflects the Thornlie SHS Strategic
   Plan

As a member of the Senior Leadership Team, Heads of Learning Area will promote professional growth of teachers and staff by:

- Implementing innovative strategies that will promote Thornlie's vision of student success.
- Sharing current educational research and best practices with teachers and staff.
- Expecting and encouraging teachers to experiment with innovative strategies and best practices.
- Using available data to monitor department and program effectiveness.
- Assisting staff to creatively modify and adapt instructional practices/programs in order to become more effective.
- Providing ongoing feedback to staff about their performance and effectiveness.
- Working with staff to create a plan for professional development.
- Monitoring each staff member's plan for professional development.
- Encouraging staff to participate in professional development and school leadership opportunities; involving staff in curriculum development opportunities.

As a member of the Senior Leadership Team, Heads of Learning Area will promote success for every student by:

- Expecting staff to share the belief that all students can experience success.
- Modelling and developing best practices to ensure student success.
- Articulating program and philosophy to feeder schools on a continuous basis.
- Assisting staff in implementing and adapting curriculum to address the individual needs of all students.
- Supporting innovative techniques and practices that provide the opportunity for all students to achieve.
- Listening and responding to community concerns related to the academic well-being and performance of students.
- Enacting the school's Behaviour Management Policy.

### 4.8.4 Teacher Responsibilities

### **Daily Expectations**

- School Day. Teachers are required to arrive by 8:35am and to remain on school site until 3:20pm.
   Teachers with alternate schedules will have differing arrival and departure times as determined by their HRMIS schedule.
- Reporting to 1<sup>st</sup> lesson of the day. All Period 1 teachers are to be in their classrooms for the first bell.
- Leaving School. Teachers who must run errands or leave for emergency situations must notify
  Administration and sign out on the sheet provided in the main office <u>before</u> leaving the building.
  Requests for leaving school early should be reserved for emergency situations. Appointments
  should be scheduled, as much as possible, so as not to conflict with school hours and regularly
  scheduled meetings.
- Professional Dress. Teachers are expected to dress in a manner that is respectful to the profession and appropriate for their teaching situation.

### **Classroom Routines**

- Teaching and Learning Framework. Teachers are expected follow the Steps of the Teaching and Learning Framework. Classes should begin with the SET, the learning intentions and the activation. Presentation of information should be followed by a check for understanding. Students should be given opportunities for both guided and independent practice. The lesson conclusion should contain an appropriate form of review.
- Compass electronic attendance. Teachers are legally responsible for maintaining accurate records for reporting student attendance, student grades, and late arrivals. Absences must be entered in the first 20 minutes of each period. First period absences are to be entered by 9:10am.

### **General Expectations**

- Changing Rooms. Teachers must not change room locations without prior approval from their HOLA.
   Temporary moves should be reported to administration and a sign should be left on the inside of the door window as to the temporary location.
- Syllabus. Teachers should provide students with a course syllabus at the beginning of each semester.
- Parent-Teacher Conferences. Teachers are expected to attend meetings and to complete any requested forms in a timely manner.
- Meetings. Teachers are expected to attend all scheduled meetings: Learning Area, General Staff, student services, and whole school. The dates for these meetings were disseminated at the beginning of the school year. Teachers are asked to schedule medical and other personal appointments on days other than those dates. In the event of an emergency, teachers must discuss the situation with their HOLA and Administrator.

- Excursions. Teachers must complete and submit all excursion proposals to the Manager of Operations via Consent2Go for approval – at least two weeks PRIOR TO THE EXCURSION DATE.
- Report Data Entry. Teachers are required to enter Assessment and Attribute data into the Reporting to Parents online system in a timely and regular manner.
- Pay special attention to meeting Semester 1 and 2 reporting deadlines (see Calendar)

### <u>Assessment Expectations</u>

- Grading and Reporting. Teachers are legally required to follow the SCSA Grading and Reporting policies and procedures.
- Connect. Teachers should engage with DET's CONNECT Online community to support effective teaching and learning.

### **Communications**

- Staffroom pigeonholes. Each teacher is assigned a pigeonhole at the beginning of the school year.
   Names are placed over each space. Teachers should check and clear their pigeonholes before period 1 daily.
- Individual Email Accounts on Outlook. Each teacher has an Outlook email account. Email should be checked on a daily basis.
- Written Communication to Parents. All teachers planning to send written communications to groups of parents must submit a draft copy of the proposed correspondence to their HOLA and Deputy Principal before sending the communication.
- Telephone Calls. Phone calls home are a vital part of supporting students. Teachers should keep
  a log of such calls, and should notify their HOLA and Deputy Principal promptly when issues arise.
   Teachers should respond to parent calls within 24 hours.

### 4.8.5 Senior Teacher Responsibilities

Senior Teachers are experienced teachers committed to high quality teaching and ongoing professional learning. You play an important role in:

- developing pedagogy and contributing to curriculum development
- providing mentoring, supervision, professional support, counselling and guidance for teachers
- contributing to the leadership of school development planning and identifying priorities.

It is acknowledged that there is a need to retain competent experienced teachers in duties directly associated with classroom teaching and learning and to reward the excellent work and professionalism of experienced classroom teachers who do not wish to move into an administrative role. And as such, staff who satisfy the set criteria can apply to the Department to become a Senior Teacher.

Senior Teachers are required to perform duties in addition to those identified in the Award and General Agreement, such as the following:

- a) providing mentoring, supervision, professional support, counselling and guidance for teachers (including student teachers and Graduate Teachers), about classroom performance, curriculum implementation and resource development;
- b) developing pedagogy and contributing to curriculum development;
- c) effectively contributing to the leadership of school development planning and identifying priorities, and to formal school decision-making processes; and
- d) other duties as required by the Principal.

Allocation of additional duties will be negotiated with the Principal *and/or* administration team and take into consideration workload implications.

### 4.8.6 Level 3 Classroom Teacher

Level 3 Classroom Teachers are exemplary teachers recognised and rewarded for their exceptional teaching practices. They play important roles in providing and supporting high quality teaching and leadership in schools.

Level 3 Classroom Teachers are highly skilled in:

- meeting the learning needs of their students
- developing and implementing student assessment and reporting strategies
- reflecting on and improving their teaching practices
- developing and delivering professional learning for colleagues
- providing leadership in their school communities.

They are experienced, innovative teachers able to role model highly effective practice for colleagues and to mentor pre-service teachers and graduates. They are great assets to their schools and highly valued. Level 3 Classroom Teachers also exert influence beyond their classrooms by taking leadership roles in their school communities. They assist other teachers to improve their classroom practices, enhance student learning and solve classroom problems.

As successful leaders, they:

- develop, implement and evaluate curriculum policy and programs
- manage change when there are new initiatives
- promote consultation and collaboration among school staff
- foster and support productive teams
- build partnerships with teachers and communities.

Benefits of becoming a Level 3 Classroom Teacher include:

- formal recognition of your expertise and dedication
- career advancement that enables you to stay in the classroom
- sharing your experiences and professional learning with colleagues
- taking on leadership roles
- a salary increase.

### 4.8.7 Homeroom Teacher Responsibilities

There is a formal Homeroom Period after recess on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, with no Homeroom on Wednesday due to early close.

### The aim

The aim of the Homeroom Teacher is to assist in student engagement, both pastorally and academically, which, in turn, improves whole school 'tone'.

### **Administration**

- Pass on (and collect) information, surveys etc from Year Groups.
- iYarn check-ins.
- Attendance
  - o Be aware of student absences. Follow up late notes from parents
  - Be aware of reasons for student absence
  - Follow up relevant support if necessary
  - Any student leaving school with permission has to have a Department of Education leave pass obtainable from Student Services or the Front office.
- Support the Library by helping to follow up overdue items.
- Reporting to Parents

- While there is no formal requirement for Homeroom Teacher comments in reporting it is advisable to be familiar with the overall report so that you can the report's contents with students and/or parents if requested.
- Monitor student uniforms and discuss with students/parents.

### DURING THE YEAR THE FOLLOWING INITIATIVES SHOULD BE ADDRESSED

### **Pastoral Care**

- Get to know students. Be aware of their interests, strengths, family situation and academic progress.
- Be the first contact for student/staff/family problems.
- Refer students to other support staff for assistance where necessary (Student Services).
- Encourage positive social skills for students as individuals, as part of a group and as part of the whole school.
- Encourage, remind and reward the wearing of the official school uniform, which has been mandated by law.
- Encourage a class council leadership model within the group.
- Take responsibility for the general welfare of your students including monitoring the mandated school uniform and following up on unacceptable school absences.

# Development of Priority Areas – Literacy and Numeracy, Technology - Digital Literacy and Student Attendance and Engagement

- Give encouragement and support in the development of sound study skills and attitudes to learning.
- Give students time to (and show them how to) organise their notes and files.
- Be familiar with student homework and study patterns through contact with them and other staff.
- Become aware of the aspirations of your students and assist them to in achieve their goals.
- Conduct provided mini lessons in PBS, Literacy and Numeracy on scheduled days.

### During the year there will be

- Assemblies whole school and year group
- Year group outings
- Surveys
- Guest speakers
- Pastoral care activities

### 4.9 Performance Development

Performance Development is an active ongoing process of reflection, planning, monitoring and review. The employee and Line Manager should develop a Performance Development Plan (PDP) that contains goals, performance indicators, timeframes and agreed support that links to operational priorities. The process should focus on a culture of providing support and feedback.

### Reflection

The Performance Development Plan contains a self-reflection tool, which participants should use to reflect on practice. Teachers are encouraged to use the self-reflection tool to assist with identification of their areas of strength and those requiring development.

Teachers should also refer to the <u>Australian Professional Standards for Teachers</u>

### **Planning**

This part of the process provides an opportunity for teachers and line managers to reflect on teachers' achievements, assess performance, set goals for improvement and identify support. It is important to identify the resources and strategies that will be used to achieve the goals that have been identified.

### Monitoring

Ongoing and informal monitoring of the agreed plan is desirable. Changes may be made owing to unexpected circumstances, eg. the availability of additional funding to support a particular strategy. At least one formal meeting should occur to enable feedback on progress to be given.

### **Review**

The timing of the review meeting will depend on the contents of the plan. In most cases, plans will be initiated in term 1 and reviewed in term 4, however, not all goals are achievable in this time span and effectiveness of long-term strategies can be difficult to assess in a relatively short-term period. It is legitimate to plan for long-term change, although given the potential for disruption with the changing personnel a review should occur within 18 months. Staff are able to continue striving towards achieving the same goal over a longer term but should agree on success indicators or targets that can be measured within this time frame.

### **Evidence**

Evidence presented at planning and review meetings may include, but not limited to:

- Analysis of student performance data to demonstrate impact of teaching \*
- Reports of classroom observation \*
- Reports related to working with colleagues \*
- Teaching programs, including assessment strategies
- Students' work samples
- Student surveys
- · Notes from parent teacher meetings
- Records of participation in professional learning.
- \* Denotes *Employee Performance* policy evidence requirement Additional pages of evidence from a variety of sources may be added to this template.

### **Documentation**

Line managers are to give teachers a copy of documentation.

The Plan is confidential between the teacher and whoever is the line manager or the line manager's superordinates. Documentation may be requested from another school.

Documentation must be stored securely for a minimum of two years.

### To safe guard you

If at any time there is cause for concern it is obligatory on the part of either party to the performance agreement to express that concern. A panel can be set up consisting of the Principal, Your Mentor, Yourself and a Peer (if needed). The panel will address your concerns and put in place any strategies, actions or reasonable requests that are forthcoming.

### **Process/Stages**

The Performance Development process is usually annual.

1. Self-Reflection	Term 1,	30 Mins suggested	Employee alone
	Week 6-10		

2. Planning	Term 2,	40 mins meeting	Employee & Performance Manager
Meeting	Week 1-3		
3. Implementatio	Terms 2-4	Incidental informal &	Employee Performance Manager
n &		formal meetings as per plan	
Development			
4. Review	Term 1,	40 mins meeting	Employee & Performance Manager
Meeting	Week 3-5		

# Copies of the Performance Development Plans for all career stages can be found in the Appendix section of this handbook, via the below hyperlinks

### • Performance Development & Review

- o <u>Teacher</u>
- o <u>Senior Teacher</u>
- o <u>Level 3 Classroom Teacher</u>
- o <u>HOLA</u>
- o <u>Program Coordinator</u>
- o <u>Deputy Principal</u>

# **AITSL STANDARDS BY CAREER STAGE**

Professional Knowledge				
Standard 1 – Know students and how they learn				
Focus Area	Graduate	Proficient	Highly Accomplished	Lead
1.1 Physical, social and intellectual development and characteristics of students	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of development and characteristics of students and how these may affect learning.	Use teaching strategies based on knowledge of students' development and characteristics to improve student learning.	Select from a flexible and effective repertoire of teaching strategies to suit the development and characteristics of students.	Lead colleagues to select and develop teaching strategies to improve student learning using knowledge of the development and characteristics of students.
1.2 Understand how students learn	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of research into how students learn and the implications for teaching.	Structure teaching programs using research and collegial advice about how students learn.	Expand understanding of how students learn using research and workplace knowledge.	Lead processes to evaluate the effectiveness of teaching programs using research and workplace knowledge about how students learn.
1.3 Students with diverse linguistic, cultural, religious and socioeconomic backgrounds	Demonstrate knowledge of teaching strategies that are responsive to the learning strengths and needs of students from diverse backgrounds.	Design and implement teaching strategies that are responsive to the learning strengths and needs of students from diverse backgrounds.	Support colleagues to develop effective teaching strategies that address the learning strengths and needs of students from diverse backgrounds.	Evaluate and revise school learning and teaching programs, using expert and community knowledge and experience, to meet the needs of student with diverse backgrounds.
1.4 Strategies for teaching Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students	Demonstrate broad knowledge and understanding of the impact of aulture, aultural identity and linguistic background of students from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds.	Design and implement effective teaching strategies that are responsive to the local community and aultural setting, linguistic background and histories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.	Provide advice and support colleagues in the implementation of effective teaching strategies for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students using knowledge of and support from community representatives.	Develop teaching programs that support equitable and ongoing participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students by engaging in collaborative relationships with community representatives and parents/carers.
1.5 Differentiate teaching to meet the specific learning needs of students across the full range of abilities	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of strategies for differentiating teaching to meet the specific learning needs of students across the full range of abilities.	Develop teaching activities that incorporate differentiated strategies to meet the specific learning needs of students across the full range of abilities.	Evaluate learning and teaching programs, using student assessment data, that are differentiated for the specific learning needs of students across the full range of abilities.	Lead colleagues to evaluate the effectiveness of learning and teaching programs differentiated for the specific learning needs of students across the full range of abilities.
1.6 Strategies to support full participation of students with disability	Demonstrate broad knowledge and understanding of legislative requirements and teaching strategies that support participation and learning of students with disability.	Design and implement teaching activities that support the participation and learning of students with disability and address relevant policy and legislative requirements.	Work with colleagues to access specialist knowledge, and relevant policy and legislation, to develop teaching programs that support the participation and learning of students with disability.	Initiate and lead the review of school policies to support the engagement and full participation of students with disability and ensure compliance with legislative and/or system policies.

