



Marsden Heights Community College

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Respect | Aspiration | Resilience

How will Marsden Heights help me to get ready to come to secondary school?

We are all looking forward to welcoming you to MHCC. We understand that starting secondary school is a big step, and that you may be feeling both excited and nervous right now. We will do everything we can to make your move to us as easy as possible. We have created this booklet to help you to know what to expect when you start with us.

Your parents/carers may have already attended a special meeting to learn about the school. You will also attend two dedicated days, to help you prepare for starting Year 7. During these days, you will meet your new teachers, explore the school building and learn more about Marsden Heights and what to expect in September.

You will also find lots of useful information on the school's website. Your parents/carers can also find out lots more about MHCC life by following us on social media!



How should I prepare for my first day?

We are very proud of our uniform at MHCC and we have high expectations of presentation.

As well as the uniform detailed below, as there can be a lot of cold and wet weather, a plain, dark-coloured coat is also required:

- **School tie (this will be provided for you.)**
- **Black blazer**
- **White shirt (long or short-sleeved)**
- **Black trousers**
- **Black skirt (plain black leg covering, shalwar, may be worn under the skirt)**
- **Black/grey socks or opaque black tights**
- **Black shoes (plain, formal and flat)**
- **Black hijab (optional)**

You will need to bring your PE kit to school on PE days. You will need the following uniform for PE:

- **MHCC PE shirt**
- **Black jogging bottoms or leggings**
- **Trainers**

You will need a sensible bag to fit A4 books and folders. **You will be provided with a pencil case with the following equipment:**

- **2 black pens**
- **1 blue pen**
- **1 green pen**
- **1 pencil**
- **30cm clear plastic ruler**
- **Eraser**
- **Highlighter**
- **Whiteboard, pen and rubber**

You will need to bring this additional equipment:

- **Protractor**
- **Sharpener**
- **Casio fx-83GT CW Scientific calculator**



We will provide your parents/carers with a full uniform, and PE and equipment list. You can also get more information on our uniform guidelines, and where to order it, on our website.

Make sure that everything **has your name on it**, including your uniform, so things can be returned to you easily if they are mislaid.

What happens in my first week at MHCC?

Before you start with us, plan ahead and make sure you know how long your walk or journey to school will take.

When you arrive on your first day, you will be greeted at reception by teachers and student leaders who will tell you where you need to go and what you need to do.

You don't need to worry, there will be plenty of people around to help you.

You will then spend some time with your progress group and progress tutor, and you will receive your planner and timetable.

The first few days are called 'The MHCC Way'. This is a special timetabled week, created to help you settle into the school and feel more at home.



You will learn where things are, meet lots of different teachers, including the Principal, and get to know your new classmates. It's a great way to begin your exciting journey with us.

Everyone at the school knows what the first day feels like, so we all do as much as possible to help you feel welcome and settle in.

You will find everyone at MHCC friendly and welcoming!



What does the school day look like?

Every day there are four periods for your lessons. There is also a break and lunchtime, plus every student can get a free breakfast at our Breakfast Club - every day.

There are different classrooms for lessons but you will soon get used to finding your way around.

Our school day looks like this:

Arrival

8.30am - Entrance and registration

9.05am - Period 1

Break

10.40am - Period 2

11.55am - Period 3

Lunch

13.50pm - Period 4

End of Day - 15.05pm



What is expected of me?

At our school, we are proud to champion three core values that shape every aspect of our students' learning and personal development:
Respect. Aspiration. Resilience.

These values are more than just words - they are the foundation of our school community and guide how we learn, grow, and treat one another.



Respect

Respect fosters a safe, inclusive environment where every individual feels valued and heard

Aspiration

Aspiration inspires our young people to dream big, set ambitious goals, and strive for excellence in all they do.

Resilience

Resilience empowers students to face challenges with courage, perseverance, and a positive mindset.

Together, these values help our students become confident, compassionate, and capable individuals - ready to thrive in school, in their future careers, and as responsible members of society.

We also have a set of MHCC expectations for our students. We want you to be:

- **Ambitious** – to achieve the best
- **Confident** – to have the courage of your convictions and to take risks in the right cause
- **Creative** – to imagine possibilities and make them real
- **Respectful** – in all that you do
- **Enthusiastic** – to seek opportunity, find what is good and pursue your talents and interests
- **Determination** – to overcome obstacles and reach success

We are one big community at MHCC, so it is important that we are all kind and helpful to each other.

Rewards

We believe in celebrating the successes and achievements of our students, so we have a wide variety of rewards and incentives!

Pastoral Care

If you have any concerns, or need any extra help or support, please talk to your progress tutor or progress leader who will be happy to help.



What extra-curricular activities can I take part in?

We have a wide variety of trips, clubs, activities, charity fundraising and community activities that you can take part in.

These are a great way for you to make new friends, have fun and develop lots of new skills.



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