



Gold Creek School

Senior Site Year 7 2024

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Title: Journey Together

Sarah Richards, Artist, 2021

Mr Daniel Breen
Principal

Acknowledgement of Country Welcome to Gold Creek School



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School Vision

We inspire individuals to flourish, embrace challenge and make a positive difference to our world.

Mission Statement

Gold Creek School is committed to providing high quality educational programs

The Gold Creek learning community fosters innovative lifelong learners who:

- Strive for excellence
- Think critically, creatively and collaboratively
- Model inclusiveness, intercultural understanding and respect
- Positively engage in citizenship, and
- Celebrate their own and others success.



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The Year 7 Team 2024!



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Gold Creek School is an authorised International Baccalaureate World School, offering the Primary Years Programme (PYP) from Preschool to Year 6 and the Middle Years Programme (MYP) from Years 7-10.

An IB education:

- Centres on learners
- Develops effective approaches to learning (ATLs)
- Works within global contexts
- Explores significant content
- Inquiry based



For more information:

<https://www.ibo.org/programmes/middle-years-programme/>





Positive Relationships

Gold Creek School promotes **positive relationships** as the foundation of quality learning and wellbeing. As an International Baccalaureate (IB) school we embedded the Learner Profile Attributes to develop a school culture that celebrates diversity. We develop a strong learning community whereby each person's well-being is nurtured through belonging, respectful relationships with others, being accepted and valued and by being positively engaged in the learning community.

To support our learning community, we embedded:

- Positive Education and 'Gold Points'
- National Safe and Supportive Schools Framework
- Restorative Practices, and
- Strong Social and Emotional Learning Programs



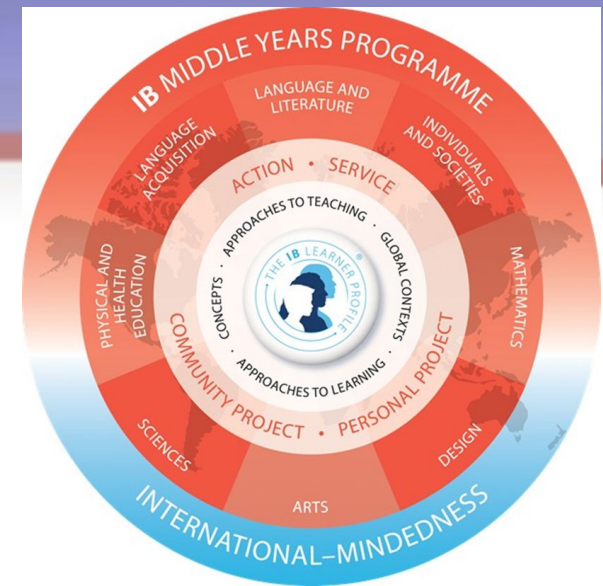
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Curriculum – Year 7 study all the following subjects

- ✓ Language and Literature (English & Literacy)
- ✓ Health and Physical Education
- ✓ Language Acquisition (students complete 4 years of study of a language- a language selection form will be sent to families in Term 4)
- ✓ Mathematics
- ✓ Sciences
- ✓ Individuals and Societies (Geography, History, Citizenship and Business)
- ✓ Arts and Design (students rotate through taster courses of wood and metal work, digital design, food technology, textiles, visual arts, music, dance and drama)

Class sizes range from 24-32 students





MYP Library

Inspire and encourage a lifelong love of reading and learning - curiosity, creativity, critical and reflective citizens.

- Develop effective research and self-management skills.
- Engage our students positively in citizenship (embrace diversity, global perspectives, mother tongue, cultural integrity).
- Support the school's curricular and co-curricular activities.
- Guest author visits & workshops.
- Incursions with Museums and other organisations across Australia.
- Lunch times are open for book borrowing, games, quiet / warm space.
- Homework Club - Every Wednesday.



