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Welcome to Middle and Senior School
A Handbook for New Families
at Snowy Mountains Grammar School

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Policies

Snowy Mountains Grammar School operates in accordance with a range of policies that guide the operation of the School and support the safety, wellbeing and learning of our community. Current policies are available on the School website:

www.smgs.nsw.edu.au/policies

Welcome

to Snowy Mountains Grammar School



Starting at a new school is an exciting time for students and families. This guide has been designed to help you understand how the Middle and Senior School operates, what to expect and where to find information and support.

Our goal is to ensure every student feels connected, understands expectations and is well supported from their first day.

We work closely with families to help students settle in quickly, build positive relationships and make the most of the opportunities available to them.

Inside this guide you will find information about:

- Daily routines and attendance procedures
- Communication platforms and key contacts
- Academic expectations and learning support
- Wellbeing programs and student support services
- Co-curricular activities, sport and school life

We encourage you to keep this guide handy during your first term and refer to it whenever you have a question.

We look forward to partnering with your family and helping your child make a successful start at Snowy Mountains Grammar School.

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Contact Information

Address

Snowy Mountains Grammar School
6339 Kosciuszko Road
Jindabyne NSW 2627, Australia

Who to Contact?

Main Administration Office - Reception

Office Hours: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Monday - Friday (except public holidays)

Phone: 02 6457 1022

Email: info@smgs.nsw.edu.au

Common enquiries include:

- Academic matters
- Student wellbeing
- Attendance and absences
- School sport and co-curricular activities
- Timetables and subject selections
- Boarding matters
- Technology support
- Uniform enquiries
- General school information

Principal

Email: principal@smgs.nsw.edu.au

Social Media



Facebook

facebook.com/snowymtnsgrammar



Instagram

instagram.com/snowymountainsgrammarschool

School Hours

Years 7-12: 8:45 am - 3:35 pm

Term Dates

View the current term dates:

www.smgs.nsw.edu.au/term-dates



Areas of Responsibility

The table below outlines the staff members responsible for key areas of school life. Families are welcome to contact Reception, who will direct enquiries to the appropriate person.

Enquiry	Middle and Senior School
Academic Matters	Classroom Teacher ↓ Head of Faculty via subject ↓ Head of Teaching & Learning
Educational Support & Enrichment	Head of Educational Support & Enrichment
Student Wellbeing	Tutor ↓ Head of Year ↓ School Counsellor ↓ Head of Middle and Senior School
First Aid	Receptionist
Lost Property	Receptionist
Student Absences (signing in and out)	Student Administration Officer
Boarding House Matters	Residential Supervisor (<i>see first</i>) ↓ Deputy Head of Boarding ↓ Head of Boarding
School Timetable	Director of Curriculum & Academic Operations
School Sport	Director of Sport
Co-curricular Activities	Teacher in Charge ↓ Head of Strategic Development & Partnership
Information Technology	IT Support Officer ↓ IT Manager

Our Campus



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|---|---|
| A Main Administration and Reception | N Boarding Residences |
| B The Snowy Shed | O Boarding Drying Room |
| C Sports Administration | P Boarding Storage Shed |
| D Gymnasium | Q Agricultural Technology Lab |
| E Elizabeth Cornish Library and Classrooms (C1-C3) | R Curiosity Centre (Thredbo River Classrooms, Eucumbene River Classrooms, Snowy River Classrooms, Moonbah Classrooms, Murrumbidgee Classrooms) |
| F Middle and Senior School Administration | S Uniform Shop |
| G Staff Offices | T Multipurpose Courts |
| H Carruthers Classrooms (C5-C10) | U Sports Precinct and Oval |
| I Junior School Oval | V Agriculture Plot |
| J Junior School Paupong Classrooms (P1-P8) | W Gidgillys Early Education and Care Centre |
| K Junior School Administration | |
| L Eat Street | |
| M Wellbeing Centre | |

Operations and Procedures

This section outlines the key day-to-day information new families need to know about life at Snowy Mountains Grammar School – including daily routines, attendance procedures and practical details to help students settle into school life smoothly.

Absentees

The school records and monitors all student absences to maintain a safe and supportive environment and to comply with NESA attendance requirements. Attendance is closely tracked to follow up unexplained absences and notify parents or carers if concerns arise.

