

FRANCIS GREENWAY HIGH SCHOOL Newsletter



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Successful Learners ~ Supportive Environment

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UP AND COMING EVENTS

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Monday November 2
Year 11 Work Placement Begins
Metals & Engineering

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Thursday November 12
Year 12 Graduation
MPC
10:00am

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Monday November 16
Year 12 Formal
East Maitland Bowling Club
5:30pm – 9:30pm

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Wednesday November 18
7E & ATSI Orientation & Jumpstart
Selected Students Only
10:30am – 1:30pm

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Tuesday November 24
Senior First Aid Training Course
PLR Room
8:35am – 2:50pm

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Thursday November 26
White Card Training Course
Library
8:35am – 2:50pm

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Tuesday December 1
Year 7 2021 Orientation Day
10:30am – 1:30pm

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to term 4. The last term, in what has been, a challenging year that has created a new normal in our world. The new normal for our school is continuing to evolve as the restrictions are slowly eased.

This term we are able to have excursions, some Year 6 Transition events and our Year 12 Graduation and Formal with specific guidelines being adhered to. Parents and carers are allowed onsite for welfare meetings and to volunteer in the canteen. We are certainly missing the connection with our families and community and hope that 2021 brings further scaling back of restrictions to allow us to re-engage with you all.

On a more positive note, Year 12 have started the HSC exams. Their last week of school was filled with fun as they dressed up in their chosen theme costumes and played a few harmless pranks. They have been an absolute delight as a cohort and certainly reflect our school core values. The Beresfield Bowling Club is again hosting our students for their exams. We thank the club and appreciate their continued support of our school. The new Year 12 cohort have started the HSC course which we hope will continue without any disruption.

The Year 6 students from our partner primary schools will have a visit to the school for Orientation Day in December. The number of transition events have been limited and to compensate for this, the families of Year 6 students will receive a comprehensive information package and are encouraged to contact the school for further queries. The uniform shop will be open for new students and the advice is to go online and book an appointment as it gets very busy this term.

Jill Steuart is our Transition Advisor and will be able to help with any question's parents may have.

We have recently been notified that the Maitland Regional Art Gallery has won a MAGNA award. The Australian Museums and Galleries Association Incorporated (AMaGA) is the national association and peak advocacy body representing museums and galleries. The entry, *Stories from Wonnarua Country* won its category Interpretation, Learning & Audience Engagement. As shown in the photo below, this is another example of the talent shown by our students and staff.

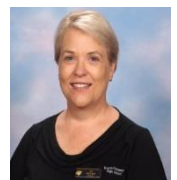


Over the holidays our new outdoor gym was completed. This resource will be used as part of the PD/H/PE curriculum. Students will be able to access the gym during breaktimes by using a pass that will be managed by the PD/H/PE faculty. The indoor gym will also have additional equipment this term. The value of regular physical activity is an essential part of the holistic development of young people and we are resourcing the school to support this.

Drop off and pick up

The morning and afternoon are extremely busy times for traffic at our school. Please be patient and courteous and refrain from doing a U-turn across the double lines. There are near misses on a daily basis and we want to keep our students safe.

Jo Edwards
Principal



FROM THE DEPUTIES

BYOD

In 2021, all year groups will be involved in the BYOD program.

At Francis Greenway High School, we value the learning experiences and opportunities that technology can provide. The promotion of all forms of learning are core to our educational philosophy. Embedded in our school's Strategic Plan are values that focus on differentiated learning activities which are connected in a purposeful way to students' future needs and real-world applications. Francis Greenway High School seeks to develop future focused skills in all our students. In schools that excel, educational aspiration and improvement is paramount. Curriculum programs and teaching practices effectively develop the knowledge, understanding and skills of all students, using innovative classroom delivery.

By facilitating BYOD, Francis Greenway High School empowers our students, giving them direct involvement in the way technology is used in their learning. At the same time, BYOD enables teachers to build on their experiences to ensure the relevance of student learning.

Further information regarding the program and device requirements are available on our learning hub

<https://sites.google.com/education.nsw.gov.au/fghslearninghub>

Families may purchase/lease their device from any retailer. Harvey Norman is our preferred supplier, you may browse available devices here

<https://www.harveynormanbusiness.com.au/fghs2020portal>

The school recognises that the implementation of BYOD at our school inherently imposes a financial cost on students and their families for the purchase of a device. This cost occurs in all BYOD schools. Where possible, we will provide short term loan devices to students while their families make arrangement for the purchase/lease of their own device.

If you have any enquiries regarding BYOD please contact the school.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

This year so far has been a successful one for students with PBL awards. There are 5 levels of achievement that students work towards over the year where they receive positive points for excellence in the classroom, meeting expectations and core values and demonstrating positive behaviour in all school settings. Beresfield Bowling Club are sponsors for our PBL program which allows us to provide awards in the form of Gift Vouchers to students as they achieve the various levels. To date, the stats for students currently at each level are:

Bronze Award (50+ points) - 354 students

Silver Award (100+ points) - 222 students receiving \$20 vouchers

Gold Award (200+ points) - 50 students receiving \$20 vouchers

Platinum Award (300+ points) - 4 students receiving \$30 vouchers

This equates to \$5560 in rewards that students have earned and 630 PBL pens handed out. An excellent achievement from our students.

The current top points scorers for this term are:

Josh Edden, Nicola Shepherd, Bentley Titmuss and Quinne Tran.

Overall this year the top students demonstrating positive behaviour are:

Jam Mendoza (Yr11 – 366 points)

Lachlan Scott (Yr11 – 351 points)

Dylan Bartlett (Yr11 – 318 points)

Congratulations to all of these amazing students.

Year 12

The HSC is going well and students have been positive so far about the experience. At school we continue to provide release for staff to conduct final revision sessions for the remaining exams. All students are expected to attend these sessions. The final examination is November 11, 2020. The Year 12 Graduation Assembly will be held on November 12, 2020 in the school MPC. Due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions parents and families will not be able to attend. There will be a professional videographer filming the occasion and the footage will be made available to all students. We also hope to livestream the event on the day further information will be provided if this is to occur.

The formal will be held at Easts Bowling Club on the November 16, 2020. Again, we are governed by both venue and Department of Education restrictions. Some staff will be in attendance with the 46 students. We would ask that photos be taken prior to arriving at the venue as meeting in the park by the club is not permitted. Photos will be taken during the evening for students also.

Years 8, 9, 11

Year 8, 9 and 11 have selected their courses and electives for 2021. Any variations of these need to be requested through the Deputy Principals. If you need to contact a Deputy Principal regarding your child please feel free to call and request a phone meeting. Attendance on site for meetings is still restricted.

Year 11 will be able to consider if they are able to remove a course from their program of study in the HSC course. Mr Brownsmith will meet with each student to discuss this and students have been made aware that all outstanding course N-awards must be completed to a satisfactory standard.

Year 9 are engaging in a Careers Quest. This gives them the opportunity to talk to representatives from: TAFE, University of Newcastle, Real Estate, Plumbing, Defence forces and many more, to get valuable information that may help them in their future planning.

Natalie Conway
Deputy Principal Years 7 & 9

Ben Higginbottom
Deputy Principal Years 8 & 10

Damien Brownsmith
Deputy Principal Years 11 & 12

ENGLISH

Despite Term 4 signalling the end of a turbulent 2020, this term is busy for both staff and students. The end of Week 1, English teachers farewelled their classes with a range of writing activities and competitions, ensuring they felt confident moving into the High School Certificate Examinations. All students in Years 7 – 10 have received their first formal English Assessment Task results and feedback as part of the school wide Authentic Assessment process. Each student has completed an Assessment Reflection identifying their strengths and areas for improvement. Years 8 and 10 completed their Yearly English Examinations in Week 2.

Throughout Term 4 students will be engaging in the following Units of Work:

- Year 7 will be learning about Genre through the close study of a film
- Year 8 are being introduced to the world of Shakespeare through a wide variety of texts.
- Year 9 are examining how Culture and Subcultures are represented in Poetry.
- Year 10 students will engage with the close study of two interactive, non-fiction multimodal texts

Samantha Woolnough
English Faculty

WRITE IT RIGHT – Murook Cultural Activities

Finally, we can travel outside of school to visit significant cultural sites in Weeks 3, 5 and 7 of this term. Please be assured that FGHS is following the NSW DoE COVID 19 Guidelines and as part of those guidelines, for Murook, we have a COVID Safe Plan. Though this year has been far from ideal, the students involved in Write It Right have participated in the in-school activities in a mature and positive manner. The following are the dates and sites we will be visiting:

Week 3 - October 28: Dark Point – Site visit, walk and Mungo Brush

Week 5 - November 11: North Arm Cove – Rock Rings and Karuah

Week 7 - November 25: Stockton Sand dunes and Tin City.

Any queries please contact Samantha Woolnough in the English Faculty.

Samantha Woolnough
English Faculty

MATHS

As the end of the year approaches, we have been preparing our Year 12 students for their HSC exams. Over the holidays, our thirty Standard 2 students, two Standard 1 students and two Mathematics Advanced students came into school to squeeze in some extra study. We will miss our Year 12's and wish them all the best in their exams.

During week 2, the Numeracy committee organised the World of Maths day for our Year 7 students. Our young Mathematicians worked in groups to solve hands-on problems to see how useful Mathematics is when solving real world problems

As it gets closer to Christmas, the Mathematics Faculty has some great present ideas for our students. Drop into the school and pick up a brand-new Casio fx-82 for your kids for only \$20! You won't find this kind of deal anywhere else! If any parents or past students feel like giving a Christmas gift back to the Mathematics Faculty, bring in any old Casio calculators gathering dust on a shelf. It will be deeply appreciated!



Always use the best tool for the job!



Teamwork makes the dream work!

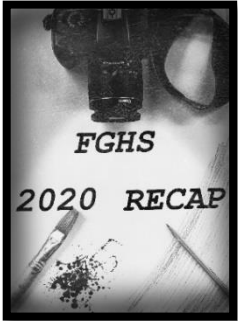
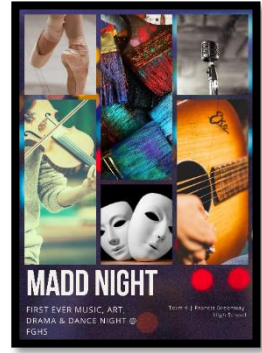
Mitchell Howard
Maths Faculty

CAPA

Welcome back to Term 4.

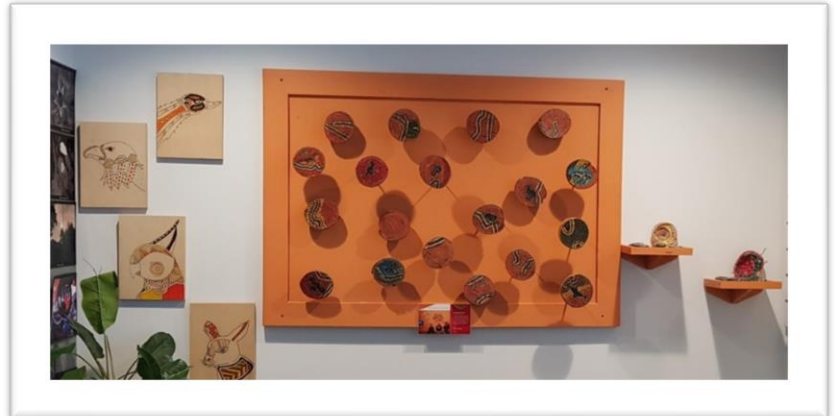
CAPA have some exciting projects to look forward to this term.

