Introduction

This booklet has been prepared to provide new students with an easy reference to information about how the school operates. It has been arranged under the following headings:

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Welcome to Liverpool Boys High School. You are joining a school which has proudly served the Liverpool Community since 1955. We have a strong sense of tradition, and are proud of the many achievements of the boys from this school in all walks of life.

High School is the exciting next stage on your learning journey. You have 6 years ahead of you to grow from a boy to a man. Our job here at Liverpool Boys High School is to help you on this journey. It’s not just about the things you learn in your classes, but also the things you learn about getting on with each other, the relationships you form. At Liverpool Boys High School we believe in three Core Expectations that are in all parts of the high school journey: Respect, Responsibility and Learning.

Respect for each other and of each other’s property is what binds us together in our school community. We expect everybody to show respect for others, just as your family expects you to show respect at home.

Responsibility means that we take ownership for all our choices. This is what we teach at Liverpool Boys High School, and what we will always ask you to do. You have the responsibility to learn, we have the responsibility to teach. You have the responsibility to attend school every day on time, we have the responsibility to be prepared for each lesson and give you feedback. You can see both the staff and students have responsibilities at our school.

Learning is what school is all about. We hold very high expectations for all our boys – we expect you to work at your best and produce quality learning at all times. Another important part of learning is learning from our mistakes. If you make a mistake with your learning, look for ways of learning how to do better.

I am very happy to welcome you to Liverpool Boys High School where you too can carry on our proud traditions of Responsibility, Learning and Respect.

M. Saxon
Principal
# Staff at Liverpool Boys High School

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Mr M Saxon

**Deputy Principals:**
Mr V Surace
Ms M Gorman

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**Sports Organiser:**
Mr D Elias

**Careers Adviser:**
Mr L Cooper

**Teacher Librarian:**
Ms D Page

**Counsellor:**
Mr N Cucinotta
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How do I contact the school?

To see a specific teacher for a formal interview:
- Ring reception and make an appointment.
- Let the receptionist know what the interview is about, so that the teacher can have any information ready for you at the interview.

School Telephone Number: 9602 7979

School Fax Number: 9821 4068

Canteen Telephone Number: 9602 0464

Telephone Interpreter Service: 131 450
This service can be used to help explain things in your home language

Mailing Address: Liverpool Boys High School
Forbes Street
Liverpool 2170

Office Hours: 8:30 am – 3:10 pm
What subjects are studied at Liverpool Boys High School?

In **Years 7 and 8** students will study the following subjects:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- History
- Geography
- Art
- Design and Technology
- Language
- Music
- Sport
- Personal Development / Health / Physical Education (PD/H/PE)

In **Years 9 and 10** students select three electives and study them along with the compulsory courses for the RoSA (Record of Student Achievement). Information about the RoSA requirements and subject selection is given at a Parent/Student Information Evening during Year 8.

In **College 1 and 2** students choose a pattern of study that reflects their future career/work interests and abilities. Information about the Higher School Certificate requirements and subject selection is given at a Parent/Student Information Evening during Year 10.

**Excursions**

Most subjects run excursions during the year. These outings are designed to help students understand the material being taught in class. All students will receive a permission/information note about their excursion. Completed forms are to be given to the class teacher and all money is to be paid to the Student Administration Office (Back Office). Money can be paid before school, at recess or at lunch.
What happens during Sport?

All students in Year 7 and 8 participate in integrated sport. Integrated sport is taught by PE teachers and other staff who are skilled or trained in sport. Integrated sport is timetabled into your son’s regular timetable and each class is allocated four lessons a cycle. Students are expected to bring the correct PE uniform and shoes for each lesson.

How is Sport different from PE?

Sport encourages students to play. Sport is a healthy way to promote fitness, well-being, exercise, relationship building and communication rather than specific skills. Although students do learn about the various rules of the sports they play, the lessons are not outcome focused. Sport and PE are compulsory for all students from Year 7-10.

Sports Uniform

All students are expected to participate in sport wearing their sport uniform due to Workplace Health and Safety reasons. It is also a DEC requirement that all students wear a hat while playing outdoors.