If your child will be absent, please notify the school through the Sentral Parent Portal:
www.smgs.sentral.school/auth/portal

Arrival and Departure Expectations

Students should arrive between 8:30 and 8:45 am and be ready for Tutor Group by 8:45 am. Any student arriving after this time must sign in at the Student Administration Office.

The school day ends at 3:35 pm, and parents are asked to arrange prompt collection. Students needing to leave early or arrive late must notify the school through the Sentral Parent Portal:
www.smgs.sentral.school/auth/portal

Students are required to sign in or out at the Student Administration Office.

Attendance Expectations

Students are expected to attend school every day unless unwell or granted prior approval for absence. Regular attendance supports learning continuity, wellbeing and engagement.

Students are also expected to arrive on time, remain on campus for the full school day and participate fully in all scheduled lessons, assemblies and activities.

Buses

Transport for NSW provides free bus transport for eligible students at the start and end of the school day.

Cooma Coaches

Cooma, Berridale, Thredbo, Jindabyne and surrounding areas.
Timetables: www.coomacoaches.com.au/time-table

Alpine Charters

Perisher and Kalkite, with connections to Dalgety via Snowliner Coaches.
Timetables: www.alpinecharters.com.au/school-timetables
www.snowliner.com.au/school-charters

All students using school bus services must apply for a School Travel Pass or School Opal Card:
www.transportnsw.info/school-travel-apply

Families who do not have access to free bus transport may be eligible for the School Drive Subsidy:
www.transportnsw.info/tickets-fares/eligibility-concessions/school-student-travel/apply-for-school-drive-subsidy

Canteen

The canteen operates during recess and lunch each day, except Wednesdays when it is closed.

Students can purchase food directly or pre-order online through FlexiSchools:
www.flexischools.com.au

Chapels, Assemblies and Year Level Meetings

Chapels, Assemblies and Year Level Meetings are important parts of school life, providing opportunities for connection, reflection, celebration and communication.

These gatherings reinforce our CARE values of Courage, Authenticity, Respect and Empathy, while supporting student wellbeing and personal development.

Students also receive important year-level information and celebrate achievements across academic, sporting, cultural and community pursuits.

Daily Routine

Arrival: 8:30 am – 8:45 am

Tutor Group: 8:45 am – 9:05 am

Period 1: 9:05 am – 10:00 am

Period 2: 10:00 am – 10:55 am

Recess: 10:55 am – 11:15 am

Period 3: 11:15 am – 12:10 pm

Period 4: 12:10 pm – 1:05 pm

Lunch: 1:05 pm – 1:45 pm

Period 5: 1:45 pm – 2:40 pm

Period 6: 2:40 pm – 3:35 pm

Departure: 3:35 pm

Diaries

Students in the Middle and Senior School use a school diary as an important organisational tool. Diaries help students manage their time, record assessment and excursion information, and develop effective study habits and personal responsibility.

Tutor Group teachers regularly check diaries and encourage students to use them consistently. The diary also provides a simple communication tool between students, staff and families.

Each student is issued a diary at the start of the school year. Replacement diaries can be purchased if required.

Events, Celebrations and Special Days

Throughout the year, students participate in a range of events that strengthen community and celebrate achievement. These may include:

- Assemblies and Chapels
- ANZAC Day
- Christmas and Easter Chapels
- Cre8ive Sessions
- Foundation Day
- Year 12 Investiture Ceremony
- Principal's Merit Assembly
- Remembrance Day
- Speech Day

Excursions

Excursions are an important part of the learning program and support classroom learning. Information, permissions and medical details are managed through Sentral, and families will be notified prior to each excursion.

Lockers and Locks

Students in Years 7-12 are provided with a locker.

All students are required to purchase a combination lock from the Uniform Shop. Replacement locks must be purchased if a lock is lost or damaged.

Medical Care

The School provides first aid, temporary care for unwell students and support for students requiring medication or individual health care plans.

If a student becomes unwell during the school day, they should report to Sick Bay, located in the Front Office. Parents or carers will be contacted if required.

To help us provide appropriate care, parents and carers are responsible for ensuring their child's Sentral Medical Profile is completed before commencement and kept up to date throughout the year.

