

# YEAR 8 HANDBOOK

2019



ST JAMES'  
ANGLICAN SCHOOL

Faith. Excellence. Justice  
Respect. Integrity. Diversity



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to Year 8 at St James' Anglican School. I am proud to be the Principal of this great School. I was fortunate enough to be the foundation Principal, getting to set the School up in 2014. This booklet is designed to inform new parents of the landscape ahead for their son/daughter and what to expect from life at St James'. For existing parents, this information should reinforce and update you in the event that any changes have been made.

At St James', we work hard to provide a culture of learning within the School; keeping always in mind the goals upon which we were founded and the intrinsic value of surrounding all our efforts in a strong system of Pastoral Care. This provides our students with an environment that is safe, supportive and develops in them, a sense of belonging, pride in their School, and hope for the future.

We have had significant numbers of enrolments for Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 for 2019, and have appointed teachers of Design and Technology, Science and English to support our current staff. This will ensure specialists in all areas who have come from backgrounds that support this higher level learning, as the content becomes more difficult.

The format at St James' is similar to most schools in generating our timetable. Year 8 students will be doing compulsory options in 2019, then in 2020, as Year 9 students, they will move to specialisation, through selecting their own pathways. As is the case at most schools, the Year 8 students are usually unaware of which pathway they wish to follow into the upper years. This is generally why schools offer a compulsory program in these years. Once students reach Year 9, they are starting to understand which subjects they enjoy, and possible pathways they can follow in Senior School.

The options in Year 8 that make up part of the general course include: Japanese, Music, Art, PE, Drama, Information Technology, Food Technology and Design Technology. In addition, English, Science, Humanities and Mathematics make up the remainder of the timetable.

The timetable incorporates an 8-period day to accommodate more time for practical subjects, allowing the use of double periods. This is especially beneficial in these practical areas, in order to allow enough time to set up, complete tasks and then pack away. We recognise that not every student will be pursuing a University pathway at the end of Year 12.

Year 8 is a very exciting year, as the level of maturity often allows us to expose students to greater challenges and establish increased responsibility for their own learning. If you have any questions about staffing or programs for 2018 and beyond, feel free to ask me at any time.

Adrian Pree  
Principal

# AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

## PURPOSE

The purpose of a Church school is to foster growth in character and develop a set of values and skills, by teaching and example in a Christian setting, through all the activities of school life.

## AIMS

Therefore, the aims of this School are:

- To stimulate an awareness and understanding of our spiritual nature and our Christian heritage
- To provide, in a caring environment, a broad-based education which emphasizes development of literacy and numeracy skills and the striving for excellence so that each student may be encouraged to develop to his/her maximum potential
- To develop inquiring and flexible minds and an attitude to life which involves a sense of direction, a positive self-concept, and the personal resources with which to lead a full life
- To encourage and develop qualities of respect for others, self-discipline, self-motivation and commitment and resilience
- To develop a system of pastoral care based on Christian beliefs and values and involving all staff and students at every level of the school community
- To provide a framework enabling a sense of community to pervade all aspects of school life, and allowing for the development of a community of students, staff and parents in positive collaboration

# VALUES STATEMENT

## CORE VALUES

St James' Anglican School and the Anglican Schools Commission core values are;

<b>Faith</b>	Living by Gospel values
<b>Excellence</b>	Pursuing high standards in all things
<b>Justice</b>	Demonstrating fairness, compassion and conviction
<b>Respect</b>	Respecting self, others and our planet
<b>Integrity</b>	Acting with honesty and openness
<b>Diversity</b>	Promoting social inclusion and celebrating difference

# THE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Christian values and the teachings of Jesus Christ are at the centre of our School philosophy. We uphold Christ as "The Way, the Truth and the Life" and seek to follow Him in all we do.

- Visual and Performing Arts
- English
- Information Literacy
- Mathematics
- HASS
- Christian Studies
- Health and Physical Education
- LOTE: Japanese
- Science
- Design, Technology and Enterprise

Christian principles and practice must permeate every aspect of our School life and our relationships with each other as members of the school community.

**Along with other Anglican schools, St James' Anglican School distinguishes between:**

Education **for** Faith

Education **in** Faith

Education **about** Faith



## SCHOOL CONTACT INFORMATION

### Principal

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### Deputy Head of Senior School

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### School Administration

Mrs Michelle Lucas

08 6336 8330

### Absentees

[absent@stjames.wa.edu.au](mailto:absent@stjames.wa.edu.au)

### Uniform Shop

Opening Hours (Term time)

**Monday:** 8.00am – 4:00pm

**Thursday:** 8.00am – 12:00pm

### Canteen

(online ordering)

[www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au)

### School Website

[www.stjames.wa.edu.au](http://www.stjames.wa.edu.au)

### School Address

2 Graceful Blvd, Alkimos WA 6038

### Postal Address

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## YEAR 8 AT ST JAMES'

Mr Chris Hall (Head of Senior School) oversees the running of the Pastoral Care System in the Secondary School. This involves working with the Form and Subject Teachers, Chaplain, and parents to ensure the effective management of student welfare.

