



GUIDE FOR NEW STUDENTS 2024



- ✓ Expert Teachers
- ✓ Opportunities
- ✓ Pathways
- ✓ Life you want

OUR VISION

To be recognised for teaching excellence, educational opportunities and aspirational pathways that transform lives.



Ready, Respectful, Responsible

Great at Learning - Great At Life

At Morisset High School, we work closely with our families and community to empower every learner to become passionate and committed learners and responsible citizens who contribute to their community.

We achieve this by offering all students a balance of academic, creative, sporting and hands-on skill development opportunities.

Supporting all students to thrive

Our highly qualified and caring staff are driven to make a positive difference in the life of your child, by meeting them where they are on their learning journey. They support them in developing the skills, knowledge and personal attributes they need to identify and achieve their goals for life, work and careers after school.

We work closely with students and their families to tap into each student's interests and unlock their talents by providing a range of unique programs, including: Excellerate for high-potential and gifted students; a specialist inclusive education program at *Malangba*; ACE to support students to develop the skills they need for successful learning, and our Targeted Sports Program, for driven and talented young sportspeople.

Morisset High is also the only school in Western Lake Macquarie to offer the dynamic passion-based learning model offered by the MHS Big Picture Academy.

An inclusive and caring school

Everyone belongs at Morisset High School. When students feel known and valued, we know that they thrive and feel supported to achieve their best.

Experience also tells us that positive relationships and collaboration is vital to the successful learning and personal development of our students.

Building positive and mutually respectful relationships with our students, their families and our community is at the heart of the Restorative Practice approach that underpins all teaching, learning and wellbeing programs at Morisset High School.

Our school has a large community of Aboriginal and Pacific Islander Students, with programs and opportunities for all students to share and celebrate their culture as part of student learning and school events.





Our Senior Executive - (left to right) Deputy Principal Junior School, Grant Wilcher, Deputy Principal Inclusive Education, Evelyn Wilson, Deputy Principal Senior School, Ali Peacock, and Proud Principal, Darren Brailey.

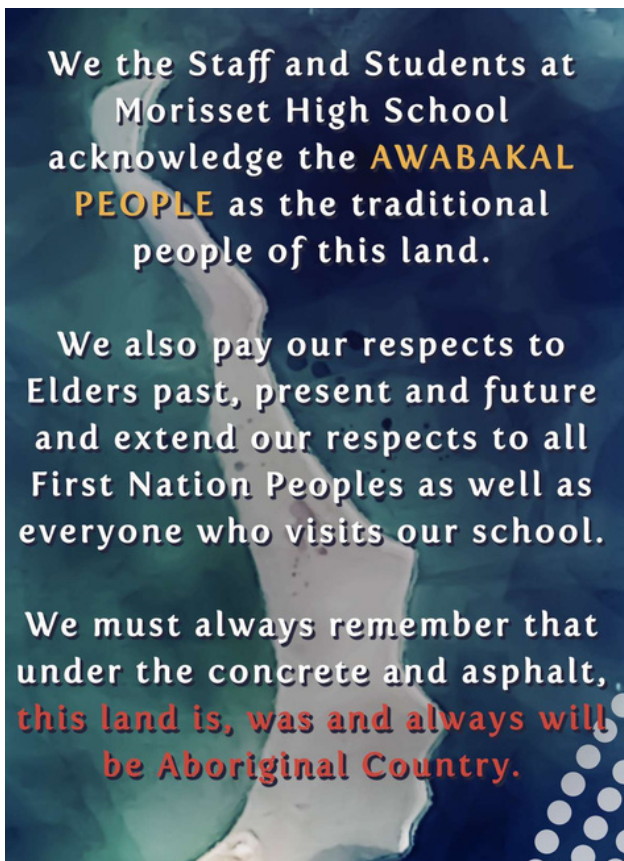
Partners in your child's learning

Thank you for making Morisset High School your school of choice, and entrusting our learning community to support your child as they take this next step in their learning journey.