Missed Assessments Due to Absence

If a student misses an assessment due to illness or another approved absence, they must speak in person with the Head of Teaching and Learning as soon as they return to school.

This allows suitable arrangements to be made for completing or rescheduling the task in line with school policy.

Resource Fee

The Resource Fee is charged quarterly and covers the IT levy, electronic textbooks and curriculum camps. Year 12 students are charged for Terms 1-3 only. The Resource Fee is non-refundable.

Technology and Devices

Mobile Phone

The School's Acceptable Use of Network, Devices and Mobile Phones Policy outlines expectations for responsible technology use.

Students in Years 7-12 should not use mobile phones or personal devices during the school day unless directed by a teacher. Devices should be stored securely in lockers throughout the day.

Please refer to our School Policies for more information.
www.smgs.nsw.edu.au/policies

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

Students in Years 5-12 are required to bring their own laptop to school each day. Laptops are an important learning tool and support access to digital resources, online platforms and classroom learning.

Students are responsible for the care and security of their device. Lockers are provided for safe storage during the school day.

We strongly recommend that families consider accidental damage and theft insurance for student devices.

Students should arrive at school each day with their device fully charged, as opportunities to charge devices during the day are limited.

Depending on availability, a temporary loan device may be provided for up to 10 school days if a student's device requires repair.

The IT Support Team is available to assist students with the use of their device and the software and systems used by the School. While student-owned devices are not managed by the School, the IT team can provide basic troubleshooting for device-related issues. Families remain responsible for all maintenance, repairs, warranty claims and replacement of their child's device.

Device Requirements

To ensure compatibility with school systems and learning programs, student devices must meet the following minimum requirements:

SPECIFICATION	REQUIREMENT
Screen Size	Minimum 11" (13" or larger recommended)
Operating System	Microsoft Windows or Apple macOS. Other systems (Chromebook, Linux, Android, iOS) are not supported.
Battery Life	Minimum 6 hours (8 hours recommended). Limited charging options are available at school.
Processor, Memory & Storage	Standard specifications are suitable for most subjects. Students in subjects requiring high-performance software (e.g. Adobe Photoshop, Fusion 360) may need more advanced hardware.
Additional	Students should bring own charger and headphones.

If you are unsure whether a device meets these requirements, please contact the IT Support Team for assistance: techsupport@smgs.nsw.edu.au | 02 6451 2460

Textbooks and Stationery

Full-time students receive access to digital textbooks and learning resources through Box of Books. Families who prefer hard-copy textbooks may purchase these separately.

Students should bring:

- A standard pencil case with pens, pencils, ruler, eraser, sharpener and highlighters
- Exercise books as required by individual subjects
- A scientific calculator (Casio fx-100AU PLUS 2nd Edition recommended)
- A Visual Arts Process Diary (VAPD) for Music and Visual Arts

Detailed stationery requirements for each year level will be provided prior to your first day.

The Uniform

Students are expected to wear the correct school uniform and present themselves in accordance with the School's Uniform Policy.

For detailed information about uniform requirements, including hair and appearance expectations, families are encouraged to consult the Uniform Policy and Uniform Picture Guide, available on the school website.

Uniform Policy:

www.smgs.nsw.edu.au/our-school/policies

Middle and Senior School Uniform Picture Guide:

www.smgs.nsw.edu.au/uniform

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop stocks all compulsory and optional uniform items. Opening hours are available on the School website.

Visit the Online Uniform Shop:

www.smgs.nsw.edu.au/uniform

Appointments can also be arranged outside of regular opening hours.

uniformshop@smgs.nsw.edu.au | 02 6457 1022

Used Uniforms

Families can buy and sell second-hand uniform items through the Snowy Mountains Grammar School Used Uniforms and Equipment Facebook Group.



Our Values

At Snowy Mountains Grammar School, our community is guided by four core values known as CARE.

Courage

Acting with conviction and taking responsibility for our actions.

Authenticity

Being genuine, acting with integrity and staying true to ourselves.

Respect

Valuing every member of our community and treating others with kindness and consideration.

Empathy

Understanding and supporting others by appreciating different perspectives and experiences.

These values shape how we learn, work together and contribute to our school community.