PE shirt (blue/ white/ red)
Black LBHS shorts
White socks
School tracksuit
Joggers/Runners

Some of the sports offered at Liverpool Boys High School include:

Basketball  Rugby Union  Oz Tag
Volleyball  Soccer  Indoor Soccer
Hockey  Tennis  Cricket
A guide to Liverpool High School Library

The Library is shared by both Liverpool Boys High School and Liverpool Girls High School.

When can I go to the Library?
• Before school from 8:15 am and recess

LBHS Teacher Librarian: Ms D. Page

What can I borrow?  
Up to 6 books – Junior students
Up to 12 books – Senior students

What is available?
• Books, including the latest Young Adult Fiction, a large collection of Manga and books in community languages
• Magazines/Newspapers
• Encyclopaedias, dictionaries, atlases and other reference materials
• Free wifi for laptops
• Computers, printing and photocopying. Photocopying/printing cost:
  o Black and white 8c
  o Colour $1.00

Why do I need a Library Card?
• To borrow from the library.
• To be able to photocopy/print; students can recharge their card at the Student Administration Office (Back Office).

How do I get a Library Card?
• Library cards cost $2.50 and can be purchased on School Photo Day.

What happens if I lose my Library Card?
• If your Library card is lost, misplaced or damaged please report this to Student Administration Office (Back Office). A replacement card costs $2.50.
• If you have forgotten your Library card the Library staff will be more than happy to allow you to borrow books or print/photocopy if required.

Some helpful Library information
• Leave bags outside the Library.
• Keep valuables with you at all times.
• Students cannot borrow from the Library if they have overdue Library books.
• USBs cannot be used on any computers within the school. Please send anything you wish to print or work on as an email attachment.
How can my parents and the community be involved at my school?

Our school recognises the importance of effective partnerships between parents, students and staff addressing student outcomes. Therefore, parent and community participation is actively encouraged across the school. Our School Community Engagement Officer Mrs Latifa Zuhbi can be contacted by calling the school anytime between 8:30 am and 3:10 pm Monday to Friday.

Some of the ways in which parents and community members may become involved in our school are listed below.

- Participating in the Parents as Partners Program where parents come into the classes as a helper to support both students and teachers.

- Participating in our Annual Multicultural Day.

- Attending the various Parent Information Evening sessions held throughout the year.

- Attending Liverpool Boys High School Community Forum or Parent Café.

- Joining various committees in the school which include evaluation of school programs and policies as well as considering new school projects.

- By sharing your area of expertise with the school community, for example, in sport, cultural stories and traditions, various workplace skills, reading and writing.

- By simply dropping in or calling the school.
What do I do if...?

- **I am late to school.**
  If you are late to school during Period 1 report to the Student Administration Office (Back Office) to collect a late slip. You will need to provide your Roll Call teacher with a note from your parent/caregiver the next day explaining the reason why you were late.

- **I need to leave early.**
  If you need to leave school early because of an important appointment, you need to get a Pass out. All students who are leaving early must be collected by their parent or caregiver from the Reception (Front Office) area. The following steps will help you receive a Pass out:
  1. Bring a note from your parent/caregiver stating your name, year, roll call class and the reason and time for your Pass out.
  2. Give your note to a Deputy Principal before school on the day you need the Pass out.
  3. Take your approved note to the Student Administration Office (Back Office) to collect your Pass out.
  4. Go to the Reception (Front Office) at the time you are being collected.

- **I feel sick.**
  If you are in class and you are not feeling well or you need First Aid, ask for a note from your teacher to go to sick bay. Give your note to one of the SASS Staff. If you are seriously ill, your parent/guardian will be contacted and asked to pick you up. You can only stay in Sick Bay for a short time. Only very basic First Aid can be given in the school. An ambulance will be called if there is a serious problem.
What do I do if...?

- **I need a travel pass.**
  - **Bus:** Collect an application form from the Student Administration Office (Back Office), fill it in and return it to the Student Administration Office (Back Office) as soon as possible. It takes about 2 to 3 weeks for the pass to come back into the school. A message will be sent to you when the bus pass has arrived at the school.
  - **Train:** Collect an application form from the Student Administration Office (Back Office), fill it in and return it to the Student Administration Office (Back Office) as soon as possible. Students will be advised when the pass has arrived at the school.

