



# Chanel news

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Dr Susan Bunkum PhD  
Chanel College Principal

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

# Welcome

There is something special about the beginning of a new school year. After the long summer holidays, it is coloured by an air of anticipation and excitement, and resolutions to work hard all year and to achieve well, impeccable uniforms, polished shoes, new stationery, and empty exercise books, soon to be filled with notes, equations, reflections, sketches, reports, and assignments.

I can imagine, too, that the Year 7's and all those new to Chanel, will be feeling eager expectation about joining the College community for the first time. As Principal, I am proud to say that this is a community that not only values educational excellence, but one which also provides all young people with a holistic education within a beautiful environment with superb facilities, and with a staff which is expert, committed and highly competent.

So, I warmly welcome all those who are new, and all continuing students and their families, to our college community in 2025. I am looking forward to welcoming all students on the 28 January and meeting their families over the coming weeks.

### Mobile Phones

In 2024 Chanel College implemented a new Mobile Phone & Wearable Technology Policy. This policy is aimed at ensuring mobile phones are not used during school hours. Each student is allocated a personal lockable phone pouch with an ID number. Unlocking devices are strategically located around the College. Important information regarding this policy is located in the Student Organiser.

### Congratulations to the graduating class of 2024!

As a College community, we celebrate the success of our Year 12 2024 students:

- 97% of the cohort received a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE).
- 36% of the cohort obtained a VET qualification.
- 21% of subject results were an A standard.

Of the students who nominated to share their ATAR information with the College:

- Three students gained an ATAR of 95+
- 19% gained an ATAR of 90+
- 55% gained an ATAR of 80+
- 68% gained an ATAR of 70+

Noteworthy achievements also include:

- Five Year 12 students will receive a QCAA Certificate of Academic Commendation for achieving an A result in all of their General Subjects.
- One Year 12 student attained 100% in two of their External Examinations.

The majority of students who have applied for university courses through QTAC received first round offers. Students in our Vocational Education courses also achieved great success with students receiving Certificate I, Certificate II, and Certificate III qualifications. A number of students also completed school-based apprenticeships and traineeships.

These achievements are outstanding and are testament to the hard work of students and the dedication of their teachers. Congratulations and well done! We are immensely proud of the achievements of all students.

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## New Staff Members for 2025:

- Mr Sean Purvis – Head of Sport; Teacher: HPE
- Mrs Katie Potter – Head of Inclusive Education; Teacher: Business
- Mrs Emma Dixon – Teacher: Psychology, English & Inclusive Education
- Mrs Julie Bryce – Teacher: ITD – Food Technology & Textiles
- Mr Matthew Fitzgerald – Teacher: English & HASS
- Mr Greg Kelly – Teacher: Maths, HPE & ITD
- Mrs Shannon Kotali – Teacher: HASS
- Mrs Rina Panda – Teacher: ITD – Food Technology & English (Economics)
- Miss Maddison Samuel – Teacher: Science (Psychology) & HASS
- Miss Dané Schoeman – Teacher: Maths
- Mr Joseph Wood – Teacher: ITD – Wood & Furnishings



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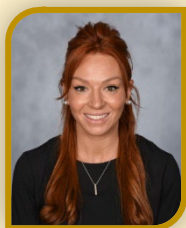
## Our Deans for 2024:



Ms Jessica Ryan  
Dean of Senior Years  
**ACADEMIC  
PERFORMANCE &  
PATHWAYS**



Mrs Suzette Meiring  
Dean of Middle Years  
**ACADEMIC  
PERFORMANCE &  
TRANSITION**



Ms Jacqui Osborne  
Dean of Students

## Our Curriculum Leaders for 2025:

- Religious Education – Mrs Jade Van Krimpen
- English & LOTE – Ms Laura Ord
- Mathematics – Mr Christopher Riggall
- Science – Mr David Fisser
- Humanities & Social Science – Ms Bianca Toma
- The Arts – Mrs Danielle Slow
- Health & Physical Education – Mr Robert Paul
- Inclusive Curriculum – Mrs Katie Potter
- Digital Technologies & VET – Mr Jose Fuentes