The Form is the Pastoral Care group in the Senior School, and students are allocated to a Form group in Year 7, that they will be part of until Year 12.

The Form Teacher is the contact person if parents wish to discuss any pastoral care concerns regarding their child. If you have a subject concern, please contact your child's subject teacher directly.

The emphasis for Senior School students is to provide a wide range of educational possibilities. Class numbers in academic subjects in Years 7 to 10 are approximately 30 with around 20 in practical subjects.

## YEAR 9 SUBJECT SELECTION 2019

At the start of Semester Two, students will attend a forum that will detail subjects on offer for Year 9. Students will bring home information about subject selection and have an opportunity to discuss with parents what choices they may make. Forms will need to be returned by the end of Term 3.

Students in Year 9 continue to study the Core subjects of English, Mathematics, Science and HASS as well as Physical Education, Health, Outdoor Education and CAVE. In addition to this, students will have made subject selections from nine options.

In 2019 the subject options were:

- Music
- Digital Technology
- Marine Studies
- Visual Arts
- Woodwork
- Drama
- Japanese
- Food Technology
- Sports Science

## Cervantes, Eglinton, Sydney and Twilight

The School is divided into four Houses for the purpose of sporting and cultural competition. Points will be awarded for competitive activities.

The House system is an integral part of the total school philosophy. A number of activities, sporting and cultural, are organised on an Interhouse basis. All students are expected to participate in House activities, voluntarily and on request.

Captains will be appointed each year.

### House Leaders:

8/9 Twilight	Mr Brenton Mizen	<a href="mailto:bmizen@stjames.wa.edu.au">bmizen@stjames.wa.edu.au</a>
	Mrs Tanisha Burtnyk	<a href="mailto:tburtnyk@stjames.wa.edu.au">tburtnyk@stjames.wa.edu.au</a>
8/9 Sydney	Miss Jes Meulenkamp	<a href="mailto:jmeulenkamp@stjames.wa.edu.au">jmeulenkamp@stjames.wa.edu.au</a>
	Ms Jo Walden	<a href="mailto:jwalden@stjames.wa.edu.au">jwalden@stjames.wa.edu.au</a>
8/9 Cervantes	Miss Annalisa Sorgiovanni	<a href="mailto:asorgiovanni@stjames.wa.edu.au">asorgiovanni@stjames.wa.edu.au</a>
	Mrs Belinda Pownall	<a href="mailto:bpownall@stjames.wa.edu.au">bpownall@stjames.wa.edu.au</a>
8/9 Eglinton	Mr David Johnson	<a href="mailto:djohnson@stjames.wa.edu.au">djohnson@stjames.wa.edu.au</a>

## THE CURRICULUM

The educational program of St James' Anglican School aims to provide an education based on Christian practice and faith, expressed by concern for the individual and for the wider community.

### The subjects students will study in Year 8 are:

Christian Studies (CAVE)	Music
English	Physical Education
Japanese	Science
Health Education	HASS
Digital Technology	Mathematics
Food Technology	Design & Technology (Woodwork)
Visual Art	Drama
Outdoor Education	

## HOMEWORK GUIDELINES

### Purposes of homework:

- Provides more opportunities for children to communicate, share and practice their learning with their parents
- Provides a link between the home and the school
- Encourages the development of self-management skills such as responsibility, independence, self-discipline, organisation and planning skills.
- Complements and enriches the learning at school.

Year	Total Time per Week	Average per Night
PP	20 minutes	5 minutes
Year 1	40 minutes	10 minutes
Year 2	60 minutes	15 minutes
Year 3	80 minutes	20 minutes
Year 4	80 minutes	20 minutes
Year 5	100 minutes	25 minutes
Year 6	120 minutes	30 minutes
Year 7	5 hours	60 minutes
Year 8	6 hours	75 minutes
Year 9	7.5 hours	90 minutes
Year 10	8.5 hours	100 minutes

Homework is recorded on our school system SEQTA. Students and parents are encouraged to log on to see what work is required to be completed and the due dates of set tasks. Students are expected to record their homework in either a diary or on their device.



## LOCKERS

Year 8 lockers are located within the Senior School building and Building D. Students are to provide their own padlock. Students are able to access their lockers before school, at recess and at lunch times. Students are not permitted to go to their lockers during class time and between classes. Lockers are not accessible after hours.

## LATE ARRIVALS/ABSENTEES

If your child is absent, please notify Mrs Lucas in Administration before 8.15am on the day of absence, through email at [absent@stjames.wa.edu.au](mailto:absent@stjames.wa.edu.au) or by phone on 08 6336 8330. Email is preferable.

Late arrivals, appointments during the day or students leaving early will need to report to Administration to sign in or out. A note will be given to the student to take to class.

Three consecutive days of illness will require a medical certificate.

If the School has not been notified of the absence, an SMS message will be sent to the authorised contact.