### Professional Knowledge Standard 2 - Know the content and how to teach it Graduate Proficient Lead Focus Area Highly Accomplished Lead initiatives within the school Support colleggues using to evaluate and improve 2.1 Demonstrate knowledge and Apply knowledge of the current and comprehensive knowledge of content and Content and understanding of the content and teaching knowledge of content and teaching strategies and teaching concepts, substance and strategies of the teaching teaching strategies to demonstrate exemplary structure of the content and strategies of area to develop engaging develop and implement teaching of subjects using the teaching teaching strategies of the teaching activities. effective, research-based engaging learning and area teaching area. learning and teaching teaching programs. programs. Lead initiatives that utilise Exhibit innovative practice in comprehensive content and 2.2 Organise content into Organise content into the selection and organisation knowledge to improve the Content coherent, well-sequences effective learning and of content and delivery of selection and sequencing of selection and learning and teaching teaching sequence. learning and teaching content into coherently organisation programs. programs. organised learning and teaching programs. Support colleagues to plan Lead colleagues to develop Design and implement and implement learning and 2.3 learning and teaching Use curriculum, assessment learning and teaching teaching programs using Curriculum, and reporting knowledge to programs using programs using knowledge contemporary knowledge assessment design learning sequences comprehensive knowledge of of curriculum, assessment and and understanding of and reporting and lesson plans. curriculum, assessment and curriculum, assessment and reporting requirements. reporting requirements. reporting requirements. 2.4 Understand and respect Support colleagues with Lead initiatives to assist Aboriginal and Demonstrate broad Provide opportunities for providing opportunities for colleagues with opportunities knowledge of, understanding **Torres Strait** students to develop students to develop for students to develop Islander people of and respect for Aboriginal understanding of and respect understanding of and respect understanding of and respect to promote and Torres Strait Islander for Aboriginal and Torres for Aboriginal and Torres for Aboriginal and Torres reconciliation Strait Islander histories, histories, cultures and Strait Islander histories, Strait Islander histories, between cultures and languages languages. cultures and languages. cultures and languages. Indigenous and non-Indiaenous **Australians** Monitor and evaluate the Apply knowledge and Support colleagues to implementation of teaching 2.5 Know and understand understanding of effective implement effective teaching strategies within the school to Literacy and literacy and numeracy teaching strategies to support strategies to improve students' improve students' achievement numeracy teaching strategies and their students' literacy and literacy and numeracy in literacy and numeracy using strategies application in teaching areas. achievement. research-based knowledge numeracy achievement. and student data 2.6 Use effective teaching Model high-level teaching Lead and support colleagues Information knowledge and skills and work Implement teaching strategies strategies to integrate ICT into within the school to select and and for using ICT to expand learning and teaching with colleagues to use current use ICT with effective teaching Communicati programs to make selected curriculum learning ICT to improve their teaching strategies to expand learning on opportunities for students. content relevant and practice and make content opportunities and content **Technology** meaningful. relevant and meaningful. knowledge for all students. (ICT)

Professional Practice				
Standard 3 – Plan for and implement effective teaching and learning				
Focus Area	Graduate	Proficient	Highly Accomplished	Lead
3.1 Establish challenging learning goals	Set learning goals that provide achievable challenges for students of varying abilities and characteristics.	Set explicit, challenging and achievable learning goals for all students.	Develop a culture of high expectations for all students by modelling and setting dhallenging learning goals.	Demonstrate exemplary practice and high expectations and lead colleagues to encourage students to pursue dhallenging goals in all aspects of their education.
3.2 Plan, structure and sequence learning programs	Plan lesson sequences using knowledge of student learning content and effective teaching strategies.	Plan and implement well- structured learning and teaching programs or lesson sequences that engage students and promote learning.	Work with colleagues to plan, evaluate and modify learning and teaching programs to create productive learning environments that engage all students.	Exhibit exemplary practice and lead colleagues to plan, implement and review the effectiveness of their learning and teaching programs to develop students' knowledge, understanding and skills.
3.3 Use teaching strategies	Include a range of teaching strategies.	Select and use relevant teaching strategies to develop knowledge, skills, problem solving and critical and creative thinking.	Support colleagues to select and apply effective teaching strategies to develop knowledge, skills, problem solving and critical and creative thinking.	Work with colleagues to review, modify and expand their repertoire of teaching strategies to enable students to use knowledge, skills, problem solving and artical and areative thinking.
3.4 Select and use resources	Demonstrate knowledge of a range of resources, including ICT, that engage students in their learning.	Select and/or create and use a range of resources, including ICT, to engage students in their learning.	Assist colleagues to create, select and use a wide range of resources, including ICT, to engage students in their learning.	Model exemplary skills and lead colleagues in selecting, areating and evaluating resources, induding ICT, for application by teachers within or beyond the school.
3.5 Use effective classroom communicati	Demonstrate a range of verbal and non-verbal communication strategies to support student engagement.	Use effective verbal and non- verbal communication strategies to support student understanding, participation, engagement and achievement.	Assist colleagues to select a wide range of verbal and non-verbal communication strategies to support student understanding, participation, engagement and achievement.	Demonstrate and lead by example indusive verbal and non-verbal communication using collaborative strategies and contextual knowledge to support student understanding, engagement and achievement.
3.6 Evaluate and improve teaching programs	Demonstrate broad knowledge of strategies that can be used to evaluate teaching programs to improve student learning.	Evaluate personal teaching and learning programs using evidence, including feedback from students and student assessment data, to inform planning.	Work with colleagues to review current teaching and learning programs using student feedback, student assessment data knowledge of curriculum and workplace practices.	Conduct regular reviews of teaching and learning programs using multiple sources of evidence including: student assessment data, curriculum documents, teaching practices and feedback from parents/carers, students and colleagues.
3.7 Engage parents/ carers in the educative process	Describe a broad range of strategies for involving parents/carers in the educative process.	Plan for appropriate and contextually relevant opportunities for parents/carers to be involved in their children's learning.	Work with colleagues to provide appropriate and contextually relevant opportunities for parents/carers to be involved in their children's learning.	Initiate contextually relevant processes to establish programs that involve parents/carers in the education of their children and broader school priorities and activities.

Professional Practice				
Standard 4 — Create and maintain supportive and safe learning environments				
Focus Area	Graduate	Proficient	Highly Accomplished	Lead
4.1 Support student participation	Identify strategies to support inclusive student participation and engagement in classroom activities.	Establish and implement inclusive and positive interactions to engage and support all students in classroom activities.	Model effective practice and support colleagues to implement inclusive strategies that engage and support all students.	Demonstrate and lead by example the development of productive and inclusive learning environments across the school by reviewing inclusive strategies and exploring new approaches to engage and support all students.
4.2 Manage classroom activities	Demonstrate the capacity to organise classroom activities and provide clear directions.	Establish and maintain orderly and workable routines to create an environment where student time is spent on learning tasks.	Model and share with colleagues a flexible repertoire of strategies for classroom management to ensure all students are engaged in purposeful activities.	Initiate strategies and lead colleagues to implement effective classroom management and promote student responsibility for learning.
4.3 Manage challenging behaviour	Demonstrate knowledge of practical approaches to manage challenging behaviour.	Manage challenging behaviour by establishing and negotiating clear expectations with student and address discipline issues promptly, fairly and respectfully.	Develop and share with colleagues a flexible repertoire of behaviour management strategies using expert knowledge and workplace experience.	Lead and implement behaviour management initiatives to assist colleagues to broaden their range of strategies.
4.4 Maintain student safety	Describe strategies that support students' well-being and safety working within school and/or system, curriculum and legislative requirements.	Ensure students' well- being and safety within school and/or system, curriculum and legislative requirements.	Initiate and take responsibility for implementing current school and/or system, curriculum and legislative requirements to ensure student well-being and safety.	Evaluate the effectiveness of student well-being policies and safe working practices using current school and/or system, curriculum and legislative requirements and assist colleagues to update their practices.
4.5 Use ICT safely, responsibly and ethically	Demonstrate an understanding of the relevant issues and strategies available to support the safe, responsible and ethical use of ICT in learning and teaching.	Incorporate strategies to promote the safe, responsible and ethical use of ICT in learning and teaching.	Model and support colleagues to develop strategies to promote the safe, responsible and ethical use of ICT in learning and teaching.	Review or implement new policies and strategies to ensure the safe, responsible and ethical use of ICT in learning and teaching.

Professional Practice				
Standard 5 — Assess, provide feedback and report on student learning				
Focus Area	Graduate	Proficient	Highly Accomplished	Lead
5.1 Assess student learning	Demonstrate understanding of assessment strategies, including informal and formal, diagnostic, formative and summative approaches to assess student learning.	Develop, select and use informal and formal, diagnostic, formative and summative assessment strategies to assess student learning.	Develop and apply a comprehensive range of assessment strategies to diagnose learning needs, comply with curriculum requirements and support colleagues to evaluate the effectiveness of their approaches to assessment.	Evaluate school assessment policies and strategies to support colleagues with using assessment data to diagnose learning needs, complying with curriculum, system and/or school assessment requirements and using a range of assessment strategies.
5.2 Provide feedback to students on their learning	Demonstrate an understanding of the purpose of providing timely and appropriate feedback to students about their learning.	Provide timely, effective and appropriate feedback to students about their achievement relative to their learning goals.	Select from an effective range of strategies to provide targeted feedback based on informed and timely judgements of each students' current needs in order to progress learning.	Model exemplary practice and initiate programs to support colleagues in applying a range of timely, effective and appropriate feedback strategies.
5.3 Make consistent and comparable judgements	Demonstrate understanding of assessment moderation and its application to support consistent and comparable judgements of student learning.	Understand and participate in assessment moderation activities to support consistent and comparable judgements of student learning.	Organise assessment moderation activities that support consistent and comparable judgements of student learning.	Lead and evaluate moderation activities that ensure consistent and comparable judgements of student learning to meet curriculum and school or system requirements.
5.4 Interpret student data	Demonstrate the capacity to interpret student assessment data to evaluate student learning and modify teaching practice.	Use student assessment data to analyse and evaluate student understanding of subject/content, identifying interventions and modifying teaching practice.	Work with colleagues to use data from internal external student assessments for evaluating learning and teaching, identifying interventions and modifying teaching practice.	Coordinate student performance and program evaluation using internal and external student assessment data to improve teaching practice.
5.5 Report on student achievement	Demonstrate understanding of a range of strategies for reporting to students and using parents/carers and the purpose of keeping accurate and reliable records of student achievement.	Report clearly, accurately and respectfully to students and parents/carers about student achievement, making use of accurate and reliable records.	Work with colleagues to construct accurate, informative and timely reports to students and parents/carers about student learning and achievement.	Evaluate and revise reporting and accountability mechanisms in the school to meet the needs of students, parents/carers and colleagues.

### **Professional Engagement** Standard 6 - Engage in professional learning **Proficient** Focus Area Graduate Highly Accomplished Lead Analyse the National Professional Use comprehensive knowledge of the Demonstrate an Use the National Professional 6.1 Standards for Teachers to plan National Professional Standards for understanding of the role of **Identify** and Standards for Teachers and Teachers to plan and lead the personal professional development the National Professional plan advice from colleagues to goals, support colleagues to identify development of professional learning Standards for Teachers in and adhieve personal development policies and programs that address professional identify and plan professional identifying professional the professional learning needs of goals and pre-service teachers to learning needs learning needs. learning needs. improve dassroom pradice. colleagues and pre-service teachers. 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# 4.10 Teacher Registration Board of WA

# **Renewing your registration**

To ensure continuation of your Full Registration or Limited Registration, you should apply to renew your registration at least 28 days before it expires.

If your application for renewal of registration is submitted more than 28 days before your registration expiry date, you will continue to be registered until the application is finalised.

If your application is submitted less than 28 days before the expiry date, your registration may expire before the renewal is finalised.

The Teacher Registration Board of Western Australia (TRBWA) will send a renewal of registration reminder two months prior to the registration expiry date. You can apply to renew your registration at any time and you don't need to wait for the reminder.

