Year 7 First Day
### SRHS Calendar

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Welcome Back to a New School Year

Welcome to the 2016 school year! We hope you had a great holiday and that students and their families are ready to return to the business of learning.

This year will be another exciting year with new staff joining us at SRHS

Mr G Langford  Manager Leadership & Learning
Mr G Simpson  English/HSIE
Mrs V Gavin  English/HSIE
Ms A Saltos  Support
Mrs K Rattan  Librarian

Our dedicated staff has been working hard to prepare for another amazing school year, building on the success and accomplishments of last year.

Keep an eye on our school calendar on the website for upcoming events. The Minto Community of Schools Swimming Carnival will be held on Tuesday 23 February.

Come along to our Open Night on Wednesday 24 February and see what your child is doing in their subjects. There will be a fundraising BBQ, student performances, interactive displays or just kick back and have a coffee at Káfe 2566. We hope to see you all there.
Deputy Principal

Homework and study tips

Homework helps expand on the concepts learned in the classroom. Relaxing, getting organised and using good time management are all ways to help make homework less of a stress for the whole family.

For a host of great tips that will have your child creating success with their homework, see the School A to Z homework tips under the homework and study link: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips

Uniform

As the winter season approaches parents/carers are asked to ensure that their child has the appropriate blue school jumper (all navy blue and NO logos). A reminder also, that students should be wearing tailored navy blue pants (short or long), and not tracksuit pants to school. This change of clothes is permitted during sport and practical PDHPE lessons only.

Further, school shoes are to be

1. Black (ALL BLACK – no stripes, or coloured motifs/badges)
2. Fully enclosed
3. Leather

We look forward to another year full of engaging and rich learning activities at SRHS and invite parents to contact the schools with any concerns or questions.

Have a great term,

Mrs L. Sculley
Manager Operations
News from the Middle School

As Head Teacher of the Middle School I believe I have the best job one could possibly have! Parents be proud of your children because the Middle School Team definitely are.

I am delighted to report that Year 7, all 105 students, have settled into high school life very quickly. It is a huge transition from primary school – reading timetables week A or is it week B? Bringing the correct equipment to school, navigating around a new environment and making new friends. It is only a few weeks into the school year and I see students taking responsibility and being engaged in their learning.

Year 8 has also successfully transitioned to their new block and I thank them for their assistance in supporting the Year 7 students. They of course have reached or are very close to becoming teenagers and so we have different expectations of maturity. Again, they are displaying responsibility and respect towards their teachers as well as to their fellow students. Congratulations, Year 8.

It is pleasing to see most students using their diaries correctly to assist with the organisation of each day. Assessment schedule booklets have been given out so please ask your child to show you. Students must bring the correct books and equipment which includes Year 8 charging their laptops every night. Thank you to parents for your support. A reminder, all students must have a calculator and bring it as part of their equipment every day. There are still some students who have not purchased a calculator and I ask you to do this as a matter of urgency.

Wearing the correct school uniform, particularly correct shoes, is important and Middle School prides itself on all students wearing correct uniform every day. The students look well groomed and it is hoped they wear their uniform with pride.

Parent/Teacher meetings are currently being organised and an invitation will be sent to you via your child soon. Looking forward to meeting you at these meetings,

Mrs M. Downey
Head Teacher Middle School
As SRC Coordinator, I am honoured to be working with innovative and
dedicated students who aspire to create an enriched learning and social
environment for their fellow students. The SRC team for 2016 have
begun planning for this year’s programs with enthusiasm.

Last year, our SRC students took the initiative to raise awareness of
Domestic Violence and joined the Australian campaign to prevent men’s
violence against women. Our SRC students sold white ribbons on White
Ribbon Day (25th November 2015) and did a tremendous job of spreading the
word. The SRC team sold all white ribbons and raised over $250 for the
campaign, where the money will go towards the victims of domestic violence.

This year, our first fundraiser will be our annual Bandaged Bear BBQ breakfast, which will be held on Thursday 10th March. All funds raised will go to The Children’s Hospital at Westmead, the money will go towards research into childhood illnesses and the purchase of much-needed medical equipment.