- **I lose my bus/train pass.**
  If you lose your bus pass you need to contact the bus company that you travel with and they will tell you what you have to do. If you lose your train pass you need to go to the Student Administration Office (Back Office), a form will be given to you to send to the State Rail Authority. Fees usually apply to replacement travel passes.

- **School student concession/ Identification cards.**
  Once a student has turned 16 years of age a school student concession/ identification card is available from the Student Administration Office (Back Office). These cards are to be used within the State Transit Authority system.

- **I lose something.**
  If you lose anything in the school, the first place to look is where you think you may have lost it. If it was lost in a classroom, go to the staffroom and ask if your teacher found it. If it is not there or you lost it somewhere else, go to the Print Room and ask if the lost item has been handed in. If you find anything in the school that appears to be a person’s property, hand it in to the Student Administration Office (Back Office).

- **My teacher is away.**
  If your teacher has not arrived for your class, wait five minutes, one student is then to go to the staffroom to find out if your teacher is away. If there is no teacher for your class, move to the Breezeway, sit down and get some quiet work out to do. Card games and ball games are not allowed to be played during this time. You need to stay in this area for the whole period in case a teacher becomes available or someone needs to speak to you.
What do I do if...?

- **I am away from school.**

  There are two things you must do:
  
  o Your parent/caregiver must ring the school on **9602 7979** and press the number “4”. They will be prompted to leave a message regarding your absence. This helps our school a great deal because we are informed about student absences immediately. If your parent/caregiver does not leave a message regarding your absence, then a text message will be sent to your parent’s mobile requesting an explanation for your absence.
  
  o On the day that you return to school you will need to bring in a student absent note and give it to your Roll Call teacher. Make sure the note contains your name, roll call class, the date of absence, a reason for the absence and your parent/guardian signature.

  **Note:** Notes can be obtained from your Roll Call teacher.

- **I need to see the School Counsellor.**

  If you have a problem and you want to talk it over with a Counsellor see your Year Adviser and ask him/her to make an appointment for you.
What do I wear and when?

The wearing of uniform is a condition of enrolment at Liverpool Boys High School. If you are out of uniform for any reason you must have a note from home explaining why. This note should be given to the Head Teacher supervising your roll call group. If you have any trouble buying the uniform the school can offer some assistance. See your Year Adviser for more information.

You can buy some items of uniform at school. Items which are on sale from the school are shown with an *. Our school uniform supplier is:

LIVERPOOL UNIFORMS & EMBROIDERY
SHOP 2/170 GEORGE STREET
LIVERPOOL
PH: 9601 0812

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Sport Uniform (Junior and Senior)

| Shirt: LBHS PE shirt |
| Shorts: Black LBHS shorts |
| Socks: White |
| Shoes: Joggers/runners |
| Tracksuit: School tracksuit |
Who can I go to for help?

**Year Adviser – Mrs G Tucker**

Each group of students has a Year Adviser. This person is there to help you with any problem you might have. These problems may be to do with another student or to do with your work studies. If you have any problems at all, it is a good idea to talk it over with your Year Adviser. Parents and caregivers are also reminded to contact the Year Adviser if they feel that their son is having some sort of problem at school or at home.

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**Head Teacher Engagement & Support – Mrs S Kelly**

If you are unable to see your Year Adviser you can seek assistance from the Engagement & Support Faculty. You can see Mrs Kelly or any of the Faculty staff. They will be able to help you with any problems you might have and will be able to recommend people for you to see for extra help.
Who can I go to for help?

**School Counsellor – Mr N Cucinotta**

The Counsellor will help with any problems of a more personal nature or where you want to see someone who isn’t one of your teachers. You can make an appointment to see the Counsellor through your Year Adviser or the Head Teacher Engagement & Support.

**Class Teacher**

This is the person to see if you have problems with understanding the work in class, doing your homework or not being able to get your work done.