Wellbeing

At Snowy Mountains Grammar School, wellbeing is an important part of school life. We believe students learn best when they feel connected, supported and confident. Our wellbeing program helps students build positive relationships, develop resilience and navigate the opportunities and challenges of adolescence.

Our wellbeing program supports students in Years 7-12 through a series of age-appropriate developmental themes that reflect the opportunities and challenges of each stage of their school journey.

- Year 7: Connections
- Year 8: Opportunities
- Year 9: Purpose
- Year 10: Independence
- Year 11: Leadership
- Year 12: Future Ready

Students are supported through a range of programs and structures, including:

- Tutor Groups
- Year Meetings
- Counselling Services
- Positive Behaviour Program
- Student Leadership Opportunities
- Wellbeing and Personal Development Sessions

4Peaks

4Peaks is our school-wide positive behaviour program.

Built around our CARE values of Courage, Authenticity, Respect and Empathy, it promotes a positive, inclusive and supportive environment where students understand expectations, make responsible choices and are recognised for positive contributions.

Through 4Peaks, students develop the personal and social skills needed to thrive at school and beyond. The program explicitly teaches the behaviours and expectations that support a respectful, safe and connected school community.

Families will become familiar with these expectations through school communications, student recognition and everyday school life.

View the 4Peaks Expectations Matrix to see how our CARE values are taught and reinforced across different areas of school life.

[View the Middle and Senior School 4Peaks Program](#)

School Houses

House Structures

The House system is an important part of life at Snowy Mountains Grammar School, fostering school spirit, connection and a sense of belonging.

Upon enrolment, each student is allocated to one of four Houses and remains in that House throughout their time at the School. Siblings are placed in the same House, and children of alumni and staff join their family House where possible.

Throughout the year, students represent their House in a range of competitions and events, earning points towards the House Shield and House Spirit Shield.

Major House events include:

- Swimming Carnival
- Cross Country Carnival
- Athletics Carnival

On competition days, students wear their House shirt, which can be purchased from the Uniform Shop.



CASCADES

Named after the waterfalls and river systems of the Snowy Mountains, Cascades (green) is represented by the snow gum leaf and reflects our connection to the natural environment.



KIANDRA

Named after the historic Snowy Mountains township, Kiandra (white) is represented by the linked figures and symbolises community, connection and shared experiences.



MOWAMBA

Named after the Mowamba River, this House (blue) is represented by the flowing river and reflects adaptability, growth and life.



TWYNAM

Named after Mount Twynam, one of Australia's highest peaks, this House (Red) is represented by the mountain and symbolises challenge, resilience and adventure.



Communications and Connections

Clear and timely communication helps families stay informed and connected to school life.

Key Communication Platforms

Below are our key communication platforms outlined in detail on the following page.

Platform	Purpose
Sentral	Absences, reports, permissions, school calendar, school notices and communications
Canvas	Learning and assessment

Supporting Communication Platforms

SMS

In the event of an emergency or time-sensitive situation, SMS notifications will be sent to nominated parent and carer contacts.

Website

The School website provides access to important information, policies, event details, publications and school news. www.smgs.nsw.edu.au

Aspects

Aspects is our digital newsletter, sharing stories, updates and highlights from across the School. It features student learning experiences, upcoming events and community celebrations.

We also encourage families to let us know if their child has achieved something worth sharing with our community. Celebrating student success is an important part of recognising the diverse talents and achievements of our students.

Social Media

The School maintains an active presence on Facebook and Instagram. These platforms showcase daily learning, school events and student achievements.

Families are welcome to share photos or news for consideration on our official channels by contacting the Marketing Team at marketing@smgs.nsw.edu.au

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher interviews are held each semester and provide an opportunity to discuss student progress with teachers. Additional meetings can be arranged throughout the year if required.

Curriculum Information Evening

Held early in the school year, Curriculum Information Evening provides families with an overview of year-level expectations, assessment requirements and curriculum programs.