## Requirements for Renewal

At each renewal of registration, the TRBWA needs to be satisfied that the teacher:

- continues to meet the requirements for their category of registration such as <a href="mailto:openstable-left">Openstable-left</a> <a href="mailto:openstable-left">Openstable-lef
- is complying with any conditions on his or her registration
- has met the applicable ③ <u>professional engagement</u> and ④ <u>professional learning</u> requirements.

An application for the renewal of Full registration must be completed. The renewal of registration fee is \$51.

# ① Professional Standards

It is required that you meet the Professional Standards for Teachers in WA at the PROFICIENT level for renewal of FULL REGISTRATION.

If you currently hold Full Registration and wish to renew your registration, you need to continue to meet the Professional Standards at the Proficient Level.

When applying for the renewal of registration you are required to complete a self-declaration to confirm you continue to meet all the Professional Standards for Teachers in Western Australia.

Note that you are not required to submit evidence of meeting the professional standards with your application. Evidence may, however, be requested to verify your self-declaration.

The types of evidence required are listed in the Evidence Guidelines for Proficient level

# **② Fit and Proper Requirements**

A person must be assessed as a fit and proper person to be registered as a teacher.

When determining whether a person is a fit and proper person to be registered, the Teacher Registration Board of Western Australia (TRBWA) must have regard to:

- the person's history of compliance with or any relevant decision under the Teacher Registration Act 2012 (Act) or any laws in other Australian States or a Territory or New Zealand that deal with the registration of teachers
- the person's criminal history as provided by CrimTrac's criminal record check
- whether a person has responded honestly to guestions on their application
- whether the person's behaviour does not meet a standard generally expected of a teacher, or shows the person is not of good character
- whether the person has failed to pay any costs, expenses or fines payable by them under the Act

• any other matters relating to the person that the TRBWA considers appropriate.

# **③ Professional Engagement**

It is a requirement for the renewal of teacher registration that a teacher has taught in Australia or New Zealand for a sufficient period of time. It is generally expected that to maintain proficiency as a teacher you are or have been actively engaged in teaching for a reasonable period of time.

As part of the renewal of registration application process you will be asked to declare that you have met the requirements for professional engagement.

Requirements are that you have taught:

• for 100 days or equivalent if an application for renewal is made after 6/12/2017.

The TRBWA may require that you provide evidence to support your declaration.

# Professional learning

It is a requirement of teacher registration that a teacher completes sufficient professional learning to maintain the currency of their professional competence.

As part of the renewal of registration application process, a teacher is required to declare that they have met this obligation. Evidence may be requested by the TRBWA to support this declaration.

It is generally accepted that professional learning claimed toward the renewal of registration process is over and above the normal expectations of a teacher's role and responsibilities (including preparation, planning, programming and assessment and reporting) and aims to improve the teacher's knowledge, practice and competencies as set out in the <u>Professional Standards for Teachers in Western Australia</u>.

The requirement to undertake a minimum amount of professional learning applies to all registered teachers and is not pro-rated. Should a teacher not be able to fulfil this requirement as part of the renewal process they are able to submit a request to the Board for consideration of extenuating circumstances.

The minimum requirements for the completion of professional learning activities are:

100 hours if an application for renewal is made after 7/12/2017.

# **Professional Learning Activities**

Professional learning activities can be either formal and/or informal in each of the three Domains of the Professional Standards – Professional Knowledge (Standards 1 and 2), Professional Practice (Standards 3, 4 and 5) and Professional Engagement (Standards 6 and 7).

## Formal activities can include:

- activities offered by professional development providers such as workshops, seminars, online learning
- school-based and employer-provided professional development including professional development days, action research projects, mentoring a junior colleague
- giving conference or workshop presentations or writing for publication.

#### Informal activities can include:

- professional reading
- professional or collegiate meetings dedicated to teacher professional learning or requiring reflection on professional practice
- participation in the development of policy or practice within the educational venue or a wider context.

The proportions of activities across the three Domains will vary according to the particular teacher's situation and current career focus. Formal learning activities undertaken in one Domain may be minimal, for example. The selection of activities is at the discretion of the individual teacher subject to the requirement:

- that each claimed activity is clearly directly related to at least one of the elements of the Professional Standards and
- that relationship has been articulated in the evidence collected and retained by the teacher.

The <u>Professional Learning Activities Policy</u> details the requirements for professional learning and provides an example on how this may be recorded.

# **Recording Professional Learning Activities**

It is recommended that teachers maintain a log of their learning activities. A template is provided for guidance but its format is not prescribed.

You may continue to update your professional learning activities using the Professional Learning Log that is currently available through <u>Teacher Login</u>. This log will be updated in the near future to better reflect the current requirements.

# Key points to note:

- Hours of Professional Learning is 20 Hours **per year** phased implementation from end of 2013.
- Hours of Professional Learning can only be entered against one domain. Where an activity covers several domains pick the most relevant and record it only against one domain. Each domain must be covered for FULL REGISTRATION. (See Policy section 4.3)
- Professional Standards must be demonstrated against PROFICIENT level for Full Registration –
  however teachers are encouraged to refer to Highly Accomplished and Lead Teacher standards
  where they are working at that level.

# 5. Behaviour

# 5.1 Rationale

Thornlie SHS operates on the belief that all students have the right to learn. To do so means that each student works towards creating a climate that is positive and productive. No student has the right to choose behaviour that infringes upon the rights of others.

As a staff, we believe that home and school must share the responsibility for teaching children (young adults) appropriate behaviour. By working together, we can increase the probability that students will learn responsibility and respect for others. By doing this, we can only increase their self-respect.

Thornlie Senior High School takes a whole-school approach towards the achievement of a friendly, safe and pleasant environment. The Student Behaviour Management Policy is a set of guidelines in which students are able to learn with little or no disruption from others and are encouraged to be responsible for their own behaviour.

To maintain order, student management, involving discipline, is an essential part of any school. At Thornlie, discipline will be applied with dignity and respect in a way that promotes learning. Students have the right to learn without disruption. Everyone has the right to be treated with courtesy and respect.

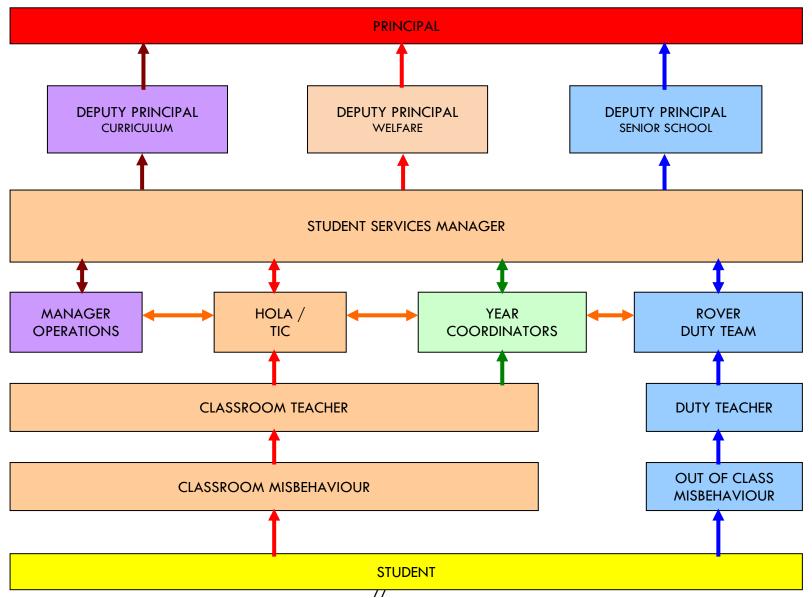
# 5.2 Positive Behaviour Support Plan

For a detailed understand of Thornlie and its management of student behaviour, please refer to the Positive Behaviour Support Plan in the Appendix section of this handbook.

# **Behaviour Management Flow Chart**



# THORNLIE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT FLOW CHART



# **5.2.1** Behaviour Management Responsibilities

#### **PRINCIPAL**

- Ultimate approval and responsibility
- Consultation with Deputy's / SS Manager

#### **DEPUTIES**

- Suspension
- RJ conference
- Withdrawal
- Detention
- Consultation with SS Manager / YC / HOLA / MO / Outside Agencies

#### STUDENTS SERVICES MANAGER

- Suspension
- RJ Conference
- Withdrawal
- Detention
- Parent Contact
- Behaviour Monitoring Card
- IBP
- Refer to Deputy / YC / MO / Psych / Chaplain / Nurse / VET PC / Outside Agencies
- Consultation with YC / HOLA / MO

# **HOLA / YEAR COORDINATOR**

- Suspension
- RJ Conference
- Withdrawal
- Detention
- Parent Contact
- Subject Isolation
- Refer to SS Manager

# **MANAGER OPERATIONS**

- Support SS Manager / HOLA's / YC's
- Timetable changes to support Behaviour Management Strategies

# **ROVER / DUTY TEAM**

- Lunch Detention
- Litter Duty
- Refer to SS Manager / YC

## **CLASSROOM TEACHER**

- Classroom Management Strategies (refer to CMS)
- Parent Contact / Letter of Concern
- Subject Based Detention / Class Isolation
- Refer to HOLA

# **5.2.2** Positive Learning Environment

Build relationships

- o Deliver relevant engaging curriculum
- o Use positive reinforcement
- o Communicate achievements to parents

# **5.2.3** Examples of Consequences (Note: this is not an exhaustive list)

## **Teacher**

- Verbal negotiation
- Removal from class for 5 minutes for reflection
- Informal Contract
- Separation / Seating plan
- Detention at recess or lunch time
- Community Service / Yard Duty
- Buddy class
- Parent contact
- Upper School Withdrawal

#### HOLA

- Subject withdrawal
- Buddy class
- Formal Contract
- Detention at recess or lunch time
- Community Service / Yard Duty
- After school detention (Wednesday early close)
- Learning Area Contract
- Case Conference

# **Student Services**

- Case Conference
- High end case management
- Alternative Educational Programs
- Program monitoring
- Individual Behaviour Plans

# **Deputy**

- Detention at recess or lunch time
- Community Service / Yard Duty
- Case Conference
- High end case management
- Alternative Educational Programs
- Program monitoring
- Individual Behaviour Plans
- Internal Suspension
- External Suspension
- Preparation for exclusion

# **5.3** Belief Statements

- **!** Education is the shared responsibility of the school, student, family and community.
- Education works best when there is mutual respect between teachers, parents, students, and the community.
- The school environment meets the emotional, academic, social, and physical needs of each student along with stimulating the desire to explore and participate in activities in and beyond the classroom.
- Preparation for career decisions and higher education is essential to the future success of every student.
- ❖ A collaborative learning environment fosters a sense of belonging, cultivating creative thinking, and problem-solving.
- The school sets high expectations and provides meaningful and challenging instruction, allowing each student to achieve their highest potential.
- The school community respects, protects, and celebrates the diversity, talent, and potential to learn of each student.

# 5.4 Countering Bullying

Thornlie's Countering Bullying Policy can be found in the Appendix section of this handbook.

# 6. Academic

# **6.1** Student Engagement

At Thornlie Senior High School we provide for the wellbeing of students in a number of different ways. Our Learning Framework acknowledges individual differences and actively encourages all members of the school community to reach their potential. Students are more likely to succeed when they feel connected to school. School connection is the belief by students that adults in the school care about their learning as well as about them as individuals.

Positive classroom environments are critical in developing and maintaining the well-being of students. A positive environment is one in which students feel secure, have the skills and opportunities to participate and have their contributions valued and acknowledged.

At Thornlie we build relationships based on our core values of, pride, respect and responsibility. The school actively seeks the involvement of parents/carers in the education of their children. It seeks to develop a cooperative team approach to maximising the behaviour and education of the student. When behaviours or actions compromise the ideal relationship involving members of the school community, the school will use a restorative approach to repair the relationship with individuals and groups. The school has a Bullying Policy that outlines the steps in dealing with bullying based around restoring the relationships and building an understanding of what all parties involved are thinking and feeling.

Student attendance at school is a key to achieving success and connection to the school. At Thornlie our Attendance Policy outlines key strategies that are used to track student attendance and to provide support for students and families when necessary.

Student engagement and participation is actively encouraged at Thornlie SHS. The Student Services Team and the Year Level Coordinators work together to involve students, from all year levels, in decision making at the school. Student Councillors are elected from each class and year level and meet together as a homeroom under the guidance of the Student Council Coordinators.

# 6.2 Meeting the Standard

Our Expectation is that no matter a student's starting point is, we expect to see a years progress for year's education.

# 6.3 Australian Curriculum

# **Development and Implementation**

The Melbourne Declaration on Educational Goals for Young Australians (2008) and the Australian Curriculum identify eight learning areas:

- English;
- Mathematics;
- Science (including Biological Sciences, Chemical Sciences, Earth and Space Sciences,
- Physical Sciences);
- Humanities and Social Sciences (including Civics and Citizenship, Economics and Business,
- Geography, History);
- The Arts (including Dance, Drama, Media Arts, Music, Visual Arts);
- Languages;
- Health and Physical Education; and
- Technologies (including Design and Technology, Digital Technologies).

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) have developed the Australian Curriculum (Pre-primary to Year 10) in three phases:

- Phase 1 comprises English, Mathematics, Science and History (a component of Humanities and
- Social Science);
- Phase 2 comprises Geography, Languages and the Arts; and
- Phase 3 comprises Health and Physical Education, Technologies, Economics and Business, and Civics and Citizenship.

The Pre-primary to Year 10 Phase 2 and Phase 3 Australian Curriculum will only be implemented once the curriculum is in a form that is suitable for Western Australian schools and the achievement standards, work samples and judging standards support materials are fully developed.