**Head Teacher Year 7 Team – Ms D Craig**

If you are unable to see your Year Adviser another person you can see is the Head Teacher Year 7 Team. They will be able to help you with any problems you might have and will be able to recommend people for you to see for extra help.

**Deputy Principals –**

**Ms M Gorman and Mr V Surace**

If you or your parents/caregivers have a serious problem you can make an appointment to see one of the Deputy Principals. An appointment can be made at Reception (Front Office).

**Principal – Mr M Saxon**

If you or your parents/caregivers have a serious problem you can make an appointment to see the Principal. An appointment can be made at Reception (Front Office).
What other things can I do at Liverpool Boys High School?

Liverpool Boys High School offers a wide range of activities outside the normal classroom. Some of these are listed below:

**Student Representative Council (SRC)**

The SRC Students are the students’ voice of the school.

Students involved in the SRC:

- Contribute to decisions about whole school matters.
- Raise money for selected charities.
- Run discos.
- Present information at staff meetings and assemblies.

**Public Speaking Competition**

Each year students are invited to participate in a Public Speaking Competition.

Students compete in three categories:

- **Junior:** Years 7 and 8
- **Intermediate:** Years 9 and 10
- **Senior:** College 1 and 2

**Arts Night**

The opportunity for students to display their talents in the performing arts field is given at our annual Arts Night. Students from the boys and girls schools perform musical and dramatic pieces as well as being involved in the actual staging of the night.
What other things can I do at Liverpool Boys High School?

**Multicultural Day**
Every year (usually in Term 3) our school holds the Annual Multicultural Day. This is a day where everyone is involved in performances, activities, workshops and sport so that we can celebrate the many different cultures that make our school. All students are invited to join the Multicultural Day Committee in Term 1.

**Representative Sport**
Each year students are invited to participate in selection trials for a range of different sporting teams. Successful students then represent the school in various competitions. The sports usually include tennis, soccer, football, basketball and volleyball.
## Bell Times

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What will I need for my first day at Liverpool Boys High School?

- Pencil case containing blue/black pens
- Lead pencil
- Ruler (Plastic or wooden ONLY)
- Eraser
- Exercise book
- Food/drink or money for canteen
- Money for the bus

Please note that liquid paper, permanent markers and metal rulers are banned at this school and should not be used.

**IMPORTANT:** Book packs can be purchased from the Student Administration Office (Back Office) for $20. The book pack contains all the essential equipment you need to make a great start to high school.
How can I make a good start at Liverpool Boys High School?

Some tips to help during your first few weeks at Liverpool Boys!

- Have one exercise book for you to write in for all subjects.
- Ask your teachers about any special books or equipment you need.
- Carry this handbook with you at all times.
- Check your timetable when you pack your bag.
- Make more than one copy of your timetable, in case you lose it.
- Check the map in your handbook for the rooms you need.
- Check the sport notice board for your sport information.
- Start developing a study plan if you don’t already have one.
- Ask questions if you are lost or don’t understand something that is happening at school.
- Talk to your Year Adviser, if you have any worries or concerns about your new classes.
- Put your name on everything you bring to school.
- Don’t bring valuable items, like iPods to school.
- Learn the school rules.
How does the school recognise student achievement?

**SPORTING AWARDS**

**Inter-School Competition**
Students who participate in the inter-school competition and qualify for the finals are recognised on morning assembly and at the Sport Presentation in December each year. Winning teams are presented with pennants.

**Sportsman of the Year**
Students are awarded Sportsman of the Year in three categories:
- **Junior** Years 7 and 8
- **Intermediate** Years 9 and 10
- **Senior** College 1 and 2

Involvement in a variety of sporting events during the year qualifies a student for this award.

