SENIOR SCHOOL INFORMATION EVENING

MOUNTAIN CREEK
STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Year 10

Acknowledgement to Country

I would like to acknowledge the Gubbi Gubbi people, who are the traditional owners of this land, where we gather today. I wish to pay my respects to our elders past, present and emerging.

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What we will cover

- Meet the year 10 team
- Pathways
- Pre requisites
- Yr11 and 12
- Opportunities
- Where to get more information
- Support

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Administration Team

Mike Anderson
Executive Principal

Donna Lancaster
Principal
Senior Secondary

Craig Hegarty
Principal
Junior Secondary

Angela Hix
Deputy Principal
Senior Secondary

Carmel D'Arcy
Deputy Principal
Junior Secondary

Kate Benfield
Deputy Principal
Inclusion

Mark Swan
Dean of Students

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Year 10 Management Team

- Each Year level has a dedicated year level management team including the Head of Year, Heads of Department and a member of the Administration team.

Donna Lancaster
Principal Senior Secondary

Josh Adams
Head of Year 10

Kym Thomas
Head of Department Business/ Lifestyle and VET

Cam Boaza
Head of Department HPE

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Senior Academic Experience

Preparing every student for their future and supporting meaningful post-school pathways.

Our goals for senior secondary are:

- 100% QCE Attainment
- access to a range of subjects to ready senior students for the future including Internal and External Vocational Education, Traineeships and Apprenticeships, Headstart
- achieving positive learning outcomes
- positive transitions to meaningful post-school pathways.

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Year 10

Opportunity to:

- Try subjects
- To research options
- To consider possible pathways
- To consider how you learn best

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Some Important Information

- **Level of Maths**
  - **Semester 1** Extension Maths or Prep Essential Maths
  - **Semester 2** Prep Methods, General or Essential
- **Level of Science**
  - Science for one year or
  - 2 Prep Sciences
    - Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Marine Science, Psychology

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Opportunities

- Tafe @ School
- Traineeships and Apprenticeships
- Headstart UniSC Semester 2- Year 10

Considerations:

- Workload, being able to catch up with classes missed

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Preparing for Year 11 and 12

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Subject choices Advice:

- Year 10 is the time to consider and plan;
  - what you love and enjoy
  - what you are good at
  - Research University prerequisites, recommended study and assumed knowledge
  - Research previous ATAR's for possible courses
  - Read about subjects on offer in year 11 and 12 (School website)
  - Possible pathways – University, Vocational, work
  - Opportunities TAFE, Certificate courses, Headstart

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Year 11/12 Program

The Senior Program is a **two** year program

Students select **6 subjects** and will study these 6 subjects for the 2 years of Senior

Picking the right subjects is crucial as swapping and changing can impact upon credit points for QCE

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ATAR & QCE

20 points

Score out of 100

The Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) and the ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank) are different and have a different purpose.

QCE

Certifies learning, showing the individual has achieved a specific standard of education at senior schooling level and may be considered by employers and the general community.

ATAR

Tells us about a student's position (or ranking) compared to all other students in the state. The only intended purpose for the ATAR is to assist with selecting applicants for tertiary study.

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How does the QCE work?

- Set amount: 20 credits
- Set pattern:
  - 12 credits from completed Core courses
  - 8 credits from Core, Preparatory & Complementary courses
- Satisfactory completion
- Literacy & numeracy
- Academic Integrity Course

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ATAR eligibility and scaling

- Changes every year
- In general terms more rigorous subjects will scale higher
- Caution: Don’t choose subjects because you think a subject will scale higher. Choose subjects because you are good at them and you know you can do well.

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General Subjects

Do require commitment (attendance and engagement)

Do require organisation, study routines (effort), attending tutorials

Do require retention of knowledge of all work not just a topic

Are more academically rigorous

Prepare students for University

Have exams and assessment of up to 2000 words

- **Ancient History (AHS)**
- **Biology (BIO)**
- **Business (BUS)**
- **Chemistry (CHM)**
- **Dance (DAN)**
- **Design (DES)**
- **Digital Solutions (DIS)**
- **Economics (ECN)**
- **Engineering (EGR)**
- **English (ENG)**
- **Film, Television & New Media (FTM)**
- **General Mathematics (MAG)**
- **Geography (GEG)**
- **Health (HEA)**
- **Japanese (JPN)**
- **Legal Studies (LEG)**
- **Marine Science (MRN)**
- **Mathematical Methods (MAM)**
- **Modern History (MHS)**
- **Music (MUS)**
- **Physical Education (PED)**
- **Psychology (PSY)**
- **Physics (PYC)**
- **Spanish (SPN)**
- **Specialist Mathematics (MAS)**
- **Visual Art (ART)**