As the saying goes - it takes a village to raise a child. The heartbeat of Morisset High School is positive relationships between our students, teachers and staff, between students and their peers, and most importantly between the school, our teachers and staff and students' families. A strong partnership between school and home is vital for students to gain the greatest benefit from their time at school. As the parents and carers of your young people, you are the ones who know them best. As educators, we rely on families being open to working as a team with their child's teachers and other school staff to ensure that we cater to the needs of the whole child and work together to help guide them to achieve their goals.

Your Voice Matters

We have an open-door policy at Morisset High School, and I encourage you to reach out to your child's teachers, our Wellbeing team, our Head Teachers, Deputy Principals and myself if you have any questions or feedback. Having an open dialogue is vital to the success of any successful relationship, and we want to build strong ties with you for the benefit of your child.



We the Staff and Students at Morisset High School acknowledge the **AWABAKAL PEOPLE** as the traditional people of this land.

We also pay our respects to Elders past, present and future and extend our respects to all First Nation Peoples as well as everyone who visits our school.

We must always remember that under the concrete and asphalt, **this land is, was and always will be Aboriginal Country.**

MHS Parents and Citizens Association and Community Forums

Schools should reflect the values of the community to which they belong.

We regularly host community forums and events where we invite students, parents, carers and the community to help us co-design the future of learning and student development at MHS.

Our Parents and Citizen's Association also meet regularly to discuss school operations directly with me and the school executive. Information about meeting times is available on the school website.

My door is always open, and my team and I look forward to walking alongside you and your child as they continue their learning journey at MHS.

Kind regards,

Darren Brailey, Proud Principal, Morisset High School



Modern, hands-on learning spaces

Our school is on a spacious campus, with quality, purpose-built learning spaces, among historic buildings and our own Agriculture Farm.

Hands-on and real-world learning is a hallmark of the Morisset High School curriculum with students enjoying the use of modern classrooms, with more modernisation planned for 2024.

Vocational Education and Training Spaces include our commercial kitchen and cafe, our Multipurpose Fitness Centre, on-site hairdressing salon and retail space.

Our learning and collaboration spaces and collaborative learning spaces, including *nu balayikuba* our Senior's Learning Space are evolving to meet the needs of the modern student and best practice teaching.

These facilities support students' academic and vocational learning of students, allowing them to discover their interests, unlock their talents and find the path they want to follow when they leave school.



Important School Contacts

Postal address:

Morisset High School, 133 Bridge Street, Morisset NSW 2264

Telephone Numbers:

Teaching and Office staff - (02) 4973 1999

Itji-Marru Aboriginal Education and Resource Centre - (02) 4970 5407

Website, Email and Social Media:

 Website - www.morisset-h.schools.nsw.gov.au

 Email - morisset-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

 Morisset High School Facebook Page - @MorissetHighSchool

 Morisset High School Instagram Page - @morissethighschool

Morisset High School Student and Parent Portal

www.morisset-h.sentral.com.au/portal2/#!/login



Connection comes first - Restorative Practice at MHS

What happened?

**Who was affected?
How do you and
others feel?**

**How will you make
things right?**



Morisset High School is the first school in Western Lake Macquarie to introduce Restorative Practices as the framework that underpins all teaching, learning, and behaviour and relationship management at our school.

This whole-school focus is centred around stronger relationships, not only in the ways our teachers and staff connect with our students, and the way students connect with each other, but also in how our school connects with families, and the community.

Using Restorative Practices in the classroom, in the yard, and to help manage when things don't go to plan, is a powerful way to build positive relationships, to resolve conflict, improve student behaviours, reduce negative relationships, encourage personal responsibility, and empower students to make things right when things go wrong.

How does Restorative Practice work?

Working restoratively is based on asking students the right questions when things go wrong.

To help resolve conflict or disagreement at school, traditionally teachers put their detective hats

on and focus on finding out what happened, or what was in the past.

Restorative Practice gives teachers, staff, students and families the tools they need to unpack conflict or disagreement focusing on the present impact and how this conflict can be resolved and less impactful in the future. These are important interpersonal skills that students will take with them into their adult lives.

Put simply, in a situation of conflict or disagreement between students, our staff will ask your children questions like:

- What happened?
- How has that made people feel?
- What actions will you take to restore the relationship and make things better?

Our ongoing partnership with Real Schools provides our school community with resources and access to expertise and support to make the best use of the Restorative Practice tools to benefit all learners.

For more information about Restorative Practices, visit the school website.





Something for everyone - Clubs and Groups at MHS

There is always something to do in break times at Morisset High. We offer a range of clubs, groups and activities open to all students.

- Fitness classes and Crossfit - in the new Multipurpose Fitness Centre.
- Farm Friends - help out on the school farm.
- Art and Mural Club - creating murals for display around the school.
- Didgeridoo and Aboriginal Dance Group - celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture.

- Hakka Warriors - celebrating the culture of our Pasifika students.
- Pride Tribe - for all students.
- Philosophy and Critical Thinking Club.
- Breakfast Club - before school.
- Chips and Jesus with Waz.
- Knockout sport competitions between students and staff.
- Farm Friends - help out on the school farm.
- Pride Tribe - for all students.
- Art and Mural Club.

Term 1, 2024

First Day, Years 7, 11 & 12:
Thursday, February 1, 2024

First Day, Years 8, 9 & 10:
Friday, February 2, 2024

Last Day: Friday, April 12, 2024

Term 2, 2024:

Start Day: Tuesday, April 30, 2024

Last Day: Friday, July 5, 2024

2024 Term Dates

Term 3, 2024:

Start Day: Tuesday, July 23, 2024

Last Day: Friday, September 27, 2024

Term 4, 2024:

First Day: Monday, October 14, 2024

Last Day: Friday, December 20, 2024



Diverse programs to unlock student potential

Meeting every child where they are on their learning journey and nurturing them to unlock their talents is the core purpose of teaching and learning at Morisset High School.

Our team of highly skilled and committed teachers, staff and executive achieve this by offering a diverse range of learning programs to support the learning needs of each student.



Tap into sporting strengths and talents

The Morisset High School Targeted Sports Program (TSP) was launched in 2023 to offer students access to training and coaching to grow their talents and potential in selected sports.

Morisset High School invests in specialist and professional standard training facilities, with our purpose-built Multipurpose Fitness and Elite Sports Training Centre and specialist staff trained in coaching and strength and conditioning training.

All TSP students will be mentored and supported to achieve their goals in their chosen sport, and in the classroom.

Students with an interest or talent in a range of sports would benefit in being part of the TSP program. Students interested in or talented in sports would benefit from being part of the TSP program.

More information about TSP and how students from Years 8 to 10 (in 2024) can apply is available from the MHS PDHPE Faculty.

Building learning confidence and capacity

Our Contemporary Learning Centre (*nu balalyiku-umilyaba*), set in our historic schoolhouse, is a great space for all Morisset High School students to develop their skills and confidence as learners.

Our Contemporary Learning Centre teachers and teaching support staff are specially trained to help unlock the unique learning strengths of each student and help them build their confidence as learners with targeted programs in literacy, numeracy and other key learning skills.

This school is a **Big Picture School**



What are the Big Picture Qualities?

- Students who are curious about the world around them and want to learn about what interests them.
- Students who want to experience real world learning by working alongside experts in their field of interest.
- Students who want to drive their own learning, and achieve their goals, with support from their Advisor.

What is the Big Picture Learning Difference?

The Big Picture Academy is a program offered at Morisset High School that supports students in developing their personal passions and learning from real-world experiences to pave their way to success in their careers and the workforce after school. Morisset High School is the only school in Western Lake Macquarie to partner with Big Picture Australia to offer a Big Picture learning opportunity for students from the Morisset area and beyond.

