

Getting Started for 2023 - Essential Information for Students & Families

Start dates

Year 7, 11 and 12 students' first day for 2023 is **Monday 30 January**.

Year 8, 9 and 10 students' first day for 2023 is **Tuesday 31 January**.

On their first day, all students move to Welcome Assembly at **8.50am**, in the following locations:

- ❖ Year 7 students - **Sturt Building**
- ❖ Year 8 - 12 students - **Gym**

Student Timetables

Student timetables for Semester 1 are now available in each student's Google Calendar and on Daymap.

- ❖ *For Year 7 students* - students will be issued timetables at the Welcome Assembly on Monday.
- ❖ *For Year 8-10 **continuing students*** - students should check their timetable using their Chromebook or MBHS logged in device before returning to school. Students will move to their timetabled Tuesday Lesson 1 class following the Welcome Assembly.
- ❖ *For Year 11-12 **continuing students*** - students should check their timetable using their Chromebook or MBHS logged in device before returning to school. Students will move to their timetabled Monday Lesson 1 class following the Welcome Assembly.
- ❖ *For Year 8-12 **new students to MBHS*** - timetables will be issued at the Welcome Assemblies. Students will then be escorted to lesson 1 classroom. For any students unsure where to go, please go to the Front Office for assistance.

Mobile Phone Policy

At MBHS students will not access their personal device (mobile phone, smartwatch or tablet) during class time. Students need to ensure their phone is off and away during all lessons. This is in accordance with the State Government commitment to limit student access to mobile phones at school aside from agreed positive uses.

This will promote:

- ❖ safe environments with reduced negative impacts from inappropriate use of devices at school, such as cyberbullying, exposure to harmful content, and critical incidents that involve mobile phones, and

- ❖ classroom environments where teachers can teach and students can learn free from distractions caused by personal use of devices.

We recognise that there are legitimate reasons for students to bring a mobile phone or personal device to school, and there are some cases where use in class meets an educational need or there are exceptional circumstances under which a student needs to keep a device on hand.

Please read details about the MBHS student use of mobile phones and personal devices Policy (including consequences for non-compliance) at:

mbhs.sa.edu.au/our-school/policies-procedures/student-use-of-mobile-phones-personal-devices-policy.

Chromebooks

To ensure we can provide quality digital learning opportunities for all, every student at MBHS will have access to a school owned and managed laptop - a Chromebook - which they will be able to use at school and home. Students are responsible for the care and return of the Chromebook. The device remains the property of the school.

Students new to MBHS will be issued their Chromebooks on their first day at school:

- ❖ *For all new students to MBHS* - students will be issued their Chromebook in class Day 1.
- ❖ *For current students needing IT support* - please visit the IT Office in Sturt Building during lesson 2.

Parents and caregivers can keep track of what their child(ren) is learning through reviewing the Google Classroom Guardian Summaries that are emailed to parents and caregivers each week. Parents and caregivers can also view the student's *Google Classroom*, where teachers set learning programs, activities and assessments. Your child will be able to show you their *Google Classroom* for each of their subjects on their Chromebook. We will offer workshop opportunities for parents and caregivers to come in and learn how to access and understand what their child is learning in term 1.

Further information about our Digital Learning and Chromebook Program can be found at:

mbhs.sa.edu.au/our-school/facilities-services/digital-learning-laptop-program

Stationery

Students will be provided with the exercise books and specialist stationery they need for their subjects by their subject teachers. Students are asked to bring their own pens, pencils and other basic personal stationery (including a ruler, sharpener and eraser), in their own pencil case.

Canteen

We have an onsite Canteen that offers a range of hot and cold food selections and drinks. The Canteen is open before school, at recess and lunch. Students can view and order from our full food menu via our online ordering platform, Qkr!. All online orders for recess must be

submitted by 8.45am and lunch by 9.30am each day. Students can visit the Canteen 8.20am-8.45am to place an order in person. Please see mbhs.sa.edu.au/our-school/facilities-services/canteen for details on how to access Qkr! Students can also buy drinks and a selection of food from our menu directly from the Canteen (subject to availability).

Uniform

All MBHS students wear our school uniform. Students wear uniform for a range of reasons, including working together to take pride as a member of the MBHS student community, for your child's safety as students are easily recognisable on school grounds and given this is a workplace. Further information and access to online ordering can be found at: mbhs.sa.edu.au/our-school/policies-procedures/uniform-policy

Key Dates + Calendar

The MBHS School Calendar can be found at: mbhs.sa.edu.au/news-events/calendar. This is regularly updated with new events as they are confirmed. Some confirmed key dates that impact all students are listed below.

❖ *Student Free Days*

All Department for Education schools provide four days per year for Student Free Days where staff engage in professional learning designed to help teachers best meet the needs of all learners. One day per year is also allocated as a School Closure to allow students, families and school staff to attend an event of significance. Please note the following dates for 2023.

<i>MBHS Student Free Days 2023</i>	
Term 1, Week 7 Tuesday 14 March	Culturally Responsive Schooling <i>Student life worlds to design personalised learning</i>
Term 2, Week 3 Thursday 18 May	Berry Student Education Model (part 1) <i>Trauma Informed Practice</i>
Term 2, Week 3 Friday 19 May	Berry Student Education Model (part 2) <i>Trauma Informed Practice</i>
Term 3, Week 7 Monday 4 September	Show Day <i>School Closure</i>
Term 3, Week 7 Tuesday 5 September	Differentiated learning design and delivery <i>Supporting learning success for every student</i>

❖ *School Photos*

- Photo day - Main Campus:: Monday 20 February
- Photo day - ILC: Thursday 23 February
- Catch-up day - Main Campus: Thursday 23 February

All students have their photo taken to be used for identification purposes. Further information on purchasing school photos will be provided to families early in Term 1.

❖ *Sports Day - Friday 10 March*

All students are strongly encouraged to participate to support their Neighbourhood to success! Parents, Caregivers and Families are most welcome to attend. Further information will be sent prior to the day.

Communication

❖ *Communication - families to school*

For student learning enquiries: Contact the subject teacher in the first instance

mbhs.sa.edu.au/contact-us/staff-directory

To report non-attendance: Contact the Attendance Hotline

Call: 8531 9555

Text: 0451 266 328

Email: dl.0785.attend@schools.sa.edu.au

For general enquiries: Contact Reception

Call: 8531 9500

Email: dl.0785.info@schools.sa.edu.au

❖ *Communication - school to families*

Most communication from school to families will occur by email. We will occasionally also be in contact via text message for short notifications. For discussion about individual student matters, leaders or teachers will make contact by phone.

Parents and caregivers can receive weekly Google Classroom Guardian Summaries by email that summarise student work for the week, and can check student attendance and previous reports in Daymap (to login please see Daymap Guides at mbhs.sa.edu.au/our-school/facilities-services/digital-learning-laptop-program)

Our school newsletter is issued fortnightly sharing recent student achievements and activities and details of upcoming events. Updates about school events are also shared through MBHS Facebook and Instagram.

It is essential that parents and caregivers maintain up to date phone, email and address details with the school. If you need to update your contact details, please come to the Front Office 8.30-4.00pm or call the school on 85319500.

Further information

Our school website www.mbhs.sa.edu.au provides a range of information about MBHS and is updated regularly with school news. For any general questions about MBHS be contact Reception on 85319500 or dl.0785.info@schools.sa.edu.au.