On February 18, our Captains (Rachel and Marcus) and our Vice Captains (Alex, Shweta and Mairin) had the opportunity to attend the GRIP Student Leadership Conference at Sydney Olympic Park. Our Captains participated in a number of activities and workshops where they had the opportunity to develop their skills in leadership.

The SRC are already planning initiatives for Term 2 and are pleased to have the capacity to bring even more to this year.

Ms N. Estavillo
SRC Coordinator
Dear Parents and Carers,

The Department of Education is re-evaluating the Laptops which they are making available for schools to purchase, to ensure that the most current technology is continually being used by students. The Laptop Lease/Purchase Agreement which was in your information pack on Orientation Day refers to a model which is now being phased out.

At this point, we are awaiting further information from the Department of Education regarding the specific laptop devices which they will offer. We order with the Department of Education so students are able to benefit from the wide range of software available free with these devices.

Families are still able to pay for the laptop device in advance, which will be the same price; the first instalment is $170, which can be paid to the Front Office. You do not need to sign a Laptop Lease/ Purchase Agreement at this stage, as this contract will not be able to be finalised until we know which device will be ordered.

Once the device is available, you will receive an invitation to our Laptop Information Evening, where Laptop Lease/Purchase Agreements can be signed. Following this, students will receive their device during a Laptop Rollout Day, where they will learn how to use the laptop and software with their teachers.

We appreciate your patience. Please do not hesitate to contact myself or the Year 7 Year Adviser Ms Estavillo on (02) 9820 1566 should you have any further questions.

Ms D. Dunajcik
Manager Curriculum

Ms N. Estavillo
Year 7 Year Adviser
A record 400 students are expected to attend the 2016 Minto Community of Schools’ Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 23rd February. The carnival is expected to begin at approximately 9:45am after the arrival of students from all five schools including Sarah Redfern HS, Sarah Redfern PS, Minto PS, The Grange PS and Campbellfield PS. Parents and Spectators are welcome but there is an entry fee to the pool on the day. Due to an increased attendance over the last few years, the event has been moved and is now being held at the newly refurbished Macquarie Fields Leisure Centre.

The lead up to the Swimming Carnival began early in Term 1, with the Sport House Captains deciding upon their House themes and chants for the much talked about cheer comp. It has been great to witness the enthusiasm and organisational skills of a great bunch of school leaders.

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Best of luck to all Swimmers and House groups at the carnival. Especially to those Staff members hoping to take back the bragging rights in the Staff vs. Students 4x50m Freestyle Relay.
In other Sport news, several students have been selected to represent Sarah Redfern HS and the Fisher Zone Secondary Schools Sport Association at various SSW Championships in Term 1. The Teams were selected from Fisher Zone Trials held late in 2015 and at the beginning of 2016 from the six schools in the Zone.

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A reminder to all parents and guardians that SRHS Sport Uniforms are available in the Uniform Shop and are compulsory for Sport and Practical PDHPE lessons. For further information, see SRHS website.

Mr S. Ellis
Sport Organiser
Welcome back to another busy year at Sarah Redfern High School. We have sent out the **2016 Enrolment Information Form and Student Medical Details and Health Conditions Form**. We require a form to be **completed for each student and returned back to school by Friday 4 March**. These forms enables us to update our school records with the most current information in the case of an emergency.

Below are a few reminders from the Admin office of Sarah Redfern High School:

**School Newsletter**

The school newsletter is published in week 5 and week 10 of each school term. It is available to be viewed on the Sarah Redfern website [http://www.sarahredfeh.schools.nsw.edu.au/](http://www.sarahredfeh.schools.nsw.edu.au/). Please take the time to view and read the newsletter as it is full of important information and articles about what is happening within the school.

**Change of Address**

Parents are reminded to notify the front office as soon as possible of any changes to their address, home number or mobile numbers. It is important that these details are kept up to date in the event that we need to contact you in an emergency. Please see the back page for a copy of this form.

**ID Cards**

All students except Year 7 and new students to SRHS have been issued with a school swipe ID card. Each year when school photos are taken new ID cards are generated for Year’s 7, 9 and 11. The card shows our school name and logo, student’s full name, date of birth and a bar code. The card can be used by students as a form of photo ID.