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Pre-Requisites

- In Term 3 students will complete their SET Plan and choose their subjects for Year 11 and 12
- General subjects have pre-requisites that students need to meet to choose those subjects.
- Most general subjects require a minimum of a C or B in year 10
- Please see from page 6 in the Subject Selection Handbook:
- Some examples:
  - Biology, Physics, Chemistry – B in Year 10 Biology, Physics or Chemistry
  - Literature – B in Year 10 English
  - Physical Education – B in English
  - Engineering – B in English, Maths and Science

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Subject Combinations for ATAR

- 6 General Subjects

OR

- 5 General subjects plus any other subject

OR

- 4 General plus either a Cert III or Applied subject plus any other subject
- Must have successfully completed an English subject

All students in year 11 start with 6 subjects

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Applied Subjects

- Lead towards Vocational Education and Training or work
- Can contribute to an ATAR but is scaled much lower than general subjects
- More practical in nature
- Less academically rigorous
- Very rarely have exams and assessments no more than 1000 words

- **Essential English (ENE)**
- **Essential Mathematics (MAE)**
- **Aquatic Practices (AQP)**
- **Business Studies (BUS)**
- **Fashion (FAZ)**
- **Hospitality Practices (HPL)**
- **Information and Communication Technology (ICJ)**
- **Music in Practice (MUP)**
- **Social and Community Studies (SCS)**
- **Sport and Recreation (REC)**
- **Visual Arts in Practice (VAP)**

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Vocational Subjects

- Lead towards further Vocational Education and Training or work
- Certificate III or above can contribute to an ATAR but is scaled much lower than general and applied subjects
- More practical in nature and might have work placement
- Only receive points for competencies/qualification completed
- Very rarely have exams and assessments or lengthy assessments, project based

Nationally Recognised Training

VET QUALIFICATION OFFERINGS 2026

Mountain Creek State High School

YEAR	ONESCHOOL CODE & FACULTY	QUALIFICATION		REGISTERED TRAINING ORGANISATION		FEES			DURATION
		Code	Qualification Title	Registered Name	RTO Number	10	11	12	
10	VSF - HPE & Sport		Introduction to Sport, Fitness and Recreation (4 units only out of SIS30321)	Binnacle Training	31319	$125			1 Semester
	VFL - Skill Centre	FNS10120	Certificate I in Basic Financial Literacy	Mountain Creek State High School	30411	$0	$0	$0	1 Semester
	VWP - Skill Centre	FSK20119	Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways	Mountain Creek State High School	30411	$0			1 Semester
	VFU - Design and Technology	MSF10122	Certificate I in Furnishing	Mountain Creek State High School	30411	$75			1 Year
11 & 12	VAV - Skill Centre	CHC24015	Certificate II in Active Volunteering	Australian College of Volunteering	6020		$182.50		1 Year
	VSD - Skill Centre	10939NAT	Certificate II in Self-Awareness and Development	Blueprint Career Development	30978			$182.50	1 Year
	VWP - Lifestyle Industries	FSK20119	Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways	Mountain Creek State High School	30411	$0	$0	$0	1 Semester
	VCC - Lifestyle Industries	CHC30121	Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care	Deception Bay State High School	30380		$200	$165	2 Years
	VFN - Design and Technology	MSF20522	Certificate II in Furniture Making Pathways	Mountain Creek State High School	30411		$180	$180	2 Years
	VFS - HPE & Sport	SIS30321	Certificate III in Fitness	Binnacle Training	31319		$620	$50	2 Years
	VIT - Digital Innovation	ICT30120	Certificate III in Information Technology	IVET Institue Pty Ltd	40548		$345	$260	2 Years
##	VHA - Science	HLT33115	Certificate III in Health Services Assistance	Connect 'n' Grow	40518		Yr12 ONLY	$599	1 Year