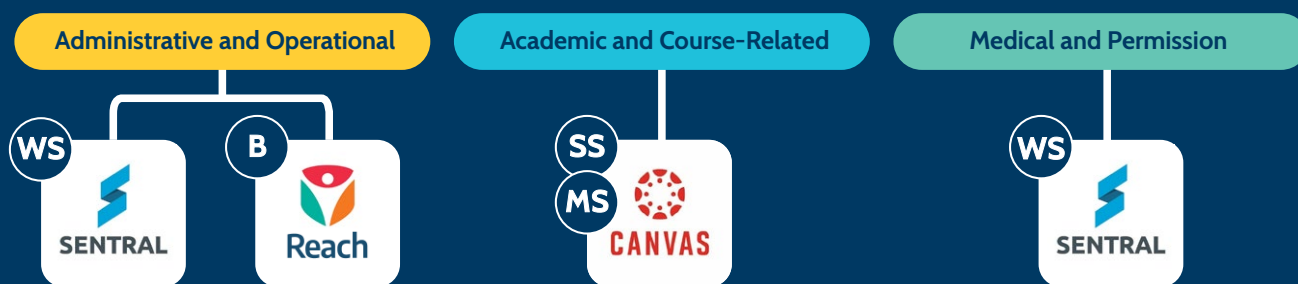
School Reports

Reports are issued twice each year. Families will receive a notification through Sentral when reports become available.

Podcast

The Snowy Mountains Grammar School Podcast is available on Apple Podcasts and Spotify.

Key Communication Platforms



Sentral

Sentral is the School's Student Management System and is used by students, parents and staff to access important school information.

There are separate Student and Parent Portals, each designed to provide information and services relevant to the user.

Sentral Parent Portal

Using the Sentral Parent Portal, parents and carers can:

- Notify the School of student absences (whole or part day)
- Access school reports
- Message teachers
- View the School Calendar and key dates
- Update medical and emergency contact information
- Provide permissions for excursions, sport and activities
- Access school resources and important information
- View student timetables
- Receive notifications and communications from the School

Access the Parent Portal:

www.smgs.sentral.school/auth/portal

Sentral Student Portal

The Sentral Student Portal provides students in Years 5-12 with access to information relevant to their school experience, including:

- Timetables
- Daily notices
- Academic reports
- Sport selections
- Co-curricular activity selections

Access the Student Portal:

www.smgs.sentral.school/auth/portal

We encourage families to regularly check the Sentral Parent Portal and students to engage with the Student Portal as part of their organisation and school routine.

Canvas

Canvas is the SMGS Middle and Senior School online learning management system (LMS). It is a central location that connects students with every aspect of their learning.

As a parent or carer, you can 'observe' your child, ensuring you have full visibility into their work, including progress, results and teacher interaction.

Access Canvas:

www.smgs.instructure.com

Our Community

Parents and Friends Association

The Snowy Mountains Grammar School Parents and Friends Association (P&F) supports the School through community events, fundraising and social activities.

The P&F welcomes all parents and carers and provides an opportunity to connect with other families and contribute to school life.

Activities may include:

- Trivia Night
- Meet and Greet events
- Community fundraising initiatives

pandf@smgs.nsw.edu.au

Alumni Program

The Snowy Mountains Grammar School Alumni Program helps graduates stay connected with the School and each other.

Through events, networking opportunities and community initiatives, alumni continue to contribute to the life of the School and support future generations of students.

The Alumni Program provides opportunities for:

- Connection with past and present members of the School community
- Social events and celebrations
- Supporting future students and school initiatives

Community Engagement

Families are encouraged to participate in the many events and activities that contribute to the life of the School.

These may include:

- Open Day
- Foundation Day
- Cre8ive Sessions
- Sporting events and carnivals
- Musical and theatre productions
- Parent information evenings
- Community celebrations and special events

Community involvement helps strengthen the connections that make Snowy Mountains Grammar School a welcoming and supportive place to learn.



Academics and Learning

Curriculum

Our curriculum follows NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) requirements and provides students with a broad range of academic pathways and learning opportunities.

Years 7-8

Students in Years 7 and 8 study a broad curriculum designed to build foundational knowledge, skills and confidence across all key learning areas.

Subjects include:

- English
- Geography
- German
- History
- Mathematics
- Music
- PDHPE
- Religious Education
- Science
- Technology
- Visual Arts

Years 9-10

In Years 9 and 10, students begin to explore areas of interest and potential pathways for senior study. Alongside core subjects, students select elective subjects that align with their strengths, interests and future goals.