Given the phased development of the Australian Curriculum, schools will be teaching some learning areas from the Australian Curriculum supplemented by learning areas described in the former Western Australian Curriculum Framework. As the Australian Curriculum is developed, it will gradually replace the Curriculum Framework in Western Australia.

# **6.3.1** General Capabilities

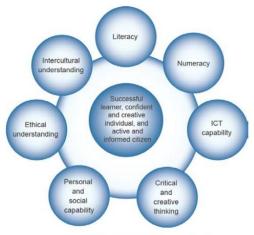
These are embedded in the content of the learning areas. They play a significant role in realising the goals set out in the Melbourne Declaration on Educational Goals for Young Australians (MCEETYA 2008) – that all young people in Australia should be supported to become successful learners, confident and creative individuals, and active and informed citizens.

The Melbourne Declaration identifies essential skills for twenty-first century learners – in literacy, numeracy, information and communication technology (ICT), thinking, creativity, teamwork and communication. It describes individuals who can manage their own wellbeing, relate well to others, make informed decisions about their lives, become citizens who behave with ethical integrity, relate to and communicate across cultures, work for the common good and act with responsibility at local, regional and global levels.

The general capabilities encompass the knowledge, skills, behaviours and dispositions that, together with curriculum content in each learning area and the cross-curriculum priorities, will assist students to live and work successfully in the twenty-first century. They complement the key learning outcomes of the Early Years Learning Framework (COAG 2009) – that children have a strong sense of identity and wellbeing, are connected with and contribute to their world, are confident and involved learners and effective communicators.

The Australian Curriculum includes seven general capabilities:

- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Information and communication technology (ICT) capability
- Critical and creative thinking
- Personal and social capability
- Ethical understanding
- Intercultural understanding.



General capabilities in the Australian Curriculum

# Teaching and assessment of general capabilities

Teachers are expected to teach and assess general capabilities to the extent that they are incorporated within each learning area.

State and territory school authorities will determine whether and how student learning of the general capabilities will be further assessed and reported.

For some students, it may be necessary to adjust the levels of complexity and the processes they use to develop capabilities. However, the role and place of general capabilities in the Australian Curriculum remain the same for all students.

# 6.4 West Australian Curriculum

The Western Australian Curriculum and Assessment Outline sets out the knowledge, understandings, skills, values and attitudes that students are expected to acquire and guidelines for the assessment of student achievement. The Outline is informed by the Belonging, Being & Becoming: The Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) and the Australian Curriculum.

The Western Australian Minister for Education has approved the implementation of the Western Australian Curriculum, which has been developed and is monitered by the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA). All Learning Areas have now fully implemented the new curriculum with only Languages awaiting further phased implementation.

# **6.5 WACE Requirements**

The Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) is awarded to senior secondary school students who satisfy its requirements. It is a senior secondary certificate recognised nationally in the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF). Generally, students will complete two years of senior secondary study to achieve the WACE, although the School Curriculum and Standards Authority allows students to meet the WACE requirements over a lifetime.

The WACE is recognised by universities, industry and other training providers.

Achievement of a WACE signifies that a student has successfully met the breadth and depth standard, the achievement standard and the literacy and numeracy standard in their senior secondary schooling.

These are the minimum requirements for students to receive a Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) from 2017 onwards.

# **6.5.1** Breadth and depth requirement

Completion of a minimum of 20 units or the equivalent. This requirement must include at least: (Explanatory notes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)

- a minimum of 10 Year 12 units, or the equivalent
- two Year 11 units from an English course, post-Year 10, including at least one pair of Year 12 units from an English course
- one pair of Year 12 units from each of List A (arts/languages/social sciences) and List B (mathematics/science/technology).

# 6.5.2 Achievement Standard

- Achievement of at least 14 C grades or higher (or the equivalent) in Year 11 and 12 units, including at least six C grades, or equivalents, in Year 12. (Explanatory notes 5 and 6)
- Completion of at least four Year 12 ATAR courses or of a Certificate II (or higher) VET qualification.

# 6.5.3 Literacy and Numeracy Standard

• Demonstration of the minimum standard of literacy and numeracy. (Explanatory notes 7 and 8)

# **6.5.4** Explanatory Notes Relating to WACE Requirements

- i. The breadth requirement can be met through ATAR, General and Foundation courses. The depth requirement can be met through ATAR, General, VET industry specific and Foundation courses, VET credit transfer and endorsed programs. The achievement standard can be met through ATAR, General, VET industry specific and Foundation courses.
- ii. Of the 20 units required for a WACE, up to a maximum of four Year 11 units and four Year 12 units may be substituted by VET qualifications and/or endorsed programs. A student may choose to study VET qualifications and/or endorsed programs and be able to substitute using only VET qualifications (up to a total of eight units) or using endorsed programs (up to a total of four units) or using a combination of VET and endorsed programs (up to a total of eight units but with a maximum of four units with endorsed programs two in Year 11 and two in Year 12).
- iii. Students are able to substitute the course unit requirement with unit equivalents achieved through the completion of AQF VET qualifications at Certificate I, II, III and higher (see Section 4 of the <u>WACE Manual 2017</u>) and/or endorsed programs (see Section 5 of the <u>WACE Manual 2017</u>).
- iv. Students can repeat units. However, those units that have the same unit code, e.g. AEENG, and are repeated, do not contribute to the WACE requirements more than once. Note: Students who complete ATAR Units 3 and 4 as part of an accelerated program and sit the examination cannot report these units until after they leave school at the completion of Year 12.
- v. Students enrolled in a Year 12 ATAR course must sit the external examination in that course. If students do not sit an ATAR course examination and do not have an approved sickness/misadventure application for that course, the grades for the pair of units completed in that year will not contribute towards any of the WACE requirements. Students who do not sit the ATAR course examination will not have a course mark or grade recorded on their WASSA, nor will they receive an ATAR course report. For ATAR courses with practical components, students must complete both the written and practical examinations.
- vi. Both VET qualifications and endorsed programs can indirectly contribute to the WACE standard requirement of a C grade in at least 14 units. A C grade in a maximum of eight units (four in Year 11 and four in Year 12) can be replaced by unit equivalents from VET qualifications and/or endorsed programs. Of these eight unit equivalents, a maximum of four can be from endorsed programs (two in Year 11 and two in Year 12).

- vii. The literacy and numeracy standard can be met either through the Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (OLNA) or by achieving Band 8 or above in the associated components of reading, writing or numeracy in the Year 9 NAPLAN tests. Students undertaking the OLNA will be required to satisfy both the reading and writing components in order to demonstrate the minimum WACE literacy standard.
- viii. If students do not demonstrate the literacy and numeracy standard by the time they exit secondary school, they can apply to the Authority to re-sit the assessment at any age. (Note: the WACE requirements may change over time and students studying towards the achievement of the WACE after they leave school will be required to meet the WACE requirements current at the time of the completion of their studies.)

Table 1: General features of senior secondary courses and programs

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Courses and Programs	General Features
Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) courses	These courses are examined by the Authority (see <u>Section 6</u> ). Student results in ATAR courses are used by the Tertiary Institutions Service Centre (TISC) to calculate a student's Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR). The ATAR is used to determine eligibility for university entrance. Students seeking to achieve an ATAR will need to complete a minimum of four Year 12 ATAR courses, excluding unacceptable combinations (see <u>Undergraduate Admission Requirements for School Leavers</u> on the TISC website). ATAR courses are for students who are aiming to go to university.
General courses	These courses are not externally examined. However, they each have an externally set task (EST) which is set by the Authority (see <u>sub-sections 2.4.1.3</u> and <u>3.6</u> ). General courses are for students who are typically aiming to enter further vocationally based training or the workforce straight from school.
Vocational Education and Training (VET) industry specific courses	These courses include a full AQF qualification, mandatory workplace learning and contribute to the Certificate II requirement for a WACE. VET industry specific courses are for students aiming to enter further vocationally based training or the workforce straight from school.
Foundation courses	These courses provide a focus on functional literacy and numeracy skills, practical work-related experience and the opportunity to build personal skills that are important for life and work. The Foundation courses are not designed, nor intended, to be an alternative senior secondary pathway. Foundation courses are for students who have not been able to demonstrate the minimum standard for literacy and/or numeracy (see <a href="sub-section 1.6">sub-section 1.6</a> ) before Year 11 and are unlikely to do so before the end of Year 12 without significant levels of student support.
Preliminary courses	<ul> <li>Preliminary courses are for students who have been identified as having a learning difficulty and/or an intellectual disability (see <a href="sub-section 1.7">sub-section 1.7</a>). They provide a relevant option for students who:</li> <li>cannot access the ATAR, General or Foundation course content with adjustment and/or disability provisions</li> <li>are unable to progress directly to training from school</li> <li>require modified and/or independent education plans</li> <li>have been identified as having a recognised disability under the <i>Disability Discrimination Act 1992</i> and meet the above criteria.</li> <li>Preliminary courses do not contribute to achievement of the WACE.</li> </ul>

Courses and Programs	General Features
Vocational Education and Training (VET) qualification s	VET qualifications are for students wishing to participate in nationally recognised training. All VET qualifications require registered training organisation (RTO) delivery, assessment and quality control under the relevant VET regulatory body (see <a href="Section 4">Section 4</a> ). A Certificate II or higher is one of the range of requirements for achieving a WACE. These qualifications contribute to the WACE as unit equivalents.
Endorsed programs	These programs provide access to areas of learning not covered by WACE courses or VET programs and contribute to the WACE as unit equivalents (see Section 5). Endorsed programs are for students wishing to participate in programs which are delivered in a variety of settings by schools, workplaces, universities and community organisations.

**ATAR, General and Foundation courses** are offered at two year levels – Year 11, comprising Units 1 and 2, and Year 12, comprising Units 3 and 4. The different certificates (I, II and III) available through VET industry specific courses are packaged as two or four units.

For ATAR, General, and Foundation courses, each unit is nominally 55 hours contact time. For VET industry specific courses, the unit time is dependent on the qualification and may require more than 55 hours per unit. For ATAR, General and Foundation courses:

- the two Year 11 units are typically studied and reported to the Authority as a pair, but may be studied and reported separately
- the two Year 12 units must be studied and reported to the Authority as a pair.

Note: the Authority's recommendation is for schools to enrol students in pairs of units in both Year 11 and Year 12. Where a student transfers between Year 11 courses or units after Semester 1 the school can report student achievement for two separate units (see <a href="sub-section 2.4.3">sub-section 2.4.3</a>).

**For VET industry specific courses**, both Year 11 units and Year 12 units are reported as pairs. Preliminary courses comprise four units. Each unit is studied and reported separately.

Some ATAR and General courses have defined contexts. These courses are:

- Design: Dimensional Design, Graphics, Photography, and Technical Graphics (General only)
- Materials Design and Technology: Metal, Textiles, Wood (ATAR and General)
- Music: Contemporary, Jazz, Western Art (ATAR only).

Each context consists of two Year 11 units (1 and 2) and two Year 12 units (3 and 4). Students can enrol in more than one context in each course with defined contexts, but only a maximum of four units will count towards WACE requirements and students can sit only one ATAR course examination for the course.

#### **Course outline**

The teacher determines the sequence in which the syllabus content will be taught and the timing of delivery and must provide this information to the students, before teaching begins, in the form of a course outline. The document can be provided as a hard copy or electronically if the school ensures that all students have adequate access in this format.

### **Assessment outline**

An assessment outline is required for each pair of units (or, where a single unit of a Year 11 course is being delivered, for that single unit) and must conform with the assessment requirements as specified in the assessment table of the syllabus. This ensures that the planned assessment tasks will provide students with the opportunity to demonstrate their achievement of the knowledge, skills and understandings that they have acquired in their study.

The format for an assessment outline is a school decision but each outline must include the following information:

- the number of tasks to be assessed
- a general description of each task
- an indication of the coverage of the unit content provided by each task
- the approximate timing of each task (e.g. the week the task will be conducted or the start and submission dates for an extended task)
- the weighting of each assessment task
- the weighting of each assessment type, as specified in the assessment table of the syllabus.

The set of tasks in the assessment outline must provide a comprehensive sampling of the syllabus content. The number of assessment tasks is determined by the teacher. Over-assessment must be avoided because too many assessment tasks can interfere with the teaching and learning process.

Students must be provided with a copy of the Assessment Outline, before teaching begins, either as a hard copy or electronically if the school ensures that all students have adequate access in this format.

Should changing circumstances require the assessment outline to be amended (e.g. deleting a planned assessment task and re-weighting all other tasks), students must be informed and provided with the amended assessment outline.

If the course requires small group moderation (see <u>sub-section 3.8</u>) then the partner schools must use the same assessment outline and use marking methods that will ensure student marks are on the same scale.

# 6.6 Assessment Policy

Thornlie's Assessment Policy can be found in Appendix section of this handbook.

# 6.7 Homework Policy

Thornlie's Homework Policy can be found in Appendix section of this handbook.

# 6.8 System Testing

# 6.8.1 National Assessment Program (NAPLAN)

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an everyday part of the school calendar since 2008.

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. The assessments are undertaken nationwide, every year, in the second full week in May.

NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four areas (or 'domains') of:

- reading
- writing
- language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
- numeracy

NAPLAN tests skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time through the school curriculum.

#### **2024 NAPLAN Dates**

13th - 25th March

# 6.8.1 Online Literacy and Numeracy (OLNA)

# What is the purpose of OLNA?

OLNA provides students with opportunities to demonstrate the minimum Literacy and Numeracy standard required for WACE attainment. OLNA also helps identify students at risk of not demonstrating the minimum standard.