	VETiS FUNDED COURSES *VETiS - Students can only access VETiS funding for one certificate course, subsequent courses can be accessed as a Full Fee course*					Year 11		Year 12		
						VETiS	Full Fees	VETiS	Full Fees	
11 & 12	VHO - Skill Centre	AHC20422	Certificate II in Horticulture (VETiS)	Axiom College	40489	$70	$970	$70		2 Years
	VEG - Design and Technology	MEM20422	Certificate II in Engineering Pathways (VETiS)	Bluedog Training	31193	$0	$1,325	$0	$125	2 Years
	VHS - Lifestyle Industries	SIT20322	Certificate II in Hospitality (VETiS)	SmartSkills Pty Ltd	5710	$80	$775	$40	$40	2 Years
##	VHC - Science	HLT23221	Certificate II in Health Support Services (VETiS)	Connect 'n' Grow	40518	$0	$599	Yr11 ONLY		1 Year

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VETIS Funding

- Each student can have one VET course funded when not provided by the school
- There are some external courses delivered in school in year 11/12
- Be careful how you use your VETiS funding
- For example: To study Cert II Engineering in Year 11 without VETiS is $1200

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What if I don’t want an ATAR

- This is ok not every student wants to go to University
- Your subject choice would most likely be a combination of Applied and Vocational subjects
- Research possible areas you may be interested in for example Hospitality, Health, Electrotechnology, Carpentry, Plumbing, Childcare
- Read about the Applied and Vocational subjects on our website
- Talk to your teachers
- Opportunities – Tafe at School, Trade Training, Work experience

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Example Student Studying VET and Applied

Career Goal: Apprenticeship in Plumbing or Carpentry

Class Code	Class Name
AQP111A	Aquatic Practices
ENE111A	Essential English
MAE111D	Essential Mathematics
REC111A	Sport and Recreation
TUT111I	Tutorial
VFN111B	Certificate II in Furniture Making Pathways
VFS111E	Certificate III in Fitness

Career Goal: Apprenticeship Electrotechnology
Completed one day a week at TAFE Cert II Electrotechnology

Class Code	Class Name
ENE121C	Essential English
MAE121B	Essential Mathematics
REC121R	Sport and Recreation
SCS121A	Social and Community Studies
TUT121O	Tutorial
VFN121C	Certificate II in Furniture Making Pathways
VFS121E	Certificate III in Fitness

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Example Student Studying VET and General

Career Goal: Bachelor of Psychology or Education

Class Code	Class Name
AHS111A	Ancient History
ENG111I	English
MAG111A	General Mathematics
PSY111D	Psychology
TUT111G	Tutorial
VCC111A	Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
VEX111A	Extra Line VCC (Early Childhood Education)

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Example Student Studying General Subjects

Career Goal: Bachelor of Design

Class Code	Class Name
ART111A	Visual Art
BIO111D	Biology
CHM111A	Chemistry
ENG111F	English
JPS111A	Japanese
MAM111B	Mathematical Methods
TUT111D	Tutorial

Career Goal: Bachelor of Astrophysics

Class Code	Class Name
CHM111C	Chemistry
EGR111A	Engineering
ENG111F	English
MAM111B	Mathematical Methods
MAS111A	Specialist Mathematics
PHY111B	Physics
TUT111P	Tutorial

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Subject Changes

- After information tonight
  - Meet with Mr Adams or Mrs Lancaster
- At beginning of each term
- No more changes after week 2 of each term

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Careers

Support for subject selection and pathways:

- Information through Assemblies
- Parent nights
- ECP/Careers Night
- Year 10 Team
- Guidance Officers

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Where can I get information cont'd

- https://mountaincreekshs.eq.edu.au/curriculum/senior-secondary
- tafeqld.edu.au
- Caroline Quilty cquil2@eq.edu.au (Stradbroke subschool)
  - trade training centre
  - school based traineeships
  - school based apprenticeships