Through the Big Picture Learning design, students develop skills to become confident, independent, self-directed learners. In the Big Picture Academy highly-trained Advisors facilitate learning in Advisories. A Big Picture Advisory includes peers from across the different stages of learning, which encourages collaboration and sharing of knowledge.

Students in Years 9-12 participate in internships that provide the opportunity for real-world experiences where students are mentored by professionals in their area of interest. By participating in Learning Through Internship (LTI) students develop the skills to transition from school into the workforce or further education such as university or TAFE. At the end of Year 12, Big Picture Academy students complete an international qualification that is recognised by more than 30 Australian Universities.

Many of our MHS Big Picture Academy graduates have gone on to university, to study different disciplines including IT, gaming, sports science, midwifery, and teaching. Some of these students have started their degrees before finishing Year 12.

Big Picture students can take part in courses alongside other MHS students to enhance their learning. Our Big Picture students learn in modern, flexible learning spaces that encourage students to develop as self-directed learners. **Visit the Morisset High website for more information.**



Real-world learning students like Kahlia enhance their learning with professional and workplace experience. Kahlia dreams of becoming a teacher and she has completed her LTI at Bonnells Bay Public School.





Excellerate

boosting potential

The MHS Excellerate program offers opportunities for driven learners to boost their potential, be challenged to grow their strengths and extend their learning and skills in academic, creative and performing arts, STEM, leadership and sports.

Our highly skilled teachers collaborate with and challenge Excellerate students to unlock their full potential and open greater opportunities to achieve their post school career and learning goals.

What are the Excellerate Qualities?

The MHS Excellerate program caters to curious, highly engaged, high potential and gifted students. We are looking for students who demonstrate:

- Strong academic performance across a range of subjects;
- High Achievement in fields of learning including academics, arts, entrepreneurship, creativity, science, technology, leadership and/or sport;
- Students with a positive attitude to learning, with a drive to excel;
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team;
- Motivated to develop positive learning behaviours to build on their success; and
- Students who are interested in advocating for themselves and others and are natural leaders.



How to join Excellerate?

Limited places are offered for this dynamic learning opportunity. Parents interested in learning more about Excellerate should speak with their child's Year Advisor. Expressions of interest for Excellerate 2025 will open soon.

ACE high school with individualised learning

Morisset High School provides learning opportunities for everyone. We meet students where they are on their learning journey and work with them and their families to develop a plan to help grow their confidence as learners, and to help them achieve.

Morisset High School's ACE - Adjusted Curriculum Education program for Stage 4 (Years 7 and 8) students, aims to empower all students get the best start to their high school learning journey.

Places in the Morisset High School ACE program are limited. ACE students have access to specialist teaching support and do most of their learning from a homeroom, which helps to boost their engagement in learning and grow their confidence as learners.

If you want to learn more about ACE and how it could assist your child in their learning journey, please contact the school on (02) 4973 1999.



Get job ready at school

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION & TRAINING



Learn in demand skills @ school

When students learn Vocational Education and Training at Morisset High, they are learning in-demand trade and professional skills from highly-skilled and experienced teachers, and are gaining nationally recognised qualifications, all without having to leave school!

Morisset High School has specialist training spaces on-site, like our commercial kitchen and cafe, Industrial Arts training centre, and agriculture centre, so we can offer hands-on learning and skills training for our students to help prepare them for their future and work in a range of industries, carers and trades.



Want to learn VET?

Students in Year 10, Year 11 and Year 12 can choose to study VET courses at Morisset High School (MHS).

For more information about VET @ MHS visit our school website or contact us.

At MHS, we are driven to help all students find a learning opportunity that is right for them.