#### What does OLNA assess?

OLNA assesses skills described in Levels 1–4 of the Australian Core Skills Framework. The skills described are those regarded as essential for individuals to meet the demands of everyday life and work.

The framework is in a multi-page PDF, which is available online at <a href="http://www.industry.gov.au/skills/AssistanceForTrainersAndPractitioners/AustralianCoreSkillsFramework/">http://www.industry.gov.au/skills/AssistanceForTrainersAndPractitioners/AustralianCoreSkillsFramework/</a> Pages/default.aspx

#### What is the assessment structure and format?

There are three online assessment components - Reading, Writing and Numeracy. The Reading and numeracy components comprise 60 multiple-choice questions; the Writing component is an extended response of up to 600 words. Students will be allowed 60 minutes for each assessment.

Each student responds to one of several equivalent versions of each assessment that are randomly delivered.

### When is OLNA conducted?

OLNA is conducted in March and September each year. Below are dates for the next three rounds of testing. Alternative testing dates are not available for schools or individuals who make arrangements to undertake camps, travel, work-experience or other activities that prevent completion of the OLNA during the testing window.

# 2024 Testing window dates

Test Period	Writing	Numeracy and Readir	ng Cohort
Term 1 <sup>^</sup>	26 – 27 February	26 February – 8 March	Year 11#, 12
Term 2 Window A <sup>^</sup>	22 – 23 April	22 April – 3 May	Year 10, 11#, 12
Term 2 Window B	10 – 11 June	10 – 21 June	Year 10, 11#, 12
Term 3 Window A	22 – 23 July	22 July – 2 August	Year 10, 11, 12
Term 3 Window B	2 – 3 September	2 – 13 September	Year 10, 11, 12
Term 4	21 – 22 October	21 October – 1 November	Year 9*, 10

The provision of broad and comprehensive teaching and learning programs is the best preparation that you can provide your students. Excessive coaching and assessment preparation is inappropriate. (SCSA website)

The Western Australian Curriculum (WAC) comprehensively covers the skills tested in the OLNA

Our school has a coaching model in place for students who are yet to achieve category 3 in any/all of the assessment components. Those in Year 10s are supported across their Learning Area work, whilst Year 11 & 12 students that have been identified are coached by a team of teachers to work towards achieving their Category 3 in the relevant components in order to qualify for WACE.

# 6.9 Connect

# Our aim for 2024 is to continue to be a fully CONNECTED school community.

Connect allows you to communicate easily with students and parents allowing them to be more informed about learning in our school.

Connect assists Parents and Caregivers to stay informed with their child's learning anywhere, anytime. They can securely access their child's individual attendance and academic information. Parents will be engaging in their child's Learning Journey through secondary schooling.

For Students, Connect assists them to access their course work and daily school information anytime, anywhere. They can communicate directly with you their teacher to ensure they are fully prepared for class, excursions, extra-curricular activities and social events. Connect will assist students to see their progress in each of their classes and help them to achieve your personal best at school.

To support students in their learning, it is expected that all teachers will create a Connect class for each of their timetabled classes and have the required course information loaded on to this page by the end of Week 2, Term 1.

Teachers are required to have a Course Outline, Assessment Outline and a Welcome Message loaded on to each of their Connect classes.

It is anticipated that teachers will develop their use of Connect across the school year, and look to employing the advanced features that Connect has to offer, including uploading of class resources, submissions and online marks books. Support for staff members who would like to develop their use of IT is proved through the ICT/STEM Committee and other key staff members.

# 7. Enrichment

# 7.1 Approved Specialist Programs: Rugby

Children have the opportunity to turn their passions into dream futures through more than 110 Approved Specialist Programs at 60 schools across the State. Sports, arts, academic and applied Approved Specialist Programs give children real-world skills and a head start in reaching their career goals.

Many programs are linked to sporting and industry bodies and training organisations, allowing children to gain industry recognised qualifications. Teachers and coaches are adept at recognising and developing children's skills in their areas of interest. At Thornlie we are pleased to offer Rugby as an Approved Specialist Program.

Thornlie Senior High School has a proud history in Rugby dating back to 1991 and has been a DoE accredited Sports Specialist Rugby School since 2003. The Specialist Rugby program at Thornlie Senior High School aims to develop each student's skills, Physical fitness, abilities, aspirations and values to the highest level possible in order that they may realise their potential.

The development of personal values is strongly emphasised throughout the program. We aim to strengthen students' self-esteem, optimism and commitment to personal fulfilment. Character building qualities such as sportsmanship, personal responsibility and self-discipline are emphasised in every part of the course.

Selection will be based on physical skill levels and academic attitude. Skill tests will be conducted at the school under the supervision of coaching staff.

Successful applicants will be required to meet the following expectations:

- Participate consistently and to the best of their ability throughout their involvement in the Rugby program.
- Maintain an excellent school attendance and behaviour record.
- Develop a positive attitude towards the school's ethos.
- Maintain a positive attitude towards academic and vocational studies.

# 7.2 School Based Specialist Programs

# **7.2.1** Music

Thornlie Senior High School offers an exciting opportunity for students to explore their interest in instrumental/vocal music and performance by applying for selection into the Instrumental Music Program. We offer intensive training in all areas of music to the successful applicants, including studies in aural training, theory, arranging, song writing and music history. There is a strong emphasis on contemporary music and music industry related careers, such as sound/lighting, event management, performing, composing/arranging and recording.

Students have access to our custom-built Performing Arts Centre at the school for their performances as well as a piano keyboard lab, practice rooms and a variety of equipment and instruments that we provide for students to use in class time to enhance the teaching-learning program.

# **Student Selection and Application**

To be accepted into the Instrumental Music Program, applicants must satisfy the following criteria:

- Willingness to participate in all facets of the program, including weekly lesson, weekly large ensemble rehearsals and musical performances as required.
- Enthusiasm and aptitude for music students must complete a brief musical aptitude listening test.

- Ability to meet the requirements of the program
  - Student must come out of timetabled classes to participate in lessons and should be able to commit to daily practice time on their instrument/voice, and be keeping a music practice journal
- Participate in a brief interview and audition with the music coordinator
- Sign the Instrumental Program Agreement Contract.

# 7.2.2 Netball

The Netball Academy at Thornlie Senior High School provides students with an opportunity to combine sporting excellence and academic achievement. Students are encouraged to continue in the development of skills, physical fitness and aspirations, with an emphasis placed on individuals to strive for and achieve personal best.

#### Opportunities for players:

- Students will be provided with opportunities to compete in SSWA competitions and Specialist Netball Carnivals.
- · Development of skills through specialist coaching and clinics
- Fitness and Training
- Coaching and Umpiring accreditations
- Development of coaching and umpiring with juniors
- Opportunity to travel Interstate and complete in the Gold Coast Netball Tournament

#### Selection Criteria:

Students are selected to represent Thornlie Senior High School in the Netball Academy after completing the appropriate Application Stages-

- 1. Applicants complete a Thornlie SHS Netball Academy Application Form and return it to the school.
- 2. Selection Trials—Fitness and Skills Assessment will be carried out under the supervision of qualified staff and member/s of Southern Districts Netball Association.
- 3. Academic Reports and References will be considered

# 8. Appendix: Policy Documents

# **Appendix:**

# **Policies:**

- Positive Behaviour Support Plan
  - Countering Bullying Policy
  - Mobile Phone Policy
  - Drug Education Policy
  - Late to School Policy
  - Uniform Policy
  - Smoking Policy
  - Good Standing Policy
  - Management of Aggression Policy
  - Suicidal/Self Injury Guidelines
- Assessment Policy
- Communicating with your School
- Homework Policy
- Lockdown Policy & Procedures
- Evacuation Procedures
- Student Parking Policy

# **Senior Secondary Assessment Policy**

This policy is provided to all senior secondary students at Thornlie Senior High School and is based on School Curriculum and Standards Authority (Authority) requirements.

All Year 11 and year 12 students are enrolled in a combination of ATAR, General, Foundation and Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) Certificates. Students gain credit for the WACE by completing an AQF qualification at Certificate II or Certificate III level. Students who complete the requirements of Workplace Learning also gain credit for the WACE.

Thornlie Senior High School is a Registered Training Organisation (RTO). All students enrolling in Certificate Courses from any training package will receive a VET Policies and Procedures booklet, which outlines all RTO requirements. A separate acknowledgement form must be signed and returned to the Careers Centre by the specified date.

This policy applies to the assessment of all WACE courses.

# 1. Student responsibilities

It is the responsibility of the student to:

- attempt all in-class assessment tasks on the scheduled date and submit all out-of-class assessment tasks by the due date
- maintain an assessment file for each pair of units studied which contains all completed written assessment tasks and to make this file available whenever required by the school
- maintain a good record of attendance, conduct and progress (a student who is absent from a class for five lessons or more per term is deemed to be 'at risk' of not achieving the best possible result. A child enters an 'attendance risk' category once their attendance drops below 90%)
- initiate contact with teachers concerning absence from class, missed in-class assessment tasks, requests for extension of the due date for out-of-class assessment tasks and other issues pertaining to assessment

# 2. Teacher responsibilities

It is the responsibility of the teacher to:

- develop a teaching and learning program that appropriately delivers the current Authority syllabus for the particular pair of units
- provide students with access to a course outline and an assessment outline
- ensure that all assessment tasks are fair, valid and reliable
- provide students with timely assessment feedback and with guidance about how best to undertake future tasks
- maintain accurate records of student achievement
- meet school and external timelines for assessment and reporting
- inform students and parents of academic progress, as appropriate

## 3. Information provided to students

Before teaching starts the teacher will provide on Connect the following documents:

- the Authority syllabus for the pair of units which includes the grade descriptions
- a course outline for the pair of units (or unit or semester) that shows:
  - the content from the syllabus in the sequence in which it will be taught
  - the approximate time allocated to teach each section of content from the syllabus
- an assessment outline for the pair of units that includes:
  - o the number of tasks to be assessed
  - o the approximate timing of each assessment task (i.e. the week in which each assessment task is planned or the start week and submissions week for each out-of-class extended task)
  - o the weighting for each assessment task
  - o the weighting for each assessment type, as specified in the assessment table of the syllabus
  - o a general description of each assessment task
  - o an indication of the content covered by each assessment task.

Note: Students without internet access at home can request from their teacher a hard copy of these documents.

#### 4. Assessing student achievement

At Thornlie Senior High School all students are enrolled in a pair of units. In each pair of units, a number of assessment tasks occur during the year including end of semester exams in all ATAR courses and an Externally Set Task for Year 12 General and Foundation courses.

Each task provides evidence of student achievement. The teacher uses the total weighted mark from all assessment tasks when assigning a grade at the completion of the pair of units.

The requirements for each assessment task will be clearly described in writing (i.e. what the student needs to do, often indicating the steps involved for extended tasks). Where appropriate, the criteria against which the task will be marked will be provided with the task.

Most tasks are completed in-class. Some courses may include tasks that are completed out-of-class (in which case, student achievement may be validated to ensure authenticity).

Some courses may include assessment tasks to be completed by a group of students. In such cases teachers will use strategies to enable them to assess the performance of each individual in the group. Typically this will be identified in the task (or task brief) provided to the students at the commencement of the task.

Where a student's disability, specific education needs or cultural beliefs will significantly affect their access to an assessment task the teacher may adjust the task in consultation with the relevant Head of Learning Area/Teacher-in-Charge responsible for the course.

School-based assessments are conducted by teachers in accordance with the school's Assessment Policy. At the end of a course unit, aggregate marks are used to produce a rank order of student achievement. Grade descriptors are then used to determine a grade (A-E) at the end of each course unit.

In their final WACE year, ATAR students will also receive an aggregate school mark out of 100 for each course unit.

For courses with practical (performance or production) components, a mark out of 100 may be required for each of these components.

Students are assessed in relation to the School Curriculum & Standards Authority (SCSA) assessment guidelines and awarded grades of -

- A Excellent achievement
- **B** High Achievement
- **C** Sound achievement
- **D** Limited Achievement
- **E** Inadequate Achievement

## 5. School examinations

School examinations are included in the assessment outline for the pair of units. The weighting (i.e. proportion of the final mark) for these school-based examinations varies between courses and can be determined from the assessment outline.

- A written examination will be held in all ATAR courses at the end of Semester 1 and the end of Semester 2.
- A practical/performance/oral exam will also be held in those courses with a practical, performance or oral ATAR examination.
- In Year 11 written examinations are typically 2.5 or 3 hours in duration.
- In Year 12 all written examinations are 3 hours duration except for courses with a practical, performance or oral examination, which are 2.5 hours plus a separate practical, performance or oral examination.
- The examination timetable is issued to students two weeks before the start of the exam period. The examination rules are available on Connect.

If an examination contains an error or questions are based on content that is outside the syllabus, or there is a breach of security the school will:

- remove the question containing the error or that is based on content outside the syllabus, or
- set a new examination if there is a breach of security that affects all students, or
- penalise the students involved if there is a breach of security limited to only them (i.e. a mark of zero)

Where health issues or personal circumstances prevent a student from completing one or more school examinations, as for all other assessment tasks, the school will determine whether the reason is acceptable and if not acceptable the student will be given a mark of zero. If the reason is acceptable to the school an alternate date will be set or where this is not possible the student will not sit the examination and their marks for other tasks will be re-weighted.

# 6. Externally set task

All students enrolled in a Year 12 General or Foundation course are required to complete an externally set task (EST) for that course.

The EST is included in the assessment outline for the pair of units. This assessment task has a weighting of 15% of the final mark for the pair of units.