**COLLEGE 2 GRADUATION CEREMONY**

**ANNUAL PRESENTATION DAY**

**MERIT CERTIFICATES**
Merits are awarded to students by teachers to acknowledge positive behaviour both in and out of the classroom.
School Terms 2015

TERM ONE

START: Tuesday 27th January 2015 (Teachers only – SDD*)
       Wednesday 28th January 2015 (Year 7 and College)
       Thursday 29th January 2015 (Years 8, 9 & 10)

END:   Thursday 2nd April 2015

TERM TWO

START: Monday 20th April 2015

END:   Friday 26th June 2015

TERM THREE

START: Monday 13th July, 2015

END:   Friday 18th September 2015

TERM FOUR

START: Tuesday 6th October 2015

END:   Friday 18th December 2015

*Note: School development days (SDD) usually occur on the first day of Terms 1, 2 & 3 and the last two days of Term 4.
Learning Support

Learning Support Team at Liverpool Boys
At Liverpool Boys High School all students attend mainstream classes. We provide a comprehensive and inclusive education program. Sometimes students need additional support in their learning and at Liverpool Boys High School there are number of support services that we can provide.

Learning Needs – Some students require additional learning support for a variety of reasons. If you are a student who has had assistance during Primary School you will most likely need some help in High School. You or your parents can contact the school any time if there are concerns about learning.

Health and Medication – if you have health problems or you need to take regular medication or have a short/long term illness it is best that the school is informed and kept up to date. For example, if you need to use a Ventolin puffer or preventative medications for asthma, the school needs to know and those details are recorded on our data system. In the event that you are unwell and medical assistance is required, it’s very important that the school is aware of all medications you are currently taking. Often we formally write a Health Care Plan in consultation with your parents, for students with long term illness or conditions, particularly if the condition involves taking medication at school (e.g. asthma, diabetes, ADHD). You are not allowed to carry medication with you and can only take medication at school when you are supervised by a staff member, Ventolin being the only exception, as long as you have a current Health Care Plan.

Staff who assist students with their learning include the STLA (Support Teacher Learning Assistance), EAL Teachers (English as an Additional Language), Teacher’s Aide, School Counsellor, Careers Adviser, Librarian and Year Advisers.

Regardless of what your needs are, the staff at Liverpool Boys High School are always ready to assist you in whatever you need help in, you just need to ask.

Mrs S. Kelly
Head Teacher Engagement & Support
Engagement & Support Staff Room
Preparing for High School

Preparing for high school
Entering high school is an exciting time for students. They are moving into what is often a larger school environment. This can lead to anxiety or periods of unease. Here are some steps parents and caregivers can take to help students start high school on a positive note.

1. **Be interested and enthusiastic about their move to high school.** Your encouragement will help your child to make a successful transition to high school. Listen to their experiences and expectations. Don't dwell on your own experiences of school.

2. **Attend the Orientation Day.** If your child will be entering high school then keep a look out for the orientation days which high schools hold in Term 3 and 4. These days are designed to help parents and their children prepare for starting high school. Some children, because of pressure from their peers, will try to discourage their parents from attending orientation days. Being there will help you understand your child's experiences better.

3. **Make sure travel arrangements to and from school are organised.** Organise travel passes. This will help settle some of the concern about independent travel. Talk about back-up travel arrangements, for example, what to do if a bus or train doesn't come.

4. **Discuss the changes every student will experience.** Emphasise that many people feel apprehensive about changing from a small primary school to a larger high school, and that there will be people to help them adjust.

5. **Organise your child's uniform well before the first day of school.** Having the new uniform will help your child start to feel a sense of belonging to the school.
6. **Learn about school routines and timetables.** Talking to student already enrolled at the school can be useful in finding out information about things such as sporting venues used by the school and school finishing times. The school will provide information before it's needed.

7. **Help your child to develop good study habits.** Try to provide them with somewhere private and quiet to study. Help your child to set aside a particular time to study. Work out a daily timetable that incorporates all your child's needs and interests. Regularly viewed TV programs, club activities and sport should all be part of the timetable. Ultimately they will need to manage their own study and they can guide you in what is helpful for them.

8. **Practice organisational skills.** In the first few weeks of high school you might want to check with your child that they have the right books for the following day. You will quickly encourage a good habit.

9. **Discuss emergency and safety issues.** Talk about these issues - including crossing roads or taking essential medication - simply and without emotion. Allow your child to contribute their views. Find out who the staff are at the school that can help them if they need it on issues such as medication.

10. **Let your child know that you trust them and that they can trust you.** Keep communication open about all your child's experiences, and make sure they know you're available if things go wrong.