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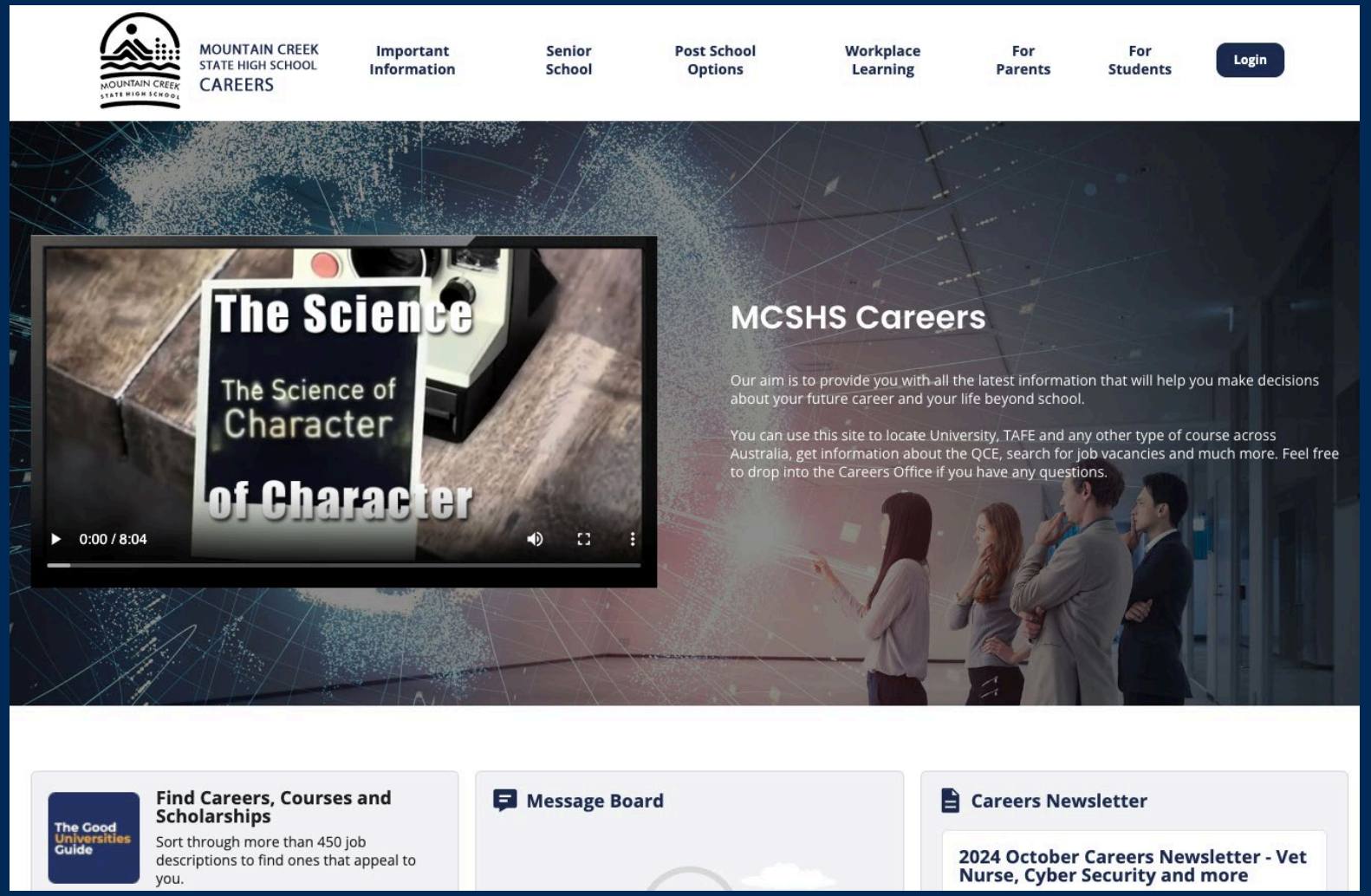
https://mountaincreekshs.eq.edu.au/

Quick links

- Parent information handbook
- ECP Education and Career Planning - Booking
- MCSHS-Student Code of Conduct (2024-2027)
- Year 12 Graduation tickets
- School Improvement Unit Executive Summary 2023
- Investing for success agreement 2022
- Moodle site MCSHS
- Bullying. Stymie that
- The Learning Place and Webmail
- Careers website MCSHS
- BYOD laptop purchasing advice



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Keys to Success

- Know what you are good at
- Try subjects this year
- Explore possible pathways
- Work hard in class
- Ask questions
- Understand pre-requisites

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2026 Parent Communication

QParents

For Consent Management and payments

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Compass

Helping Learning Thrive.