The MADD Night Showcase is in full swing. To access our amazing performances, a QR code will be included in the school magazine for general access. This QR code will only be available for a select period of time. We have some exciting performances and acts from some very talented students at FGHS from across all year groups. Stay tuned for the release date

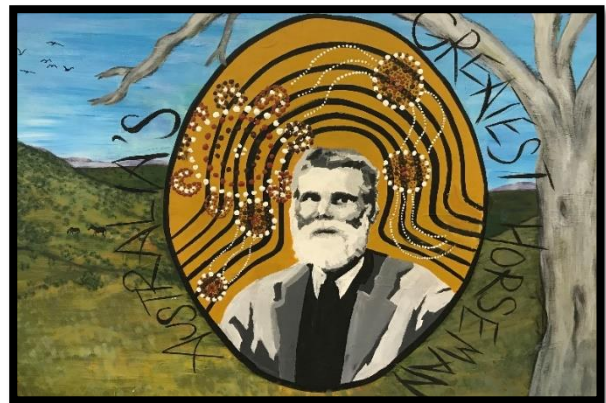


RECAP– CAPA is excited to announce a release date for the exciting new school magazine. It will be available to all students across each year group later this term.

Visual Arts have been working tirelessly to produce some outstanding results this year, most recently winning the MAGNA (Museums and Galleries National Award) for Interpretation, Learning & Audience Engagement. This prestigious national award is a result of the collaboration with Maitland Regional Art Gallery last year to produce the 'Stories of Wonnarua Country' artwork. Visual Arts' students involved in this project will be live streamed at the national awards ceremony on Wednesday October 28. You can find out more information on the AMaGA website by visiting www.amaga.org.au. The winning artwork that was created in late 2019 can now be viewed in person in the FGHS Front Office Foyer.



Visual Arts are also excited to announce that Cheyanne Widders of Year 8 is entering the NSW AECG Inc. NAIDOC Art Competition. Cheyanne chose to explore the theme 'Always Was Always Will Be' with a focus on her Grandfather, Australia's Greatest Horseman. We wish Cheyanne the best of luck in this competition. This is her deadly entry! →



In Music, we would like to congratulate Alexis Morrison on her nomination for Reprise 2021. This is a well-deserved nomination that recognises her dedication and commitment to her HSC Music studies and outstanding HSC Music Performances.

A huge congratulations to all our HSC CAPA students for finishing their HSC. It is a huge achievement and they should all be proud of their efforts.

Morag Ayres
CAPA Faculty

SUPPORT

Here we are in the last term of school of this crazy year and what a wonderful start it has been.

Students from S1 put the FGHS pizza oven to the test with the expert guidance of Mr Walsh. They made a variety of delicious pizza toppings and enjoyed eating them even more than making them.



On the last day of Term 3, S7 made Dango, a traditional Japanese dumpling and sweet.



S4 and S5 have been learning about the Middle Ages in History and have enjoyed making their own Coats of Arms.

At the end of last term, students in S4 and S5 were lucky to have Aunty Dawn teach them about Indigenous culture and painting.



Olivia Hay
Support Faculty

PD/H/PE

What's Happening in Personal Development, Health and Physical Education?

The weather will be warming up for movement in Term 4. This can bring about hot conditions and we encourage parents, carers and students to practice sun-safe principles by wearing a hat. Furthermore, it is essential all students bring their own water bottle to school for hydration during these lessons. Students are not permitted to use the bubbler feature on all water fountains and without their bottle may experience heat stroke or dehydration. All activities students engage in during this term have been planned to continue to encourage movement, however, consider the hotter climate.