If your child will be away for an extended period of time, you must write to the Principal for permission. This can be done through the normal mail process or by emailing [absent@stjames.wa.edu.au](mailto:absent@stjames.wa.edu.au). Please note, it is the students' responsibility to make sure they do not fall behind with class assignments and assessments while they are away.

## ILLNESS DURING THE DAY

Sick bay is located in Administration. If a child falls ill during the school day, the student must ask the teacher and report to Administration.

It is the responsibility of parents to inform the School if their child has a medical issue that requires extra support or medication dispensing during School hours.

If your child requires emergency medication, a spare supply of medication and an action plan must be kept at Student Reception.

In 2019, a range of iPad models will be supported; however, we recommend the latest model of iPad to ensure it lasts for an extended period of time.

<b>Recommended iPad Models</b>	<b>Storage</b>
<b>iPad 2018 (6<sup>th</sup> Generation)</b>	128Gb
<b>iPad 2017(5<sup>th</sup> Generation)</b>	128Gb
<b>iPad Pro (10.5-inch screen)</b>	64Gb OR 256Gb

Please note that we do not recommend the iPad Pro 12.9-inch model as this is considered too cumbersome for school purposes.

<b>Other Supported iPad Models</b>
<b>iPad Pro (9.7-inch screen)</b>
<b>iPad Air 2</b>
<b>iPad Air</b>

Models older than these are not supported as do not accept the latest iPad Operating System. If purchasing a replacement iPad, please purchase one of the recommended models.

**iPad Mini**

The iPad mini is not acceptable for Senior School as its small screen size makes it unsuitable for frequent use for accessing digital documentation. Unfortunately, it is also currently not a permitted device for NAPLAN. It is envisaged that NAPLAN testing online will occur from 2019 onwards.

## Storage

Although we permit iPads with 16GB of storage, we do not recommend them as there are a large number of school apps that will consume it. Students with a 16Gb iPad will experience difficulty with maintaining a capacity for storage and App installation.

## Changes from 2018

The new operating system for iPad (iOS12) was released in the second half of 2018. We have been advised that models older than the iPad Air will NOT be supported.

The following models are NOT supported in 2019 unless they have already been supervised and enrolled by the School prior to the deployment of iOS12. Students who enrol at St James' after the release of iOS12 must have a model listed above.

<b>Models NOT Supported</b>				
<b>iPad 4</b>	<b>iPad 3</b>	<b>iPad 2</b>	<b>iPad 1</b>	<b>iPad mini 1</b>

If you are not sure which model of iPad your child has please see the following webpage:  
<https://support.apple.com/en-au/ht201471>

Students are responsible for the care and security of their own iPad. When they are not in use in the classroom, they must be locked in the students' locker. iPads must be taken home each day and not left in lockers or at school overnight.

Information regarding Student Technology at St James' can also be found on the school website under Tech Bar.

## CHAPEL

All students at St James' attend Chapel once per week. Christian Education is a part of the students' timetable.

Students and families are welcome to attend the Chapel of St James for weekend services. Please check the School website for details.

## CANTEEN

The Canteen has an online ordering system. This system allows you to order lunch, up to two weeks ahead, and pay for it online. Orders must be completed by 8:20am on the day required. To order online, please visit [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au) and follow the prompts.

## UNIFORM

Students are expected to wear the designated school uniform with pride at all times, including while on excursions and sporting events. Students must look clean, neat and tidy while at school and travelling to and from school. All items of uniform must be clearly labelled with the owner's name.

Summer uniform is worn in Terms 1 and 4 and winter uniform is worn in Terms 2 and 3. The St James' wide brimmed hat is a compulsory item in Terms 1 and 4 and must be worn at all times when the student is outside. We recommend students wear their hat in Terms 2 and 3. The School blazer must be worn to and from school in Terms 2 and 3.

# IMPORTANT DATES

## **Year 8 Immunisations**

Thursday 21 March

## **Photo Day**

Thursday 2 May

## **Semester One Exam Week**

Tuesday 4 June – Thursday 7 June

## **NAIDOC Day**

Wednesday 3 July

## **St James' Day**

Friday 5 July

## **Careers Week**

Monday 9 September – Friday 13 September

## **Year 8 Immunisations**

Monday 23 September

## **Semester Two Exam Week**

Monday 11 November – Friday 15 November

## **Sports Award Assembly**

Friday 6 December

## **Senior School Awards Night**

Tuesday 10 December

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**All dates and events are subject to change and are advertised in the school newsletter.**

## 2019 TERM DATES

### **Term 1**

Students commence on Monday 4 February  
Last day for students is Friday 12 April

### **Term 2**

Students commence on Tuesday 30 April  
Last day for students is Friday 5 July

**\*\*3 week mid-year break\*\***

### **Term 3**

Students commence on Monday 29 July  
Last day for students is Friday 27 September

### **Term 4**

Students commence on Monday 14 October  
Last day for students is Wednesday 11 December