## Our Program Leaders for 2025:

- Sports – Mr Sean Purvis
- Co-Curricular – Ms Tracey Iki
- Instrumental Music – Mrs Stacy Berry
- Liturgical Music – Mrs Nicky Rippingale

## Heads of House 2025



STELLA MARIS  
Mr Ismael Arrarte



MARCELLIN  
Mrs Georgia Reynolds



(ACTING) MARCELLIN  
Miss Danielle Fenwick



MacKILLOP  
Mrs Rachel Shailer



McAULEY  
Dr Vikki Potts



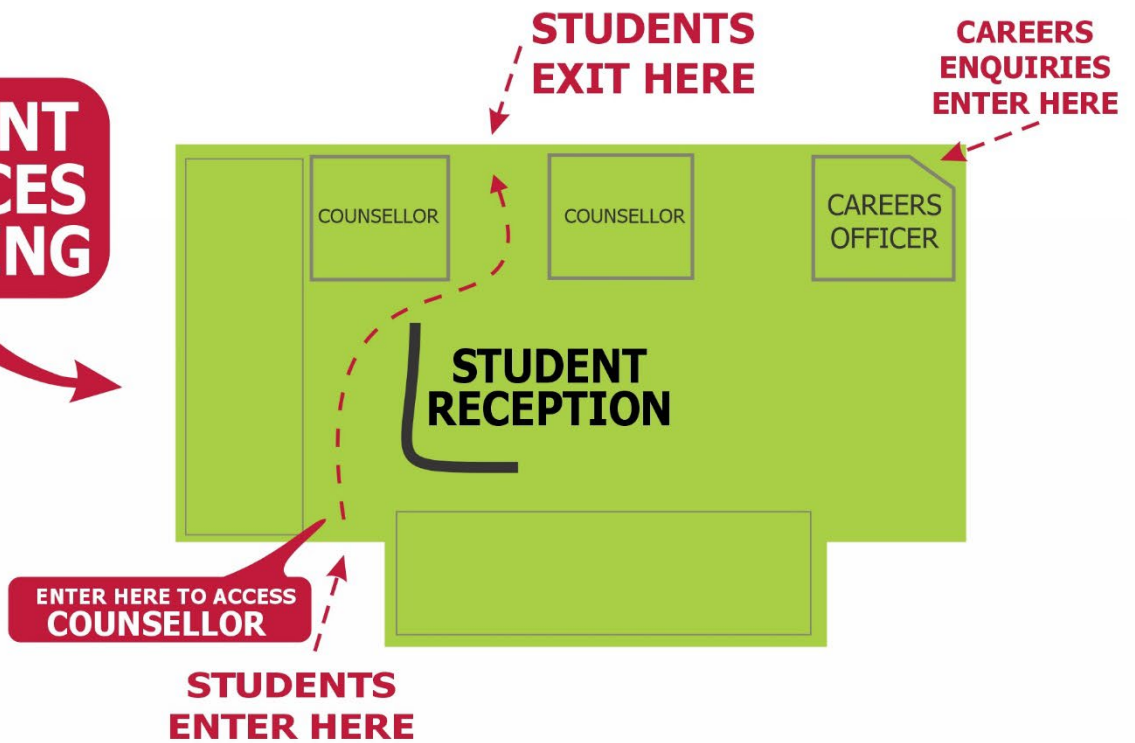
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# CHANEL COLLEGE - FIRST DAY



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**STUDENT SERVICES BUILDING**



# DEPUTY PRINCIPAL CURRICULUM



**Dr Matthew Hodge**

**Deputy Principal**

**TEACHING & LEARNING**

I welcome all new and returning families to the College for the 2025 academic year.

The start of the academic year provides a fresh opportunity for students to aim for excellence in their learning. Students are encouraged to set challenging goals for the year ahead and then work hard to attain them. Students at Chanel College are fortunate that our dedicated team of teachers and support staff are here to assist them with their academic goals. I look forward to the many achievements that our Chaneligians will make as they set out to be respectful, responsible, and resilient learners this year.