The card is to be used by each student in conjunction with our absence system. Students are to swipe the card when signing in and out of school when they leave early or arrive late. It is expected that students carry these cards at all times. Students in Year 11 and 12 must have their ID cards to sign in on late start days and out on early leave days otherwise the privilege to start late or leave early will be taken away.

If the card is lost, students are to go to Block 1 front office to organise a replacement. Cost of replacing lost cards is **$8.00**.

**Payments On-Line**

Parents and careers making on-line payments for excursions are required to return the permission note to school the next day with their child. The notes are to be handed in at the office. It is a requirement to attend excursions that the permission note must be received by the school. Payment without the note will unfortunately mean that your child will not be able to attend the excursion.
**School Fees**

A reminder to all parents that school fees are now due, an invoice has been sent out to each family in the mail, it would be greatly be appreciated if these fees could be paid as soon as possible. If parents have difficulty in paying the whole amount, partial payments can be made.

While the General School Contribution is voluntary, it enables us to maintain a high standard of service to your children through your financial support. The contribution for 2016 is $50 per student this is used to help support the costs of texts, printing, photocopying and classroom technology. Elective subject fees are charged for most elective subjects, these fees are used to offset the cost of materials used by students in the course of their studies. These fees are made known to students before they elected their subjects. If elective subject fees are not paid or an arrangement for payment is not made by Week 7 Term 1, then an alternative elective may need to be chosen for your child.

**Late and Absences**

If your child is absent from school, they are required to bring a note on the first day that they return to school. The note is to be handed in at Block 8 Student Services. Please include on the note your child’s name, date of absence and the reason of their absence. Please sign and write your name at the bottom of the note.

If you child is late to school in the morning, please send them with a note explaining the reason for lateness, signed by parent/guardian. Your child will them be swiped into school as late with a reason. Should your child be late to school without a note then they will be recorded as being late without a note and will be required to attend a lunch time detention with Mr Taylor.

**Uniform Shop Hours**

Tuesday & Thursday
8.30am to 9.00am
11.40am to 12.10pm

**School Car Park – (Entrance Monaghan Street)**

Sarah Redfern High School in conjunction with Sarah Redfern Public School have now installed a security gate at the entrance to the Monaghan Street car park. The gate was installed for the safety and wellbeing of all students, staff and visitors, it is not to be used by parents unless you are picking up your child from sick bay. In this instance, you can use the intercom to speak to the Front Office, who will then open the gate for you. All students using Monaghan Street to access school are to use the pedestrian gate outside the primary school.

*This is a staff car park only, and is not to be used by parents.*

**Mrs K. Moroney**

*School Administration Manager*
Sarah Redfern High School
1 Monaghan Street, Minto NSW 2566
Ph 9820 1566 Fax 9820 3050

Address, Phone & Family Information

We are updating our school records. If you have changed any details and not let us know please complete the form below and return as soon as possible.

Parent / Guardian ____________________________________________

Students Name/s ____________________________________________

Changes

☐ Address ____________________________________________

☐ Home phone Number _____________________________________

☐ Mobile Phone (Mother) ______________________ (Father) ______

☐ Work Phone (Mother) ______________________ (Father) ______

☐ Email Address _________________________________________

☐ Emergency Contact Person 1
   Name ______________________ Relationship _________________
   Phone Number _______________ Mobile Number _____________

☐ Emergency Contact Person 2
   Name ______________________ Relationship _________________
   Phone Number _______________ Mobile Number _____________

☐ Medical Information / Allergies ___________________________

I hereby consent to my son/daughter/ward being photographed/filmed/interviewed for our school’s and NSW Department of Education and Training’s promotional activities. I understand that this could include (but is not limited to) distribution of student’s (son/daughter/ward) image on the School’s/Department’s website; general exhibition at school events; television, print and electronic mainstream media and other associated promotional material.

Signed by Parent / Guardian / Carer __________________________ Date ____________

PLEASE FILL IN ALL FIELDS BEFORE SIGNING AND RETURNING TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE.