

Hewett House Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The first week of school has hardly begun and yet it is almost over! It was so lovely to meet so many of you as you delivered your girls to the hostel throughout the week. If I didn't get the opportunity to meet you I hope that I will sometime soon.

I have been amazed at how well the new girls have settled. Friendships are already forming and the general feeling is one of excitement. Our more 'experienced' boarders all appear happy to be back and with their friends again. They are being very patient with me as I try and learn all their names.

We conducted an orientation session with our Year 9 girls on Tuesday night. Mrs Biss went through the Hostel guidelines and they all met their Year 13 "buddies". All girls should now be very clear with regard to our behaviour expectations within the hostel. I am sure we are going to have a wonderful year!

Just a couple of reminders; if your daughter is a 7 day boarder and wishes to go to a friends for the weekend, please remember that we need both parents permission for this to happen (yours and the host's). If your daughter makes a bus booking and permission has not been given then she will not be able to take the bus and you may be charged with a late cancellation fee.

Please also **NOTE** that if your daughter has requested a bus booking, the booking is faxed through to HB Coachlines on Thursday morning, any cancellations after this will be charged to you regardless. The same applies for the return journey. If for any reason you need to cancel your daughter's journey back to school please notify HB Coachlines prior to 11.30am on Sunday. Their contact details are as follows: (06) 878 4554 or Adele Stevenson 027 433 5614.

While most girls are making a real effort, there are a small few who may require a refresher course at home on how to make a bed. Your assistance with this would be great. It is wonderful to see the girls take a real pride in their room and given the fact that most juniors are sharing their space, it shows that they respect their roommates too!

If you know that your daughter is going to be involved in co curricular/sporting activities this term that will take her away from the Hostel and from school, please remember to make your request in writing to the school but also to send a copy to the hostel. This will ensure that we each know what your daughter is up to and can make a note of her absence.

My email is now up and running (as you can see) so never hesitate to contact me. There are some families who have changed their email since they completed the initial enrolments forms. If this is the case with you, could you please let me know your new contact details to ensure that you will always receive the weekly newsletters?

Thank you for your support. I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and also hope that it will be a dry and sunny one.

Kind regards,

Lianne Parkinson
Hostel Manager