I commend our Class of 2024 for their results in the Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE). It was pleasing to have 97% of students receive their Queensland Certificate of Education. As a College that is inclusive of all student pathways, we also congratulate those students who managed to gain apprenticeships, seek employment, or who have moved onto further learning.

## Parent Information Sessions

Several information sessions are held at the commencement of the academic year to share key information for the year ahead. The sessions also allow parents to meet members of our College Leadership Team, Middle Leaders, and teachers and ask questions. A number of our sessions will be held online this year. Further details will be shared via email and Facebook.

### Year 11 Information Session (Online)

5 February 2025, 5.30pm

### Year 12 Information Session (Online)

5 February 2025, 6.30pm

### Year 7 Information Session

6 February 2025, 5.30pm – 6.45pm

## Being Prepared for Learning

One of the best ways for students to ensure that they are always ready to learn is to ensure that they have the necessary equipment for each class. Students are expected to have their Student Organiser, exercise book, Notebook/Chromebook, and a fully stocked pencil case at every class. All booklist requirements can be found on the College website.

In addition to having the required equipment for class, I encourage all students to have a water bottle. This year, we continue our focus on students remaining in the classroom for the entire period. Please note that we have 50-minute and 100-minute periods. Having a water bottle and going to the toilet at break times goes a long way to ensuring that students are in class for the entire period.

## Attendance

Research shows that higher school attendance rates are related to higher achievement. **Our College goal is for all students to be present over 95% of the time (no more than 10 days absent per year) in order to prepare them for the workforce.** To maximise learning opportunities, students at Chanel College must attend school. It is important that students arrive at school for the start of Pastoral Care (8.42am), as this is the start of the school day. We look forward to increased attendance levels this year.

## Technology Program & Charging

In the coming days, our Years 7 and 10 cohorts will receive their Notebook devices as part of the College's revised technology program. The new devices, HP Notebooks, will enable our students to develop skills in using the Windows operating system while also accessing all Google features. It is always exciting when students receive their new devices.

Students are required to bring a fully charged device (Chromebook/Notebook) to school each day. *Please note that students will not be permitted to charge their devices during class time.* I encourage students to develop a positive routine for ensuring that their device is charged each night.

## Communication

Please get in touch with our teaching team if you want more information regarding your child's progress throughout the year. Your child's classroom teacher is the best person to contact in the first instance regarding progress, assessment, classroom behaviour, or homework. You can find a directory of staff email addresses in the menu on the College website or the following URL:

<https://chanelcollege.qld.edu.au/our-community/staff-directory/>

If you have any further questions, please get in touch with the relevant Curriculum Leader or me. All the best for the year ahead!

# ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL MISSION

## Welcome Back

Welcome back to Chanel College for the 2025 school year. I am sure it will be an enjoyable and rewarding one. We especially welcome all new families to our College community.



Ms Kristi Bourke  
Assistant Principal  
**MISSION**



### 2025 College Theme

This year our College Theme is "**Mercy in Action**". Mercy in Action reminds us of the deep call to live out compassion, love, and forgiveness in our daily lives. Mercy is more than just feeling sympathy; it is a call to act, to make a difference in the lives of others, and to reflect the love of God in everything we do.

Jesus' life was a perfect example of mercy in action. Through His words and deeds, He revealed the heart of God—a heart full of unconditional love, kindness, and forgiveness. One of the most profound moments where Jesus teaches us about mercy is in the Gospel of Matthew:

**"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy."** (Matthew 5:7)

This Beatitude is a powerful reminder that showing mercy is both a gift and a calling. When we extend forgiveness, offer kindness, or care for those in need, we not only bring healing to others but also open our hearts to receive God's grace.

To truly live "Mercy in Action," we are invited to embrace Jesus' example—to feed the hungry, comfort the broken-hearted, forgive those who hurt us, and uplift those who feel forgotten. As a community, let us strive to put this theme into practice, remembering that mercy transforms lives, starting with our own.

May we all seek to live as instruments of God's mercy this year and always.

