

2026 Start of Year Letter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am looking forward to a new year filled with opportunities for students to learn, play and grow at Shellharbour Anglican College. Please see the below start of year information for both new and current families.

Teacher and Class Allocation:

Kindergarten students will receive another letter prior to school commencing, detailing their class teacher for 2026. All other families will be able to view their child's class teacher on Edumate prior to school commencing; however we do recommend waiting and allowing your child to share that exciting information with you at the conclusion of their first day!

Monday 2 February 2026

This day is only for our Monday-Wednesday Prep students, Kindergarten and new students to the College. This day provides new students with the opportunity to have their first day without all students onsite.

Prep Three Day students: Monday 2 February, 9am to 11am.

Park in the main car park and walk together to meet outside the Prep classroom. The Prep teachers will be there to meet you. Parents can visit the room for the first 20 minutes and then are invited to enjoy morning tea at Georgia Rose, Shell Cove Marina for 9.30am. Parents are to collect children at 11 am from the classroom. Prep Uniform and school bag with morning tea is required for students.

Kindergarten: Monday 2 February, 9am to 11am.

Park in the main car park and walk together to meet outside the classroom. The Kindergarten teachers will be there to meet you. Parents can visit the room for the first 20 minutes and then are invited to enjoy morning tea at Georgia Rose, Shell Cove Marina for 9.30am. Parents are to collect children at 11 am from the classroom. Formal School Uniform and school bag with morning tea is required for students. A letter with the class teacher for Kindergarten will be sent to parents prior to school commencing.

Kindergarten: Tuesday 3 February, normal school day.

This is the first normal school day. Parents may walk their child to put their bag on their hook at their classroom and then take them to the kindergarten grassed area at B block where there will be a teacher on duty from 8.30am. Kindergarten students are to be collected at 3.00pm. Please park in the carpark and wait outside B block where Kindergarten staff will bring their classes to meet you. Please do not go to your child's classroom. This procedure remains in place for the duration of the year, including wet weather. There is no stopping on the road at any time in the afternoons.

New Students Year 1 to Year 6: Monday 2 February, 9.00 am to 11 am.

Please park in the car park and meet the teaching staff in the amphitheatre. You will meet your child's teacher on the day, and parents and carers will visit the classroom. Parents will then attend the morning tea at 10.15am. Formal School Uniform and morning tea are required for students.

Prep Two Day students: Thursday 5 February, 9am to 11am.

Park in the main car park and walk together to meet outside the Prep classroom. The Prep teachers will be there to meet you. Parents can visit the room for the first 20 minutes then are invited to enjoy morning tea at Georgia Rose, Shell Cove Marina for 9.30am. Parents are to collect children at 11 am from the classroom. Prep Uniform and school bag with morning tea is required for students.

All Students return on Tuesday 3 February 2026

We are thrilled to welcome all students from Prep 3 to Year 6 back to the College on Tuesday 3 February 2026 for their first full day. All students come to school on Tuesday 3 February in full formal school uniform. Please refer to the Parent

Information Manual for uniform, hair, jewellery and footwear requirements.

Start and Finish times for 2026:

- **Prep:** Arrival from 8.30am to 8.55am, departure from 2.45pm to 3.00pm
- **K-2:** Arrival from 8.30am to 8.55am, departure at 3pm.
- **3-6:** Arrival from 8.30am to 8.55am, departure at 3.15pm.

Prep Drop off and Pick up:

Park in the main car park and walk around the footpath to Prep gate. Doors open to the Prep classroom at 8.30am. Please ensure you arrive by 8.55am for roll call. Thank you for always holding your child's hand.

Students are to be collected at the Prep area from 2.45pm to 3pm. Please wait outside the classroom for the teachers to dismiss the students.

Kindergarten Drop off and Pick up:

Parents may walk their child to put their bag on their hook at their classroom and then take them to the kindergarten grassed area at B block where there will be a teacher on duty from 8.30am. Kindergarten students are to be collected at 3.00pm from the grassed area at B block.

Drop Off Options:

- **Kiss and Drop – 2 minute zone:** This flows from the main entrance and is based on available spaces. Students should have bags ready at their feet ready to exit the car without parent help. Parents are required to stay in the car and to drive away safely and promptly to the exit. This is a no parking zone
- **Park and Drop:** This is in the main car park and is accessed by turning immediately left after the entrance.
- **Collection by Car:** There are two collection times when staff will bring students to the main car park and deliver them to your vehicle. Discuss with your child/children about collection time and where you will attempt to park (front zone, middle or back). **3.00pm Years 1 and 2 Students** and **3.15pm Years 3 to 6 students.** Younger child/children will be supervised in a JS area until collected by their older sibling at 3.15pm if required. Please let the class teacher know via seesaw.
- **Park Offsite and Walk:** This can be a planned routine or a response to significant traffic on Dunmore Rd. Enter Shell Cove and park in an appropriate place then walk with or direct your child to walk to school. Students can be farewelled at the pedestrian gate or if necessary, walked to the end of the car park near Kiss and Drop.
- **Bike Riding:** all safety equipment is mandatory for students. Please train your child to obey all traffic lights, road rules and general safety. Students must **walk** their bike to the bike racks once on school grounds. Entry is through the top gate near Dunmore Rd. Should your Junior School child be travelling with an older sibling then they will wait in the amphitheatre for SS students to meet them.
- **Pedestrian Access:** Students should be of a responsible age and obey all traffic signs, lights and rules. Dunmore Rd is particularly busy with car, bus and truck traffic. Students are not to cross the driveways at the front entrance gates.
- **Bus Access:** The bus timetable can be found [here](#). All students are supervised until the bus arrives and the line is called by the teacher on duty. Should your Junior School child be travelling with an older sibling then they will wait in the amphitheatre for SS students to meet them.

Communication:

You will receive a Seesaw parent QR code which will allow you to receive and send general information to the class teacher. Please always check Edumate Broadcasts and emails for letters home.

Upcoming events:

- **Meet and Greet Afternoon** – a chance to meet the class teacher and other parents and carers in the class.
- **Kindergarten and Years 5 and 6:** Monday 9 February, 4pm to 5pm in the amphitheatre
- **Years 1 and 2 and Years 3 and 4:** Tuesday 10 February, 4pm to 5pm in the amphitheatre.
- **Junior School Swimming Carnival, Wednesday 11 February.** This event is for all Years 3-6 students and competent 8-year-olds in Year 2. All parents are welcome. More information will be sent home during Week 1.

Kind regards,
Mrs Sara Lundberg
Head of Junior School