



Letter to Parents of Students Enrolled to enter in 2019

8 October 2018

Dear Parent

We look forward to our new students joining Southwell in 2019. This newsletter contains information that will assist both you and your child to prepare for next year. For your convenience [Information for students starting in 2019](#) is published on our website under the [Enrol Now](#) tab. I encourage you to also explore the [Every Day at Southwell](#) tab as it is here you will find information on the day-to-day running of the school, term dates, newsletters (published fortnightly during term time) and much more. And - don't forget to follow us on [Facebook](#).

Friday 26 October, Orientation Day for Years 3 – 8

To enable new students to familiarise themselves with the school, we will be holding an Orientation Day on the above date. Staff will spend time working with the children assessing their level of understanding in Language and Mathematics. This information will be helpful when making up classes for next year. **Please note the results of these assessments are for staff information only.**

On arrival at school your child will be "buddied up" for the day with a child in the same year group. Your child should attend in mufti and bring some morning tea (no nut products please). Lunch will be provided for Year 5 to 8 students. All writing materials will be provided. The programme for the day will be as follows:

Orientation Day Programme for students entering Year 3 & 4

- 8.30am** Students and parents arrive at school and will be taken to the Performing Arts Centre where the Headmaster will give a brief presentation & introduce some key staff.
- 9.00am English and Mathematics Assessments
- 11.10am Morning Tea
- 11.30am Classroom activities and demonstrations
- 12.50pm **Students collected by Parents from outside the Management Centre**

Orientation Day Programme for students entering Years 5 to 8

- 8.30am** Students and parents arrive at school and will be taken to the Performing Arts Centre where the Headmaster will give a brief presentation & introduce some key staff.
- 9.00am English and Mathematics Assessments
- 11.10am Morning Tea
- 11.30am English and Mathematics Assessments
- 12.50pm Lunch will be provided
- 1.45pm Every Day at Southwell – a rotation of activities on offer at Southwell
- 3.00pm **Students collected by Parents from outside the Management Centre**

Please note: If your child is entering Year 7 next year, he/she will be eligible to sit the Southwell Scholarship Examinations (information published under Scholarships on the website) which will be held on the same day and will follow the same programme.



Transition to Southwell Days for Years 1 – 2

Year 1 & 2 students commencing in Term 1, 2019 will be invited to come along to the school for their **Transition to Southwell** days on **Tuesday 27 November** (9.30 to 11.30am) and **Friday 7 December** (10.00 – 11.30am). Full details will be sent to parents early in November. Please note that parents of new Year 1 & 2 students are also **welcome to attend** the **Headmaster's presentation** in the Performing Arts Centre at **8.30am on Friday 26 October**.

Junior students entering during 2019

All Junior students joining the school at the beginning of Terms 2, 3 and 4 next year will be invited to **Transition to Southwell** days prior to their commencement, and will also be contacted around the same time with regards to a clothing shop appointment.

Uniform Shop

Information packs with full details on uniform requirements and how to book an appointment will be available for collection at the Orientation Day on **Friday 26 October**. The same information will also be published on the school's website. Please email karina.halley@southwell.school.nz if you have any uniform queries. Uniforms are payable at the time of purchase by Cheque, Cash, Eftpos or Credit Card.

Dates for 2019

New Boarders will arrive at School on the afternoon of Wednesday 30 January. A "welcome" afternoon tea for parents of new boarders will be held in the Dining Room at 4.30pm.

All new students will commence at 8.30am on Thursday 31 January. This will allow new students to have another Transition Day prior to the full school starting on Friday 1 February. New parents are invited to a "welcome" by the Headmaster in the Auditorium at 8.45am followed by morning tea in the Dining Room.

Term 1	1 February	-	5 April	(Camp Week, 25 February – 1 March)
Term 2	29 April	-	28 June	
Term 3	22 July	-	20 September	
Term 4	14 October	-	11 December (Y1-4) / 12 December (Y5-8)	

Another newsletter will be sent in December. If you have any queries in the meantime please don't hesitate to contact the Registrar, Gloria Archer, on email at registrar@southwell.school.nz or phone 07 855 2089.

Information for students starting in 2019 – where to find it!

All **Information for students starting in 2019** will be published under the **Enrol Now** tab on the website as it becomes available. For other valuable information on all aspects of school life please refer to the **Every Day at Southwell** tab.

Yours sincerely

Jason Speedy
Headmaster