### Prayer Families

In the first week of return to school you will have the opportunity to participate in the Chanel tradition of prayer support for our Year 12 students. If you wish to support our Year 12 students in this special way, Prayer Support Family forms are available at the College Office. Each Year 12 student is then given a Prayer Support Family/Person whose only commitment is to offer prayers regularly for that student. We encourage you to be part of this important program.

### Term 1 Retreats

Year 12 Retreat – Week 9	Bundaberg
Year 9 Retreat Day – Tuesday, 1 April (Week 10)	Chanel College
Year 7 Retreat – Monday, 31 March (Week 10)	Chanel College

Wishing you all the very best for the year ahead!

### Term 1 College Events

• Opening School Mass	3 February	Chanel	9am
• Love Thy Neighbour Day	14 February	Chanel	
• Ash Wednesday Liturgy	5 March	Chanel	9am
• Stations of the Cross	21 March	SOS Church	5.30pm
• Easter Celebration	4 April	Chanel	



# ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATION

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**Mrs Kerrie Lisle**  
**Assistant Principal**  
**ADMINISTRATION**

## Welcome to the 2025 Academic Year at Chanel College

We extend a warm welcome to all students and families as we embark on an exciting journey into the 2025 school year. Our dedicated staff are committed to creating an exceptional learning environment that supports the academic, social, and emotional growth of every student. Together, we aim to inspire success, foster a sense of community, and encourage all to embrace the values of justice, kindness, and humility, in their daily lives.

We are particularly excited to welcome our Year 7 students, new students, and new staff as they join the vibrant teaching and learning community at Chanel College. The beginning of a new year offers opportunities for fresh starts, new adventures, and meaningful challenges. With enthusiasm, our students will embrace learning while embodying the spirit of peace and connection.

This year, we have planned a slightly different start to the school year to provide additional transition opportunities for all students. Please take note of the schedule for the first week:

### Day 1 Schedule

#### Tuesday, 28 January

- **PC to Period 2:** Year 7, 11 & 12 students attend as well as any new students in Years 8, 9 & 10. Transition activities in PC.
- **Years 8, 9, and 10 new students** will depart after Period 2.
- **Periods 3 to 6:** Normal classes for Years 7, 11, and 12.

#### Wednesday, 29 January

- **PC extended:** All students return. Transition activities in PC for all students, especially Years 8, 9 & 10.
- **Period 1 to Period 6:** Normal classes for **all** year levels.

### Important Information for Day 1

- Students should bring morning tea and lunch, or money for Café Chanel (tuckshop), which will be open.
- Students must also bring basic stationery and a notebook and ensure that all equipment and belongings are clearly labelled.
- Lockers will be allocated on the first day for students to store their belongings.

If a student is unwell and unable to attend school on the first day, parents are asked to notify the school via the Absentee Hotline on **4994 8901**.

### Important Uniform and Timetable Information for the Start of the 2025 School Year

All students are required to wear their full formal uniform on their first day back at school. Please ensure that the College Uniform Policy is adhered to, with particular attention to shoes, hair, and jewellery. School shoes must be black, leather, and lace-up. Slip-on styles, buckle-up shoes, and canvas footwear (e.g., Volleys) are not permitted.

### Timetable Distribution

**Year 7 students and new students** will receive their individual timetables on the first day of school.

**Years 8 – 12 students** will be able to access their timetables through Student Café and Parent Lounge prior to the start of school. Please note that timetables will not be accessible on Student Café or Parent Lounge until the 2025 timetable has been rolled over.

Thank you for ensuring these requirements are met, as they help maintain a smooth and organised start to the school year. I look forward to working with you all in 2025 and wish you all the very best for the year ahead!

# ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL STUDENTS

## Welcome to Chanel College in 2025!

We extend a warm welcome to both new and returning families. We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and is now ready for a year filled with exciting learning opportunities.

The Chanel College Student Organiser is an essential tool for our daily operations. It is crucial that your child brings their organiser to each class and takes it home every day for you to review. The organiser contains important processes and policies that you and your child need to be aware of, as well as a weekly calendar for recording homework. Towards the back of the organiser, you will find sections for Celebrating Success teacher acknowledgements, out-of-class permissions (you can monitor how often and why your child is leaving class), and a space for writing absentee notes to facilitate planned absences. Please ensure you regularly check the student organiser to stay informed and support your child's success.