The EST is a 50 minute written assessment task developed by the Authority based on content from Unit 3. It is completed in class under standard test conditions.

Where a student does not complete the EST due to absence they will be required to complete the task at the first available opportunity (generally within two days of the student's return to school). If this is not until after the date that the Authority requires the school to submit the EST marks then the mark will be included in the student's school mark but will not be uploaded to SCSA.

# 7. Cheating, collusion and plagiarism

Students must not cheat (i.e. engage in a dishonest act to gain an unfair advantage).

All work in each individual assessment task must be the work of the student. Students are not permitted to submit for marking, as original, any work which is:

- prepared or substantively contributed to by another person (e.g. student, teacher, tutor or expert)
- copied or downloaded from the internet without acknowledging the source
- paraphrases or summarises the work of others

If a student is believed to have engaged in cheating, collusion or plagiarism, the teacher will refer the matter to the relevant head of learning area/teacher-in-charge responsible for the course. As part of this process, the student and the parent/guardian will be informed of suspected inappropriate behaviour. The student will be provided with the right of reply.

If it is demonstrated beyond reasonable doubt that a student has cheated, colluded or plagiarised, one of the following penalties will apply:

- a mark of zero for the whole assessment task, or
- a mark of zero for the part of the assessment task where the teacher can identify that the work is not the student's own
  - o a student who 'provides' their work for others to claim as their own has colluded, and so the previous two dot points will apply to them as well as to the student submitting such work.

The parent/guardian will be informed in writing of the decision made, the penalty and any further disciplinary action.

# 8. Security of assessment tasks

Where there is more than one class studying the same pair of units at the school, all or most, of the assessment tasks will be the same to ensure student marks are on the same scale. In such cases, to ensure that no students are unfairly advantaged, the question papers used for in-class assessment tasks will be collected at the end of the lesson and retained by the teacher until the task has been completed by all classes. In their own interests, students must not discuss the nature of the questions with students from the other classes until after all classes have completed the task. Discussion of the questions will be treated as collusion and the students will be penalised.

Where the school uses the same assessment task or exam as other schools, the task/exam and the student responses will be retained by the teacher until all schools have completed the task/exam.

### 9. Retention and disposal of student work

Students are responsible for retaining all of their marked written assessment tasks. The school will retain all non-written assessment tasks (typically as audio or video recordings or digital products). This material is required by the teacher when assigning grades at the completion of the pair of units and may be required by the Authority for moderation purposes.

To assist students, the school may establish an assessment file for each student for each course/program. The file would hold all marked written assessment tasks. Students would have access to this file for revision purposes. The school would retain the files until the Authority has accepted the marks. The written assessment tasks would be available to students for collection after that time. The school would securely dispose of all materials not collected by the end of the school year. All recorded evidence of performance for non-written assessment tasks would be deleted/erased at the end of the school year.

The school will not use the materials for any other purposes without the written permission of the student.

#### 10. Modification of the assessment outline

If circumstances change during the teaching of a pair of units, requiring the teacher to make adjustments to scheduled assessment tasks, then students will be notified and the modified assessment outline will be placed on the school intranet.

Where a disability, special education needs or cultural beliefs has resulted in the inability of a student to complete one or more assessment tasks the assessment outline will be adjusted and provided to the student and parent/guardian.

## 11. Students with a disability

Students with a diagnosed disability will, where their disability, impairment or medical condition will significantly affect their access to a particular assessment task, have written and/or practical assessment tasks (including school examinations) adjusted by the teacher in consultation with the relevant head of learning area/teacher-in-charge responsible for the course. These adjustments will be consistent with those described in the Authority's Guidelines for disability adjustments for timed assessments, which can be accessed from the Authority website. Adjustments, depending on the individual students' education needs, can include special equipment, provision of a scribe, or additional time to complete the task.

Students who are unable to complete an assessment task because of their disability will be provided with alternative opportunities to demonstrate their knowledge, skills and understandings.

#### 12. Completion of a pair of units

A grade (A, B, C, D or E) is assigned for each pair of units completed.

Students are required to:

- attempt all in-class assessment tasks on the scheduled date
- submit all out-of-class assessment tasks on or before the due date

If an assessment task cannot be submitted directly to the teacher it is to be submitted to the relevant head of learning area/teacher-in-charge.

Where health issues or other personal circumstances may prevent a student completing an in-class assessment task, the student (or the parent/guardian) must discuss the matter with the teacher at the earliest opportunity before the scheduled date. The school will determine whether the reason is acceptable.

Where the reason for not submitting an assessment task or attending a scheduled in-class assessment task is acceptable to the school the student's assessment outline will, where possible, be adjusted and a grade assigned.

Students who miss an "in-school" assessment task must, by the next lesson attended, produce a medical
certificate or a parental note explaining their absence. If the reason for missing an in school assessment is
considered valid by the HOD/TIC/Deputy Principal the student will not be penalised and may be permitted to
complete a similar assessment task at the next convenient opportunity

- If a course has an assessment task such as a camp or other practical task that cannot be repeated, the student will receive a zero and parents/guardians notified immediately
- If a student has been provided with the opportunity to complete the assessment requirements for a course unit or subject but does not use this opportunity for reasons that are not acceptable to the school (e.g. absence on the due date of an assignment or on the day of a test, late submission of a long-term assessment task) then the student will awarded a zero mark for that assessment task
- Extension to due dates must be negotiated with the HOLA/TIC at least 2 school days before the due date.
  This negotiated due date is a final deadline after which a student will be awarded a zero (0) mark for that
  assessment. Extension for lateness must be covered by a medical certificate or parental notification of other
  serious reasons, which clearly indicate why work cannot be submitted on time prior to the due date
- An alternate test/task may be provided for students who are absent if the reason for missing an in school assessment is considered valid by the HOD/TIC/Deputy Principal
- Students who do not comply with the course and assessment requirements will be issued with a Letter of Concern as soon as possible

# 13. Acceptable reasons for non-completion or non-submission

The penalty for non-completion or non-submission of an assessment task will be waived if the student provides a reason which is acceptable to the school. For example:

- where sickness, injury or significant personal circumstances prevents a student attending on the day that an in-class assessment task (including school examinations and the externally set task) is scheduled
- where sickness, injury or significant personal circumstances for part or all of the period of an out-of-class assessment task prevents completion or submission by the due date.

In such cases the parent/guardian must:

- contact the school before 9:30am on the day of the in-class assessment task or due date for submission of an out-of-class assessment and
- provide either a medical certificate or a letter of explanation immediately the student returns to school Where the student provides a reason, which **is acceptable** to the school for the non-completion or non-submission of an assessment task, the teacher will:
- negotiate an adjusted due date for an out-of-class assessment task or an adjusted date for an in-class assessment task (generally, within two days of the student's return), or
- decide on an alternate assessment task (if, in the opinion of the teacher, the assessment is no longer confidential), **or**
- not require the task to be completed and re-weight the student's marks for other tasks (if, in the opinion of the teacher, sufficient evidence exists in the other tasks completed to meet the Authority requirements for the course and to enable a grade to be assigned)

Events that can be rescheduled are not a valid reason for non-completion or non-submission of an assessment task (e.g. sitting a driver's licence test, preparation for the school ball, family holidays). In exceptional circumstances, the parent/guardian may negotiate with the Year Co-ordinator the development of an individual education plan. This plan will show how the missed lesson time will be compensated for and any adjustments to the assessment outline.

Where a catastrophic event (e.g. a pandemic) affects delivery of the teaching program, the completion or submission of one or more assessment tasks and/or completion of the school examination timetable, students will be advised by the school of adjustments to the task requirements and/or the assessment outline.

## 14. Transfer between courses and/or units

Should a student commence a pair of units late they will be at risk of being disadvantaged compared to others in the class. An application to transfer between types of courses or between courses is made through the Deputy Principal. A meeting may be held with the parent/guardian to discuss student progress and the requirements necessary for the student to be assigned a grade in the pair of units into which they wish to transfer.

At Thornlie Senior High School the deadline for student transfers in Year 11 and Year 12 is *Friday of Week 3 in Term 1*, as all courses are assessed as a pair of units. In **extenuating** circumstances a request for transfer may be considered by the Deputy Principal after this date.

AQF Certificate course are of two years duration. A student in Year 11 may transfer to another certificate before the end of week three Term One. Consultation with the RTO Manager, the Vet staff and administrators is required in these circumstances. Counselling will be aimed at achieving 'completion', and where completion is unlikely or not possible, transfers between certificate courses will be disallowed. There will be no further option of a transfer between certificates in the over the two years.

Students studying a Foundation course can transfer to a General course after the OLNA results are received from the Authority.

When a student transfers to a different course within the same subject (e.g. from English ATAR Year 11 to English General Year 11) or to a similar course (e.g. Human Biology ATAR Year 11 to Integrated Science General Year 11), the marks from completed assessment tasks will be used, where they are appropriate, for the unit into which the student is transferring. These marks may be statistically adjusted to ensure that they are on the same scale as the marks for all students in the new class.

Where additional work and/or assessment tasks are necessary to enable a grade to be assigned, the teacher will develop an individual education plan showing the work to be completed and/or an adjusted assessment outline. The plan and/or the adjusted assessment outline will be discussed with the parent/guardian and provided to the student.

### 15. Transfer from another school

It is the responsibility of any student who transfers into a class from the same course at another school, to provide the school with evidence of all completed assessment tasks. The Deputy Principal will contact the previous school to confirm:

- the part of the syllabus that has been taught
- the assessment tasks which have been completed
- the marks awarded for these tasks

The head of learning area/teacher-in-charge responsible for the course will:

- determine how the marks from assessment tasks at the previous school will be used
  [Note: Where necessary these marks will be statistically adjusted to ensure that they are on the same
  scale as those at Thornlie Senior High School.]
- determine the additional work, if any, to be completed
- determine the additional assessment tasks, if any, to be completed to enable a grade to be assigned

Where additional work and/or assessment tasks are necessary, the teacher will develop an individual education plan showing the work to be completed and/or an adjusted assessment outline. The plan and/or the adjusted assessment outline will be discussed with the parent/guardian and provided to the student.

### 16. Reporting student achievement

The school reports student achievement at the end of Semester 1 and at the end of Semester 2. The report provides for each course:

- a comment by the teacher
- a grade
- the percentage mark in the school-based examination (for ATAR courses)
- the percentage mark (calculated from the weighted total mark)
- certificate courses
- VET/Certificate courses report affective qualities (attitude), achievement of competencies/modules and Workplace Learning results

At the end of the year, students will be provided with a Thornlie Senior High School statement of achievement, which lists the school mark and grade for each pair of units. These are the results, which will be submitted to the Authority.

All final grades are subject to approval by the Authority at the end of the year. The student (and parent/guardian) will be notified of any changes that result from the Authority's review of the student results submitted by the school.

# 17. Reviewing marks and grades

If a student considers that there is an issue about the delivery of the course, the marking of one or more assessment tasks or the grade assigned for a pair of units they should, in the first instance, discuss the issue with the teacher.

If an assessment issue cannot be resolved through discussion with the teacher then the student (or the parent/guardian) should approach the relevant head of learning area/teacher-in-charge responsible for the course.

The student or their parent/guardian can request, in writing, that the school conduct a formal assessment review, if they consider that the student has been disadvantaged by any of the following:

- the assessment outline does not meet the syllabus requirements
- the assessment procedures used do not conform with the school's senior secondary assessment policy
- procedural errors have occurred in the determination of the course mark and/or grade
- computational errors have occurred in the determination of the course mark

The Principal, or a nominated representative, will conduct the review. The reviewer will meet with the student and the teacher independently and prepare a written report. This report will be provided to the student and their parent/guardian.

If this review does not resolve the matter, the student (or parent/guardian) may appeal to the School Curriculum and Standards Authority using an appeal form which is available from the Deputy Principal or the Authority website. Authority representatives will then independently investigate the claim and report to the Authority's student appeal committee.

If the committee upholds a student appeal the school will make any required adjustments to the student's mark and/or grade and where required the mark and/or grade of other students and re-issue reports and/or the statement of achievement as necessary.

# Communication with your School Policy

The relationship between the home and the school plays a very important part in a child's education.

For a child's learning to be successful, he or she needs the support of both home and school working in partnership. Three-way communication is a critical factor in this partnership as children, parents and teachers need to feel confident there are processes that encourage positive communication to take place with each other.

As parents, you are the first and primary teachers of your child and have a substantial influence on the way in which your child approaches learning. Teachers are responsible for the more formal aspects of a child's learning and successful teaching builds on the home experiences of the child.

The most effective learning and teaching take place when there is an active and positive partnership between home and school as you, the parents, have an intimate and special knowledge of the factors that may affect your child's learning.

In developing a positive partnership between home and school, it is important that your child, his/her parents and teachers communicate with each other in a timely and appropriate manner to address any issues or areas of concern, or opportunities for commendation.

Your child is a member of Thornlie Senior High School's learning and teaching community and not all learning takes place in the classroom. A large senior high school such as ours is representative of the cross-section of the society within which we live and the day-to-day issues with which we deal. Good communication between school and home can make a positive contribution to the ongoing social, emotional, communication and negotiation skills your child learns and practises within the school community every day.

This policy outlines the steps you, the parents of our students, can take to raise an issue of concern, offer a compliment or to make a commendation, make an enquiry or a suggestion, express an idea or opinion or generally to have your say. What we wish for our children is for them to "learn their way to a successful future".

# Thornlie Senior High School values the comments of parents and welcomes any feedback you may have.

To assist parents in contacting the school, we have developed the Thornlie Senior High School Feedback Form. This can be filled out at any time you wish to make a suggestion, make an enquiry, pay a compliment or raise a concern. All comments received on our Feedback Form will be responded to.

