Miami State High School

Learning Through a Team Effort

Year 7 & 8
Information Booklet
2015
Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to a learning environment that will provide your child every opportunity to reach their goal beyond secondary school.

As principal of this great school, I commend the quality of our professional and supportive staff who look forward to working closely with you.

We firmly believe that open and close communication and positive relationships between home and school are essential to your child’s educational journey.

Your child’s performance will be inspired through independent, creative and disciplined thinking where we value:

- A small caring and friendly school that prides itself in offering personal education to meet individual needs.
- Development of individual strengths through challenge and opportunity.
- Individual responsibility for self and others through responsible thinking and mutual respect.
- Development of the ‘Whole’ person with skills and attitudes essential for active citizenship.
- Cultural understanding, tolerance and inclusion through global learning experiences.
- Partnerships that enrich the quality of learning pathways.
- Professional staff who strive for excellence.

Extension and innovative subjects form an extensive and diverse range of learning pathways that make Miami a great place to learn.

We willingly accept the trust you place in us by choosing Miami State High School.

Yours faithfully

JIM BAKER
Principal
LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT OF CURRICULUM

The following departments operate in the school with a Head of Department responsible for the overall leadership and management of subjects within each department namely:

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The following Extension classes will be offered to selected students:
- Stellar (academic)
- PE Excellence
- Dance Excellence

For more information please refer to the school prospectus.

**Interschool Sport**
The school offers a broad range of sporting opportunities for students to participate in inter-school competition and recreational activities, including the following:
- Baseball, Basketball, Bodyboarding, Futsal, Hockey, Netball, Rugby League, Rugby Union, SEP sport, Soccer, Tennis, Touch, Volleyball, Surfing, Tennis.
RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES:
Arts & Crafts, Beach Activities, Beginner Golf, Café Cookery, Computer Studies, Fishing, Learn to Surf, Music/Sound/Lighting, Pool Fitness/Swimming, Rock Climbing, SEP Sport, Skateboarding/BMX, Surfing/Body boarding, Weights and Fitness, Women’s Fitness, Yoga.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE

Miami State High School is a uniform school and has high standards regarding attire and personal appearance. Students are expected to wear the school uniform each day. School uniforms should be worn and presented in an appropriate manner, which promotes the image of the school.

Hair is to be clean, neat and tidy and the minimum length is a No. 2 blade. Extreme hairstyles or significant variations in hair length or colour are not acceptable. Natural tonings only are allowed.

JEWELLERY

A watch, one flat ring band and one or two pairs of sleepers or studs for pierced ears, is the only jewellery to be worn with the school uniform. A maximum of two (2) earrings/studs is to be worn per ear.

No other body piercing of any material is allowed whether it be covered or disguised. The maximum diameter for a set of earring sleepers is 10mm.

Earring studs or spacers must be worn flat against the ear and have a maximum diameter of 5mm. The stud must have a post and the length of the post must be no longer than 10mm. The post must be secured at the back of the lobe with a butterfly clip. Any other ear adornment is not acceptable.

Students who breach this policy will be required to remove the item/s immediately. Where this is not possible, alternate arrangements will be made until adherence to the policy is met. Students will be required to remove jewellery if it poses a risk to workplace health and safety requirements.

Confiscated items will be returned to the student at the end of the week on the first occasion and only to parents on each subsequent occasion.

DAY UNIFORM

ALL JUNIOR STUDENTS

Shirt - Miami Gold and Blue Polo
Shorts - Royal Blue Shorts
Socks - Anklets or short white socks
Shoes - Fully enclosed joggers with laces (no boots, hightops, platforms or slipons)

WINTER UNIFORM

ALL JUNIOR STUDENTS

Jumper - Royal Blue Fleecy
Track Pants - Trackpants with embroidery on the hip

Students who are not in the correct school uniform should be directed to do the following:
COMMUNICATION

STUDENT DIARY
Students receive a student diary at the start of the school year. It is used to communicate homework and important dates between home and the school. In the front of the diary are school procedures including assessment, computer use, student absences and many other. Ensure the diary goes to and from school each day.

NEWSLETTER
The school Newsletter is issued monthly with school reports issued 3 times a year. Parent/student/teacher interviews occur twice a year. Frequent communication between parents and teachers is encouraged via email, telephone or appointment.

THE SCHOOL DAY
The school day starts at 8.45 am and ends at 2.50pm. Each school day commences with roll marking either at a VIBES meeting or at a year level assembly. Students are expected to be in attendance every day for all lessons. All absences from school must be explained by a note or phone call from parents/carers. Students are required to stay in the school grounds from arrival to 2.50pm. All students who arrive late or need early release are required to report to the student services counter.

SCHOOL RESOURCE SCHEME
The Parents & Citizens Association operates a voluntary resource scheme for all students. The scheme will include the loan of all textbooks and resources required for each student for the year. It will also include all items required for practical subjects. The only exception will be for Home Economics & Industrial Skills, when the completed item goes home with the student. Students will also be provided with a student photo ID and a student organiser. The funding of this scheme requires the bulk payment of textbook allowance cheques to the school and for each student to pay an amount for the hiring of textbooks and paying of subject charges. This payment can be paid from October 2014. All monies must be paid by 30 January 2015. Alternatively parents may elect to purchase textbooks outright. Parents experiencing financial hardship are encouraged to contact the principal.

CANTEEN
The Parents & Citizens Association operates the Canteen, which provides lunches on every school day. Members of the school community who volunteer their services staff the Canteen on a roster basis. All profits from the canteen go to benefit the school. Any member of the community who can assist as a volunteer worker (and volunteers are urgently needed) should contact the Convenor of the Canteen, phone 5554 0319.

BUS TRANSPORT
Bus passes are available to all students who live more than 4.8 km from their nearest high school by the shortest trafficable route. All enquiries regarding this allowance should be directed to Surfside Buslines on 5571 6555.

Conveyance allowance is available to students who live more than 4.8 km from the nearest high school by the shortest trafficable route. The cost of transport to the nearest high school only is reimbursed to parents. All enquiries regarding this allowance should be directed to the Department of Transport on 5583 1512.
SCHOOL PERSONNEL

ADMINISTRATION
Principal  Jim Baker
Deputy Principals  Mary-Ellen Klem
               Malcolm Zischke

HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS
E - Learning  Micheala Hoy
English  Cathy Crawley
Humanities  Alison Fahlbusch
Junior Secondary  Gina Hemphill
Mathematics  Liz Mahon
Practical Arts  Wendy Pearce
Senior School  Jason Cross
Science  Jodie Bradley
Special Education  Julieta Thomas
Technology  Jo Howes
The Arts  Glen Barratt

YEAR 7 COORDINATOR  Carol Petschler
YEAR 8 COORDINATOR  Karissa Wortmann

SPECIAL FACILITIES
Guidance and Counselling  Josh Atkins
International Studies  Alison Fahlbusch / Lori Allen-Short
Resource Centre  Michaela Hoy

SCHOOL DETAILS
Street Address  2137-2205 Gold Coast Highway
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We encourage parents to maintain regular communication
with teachers and managers associated with their student’s learning.
All enquiries should initially be made through Administration on 5554 0333