In 2025, there have been some updates to our processes that you need to be aware of. Please take note of the following:

### Chanel College Behaviour Management Process:

Each year, this process is reviewed and amended. Please refer to pages 23 - 26 in the Student Organiser for the updated version along with the College expectations.

### Mobile Phone & Wearable Technology Policy:

In 2024, a new Mobile Phone & Wearable Technology Policy was implemented. Please see page 35 in the Student Organiser for important information regarding this policy.

### Code of Conduct for Students Representing the College:

Representing Chanel College in all extra-curricular activities is a privilege. This process has been updated and there are a number of changes to the previous process. These can be found on pages 31 - 32 in the Student Organiser. If your child is interested in representing the College in sports, co-curricular activities, or music, it is important that they are familiar with the requirements and expectations.

### Conflict and Bullying:

It is important that students understand the difference between conflict and bullying. This clarification, along with the College's process for managing conflict and bullying, can be found on page 33 in the Student Organiser.

### Celebrating Success:

At Chanel College, we place great importance on recognising the achievements of all students. While there are various avenues within the College for acknowledging Positive Student Expectations, Celebrating Success serves as our formal, whole-College positive reward system. Please regularly check pages 140 - 143 in the Student Organiser to acknowledge your child's successes.



Mrs Georgia Glindon  
Assistant Principal  
**STUDENTS**



Please remember that your child's Pastoral Care teacher, supported by their Head of House, is the first point of contact between home and school. If you need clarification on anything or wish to speak with your Pastoral Care teacher, please email them directly or phone the College Office.

We look forward to a fantastic year ahead!

# REMINDERS

## *Parking and Pick Up*

### AFTER SCHOOL PICK UP

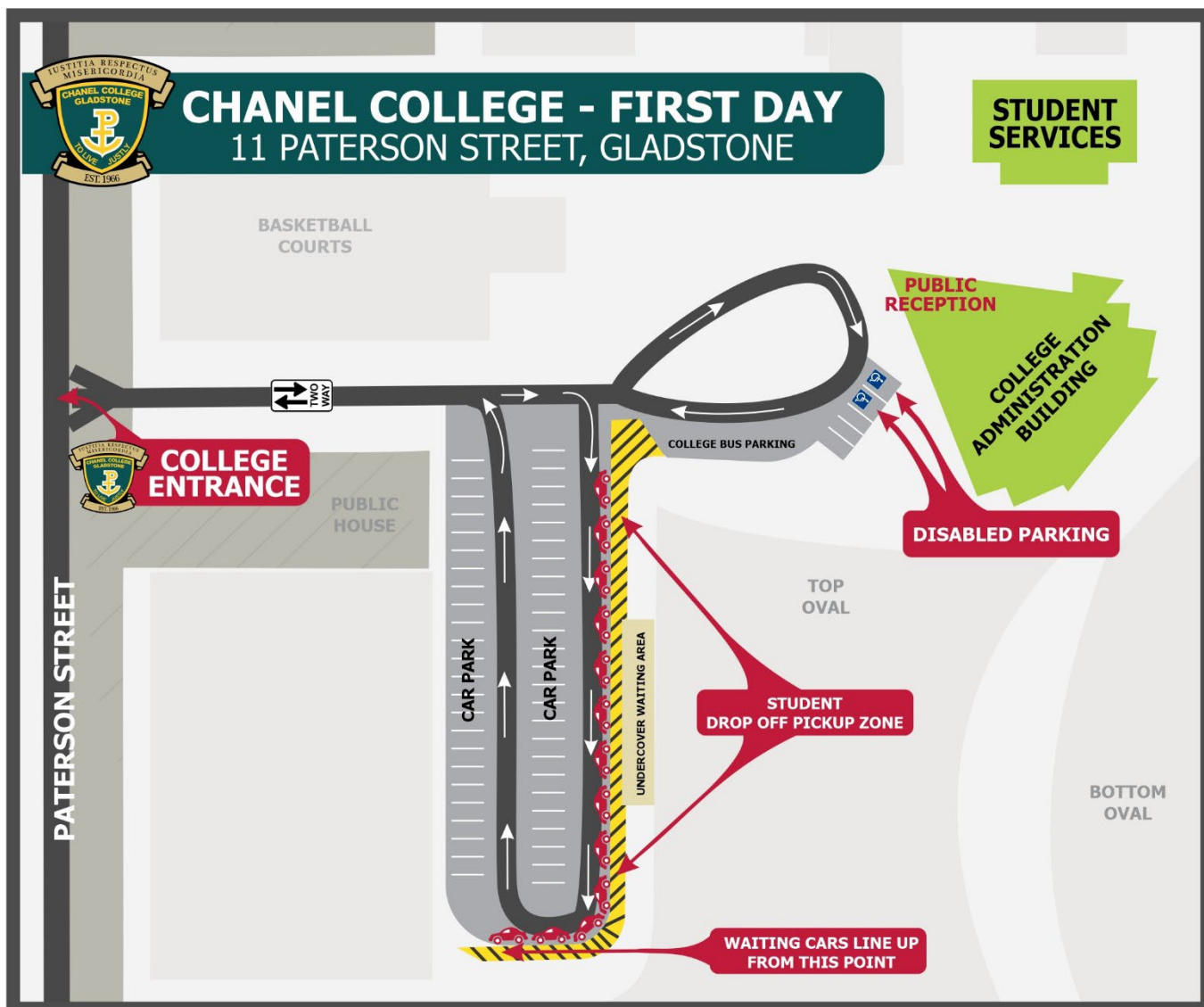
Parents, please note that the Drop Off and Pick Up Zone is a safe place for all students to wait after school. After 3.25pm on most days, the pick-up area is free of cars, so staggering pick-up times will help with traffic congestion. If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact the College.