Core Subjects:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Geography
- History
- PDHPE
- Religious Education

Elective Subjects:

(Students select two)

- Agricultural Technology
- Aviation
- Commerce
- Computing Technology
- Design and Technology
- Digital Content Creator
- Drama
- Electronic and Software Engineering
- German
- Japanese
- Languages via Distance Education
- Music
- Outdoor Education
- PASS (Physical Activity and Sports Studies)
- Visual Arts

Subject offerings may vary from year to year based on student interest and staffing.

Assessment Schedule

At the beginning of each term, students receive an assessment schedule via their school email. This schedule outlines assessment tasks, due dates and weightings for each subject, helping students plan their workload and stay organised throughout the term.

Homework and Study

Homework expectations vary depending on year level, subject area and assessment requirements. Homework may include revision, practice activities, research, preparation for upcoming lessons and assessment completion.

As students progress through the Middle and Senior School, they are encouraged to develop effective study habits, time management skills and increasing independence in their learning.

Bright Sparks Academic Support Program

Bright Sparks Academic Support runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4.00 pm in the Curiosity Centre.

Teachers are available to assist students with classwork, assessment preparation and study strategies.

During busy assessment periods, the Curiosity Centre may also open on selected weekends to provide additional study opportunities. Boarders are further supported through structured evening study sessions (Prep).

Timetables

Student timetables are available through the Sentral Student Portal and include subject details, classroom locations and teacher information.

Students are encouraged to regularly check their timetable and daily notices to stay organised and informed.

Type of Task	Task 1	Task 2	Task 3
	Skills Test	Research Report	End of Semester Examination
	Term 1, Week 6 Tuesday 2 March	Term 1, Week 9 Tuesday 23 March	Term 2, Week 7
	SC4-10PW, SC4-11PW, SC4-6WS, SC4-7WS	SC4-10PW, SC4-11PW SC4-4WS, SC4-5WS, SC4-4WS, SC4- 6WS, SC4-7WS	SC4-10PW, SC4-11PW, SC4-13ES
	Forces and Motion	Forces and Motion	All modules
Semester Percentage Weighting	30	30	40

Fig 1. Assessment schedule example

	MonA	TueA	WedA	ThuA	FriA
0 8:25 - 8:45					
TUT 8:45 - 9:05	Mowamba 2 TUTOR (2MOWA) Room: C2 Ms Krysten Carter	Mowamba 2 TUTOR (2MOWA) Room: C2 Ms Krysten Carter	Mowamba 2 TUTOR (2MOWA) Room: C2 Ms Krysten Carter	Mowamba 2 TUTOR (2MOWA) Room: C2 Ms Krysten Carter	Mowamba 2 TUTOR (2MOWA) Room: C2 Ms Krysten Carter
1 9:05 - 10:00	Science Yr9 (23F09SCW) Room: K4 Mrs Krista Mower	Skills Support Yr9 (23F09SKU) Room: C4 Mrs Melissa Bell	Agricultural Technology Yr9 (23F09AG1) Composite Room: HA Mrs Amber Oakman	Mathematics Yr9 (23F09MA2) Room: C5 Mrs Krista Mower	Mathematics Yr9 (23F09MA2) Room: K1 Mrs Krista Mower
2 10:00 - 10:55	PDHPE Yr9 (23F09PEW) Room: CT1 Ms Emma Smith	English Yr9 (23F09ENW) Room: C8 Mr Paul Horvath	Agricultural Technology Yr9 (23F09AG1) Composite Room: HA Mrs Amber Oakman	Geography Yr9 (23209GEW) Room: C2 Miss Mariah Dhar	Music Yr9 (23F09MU2) Composite Room: S5 Mrs Sue Sell
R 10:55 - 11:15					
3 11:15 - 12:10	Geography Yr9 (23209GEW) Room: C1 Miss Mariah Dhar	English Yr9 (23F09ENW) Room: C8 Mr Paul Horvath	English Yr9 (23F09ENW) Room: C8 Mr Paul Horvath	PDHPE Yr9 (23F09PEW) Room: C9 Ms Emma Smith	Music Yr9 (23F09MU2) Composite Room: S5 Mrs Sue Sell

Fig 2. Timetable example

Learning Support and Extension

Student timetables are available through the Sentral Student Portal and include subject details, classroom locations and teacher information.

