

Welcome to Chev Need to Knows for 10 March 2023 – the weekly update of all that is happening at Chev.

How to reach us

There is a lot of useful information for parents and carers on our website under [Parent Essentials](#).

Here are our direct phone numbers to help you get to the relevant part of the College as directly as possible. We encourage you to put these numbers in your phone.

- Attendance/Student Services - 4861 0528
- Chev Shop - 4861 0540
- School Fees/Accounts - 4861 0582

If your child is running late, or you need to collect them early, you can send an SMS to 0419 829 442.

Remember you can also email office@chevalier.nsw.edu.au with any communication, and the friendly office team will forward your email straight to the appropriate person. This inbox is monitored throughout the day Monday to Friday from 8.00am to 4.30pm.

Learning and Teaching

Year 7 and Year 9 – NAPLAN Online

Students will be completing NAPLAN tests online on the dates listed below.

Wednesday 15 March

Year 7 Writing – periods 1 and 2

Year 9 Writing – periods 3 and 4

Thursday 16 March

Year 7 Reading – periods 1 and 2

Year 9 Reading – periods 3 and 4

Monday 20 March

Year 7 Language – periods 1 and 2

Year 9 Language – periods 3 and 4

Tuesday 21 March

Year 7 Numeracy – periods 1 and 2

Year 9 Numeracy – periods 3 and 4

Students should bring the following for each test:

1. Fully charged device
2. Earphones/headphones
3. A pencil

2023 Student Assessment Calendars

To assist your child with their organisation and planning, the 2023 Student Assessment Calendars are now available in Canvas via the *Student Assessment Calendars* button. Assessment calendars are provided for each year group and include the following information:

- Due date
- Course
- Type of assessment

Further information regarding assessments for Stages 4, 5 and 6 can be found in the relevant Student Academic handbooks on our website – [Parent Essentials/Academic Information](#).

Murasakino High School Visit 2023

Seeking host families – Saturday 29 July to Friday 11 August (Term 3, Weeks 3 and 4)

Our biennial visit from Murasakino High School, Japan is recommencing this year after being on hold for several years due to Covid. Chevalier College will once again have the privilege of playing host to 20 Japanese students ranging in ages 15 – 17, along with their accompanying teachers.



We have a long sister school relationship with Murasakino High School – over 30 years and each year our relationship strengthens as one year we take students to Murasakino and the next they bring students to Chevalier. This fosters not only language skills but also deepens cultural understanding and friendship.

The purpose of Murasakino's visit to Chevalier is for the Japanese students to experience Australian life and practise the English they learn at school in Japan by communicating in authentic situations. The students, hosted by our College families, come to school each day with their host brothers and sisters, participate in English communication lessons, assist with Japanese language, and culture classes and are integrated into everyday classes and school activities. They also participate in a day trip to Shoalhaven Zoo and Adventure World during their stay and will attend one of the Year 9 Retreat days.

As part of the program, we are seeking families willing to host one Japanese student in their home for the duration of the stay. As a host family, your role is to welcome them into your home and treat them as a member of your family for the two weeks that they are in the Southern Highlands. We would also hope that your family may be able to take your student on a weekend outing to show them around the Highlands, Canberra, or Sydney at some stage. There will be an information session before the students arrive that we would like you to attend and a farewell party, which your family will be invited to as a way of thanking you before the students depart.

The feedback we receive after each visit from families who have acted as hosts is always positive, with many families asking us to put their names down again for the next visit. They say that it is not just the visiting student who benefits but that it is such a valuable learning experience for them as a family.

If your family would like the opportunity to participate in this year's visit by hosting a Japanese student or you would like more details, please contact Leah Robertson during school hours on 4861 1488 or alternatively via email:

robertsonl@chevalier.nsw.edu.au.

Rebecca Graham

Assistant Principal – Learning and Teaching

Extracurricular Activities

ISA Weekend Sport

ISA Finals are on this Saturday 10 March. [Click here](#) for fixtures and bus times.