Students may complete this form, but parents must sign it to acknowledge they have read and discussed the issue with their child.

## **Important Notes**

- The school and parents should work together in partnership to support the best interests of their children.
- Parents are encouraged to take a proactive and supportive role in the school. This can be done through supporting our P&C, School Council or by participating in a variety of other parent programs, ie. canteen helper or school volunteer program.
- It is essential that parents make appointments to see members of staff at school. Our office has procedures in place to assist in making appointments. Our phone number is 9376 2100 and the office is normally attended from 8:00am and 4:00pm on school days. Outside office hours a message can be left on our answering machine. Your call will be returned the next day.

At any stage in this process, parents always are welcome to have someone to accompany them to any meeting as support. We also are happy to provide an interpreter service should one be required.

# **Paying Compliments**

There is nothing quite as motivating or rewarding as receiving a compliment. When a parent, student or community member compliments one of our staff members, it helps us recognise that person appropriately.

# Making an Enquiry or Suggestion

We welcome and encourage you to contact the school whenever you need to make an enquiry, to clarify a situation, or to pass on any useful suggestions or ideas.

The Feedback Form is ideal for this purpose.

# Raising a concern: Steps for parents to take:

## Step 1- Review and Clarify

You should discuss the issues with your child, ensuring that you have as much information as possible. You may then be able to solve the problem by providing your child with appropriate advice or direction. If this is not successful or appropriate, you should quickly move to Step 2.

#### Step 2 - Teacher Contact

Where you have an ongoing concern regarding your child in a class, you should always discuss this with the teacher concerned. This can be done via phone, email, text, letter or Connect. If more information is required, an appointment can be made by phoning 9376 2100.

# Step 3 - Head of Learning Area/Year Coordinator Contact

Where the situation is not satisfactorily resolved, the teacher's Head of Learning Area or Year Coordinator can be contacted for a discussion or appointment. Where there still is an unsatisfactory outcome, Step 4 should immediately be followed.

# Step 4 - Administration

Should the problem not be in the classroom, or steps 1-3 do not resolve the problem, you should make an appointment with a Deputy Principal. Issues of a very serious nature are referred to the Principal

## Step 5 – South Metropolitan Educational Regional Office

If the issue remains unresolved, contact
Coordinator of Regional Operations
South Metropolitan Regional Education Office
Phone: (08) 9336 9563
You will be provided with advice and suggestions
as to what further action you can take.

## **Homework Policy**

#### Rationale:

At high school, the completion of set homework and assignment work by students becomes increasingly important. Not only does this work consolidate and reinforce what is taught in the classroom, but it also affects the student's assessment for a particular unit of work. Homework may also be given to extend the student beyond what was taught or to provide remediation. It gives an opportunity for research and to complete unfinished work.

**Purpose:** 

To establish a procedure to identify homework and provide support structures to assist students to complete homework goals.

#### **Broad Guidelines:**

Homework is of three types.

- 1. Homework: Completing work not finished in the classroom; preparation for the next day by making sure that all equipment is in good order and ready; questions about work that is not understood are prepared for the appropriate teacher; pre-reading and writing short summaries. Teachers will allocate specific homework on a regular basis. Students will be given a date to complete and submit this. This homework may include research and answering questions, doing specific exercises from text-books or attempting worksheets.
- 2. Assignment Work: While working through units, students may be given assignment work. Ample time will be allocated for the completion of this work. Assignment work will often extend the student beyond work taught in the classroom and students may be given opportunities to do some research work in the library during school time if required. Deadlines should be strictly adhered to. If a senior student cannot complete a homework assignment, test or exam, the school needs to be notified as soon as possible and a medical certificate is usually required in case of illness. Penalties are enforced for late non-legitimate handing in of assignments.
- 3. Home Study: In order to gain the most out of time spent doing formal school-work, students need to develop a good understanding of concepts taught in all subject areas. Maximum understanding is reached if students regularly read through and write out these concepts in their own words. All students need to have a regular program of study and a homework study timetable should be prepared as indicated in the homework notebook. Recommended homework and study times for students who wish to do well are also outlined in this page. Students should work out a homework timetable in conjunction with their parents and teachers.

Study should be regular and concentrated. Where a student has difficulty with a concept or an area of work, he or she must arrange to see the teacher for help. The student should continue to ask for help until a good understanding has been reached. Teachers will make every effort to ensure that this is the case. Where students regularly fail to complete homework, parents will be informed via Letter of Concern.

Recommended amount of study — 5 nights per week		
Year 7	1 hour	
Year 8	1 hour	
Year 9	1 ½ hours	
Year 10	2 hours	
Year 11	$2 \frac{1}{2}$ hours per night	
Year 12	3 hours per night	

# Late to School Policy

Punctuality is an important facet of our personal makeup, and a facet we promote with TSHS students with a view to engage them appropriately with each subject and maximize their learning opportunities.

# The Late to School Policy aims to:

- Promote punctuality as a worthwhile and valuable personal trait
- Maximise learning opportunities by minimising late arrivals and disruptions to lessons.

#### A Late to School offence refers to:

- Arriving to the first lesson of the day after the bell at 08:45am, more than once in a defined school week.
- The student does not have legitimate claim to a SMS, phone call or email, or produce a note that authorises the repeat Late Arrivals (absences) from their parent/guardian.

## **Late To School Procedures**

Thornlie Senior High School has established the following procedures for students involved in **Late to School** offences (as defined above.)

FIRST Offence	SS Staff interview student and discusses further consequences for repeat offences.
Date:	<ul> <li>Reprimand given with a clear warning about repeat offences.</li> <li>Letter sent home regarding Late to School offences.</li> </ul>
SECOND Offence  • SS Staff interview student and administers Lunch Detention second offence	
Date:	<ul> <li>Reprimand given with a clear warning about repeat offences</li> <li>Letter sent home regarding Late to School offences</li> </ul>
THIRD Offence	SS Staff interview student and administers After School Detention.
Date:	Letter sent home regarding Late to School offences.
SUBSEQUENT Offences	Student is allocated <b>'Eco-Management Duties'</b> in the After School Detention timeslot <b>OR</b> complete identified tasks for <b>Catch-up</b> of
Date:	missed lesson time in the After School Detention timeslot. (cleaning up the yard or cleaning up on missed lesson tasks)
Case by Case	<ul> <li>Students lose their 'Good Standing' within the school, resulting in losing privileges related to reward excursions, school representation in sports and Arts events, and other non-timetabled events on the school roster.</li> </ul>

Student Services Staff:	Date:
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# **Lockdown Policy & Procedures Policy**

#### **PURPOSE**

Thornlie SHS is implementing this policy to ensure that students, staff and visitors are safe in situations where there is a perceived threat of physical harm at the school site by confining people to classrooms and other school buildings.

This policy applies to employees, volunteers, parents/carers/students, and people visiting the school site. It covers the procedures and personnel responsibilities when the school is required to go into lockdown.

## **GUIDELINES**

The Thornlie SHS Lock-down Policy applies when students and staff need to be locked within buildings for their own safety (isolation rather than evacuation). This will usually occur if there is an intruder on school grounds, but may also occur in some circumstances in the event of a hazardous situation such as a chemical spill or extreme weather event, which makes it dangerous for students, staff and visitors to be outside.

Copies of this policy will be made available to parents, staff and students via notices, Connect and the school website.

The Deputy Principal - Welfare, will schedule at least one practice lockdown drill per year to test and review the policy. They will also be responsible for communicating the policy to all staff and students to ensure a level of familiarity and clear understanding of the policy, procedure and roles.

Teachers will familiarise students of the lockdown policy procedures during the first week of the year during Homeroom.

#### **PROCEDURE**

In the event of an emergency, the Principal (or site manager) will initiate a lockdown based on an assessment of the risks to students and staff. The decision to initiate a lockdown will be informed by advice from other agencies, the educational regional office, Police or other information available on site.

If the decision is made to lockdown:

A public address system will be activated and the Deputy Principal of Welfare or site manager will give the following announcement.

- Activate lock-down procedures immediately.
- All students, staff, and visitors please proceed to the nearest classroom or safe area.
- Staff, secure your rooms and students.
- An intruder is located (location given) and is wearing (description) OR the reason for the lockdown is... (where it is appropriate to give such information).
- Authorities have been notified.
- REPEAT: Activate lock down procedures immediately. All students, staff, and visitors please proceed to the nearest classroom or safe area.

# PRINCIPAL OR SITE MANAGER ACTIONS DURING A LOCKDOWN

- Liaise with school staff, other agencies and the education regional office in considering a lockdown.
- Activate lockdown using the predetermined activation signal.
- Advise WA Police and other appropriate emergency service agencies.
- Advise Regional Executive Director/education regional office.
- Establish the incident management team (to plan further actions and enact the response plan).

- Allocate specific responsibilities.
- Collect evacuation kit.
- Guide visitors to safety.
- Divert parents and returning groups from the school.
- Ensure a telephone line is kept free.
- Keep public address system free.
- If possible, stop the usual school siren from sounding period changes or break times.
- Secure external doors and entrances.
- Keep main entrance as the only school entry point. This entrance must be constantly monitored and no unauthorised people have access.
- Have a delegated staff member wait at the main entry to the school to guide emergency services personnel, if safe to do so.
- Ascertain (as possible) if all students, staff and visitors are accounted for.
- Record some details of actions undertaken and times (use Emergency and Critical Incident Diary attached).
- Await de-activation advice from emergency services personnel.
- Confirm with emergency service personnel that it is safe to de-activate lockdown.
- Determine whether to activate the school parent re-unification process.
- Determine if there is any specific information staff, students and visitors need to know (e.g. areas of the school to avoid or parent re-unification process)
- De-activate lockdown using the predetermined de-activation signal.
- Advise staff, students and visitors of any specific information they need to know.
- Ensure any students, staff or visitors with medical or other needs are supported.
- Provide appropriate information on the lockdown to staff and students.
- Print and issue pre-prepared parent letters and give these to students for them to take home.
- Advise the education regional office that the lockdown is over and the outcomes.
- Seek support from the Regional Executive Director or Coordinator Regional Operations, as required.
- Brief staff on the incident.
- Ensure all personnel are made aware of Employee Assistance Program contact details.

# **FOLLOW UP**

- Prepare and maintain records and documentation.
- Follow up with any students, staff or visitors who need support
- Have an operational debrief to review the lockdown and school procedural changes that may be required

#### STAFF ACTIONS DURING A LOCK DOWN

- If in class, stay in the classroom.
- If out of class, move into the closest classroom or safe area. Check and collect people from adjacent areas.
- Direct students who are out of class into their regular or closest classroom.
- Do not leave classroom to get students.
- Close the classroom door and lock if possible.
- Close windows, blinds and shutters
- Turn off the lights, fans and electrical devices.
- Position all people close to the ground (e.g. on the floor), away from windows and doors and out
  of sight (if possible).
- Tell students that mobile phones are not to be used and are to be turned off.
- Staff may only use mobile phone to give administration and police further information about the emergency if appropriate (phone should be on silent).

- Record the names of all people in the classroom.
- Stay calm and encourage others to be calm and silent.
- No one is to leave the room during the lockdown.
- Provide information to the principal or site manager, as required.
- Do not allow any unauthorised people into the room.
- If emergency medication is required then contact the administration office for advice.
- If a toilet is needed consider the use of a plastic lined bin.
- Remain in the room until the de-activation signal "all clear" is given over the PA system and await specific instructions from the Deputy Principal – Welfare or site manager.
- Follow any specific instructions.

#### PARENT/GUARDIAN RESPONSIBILITIES

Information about the school's lockdown procedures will be disseminated to all parents via the schools website and Connect.

Usually a lock-down situation will be declared on the recommendation of police or emergency personnel. If this occurs, parents will be notified as soon as it is practical to do so. Parent/guardians are requested to follow the following during a lockdown situation:

- Do not come to the school, as students will not be released to parents during a lockdown.
- Parents and visitors will be restricted from entering the school site during a lockdown.
- Do not call the school as this may tie up emergency lines that must remain open.
- Do not expect their child to call them, nor should they call student mobiles, as the lock-down situation requires silence in order not to alert an intruder to the presence of students and staff in classrooms.

If your child needs to be collected early or if your child's stay at school is extended beyond the regular time, you will receive information about the time and place to pick up your child.

#### **INTRUDER PROCEDURES**

From time to time, staff may be confronted by an intruder in the school grounds, or may need to confront someone who does not appear to have any legitimate reason for being on campus. In such a case, you should use the following procedure:

- When confronting an intruder, take another staff member with you.
- Ask a third staff member who is not involved to call the office.
- Determine who will initiate contact with the intruder and who will be the back-up person. If possible include a third staff member so that you can actually form a triangle around the intruder. This will put you in a stronger defensive position.
- Attempt to direct the intruder to the main office. Use casual conversation or body language to calmly direct the situation.
- If the intruder refuses to cooperate, do not escalate the situation. Leave and call administration who will immediately call the police.
- If the intruder shows a weapon, assure him/her that it is not necessary for him/her to consider using the weapon.
- Back away slowly and leave the area. Both of your hands should be up with your palms facing the intruder while slowly backing.
- As soon as it is safe to do so, report the situation to the Principal

# Evacuation Procedures SPECIFIC EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

- THE SAFETY OF STUDENTS AND STAFF IS PARAMOUNT.
- MOVE STUDENTS FROM DANGER BEFORE ANY FURTHER ACTION IS TAKEN.