Students are encouraged to regularly check their timetable and daily notices to stay organised and informed.

Careers Education

Careers education supports students as they begin to explore future study, training and employment pathways.

Students and families have access to a dedicated Careers Advisor who assists with subject selection, tertiary education pathways and career planning.

Career development opportunities may include:

- University open days and visits
- University application support
- TAFE and vocational pathways
- Scholarship applications
- Gap year planning
- Resume writing and interview preparation
- Work experience opportunities
- Micro-credential courses
- Guest speakers and industry experiences
- Our Approach to the HSC

Our Approach to the HSC

Our approach to the Higher School Certificate combines academic rigour, personalised support and student wellbeing.

Students are supported by experienced teachers, structured assessment programs and targeted academic guidance throughout their senior years. We encourage students to develop strong study habits, critical thinking skills and confidence in their learning.

Alongside academic preparation, we provide career guidance and pathway planning to help students make informed decisions about life beyond school, whether that involves university, further training or employment.



Specialist Programs and Academies

At Snowy Mountains Grammar School, students have access to a range of specialist programs and academies* that extend learning beyond the classroom. These opportunities allow students to pursue their interests, develop practical skills and access unique experiences while balancing their academic studies.

**Some academies are via Application only and additional fees and requirements apply.*

Aviation Academy

The Aviation Program provides students with hands-on experience and insight into the aviation industry. Students can work towards qualifications as an RA-Aus pilot or commercial drone (RPA) pilot while developing practical skills, industry knowledge and an understanding of future aviation pathways.

Mountain Biking Academy

The Mountain Biking Academy provides students with access to professional coaching, skills development and competitive opportunities. The program supports riders of varying abilities and takes advantage of the Snowy Mountains' world-class trails and facilities.

Equestrian Academy

The Equestrian Academy supports students to develop their riding skills, horsemanship and confidence through structured coaching, competition and practical learning experiences.

Snowsports Academy

Located in one of Australia's premier alpine regions, the Snowsports Program provides opportunities for students to participate in training and competition while balancing their academic commitments.

Duke of Edinburgh's International Award

Open to students from the end of Year 8 to Year 12, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award encourages young people to challenge themselves through service, skill development, physical activity and adventurous journeys, building confidence, resilience and independence.

Co-curricular Activities

Students are encouraged to participate in a wide range of co-curricular activities that complement classroom learning, develop new skills and strengthen connections across the school community.

Programs are offered across Physical Activities, Heart and Mind Activities, and Performing and Creative Arts.

View the current Co-curricular Handbook:
www.smgs.nsw.edu.au/publications



Sport

Sport is an important part of life at Snowy Mountains Grammar School, promoting teamwork, fitness, resilience and school spirit. Students have opportunities to participate in both individual and team sports, with pathways available for those wishing to pursue higher levels of competition.

As a member of the Independent Sporting Association (ISA), the School provides opportunities for students to compete at regional, state and national levels through school carnivals, representative pathways and inter-school competitions.

School Sport

All students in Years 7–11 participate in school sport. This generally takes place during Periods 5 and 6 in Terms 1, 2 and 4. During Term 3, students participate in the Wednesday Snowsports Program.

Wednesday Sport options may include:

- Mountain Biking
- Canoeing
- Frolf
- Pilates
- Yoga
- Tennis
- Sailing
- Stand Up Paddle Boarding
- Trampolining
- Air Bag
- Fishing
- Self-Defence
- Fitness
- Squash
- Basketball
- Netball

Programs vary throughout the year and some activities may incur an additional cost.

Further information about our specialist sporting academies can be found in the Specialist Programs and Academies section of this guide.



Student FAQs



What do I do if I arrive late to school or need to leave early?

Students must sign in or out at the Student Administration Office.



What should I do if I can't complete my homework?

Speak with your teacher as soon as possible so they can provide support or guidance.



What if I don't have the correct uniform?

Visit the Student Administration Office for assistance.



Who can I talk to if I am feeling sad, worried or overwhelmed?

Speak with your Tutor Group teacher, School Counsellor or any staff member you trust.



What if I forget my lunch?

