



Friday 3rd September 2021

Dear Parents/carers,

We are delighted to have welcomed all our young people back to school this week. Whilst there were, understandably, a few nerves on Thursday morning, it was great to see them settling quickly back into school life and enjoying seeing their friends, teachers and support staff again.

The focus of this week has been our 'Right Start' programme - helping the students learn and understand our ways of working in school and what is expected of them so that we can support them to achieve their best.

Sydney Russell School students are **SRS: Set up, Respectful and Safe.**

Set up: our students are in school every day, arriving on time, wearing correct uniform and having what they need for school with them each day (see equipment list in the Parent Handbook).

A reminder of the **start times for the school day:**

Primary: Each morning the gates open at 08.40, classrooms open at 08.40 for students to enter as they arrive (no longer lining up in the playground). Students must be in their classroom by 08.55. If families arrive after this time then they need to go to Primary Reception to sign in as late.

Secondary: Each morning the Atrium doors open from 8am (students who arrive earlier enter through the reception). Students must be in their form rooms by 08:40 each morning, arriving after this is classed as late to school. The doors in the Atrium close at 08.35, any student not on site by this time is late to school. All students who are late to school sit a thirty minute detention after school on the same day.

Respectful: our students demonstrate high standards of behaviour and good manners, they treat each other, students and staff, respectfully and are good role models to those around them. They represent themselves, their families and their school with pride and we can all be proud of them.

Safe: our students know that they have a wide range of support in school; their class teachers, their form tutor, their head and deputy head of year (secondary), senior leaders, LSAs, and redcoats/play-leaders to name just a few. We help our students understand dangers and we teach them how to make safe decisions and choices, both in and outside of school.

As we begin this new academic year and all work together, parents, carers and school, to help our young people settle quickly back into school routines and focusing on their learning, I ask you to talk to your child about their Right Start programme, looking at the Parent Handbook/Student Planner (secondary) with them and ensuring they understand what they need to do to get the very best out of their time at Sydney Russell School.

My colleagues and I are here if you have any queries; you can contact us by email or phone:

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Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Clare Cross', with a large initial 'C' and a stylized, flowing script.

Clare Cross
Acting Principal