### DISABLED PARKING

Chanel College has two Disabled Parking areas which are located near the College Administration Building. These parking spaces are for those who hold a Disabled Parking permit. Thank you for your co-operation and support.

### SPEED LIMIT

The speed limit within the Chanel College grounds is 10 kilometres/hour. Please ensure you adhere to this speed limit to ensure the safety of all.



# College Photos

College photographs will be taken on **Tuesday 11 March**. Individual student photos will be taken by MSP Photography. An envelope with a secure SHOOTKEY will be given to students early in Term 1. This envelope **MUST** be given to the photographer on Photo Day. Please follow the instructions on the envelope regarding correct payment procedure.



Orders must be placed on or before photo day. On photo day, every student will be photographed, regardless of an order being placed or not.

It is essential that all students are in full formal uniform, and all dress and grooming guidelines are strictly adhered to. Parents of students not in correct uniform will be contacted and asked to bring in the appropriate uniform.

## FINANCE NEWS

School fees are issued annually. You will receive your fee statement by the end of Week 2, Term 1.

Accounts must be paid in full by the due date shown on the fee statement, unless an approved payment plan arrangement is in place.

Families wishing to pay school fees by instalments can apply for a payment plan. Payment plans can accommodate weekly, fortnightly, monthly or per term instalments. Please contact the Finance Office to establish a payment plan arrangement.

Further details regarding payment options and payment discounts will be provided with your fee statement.

If you have not completed your family census form or supplied your Concession Card, please do so ASAP to ensure you receive applicable discounts or concessions.

If you have any questions regarding fees, please feel free to contact the College Finance Office on **4994 8900** or [420\\_finance@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:420_finance@rok.catholic.edu.au)



The College uniform promotes Chanel identity and is a source of Chanel pride. Students are expected to dress neatly in the complete College uniform (as pictured). Please refer to page 16 of the Student Organiser for all College Uniform requirements.

### Student Organiser & College Calendar

The 2025 Student Organiser and 2025 College Calendar will be distributed during the first week of school. All families will receive a calendar. It will be given to students to take home.

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