Contact us at:



(02) 4973 1999



morisset-school@det.nsw.edu.au



www.morisset-schools.nsw.gov.au/



Different skills & courses to suit student interests and passion



Certificate III - Live Production (Entertainment)

This qualification empowers students with technical skills for work in the entertainment industry, live performance or events production.



Certificate II - Construction

Teaching high demand skills and technical knowledge suitable for employment and further training in the construction industry.



Certificate I - Manufacturing and Engineering (Metals)

Teaching high-demand manufacturing, engineering installation, repair and maintenance skills that prepare students for manufacturing and engineering trades and careers.



Certificate III Assistant Dance

This course prepares students for careers including choreography and dance teaching.



Certificate III in Sports Coaching

Sports Coaching teaches students to practise healthy and active lives.



Certificate II - Hospitality, Food and Beverage

This qualification provides a pathway to work in various hospitality settings, such as restaurants, catering, pubs, and cafés. Students learn these high demand skills in our commercial kitchen and cafe.



Certificate III - Retail

Around 10 per cent of the national workforce is in retail. This qualification prepares students to work in various retail roles and community pharmacy.



Certificate II - Agriculture (Primary Industries)

There is high demand for skilled workers in agriculture and related industries. This qualification gives students hands-on experience at our Agriculture Centre and technical knowledge to work with animals and manage agricultural assets.



Certificate II - Business Services

This qualification prepares students for careers in a variety of business settings, including medical and office administration, receptionist and clerical roles.

An inclusive learning environment for all students



Malangba at Morisset High School aims to provide inclusive and quality education for students with additional learning needs from Years 7 to 12.

An individualised learning plan is created for each student to empower them to become active and valuable members of the community. Our specialised staff work with the students and families to identify their learning, work and career goals to create a program of academic learning, skills and vocational training so that each student is confident and prepared for their chosen path once they finish school.



Malangba classes also participate in many everyday living and community programs which include running a morning tea café, travel training utilising public transport and work experience programs that have led to past Malangba students gaining employment before they have left school. Our Malangba students are encouraged to be active members of our school community and can take part in year electives, whole school events and representative activities.

Got a question? Contact our Administration Team

The Morisset High School administration team are key points of contact for information and for the organisation for our school.

Our friendly Student Administration Officers assist parents, carers and students and act as a point of contact between parents, carers, teachers and school executives. The best ways to contact our Administration team are:

- By calling (02) 4973 1999
- In-person using the main entrance in Bridge Street, or
- Email at morisset-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Some of the key functions of our School Administrative Team include:

- **Communication with MHS staff** - Contact our administration team to find the right person to provide the information that you need.
- **Enrolment and Attendance** – If you need to change contact details or other important information about your child, or have questions about attendance.
- **Payments** – Pay for fees, excursions and school events at the School Office, online via the Morisset High School website, or with a link included in emails sent to families.



We are partners in your child's learning and development

How we give feedback on learning and support your child's achievement

Morisset High School offers opportunities for students to learn and thrive, regardless of their abilities and their personal learning goals. We have high expectations of our students as learners and young people to contribute positively to their school and community.

Collaboration with students and families is at the heart of our teaching and learning, and school learning culture.

Assessments and Reports

All Morisset High School students will be given clear guidance on the assessment and feedback process for each subject and will be supported to be empowered learners who seek feedback on their learning.

We want to have an open dialogue with our students and families about our high expectations for their young person's learning and the learning and personal attributes they show inside and outside the classroom, which research and experience tell us are closely linked to student success at school and in life beyond school.

Academic Reports

Academic reports are provided to families each semester online through the Morisset High School Parent Portal. If you have a question or would like to check in with your child's teachers on their progress, we encourage you to contact the school. Our teachers will also contact families to provide feedback, and to discuss the needs and learning of their students.

Check In Reports

Twice a term, our teachers provide families with insight into how each student is performing in class and showing the personal and learning attributes they need to reach their goals.



The Check In Reports also provide families with feedback on how students are meeting the school's learning and behaviour expectations.