Winter Sports 2023 - Trials schedule

Winter sports trials are taking place during Weeks 6 – 8. [Click here](#) to view the schedule.

Coach Phillips

Extra Curriculum Administrator

Careers

Free Medical Entry webinar

Dr Ray Boyapati is running a free Medical Entry session for students and parents on **Tuesday 14 March** at 7.30pm. The session will focus on the pathways into medicine and how students can maximise their chances of gaining entry into medical school. Further information and registration details can be found at <https://www.medentry.edu.au/free-ucat-workshop>.

Donna Murchie

Careers Facilitator

Other matters

Parent and Carer Community Forum – LAST CHANCE TO BOOK!

Our Principal Greg Miller is holding a community forum for Parents and Carers, providing an opportunity to meet and discuss what education and schooling might look like at Chevalier into the future. There will be an opportunity for parents and carers to reflect and provide insights and feedback.

Places are limited, and bookings close **Monday 13 March** at midday. [Click here](#) to book.



Volunteer opportunities at Chev

We warmly invite you to support the College through various volunteering opportunities. By becoming involved at Chev you can get to know us better, meet other parents/caregivers, and contribute to the overall success of our community. All participation can make a significant difference. Let us know your talents and what you might like to get involved in, and we will be in touch as opportunities arise.

We invite you to complete the survey [here](#).

Applications for enrolment

If you have a child in Year 6, please submit your application **before Friday 17 March**. A booking link to Meet and Greet interviews has been sent out to all students who have secured a place.

If you have a child in Year 5, please submit your application **before 1 June this year**.

If you have a child in Year 4 or below and would like peace of mind that there will be a place available for your child, you are welcome to submit an application as soon as it is convenient.

Applications should be submitted online [here](#).

Enrolment enquiries: enrolments@chevalier.nsw.edu.au or 4861 0524.

Mid Term Break

Friday 17 March is a mid-term break day and there will be no school for students. Please note that our office, Student Services and the Chev Shop will be closed.

We look forward to seeing students on Monday 20 March for classes as usual.

Chev Shop

All parents and carers are welcome to come to the Chev Shop to purchase winter uniforms in preparation for Term 2. Opening hours during term and school holidays are available on [our website](#). Note that the shop is closed on **Friday 17 March**. No appointments are necessary.

Our Shop is registered to redeem Back to School vouchers.

Footwear guidelines for workshops and practical teaching spaces

It is important to reiterate the importance of students wearing fully enclosed leather shoes when working in the Technologies/VET and Science practical environments. On days where your child has PDHPE practical lessons or afternoon sports training, it is essential they also pack their leather school shoes for any practical classes they may have that day.

If they do not have the correct footwear, they will not be able to enter any of the Science labs, Technologies/VET workshops or areas – including Agriculture and Kitchens – and will not be able to participate in practical activities.

We ask for your assistance in reminding your children that if they need to wear their sports uniform to school, that they also pack their black leather school shoes for Technologies or VET practical classes. For information on correct footwear, please see the uniform requirements in the [Student Information Booklet](#).

Upcoming Events

- ⇒ ISA Swimming Carnival – 15 March
- ⇒ NAPLAN – 15 March – 21 March
- ⇒ Year 11 Wilderness Excursion – 15 March – 16 March
- ⇒ Mid-Term Break – 17 March
- ⇒ St Patrick's Day Cake Stall – 21 March
- ⇒ Year 12 Hospitality Excursion – 21 March
- ⇒ Year 9 Wilderness Excursion – 23 March – 24 March
- ⇒ Year 7 Retreats – 27 March – 31 March
- ⇒ Year 11 Art Excursion – 29 March



- ⇒ Year 10 and 11 White Card Incursion – 30 March
- ⇒ Performing Arts Concert – 30 March
- ⇒ Open Day – 1 April

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