Junior Assessment Tasks

Students have completed their first formal assessment tasks for the year due to COVID-19. It is essential students are taking pride in their work and allowing teachers a strong foundation to determine what they know and can do. The learning process is heavily reliant on student effort and application in class. We congratulate all students to be active learners in their own education.

Facility Upgrades

We have been fortunate to upgrade both the indoor and outdoor gym. These resources will be used with teacher supervision during physical education lessons. As always, we expect students to treat these resources with respect and in the appropriate way.

Harmonie Attwill
PD/H/PE Faculty

SPORT

As per Departmental and Public Health COVID 19 requirements, sport for Term 4 is again being offered as Year sport. This means that students have not had a great deal of choice as we cannot mix year groups. Students are being rotated through many sports over the duration of the term. Social distancing is also required at all outside venues. Just a reminder that sport is a normal part of the mandatory curriculum and as such attendance is expected each week.

Please ensure your student has a refillable water bottle at school every day for sport and movement lessons. FGHS has water bottle refilling stations to assist students to stay hydrated. There should be no sharing of drink bottles and no use of bubblers.

Students who have chosen swimming need to personally sign in to the pool each week. This will be either done on paper or via a student phone using a QR code. Name, phone number and an email address are required.

Jean Bull
PD/H/PE Teacher / Sports Coordinator

CRICKET

Congratulations to Ben Crebert for being selected in the U18 Central North Zone Representative team to play in the McDonald Country Colts. Ben has successfully represented at state level in both indoor and outdoor cricket during his time at FGHS. Dylan Bartlett and Lachlan Scott deserve to be congratulated also. All 3 players have been exceptional positive role models, captains and vice captains of our junior and senior cricket teams over the last 5 years. Good luck in your future endeavours and next year in the HSC

Lezette Cowan
Cricket Coach



WELLBEING TEAM

Student Centred – Learning Focused – Wellbeing Driven

Authentic Assessment – LAW lessons

This term in LAW lessons, years 7-10 students are reflecting on their work and preparing for their Authentic Assessment interviews. Authentic assessment encourages students to reflect on their learning as they put together an academic portfolio of their work. Students will then participate in a panel interview with their peers and a staff member. Interviews will be held on the following weeks:

WEEK	YEAR GROUP
5	Year 7
6	Year 8
6	Year 9
7	Year 10



Year 7 2021 Transition Calendar – Term 4

WEEK	DATE	ACTIVITY
6	Wednesday November 18	Jumpstart, ATSI, 7E, Support Unit Transition Day (selected students)
8	Tuesday December 1	Orientation Day (all students)

Please ensure you have submitted your completed enrolment paperwork to the front office as soon as possible so your child can participate in the orientation activities.

Wellbeing Wall – Energy Drinks

One major health concern surrounding energy drinks is their high caffeine and sugar content. Caffeine is an addictive substance that can affect the heart and nervous system. While it may temporarily help you overcome symptoms such as tiredness and restore alertness, it can have other negative side effects, especially in children and adolescents. Some of these are:

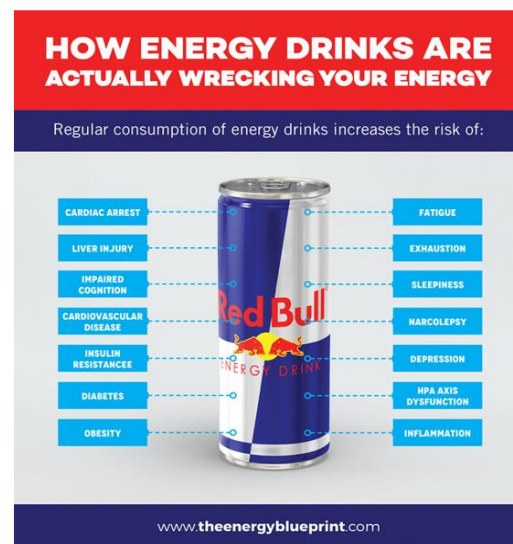
- Difficulty concentrating
- Difficulty sleeping/ insomnia
- Nervousness
- Anxiety
- Headache
- Rapid heart rate

Energy drinks may also contain other additives such as B Vitamins, guarana, taurine, ephedrine and ginseng which act as stimulants. They are low in nutrition value and high in kilojoules, increasing the risk of excessive weight gain, increasing heart rate and increasing anxiety. The best drink to hydrate the body is WATER.