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**SCHOOL LIBRARIES:
THE HEART OF
21ST CENTURY
LEARNING**



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New Contemporary Learning Environment





Our Student Services Team

Our Student Services team provide wellbeing support to all students.

Key members of our Student Services team include:

- Director of Community Partnerships
- Executive- Student Services
- Principal and Associate Principals
- School Psychologist
- School Youth Health Nurse
- Youth Workers
- Defence Transition Mentor

Contact: Hamish.McDonald@ed.act.edu.au



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Disability and Inclusion Programs

Gold Creek School prides itself on an inclusive and welcoming environment. If your child is currently supported through Disability Education or Inclusion Support Program or has an Individual Learning Plan (ILP), or may require additional support in high school, please contact our Executive of Student Advancement to discuss your child's transition to high school and support that we offer.

Contact: tamsyn.terry@ed.act.edu.au



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Co-curricular and Club Opportunities

Academic Competitions
Excursions
Vocal productions
Gardening Band Debating Anime
Sport Chess Maker Space
Breakfast Homework TOM
Club Camps BMX
Musical



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Year 7 2024 Transition Program

The Year 7 team will work closely with your child's Primary School to ensure that we know as much as possible about their academic and social/emotional needs before they begin high school, including individual plans currently in place and strategies to support your child's transition visits in our school.

Students may have additional transition visits outside of our scheduled programme at alternative arranged times if required.



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Year 7 2024 Transition Visits Term 3 and 4

Year 6 students have the chance to attend a full day orientation at our school during Term 3.

This transition visit allows students to experience the high school setting and builds excitement around transitioning in 2024.

Students who attend a Small Group Program will have additional support through targeted meetings and transition visits to address specific needs. Families of SGP students will be contacted.





Year 7 Transition Programme

Once High School Has Begun

Week 1:

Day 1: Year 7 students only

Day 2 onwards: Full schedule (with extra staff provided around the school and classrooms to support students)

Year 7 team building activities are also planned during Week 1 to provide students with the opportunity to develop friendships and make connections with like minded peers.



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Chromebooks

The ACT Education Directorate provides a Chromebook to all year 7 students for school and home use for the purpose of learning. Students may also choose to BYOD.

Chromebooks are usually delivered to the school in the first week of Term 1 for distribution.

This Chromebook will travel with the students throughout their school period whilst in public education. Students receive a new Chromebook in Year 10 to carry them through to Year 12 (if they remain in public education).



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Communication

We believe in developing a strong home-school partnership and encourage open communication, to ensure your child is successful at school.

Your first point of call is your child's Pastoral Care (PC) teacher.

We also use the following platforms to support our communication:

- School App – Please download free from the relevant app store (Android and Apple) – Search 'Gold Creek School'
- Social media – Facebook, Instagram, website
- E-mail, Newsletters and Bites
- Reports and Parent/teacher evenings are twice a year
- Google Classrooms for each subject



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How do I enrol my child?

Enrolments for ACT Public Schools for the 2023 school year are now open for students from Preschool to Year 12.

Applications received by **2 June**, will receive an offer from **24 July 2023**

The ACT Education website contains comprehensive information on [Enrolling in a Public School](#) and the latest changes to [Priority Enrolment Areas](#) (PEAs) for 2024. It also includes features such as '[Find my local school](#)' and '[When can my child start school in the ACT?](#)'.

All public enquiries should be referred to the ACT Public School Enrolments Telephone Service on

6205 5429 (Option 4).



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For more information

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school
is a
great
school**

**ENROL
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Enrol online by 3 June to receive an offer from 25 July 2022.
Need assistance?
Visit education.act.gov.au or call the Enrolments Telephone Service 6205 5429.

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School website:

<http://www.goldcreek.act.edu.au/>

School Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/GoldCreekSchool>

Directorate website:

<https://www.education.act.gov.au/>

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We look forward to
welcoming you to our
Gold Creek School Community
in 2024!