There are a number of potential emergency situations which could occur in a school. Some of these situations would not require the evacuation of whole school, just the immediate area. For others an immediate evacuation may be the wrong action unless there is an imminent danger.

For the specific situations listed below the initial response should be:

# **Earthquake**

Indoors (Normal Classroom)

- Get everybody under desks, tables or a door frame.
- Ensure nobody leaves the building.
- Turn off gas.
- When the tremor has subsided follow the evacuation procedure outlined below. Keep clear of buildings, trees and power lines.

### Indoors (Gymnasium)

- Evacuate through emergency exits.
- Move quickly away from buildings and power poles.
- Evacuate to designated assembly area.

#### Outdoors

- Move quickly away from buildings and power poles.
- Evacuate to designated assembly area.

#### Lockdown

- Get everybody under desks, tables and away from windows.
- Lock doors if possible.
- Ensure nobody leaves the room.

#### Fire in the Bush at the Rear of the School

In the event of a major fire in the bush at the rear of the school evacuation to the Oval may be deemed as dangerous. In this event an announcement will be made instructing **ALL** students and staff to evacuate to the Front Lawn area

Area 1 - Main Lawn

Area 2 - Main Lawn side of the Canteen

Area 3 - Between the Staffroom, Bike Racks and Main Gate.

## **Non-Contact Time**

If an emergency evacuation is called during a break (recess or lunch), staff are asked to assist all students to assemble on the front lawn. Students will be directed to assemble in Houses and then their Home Room groups. Home Room teachers are to take charge of their class and call the roll.

#### **EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE**

The following plan has been developed to provide quick, orderly and controlled movement of persons on site should an evacuation of the school be required due to:

FIRE
 EARTHQUAKE
 DISASTER
 EMERGENCY

# IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY THE SCHOOL WILL BE NOTIFIED OF AN EVACUATION AS FOLLOWS:

If the PA system is operating, evacuation siren will sound, accompanied by verbal instructions/warnings.

# "Students are to exit the school under teacher direction."

If PA system is not operating, repeated sound of loud haler siren/air horn and verbal warnings through runners will signal evacuation.

- Teachers must remain with and in complete control of their class at the time of evacuation and subsequent assembly in designated area/s. They are to:
  - Collect class list/ iPads
  - Count students.
  - Turn off gas / power / air conditioning.
  - Leave all personal effects in classroom.
  - Don't lock door.
- Make an orderly exit to assembly area as per evacuation map.
   (Should an evacuation assembly area be deemed unsuitable by the Assembly Area Leader then the staff should escort the students to the secondary evacuation area as per evacuation map).
- Keep class seated together in the assembly area and report following to the Zone Leader who will pass the information on to the Assembly Area Leader.

Room number Missing persons Injuries

The Assembly Area Leader completes the checklist and forwards summary of information to the Evacuation Controller at the Control Centre.

- Teachers without a class report to the nearest Assembly Area.
- Students and teachers must wait for instructions at this time.
- Return to school buildings when authorised by the Evacuation Controller.

<u>If during a break (recess or lunch)</u>, staff are asked to assist all students to assemble on the front lawn. Students will be directed to assemble in their House groups. Home Room teachers are to take charge of their class and call the roll.

#### **SCHOOL EVACUATION ROLES**

# **CLASS TEACHERS / STUDENTS**

- On identifying the evacuation warning the teacher is to (if possible),
  - Collect class list.
  - Count the number of students in the class group.
  - Turn off all power and gas.
  - School bags to remain in classroom.
  - Do NOT lock door.
- 2. Escort students to the area designated on the Evacuation Map.
- 3. Check and clear adjacent rooms if possible.
- 4. On arrival at evacuation area have the class sit in 2 lines, conduct a roll check and maintain control of the class group.
- 5. Advise Zone Leader what room you have cleared and if all students are present or if any are missing/extra.
- 6. Remain supervising your class group in the designated areas until "all-clear" is advised by Assembly Area Leader.
- 7. Students will move back to classrooms under the control of their class teacher.

#### NOTE: Teachers without classes and non-teaching faculty members:

- Assist teachers in your area to evacuate students and make area safe
- Assume responsibility for Zone Leaders class (if they have one)
- report to Zone Leader in nearest Assembly Area
- assist as required.

# **ADMINISTRATION TEAM**

## **PRINCIPAL (Evacuation Controller)**

- 1. Evaluate situation and initiate evacuation procedures either to the Normal Evacuation Area or towards the Front of the school.
- 2. Communicate decision to Deputy Student Welfare, other Deputies and Front Office Staff.
- 3. Obtain vest and Evacuation File from Evacuation Kit.
- 4. Decide on position for Control Centre and First Aid Post.
- 5. Supervise Control Centre activities.
- 6. Contact emergency services 000 / Regional Office.
- 7. Brief Emergency Services on arrival
- 8. Initiate "All Clear" when ready communicate this to the Deputy –Student Welfare.

# **DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - STUDENT WELFARE (Assembly Area Leader)**

#### **AREA 1 – FRONT LAWN**

- 1. Advise school of evacuation using PA/siren. If the siren does not work then notify the other Deputy Principals to commence evacuation procedures in each of the areas they are responsible for.
- 2. Collect Evacuation Kit labelled Area 1 Front Lawn (located in front office in plastic tub).
- 3. Advise Area 1 of evacuation by using a Megaphone (if PA not usable) and move to Area 1 (the front lawn) or the Alternative Area 1 (admin lawn).
- 5. Report to Control Centre by phone/runner on arrival at assembly area.
- 6. Set out the assembly area markers (to assist orderly control of classes).
- 7. Check off Assembly Area Checklist when provided information from Zone Leaders.
- 8. Report to Control Centre by phone/runner Assembly Area Checklist information.
- 9. Remain in the area to:
  - liaise with emergency services personnel
  - provide support to Zone Leaders as required.

# DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - SENIOR SCHOOL (Assembly Leader) AREA 2 - SCHOOL OVAL (behind gym)

- 1. Proceed to Front Office and collect Evacuation Kit labelled Area 2 School Oval (located in front office in plastic tub).
- 2. Advise Area 2 of evacuation by using a Megaphone (if PA not usable) and move to Area 2 (the school oval) or the Alternative Area 2 (lawn behind Canteen).
- 3. Report to Control Centre by phone/runner on arrival at assembly area.
- Set out the assembly area markers (to assist orderly control of classes).
- 5. Check off Assembly Area Checklist when provided information from Zone Leaders.
- 6. Report to Control Centre by phone/runner Assembly Area Checklist information.
- 7. Remain in the area to:
  - liaise with emergency services personnel
  - provide support to Zone Leaders as required.

# DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – CURRICULUM (Assembly Leader) AREA 3 – SCHOOL OVAL

- 1. Proceed to Front Office and collect from Evacuation Kit labelled Area 3 School Oval (located in front office in plastic tub).
- 2. Advise Area 3 of evacuation by using a Megaphone (if PA not usable) and move to Area 3 (the school oval).
- 3. Report to Control Centre by phone/runner on arrival at assembly area.
- 4. Set out the assembly area markers (to assist orderly control of classes).
- 5. Check off Assembly Area Checklist when provided information from Zone Leaders.
- 7. Remain in the area to:
  - liaise with emergency services personnel
  - provide support to Zone Leaders as required.

## **MANAGER STUDENT SERVICES**

- 1. Notify Student Services staff of evacuation and direct them to assembly Area 3.
- 2. Complete Zone Checklist.
- 3. Deputise for Deputy in their absence.

# **SCHOOL OFFICERS – STUDENT SERVICES**

- 1. Collect the following and proceed to Area 3:
  - student timetable files
  - absentee list
  - early leave/late arrival register
  - excursion file

#### YEAR COORDINATORS

- 1. Report to Control Centre.
- 2. Remain in the Control Centre to help coordinate all communication

## MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

- 1. Collect:
  - finance records
  - keys
  - mobile phone/s
- 2. Check all office personnel have collected necessary school files/documents and that they have evacuated the office.
- 3. Notify Gardeners and Cleaners of evacuation.
- 4. Evacuate to Area 1.
- 5. Check that the office staff has arrived at Area 1.
- 6. Liaise with Principal and emergency services.

## **SCHOOL OFFICERS – FRONT OFFICE**

- 1. Collect:
  - visitors log book
  - staff out of school diary
  - maintenance log book
- 2. Evacuate to Area 1 where you will assist as directed.

## **NURSE**

- 1. Evacuate medical centre.
- 2. Report to Control Centre with First Aid Kit / materials.

## **ANCILLARY STAFF**

# **CLEANERS / GARDENERS**

- 1. Evacuate to nearest designated area or as instructed.
- 2. Report to the Assembly Area Leader.

# **CANTEEN MANAGER**

- 1. Check that the canteen is clear.
- 2. Evacuate to area 1 (the front lawn).
- 3. Report to the Assembly Area Leader the evacuation of Canteen.

#### **ZONE LEADERS**

- 1. Assemble students in class ready for evacuation (if teaching).
- 2. Delegate class to another teacher or non-teaching staff member to evacuate class to assigned area.
- 3. Check designated rooms/toilets/offices/areas to confirm they are cleared as per Zone Checklist.
- 4. Confirm your Zone is cleared and advise Assembly Area Leader of any relevant information.
- 5. Assist teachers to supervise students in assembly area.
- 6. Initiate "all clear" procedures when advised by the Assembly Area Leader and direct the return of staff and students to classrooms.

NOTE: The first HOLA or TIC to arrive at the Assembly Area will assume the duties of Assembly Area Leader until the Assembly Leader arrives.

## **CHECKPOINTS**

- 1. Proceed immediately to your Check Point.
- 2. Control access into and out of the school and report appropriate information to the Area 1 Assembly Leader.

NOTE: During an evacuation no one (other than emergency services personnel) is permitted to enter the school grounds

## **GENERAL NOTES:**

- 1. Copies of School Evacuation map and Procedure will be located near exits in all classrooms and staff offices.
- 2. Teachers and students to be familiar with designated assembly areas and evacuation paths.

#### **ZONE INFORMATION**

**Evacuation Controller:** Principal

Assembly Leaders: Deputy Principal - Student Welfare

Deputy Principal - Senior School Deputy Principal - Curriculum

First Aid School Nurse

Checkpoint - Front Gate Human Resource Officer

**Checkpoint – Far Gates/Car Park** Finance Officer

Zone	Assembly Wardens		Assembly Area Wardens (Green Fluoro Vest)
1	<ul> <li>Administration Building</li> </ul>	Manager CS	
2	■ 100 Block Rooms 101-105 Rooms 111-115	MATHS HOLA	Deputy of Welfare
3	<ul> <li>200 Block</li> <li>Rooms 201-205</li> <li>Rooms 211-217</li> </ul>	VET HOLA	
4	<ul> <li>800 Block</li> <li>Rooms 801-803</li> <li>Rooms 811-814</li> </ul>	ENGLISH HOLA	
5	■ 300 Block Rooms 301-306	MUSIC TEACHER	
6	<ul> <li>500 Block</li> <li>Rooms 501 -503</li> <li>Rooms 511 &amp; 512</li> </ul>	ARTS HOLA	Deputy of Senior School
7	<ul> <li>400 Block - D &amp; T</li> <li>Rooms 408-412</li> </ul>	D & T HOLA	Deputy of Selliof School
8	<ul> <li>400 Block – Home Ec</li> <li>Rooms 404-407</li> <li>Rooms 401-403</li> </ul>	TECHNOLGIES 2IC	
9	■ Gym	HPE HOLA	
10	• 600 Block Rooms 601-604	SCIENCE HOLA	
11	<ul><li>Library</li></ul>	LIBRARIAN	
12	Student Services	MANAGER OF SS	Deputy of Teaching & Learning
13	■ 700 Block Rooms 701-705 Rooms 711-715	HASS HOLA	

#### NOTE:

In the event that Zone Wardens / Assembly Area Wardens have a class, they are to delegate their class to a teacher on DOTT, another teacher or an assistant.

## **Student Parking Policy**

The Student Parking Policy has been formulated in an attempt to provide acceptable access to students to park and secure mopeds/scooter vehicles on school grounds. The policy is outlined below:

- 1. A formal parking area for these vehicles has been created as the M/C bay in the school car park
- 2. Parking is permitted only in this designated area.
- 3. All students' vehicles entering the school grounds are to be **registered** so they and the owner can be identified.
- 4. Student registration occurs via an application form available from the Year 12 Coordinator. This requires the student and parents agreeing to the policy as well as the provision of personal and vehicle details.
- 5. Students are not to exit school grounds unless they have formally signed out with parental permission or they have approval from Student Services.
- 6. No movement is permitted between 8.50 am and 3.05 pm during a normal school day. If a student has a flexible timetable due to a "0" period they will be required to show their pass indicating this.
- Students are NOT permitted under any circumstances to transport passengers on their vehicle on school grounds.
- 8. Students are to travel on school grounds at a maximum of 10km per hour and drive in a manner that is deemed to be safe and responsible. Vehicles are only permitted on designated driveways within the school.
- 9. Vehicles are considered to be out of bounds during school hours and may not be accessed during this time. School CCTV cameras will be used to monitor this.
- 10. Students seen violating the conditions on the permit are to be banned from parking on school premises. Please refer to the table below for consequence management.

Offence	Ban length	Authority Involved
1 <sup>st</sup> offence	1 month	Year Coordinator
2 <sup>nd</sup> offence	6 months	Student Services Manager
3 <sup>rd</sup> offence	Permanent ban	Deputy Principal

The Year 12 Coordinator will issue permits and maintain a register of offences.

Offences can be reported by any member of the staff or public who witness an incident.

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