<http://www.nutritionaustralia.org>

Laura George

Head Teacher Learning & Wellbeing



VACCINATIONS

2021 Vaccination Program

Year 7 students will be offered the following vaccinations in 2021. Forms will be distributed early in 2021.

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine (2 doses at least 6 months apart) and Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (whooping cough) (dTpa) vaccine (1 dose)

Below are some sites that may be interesting to parents and students to help make informed decisions.

This is an excellent video explaining the program to students <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/videos/getting-your-hpv-dtpa-vaccinations-at-school-what-to-expect>

Fact sheet <https://www.health.gov.au/sites/default/files/preventing-hpv-cancers-and-diseases-by-vaccination-brochure.pdf>

The Cancer Council website also has excellent resources <https://www.hpvvaccine.org.au/>. This includes resources in a variety of languages. These include:

- HPV vaccine fact sheet
- Myths and Facts about HPV and the vaccine

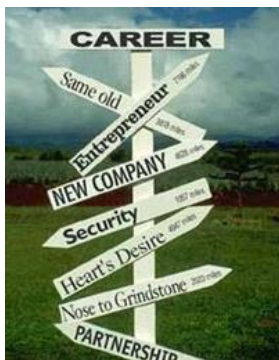
For any other questions please contact Hunter New England Local Health District Immunisation Unit on 49 246 477 or visit

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/schoolvaccination.aspx>

Jean Bull

PD/H/PE Teacher / Vaccination Coordinator

CAREERS AND TRANSITION



What's happening in Careers and Transition?

It has been another busy month for the Career and Transition Team (CATT). We have been liaising with numerous businesses to create school industry partnerships which aim to help our students understand and develop the skills needed in the workforce so that they can be better prepared for the future of work. When students have sustained a quality exposure to the world of work they are more likely to be engaged in school, be motivated and have a higher willingness to learn. Students also experience improvements in attainment, school attendance and enrolment in tertiary education. During Term 4, the CATT will be engaging Year 10 students in an asset-based design thinking career and transition program during their LAW Lessons. Lessons started in Week 1 and they are being well received by students.

White Card Training

Our second White Card Training Course will be offered to students on Thursday November 26 2020. The course is run by an accredited trainer and students will receive a Statement of Attainment and a Safework NSW Statement of Training. The cost of the course is \$99. Notes can be collected from the CAT Team in the Learning Centre (Library). Course numbers are limited.



First Aid Training

We will be offering a First Aid Training Course on Tuesday November 24 2020. Students who complete the course will obtain a recognised First Aid qualification. Course cost is \$65. Notes can be collected from the CAT Team in the Learning Centre (Library).

Youth Engagement Strategy Program (YES Program)

We have 10 students attending the Maitland TAFE every Tuesday from Week 3 – Week 6 for Introduction to Early Childhood Education and Care Course. The YES program helps students engage with learning in a hands-on environment. Students get support to develop individual learning plans, engage in vocational taster courses and receive ongoing mentoring, counselling and career advice. The program gets students out of the school setting into TAFE-style learning and on relevant industry sites.

Student Achievements

With the support of the CATT and their teachers, students continue to achieve both academically and personally. A number of students have recently gained full time employment. Congratulations to the following students:

Ruby Howard who has undertaken a full-time career in Early Childhood at the Kindy Patch Tenambit Childcare & Early Learning Centre.