For Attendance, all other communication and more...

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QParents

For Excursions Consent and payments only

Sign in to the QParents website or download the app

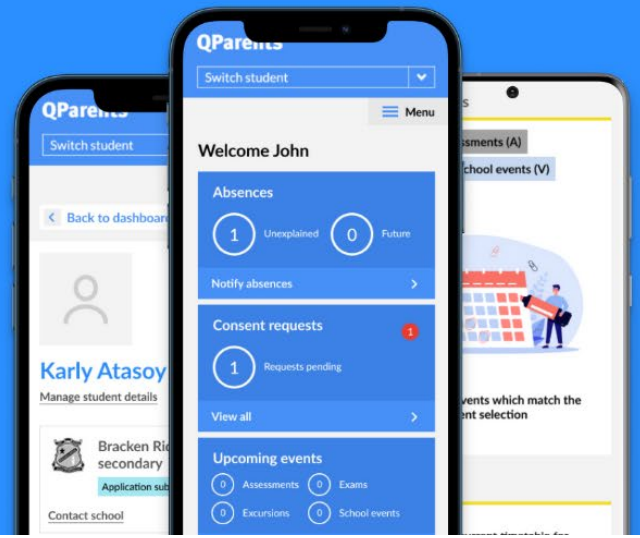
Download the QParents App for free on your favourite platform.

GET IT ON Google Play

Download on the App Store

or

Sign in



Sign-in securely
A range of security measures are in place to protect the privacy of information.

Provide consent
Respond to requests for consent for excursions, photos, etc.

Make payments online
Make payments and view all your invoices in one place.

View academic reports
View and download all report cards.

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Compass

For explaining absences, communications from school and individual teachers, notices, student timetables, calendar and more will come on board as the year progresses

How do I access Compass?

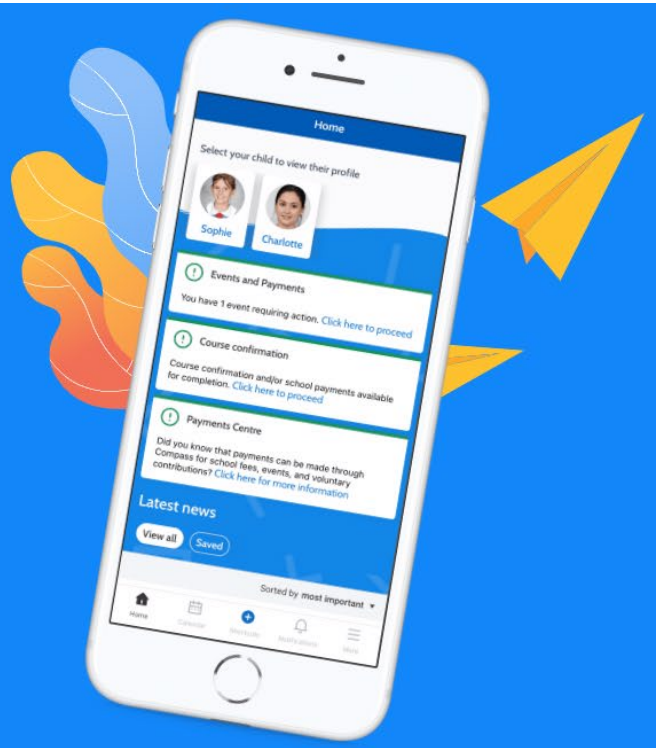
Compass is accessible on any modern web browser (Internet Explorer, Firefox, Chrome, Safari) or by using the Compass iOS or Android apps (continue reading to learn more about the app including how to use it).

To access the parent portal, you can go to your school's website and click the Compass link on their homepage. Alternatively, you can go to schools.compass.education where you can search for our school's direct URL.

To log in you will require your unique family username and password. These details will be provided to you by our school. Upon first login, you will be required to change your password and confirm your email address and mobile phone number. These details may be used by our school for SMS, password recovery and email communication throughout the year.

GET IT ON Google Play

Download on the App Store



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Questions?

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Conclusion

Our Core Purpose is to…
Inspire a Love of Learning

Thank you for supporting the school and your student via your attendance this evening.

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