Let your Tutor Group teacher or the Student Administration Office know. Staff will help make arrangements.



What if I get lost?

Check the campus map in your student diary or ask a staff member or fellow student for directions.



What should I do if I feel sick at school?

Go to Sick Bay in Reception. Staff will assess the situation and contact your parents or carers if required.



What if I forget my locker combination or can't open my locker?

Ask your Tutor Group teacher or the Student Administration Office for assistance.



What should I do if I lose equipment or a uniform item?

Check with your teacher first. If the item cannot be located, visit Reception in the Main Administration Building.



What should I do if I miss the bus?

Go to Reception in the Main Administration Building. Staff will contact your parents or carers to help arrange transport home.



Can I wear my PE uniform to and from school if I have PE first or last period?

No. Students are expected to arrive at and leave school in full academic uniform. Time is provided to change before and after PE lessons.



What do I do if I need to leave school for an appointment?

Parents and carers should notify the School through the Sentral Parent Portal. Students must sign out through the Student Administration Office before leaving.



What if I need extra time to complete an assessment task?

Students must apply for an extension before the due date. An Application for Extension Form must be completed, signed by a parent or carer and submitted to the Head of Teaching and Learning.



Who do I speak to about a timetable issue or subject change?

Speak with the Director of Curriculum and Academic Operations.



What should I do if I lose my bus pass?

Most bus drivers will allow students to travel while a replacement pass is arranged. If you have any difficulties, visit the Student Administration Office for assistance.

Technology FAQs



Can my child use an iPad or tablet as their primary device?

No. Students are required to use a laptop running Microsoft Windows or Apple macOS. Tablets such as iPads and Android devices are not suitable as a student's primary device. Convertible devices, such as a Microsoft Surface Pro, may be used provided they have a keyboard and trackpad or mouse.



Does the School provide access to software?

Yes. Students receive access to Microsoft 365, including Microsoft Office and OneDrive cloud storage. Students in Years 5-12 also have access to Adobe Creative Cloud and a range of online learning platforms, including Canvas and Box of Books. Some specialist subjects may require additional software.



Can students charge their devices at school?

Charging opportunities are limited. Students should arrive at school each day with their device fully charged and ready for use.



Can students store their devices safely at school?

Yes. All students are provided with a locker and lock for the safe storage of laptops and personal items during the school day.



Who can I contact for technology support?

The IT Support Team can assist with device requirements, software access and general technology enquiries. techsupport@smgs.nsw.edu.au | 02 6451 2460

Getting Started Checklist

Before the First Day

- Review **Term Dates** and **key events** in the **Sentral Parent Portal Calendar**
- Complete your child's **Sentral Medical Profile** and ensure all information is current
- Download the **Sentral for Parents App** and review the **Communications Handbook**
- Read **key school policies**, including:
Uniform Policy, Attendance Policy, Acceptable Use of Technology and Mobile Devices Policy
- Label** all uniform items and personal belongings
- Purchase a **combination lock** from the Uniform Shop
- Review **Box of Books** and stationery requirements
- Prepare your child's **BYOD laptop** and confirm it meets school specifications
- Set up your **FlexiSchools account** for canteen orders
- Apply for a **School Travel Pass** or School Opal Card (if applicable)
- Finalise **Wednesday Sport selections** (Years 7-11, where applicable)
- Finalise **elective subject selections** (Years 9-11, where applicable)

During the First Term

- Encourage your child to **arrive at school between 8:30 and 8:45 am** each day
- Encourage regular use of the **school diary** to support organisation and communication
- Check Sentral regularly** for notices, permissions, reports and calendar updates
- Stay connected through **Aspects, social media** and other school communications
- Ensure **absences and early departures** are managed through Sentral
- Encourage participation in **co-curricular activities, sport** and **school events**
- Connect with your child's Tutor Group teacher** and **Head of Year** if you have any questions or concerns

Ongoing

- Keep medical, contact and emergency **information current** in Sentral
- Check the **Sentral Calendar** regularly for updates and key dates
- Read school communications** and newsletters to stay informed
- Reinforce the School's **C.A.R.E. values** of Courage, Authenticity, Respect and Empathy
- Encourage your child to **make the most of the opportunities** available to them at Snowy Mountains Grammar School



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