Ashley Robson who after completing a successful work placement during the holidays has gained permanent employment at Steeline Hunter.



Workplace Learning

With COVID 19 restrictions lifting we have had more students undertaking workplace learning. The following students have engaged in this opportunity so far this term:

Jack Green (Year 11) Georges Hobby World Taree

Jessica Healy (Year 10) Platinum Professional Hairdressing

Tori-Lee Curry (Year 10) Exhilarate Hair and Body

Libby Lawrence (Year 10) Oakvale Farm

Angus Laver (Year 9) Tefol

Further workplace learning opportunities will be available to students during Weeks 6 and 9. Students should see the CATT for further information.

Career and Transition Team

Willa Kennedy, Robert Penglaze and Kylie Burnett



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BYOD 2021

Bring your Own Device (BYOD) 2021

In 2021, all students (years 7-12) will be required to bring a suitable computing device to school every day. Devices can be purchased from any retailer.

Parents/carers are advised to check specifications on our learning hub website:

<https://sites.google.com/education.nsw.gov.au/fghslearninghub/bring-your-own-device-2021>

Our preferred supplier is Harvey Norman Maitland, see here for compatible devices:

<https://www.harveynormanbusiness.com.au/fghs2020portal>

Additional information is available on our website:

<https://sites.google.com/education.nsw.gov.au/fghslearninghub/home>

PLEASE CONTACT DANIELLE WALSH, HEAD
TEACHER TEACHING AND LEARNING, ON
49641282 FOR MORE INFORMATION.



Shop Hours
 Monday 1.00-3.30pm
 Wednesday 8.00-5.30am

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**Francis Greenway
 High School Uniform Shop
 Order Form**



Order Form Details

Girls Uniform- Y7-Y12	Size	Price	Size	Qty
S/S Blouse Y7-Y10	J8-L20	\$42.00		
Formal Polo Y7-Y10	J8-3XL	\$47.00		
S/S Blouse Y11-Y12	J10-L20	\$42.00		
Tarian Skirt	J8-L20	\$71.00		
Formal Shorts	J8-L20	\$49.95		
Fitted Pants - On Sale	J8-L20	\$39.00		
Boys Uniform- Y7-Y12	Size	Price	Size	Qty
S/S Shirt Y7-Y10	J8-3XL	\$41.00		
Formal Polo Y7-Y10	J8-3XL	\$47.00		
S/S Shirt Y11-Y12	J8-3XL	\$40.00		
Formal Shorts	J8-3XL	\$49.95		
Formal Trousers	J8-3XL	\$55.00		
Sports Uniform	Size	Price	Size	Qty
Sports Polo	J8-3XL	\$47.00		
Sport Shorts Stretch MF	J8-3XL	\$42.00		
Sport Shorts - On Sale	J8-3XL	\$38.00		

Outerwear	Size	Price	Size	Qty
Kitted Jumper	10-16	\$55.00		
	18-24	\$55.00		
Super Fleece Jacket	J10-2XL	\$67.95		
Cotton Cardigan	10-20	\$40.00		
Rugby Jumper	J10-2XL	\$45.00		
Accessories	Size	Price	Size	Qty
Leather Belt	All Sizes	\$17.50		
Tie		\$24.00		

- Note:**
- Sizes not carried are available by custom order (SMU). During peak times it may take up to 3 month lead time. An additional \$10.00 is applied to custom orders.
 - Online orders are distributed from the Uniform Shop the next opening day of the shop. A postage charge will occur for all orders marked for delivery.
 - Payments can be made by Cash, Credit Card or Debit Credit Cards only.
 - Sales Items are not refundable.

Prices Effective from 21-09-2020 and are subject to change without notice.

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Pick up from shop

Delivery to above address (fees apply)

Payment Options

Visa Mastercard Cash (enclosed)

Name On Card: _____

Credit Card Number: _____

Expiry Date: ____/____/____

CVC: _____

Signature: _____