The Check In Reports are provided online through the Morisset High School Parent Portal.

Every day matters

As student assessment is cumulative in all subjects, it is essential that, in class, students keep all aspects of their learning up to date and up to standard and that they regularly revise and practice their work at home as part of a consistent homework/study routine.

For more information about assessments and reports at MHS please speak to the class teacher, our Faculty Head Teachers or your child's Year Adviser.

Year 10 and Year 12 - ROSA and HSC

We work closely with the National Education Standards Authority (NESA) to ensure our students meet the requirements to complete their Record of School Achievement (ROSA) in Year 10 and Higher School Certificate (HSC) in Year 12. Detailed information is made available to students and families.

Our HSC High Performance program provides individualised support for students in Stage 6 to ensure they have the support they need to succeed and be confident in achieving their goals after school.



Collaboration and Connection - Learning, student voice and Itji-Marru Aboriginal Education and Resource Centre

Morisset High celebrates the culture and identity of all students and is committed to the learning, development, and aspiration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

We collaborate with families and the community, to deliver cultural programs and integrate cultural knowledge into the learning of all Morisset High students. We also offer Aboriginal Studies in Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 and teach Awabakal language to all Year 8 students.

Our Aboriginal Resource Centre, Itji Marru, has been the heart of our school's learning community for more than 30 years. Itji-Marru is set to grow, with plans to build an outdoor culture and learning centre for use by the whole community.

Morisset High is proud to have a dedicated team of Elders and teachers guiding Aboriginal Education at MHS. Our long-serving Aboriginal Education Officer, Aunty Selena Archibald, and Aunty Cecilia Enoch, who also acts as our School Chaplain, are the anchors of Itji-Marru and support the learning and development of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.



Deadly Awards

Each year we join other public schools in the Western Shores Learning Alliance and the community to celebrate culture and the success and learning aspirations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at the Deadly Awards. The event is organised in collaboration with the Itji-Marru Aboriginal Education Consultative Group and is open to the community.



Itji-Marru Aboriginal Education Consultative Group

The Itji-Marru Aboriginal Education Consultative Group operates from Itji Marru and is an essential collaborator in student learning and in building a vibrant learning culture that benefits our whole community.

Meeting times are advertised on the MHS Facebook page and website.

Junior Aboriginal Education Consultative Group

Our school values the voice and input of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, with students developing leadership skills as part of the Itji-Marru Junior Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (JAECG).



We are a Proud Uniform Wearing School

Students, staff, parents and community representatives have endorsed the compulsory wearing of school uniforms by students of Morisset High School. All students are expected to wear the correct uniform and to be dressed neatly at all times.

Our student leadership groups and Parents and Citizens Association collaborated closely on the design of a new suite of uniforms introduced at Morisset High School in 2022. Our school polo design reflects our school's connection with our First Nation's culture, primary schools, and the greater community. Our new look school uniform is produced by the Newcastle-based uniform supplier BME Pty Ltd.

To make it easier for families, our students can wear our past school uniforms, with a transition period of three years. This means that our past school uniform - for example, the yellow polo for junior students, can be worn until the end of 2025.

A uniform shop is located onsite, and items can be purchased online. To make purchases or to check opening times, visit:
www.morissethighuniformshop.com.au/.

What is included in the new MHS Uniform?

- MHS Polo - Black for juniors (Years 7 - 9), White for seniors (Years 10 - 12), and Green for sport and PE.
- Black shorts (short and long length) with MHS monogram.
- Black athletic tights (for sport and PE only).
- Black microfibre pants with MHS monogram.
- Black fleece hoodie (with MHS logo).
- Black Skirt.
- Black shell jacket with a microfibre lining and MHS logo.
- White senior collared shirt and blouse.
- Black, leather school shoes are recommended for safety.

How can we help?

We want our students to feel a sense of belonging that wearing school uniform provides. Financial support is available for families to help with uniform costs.

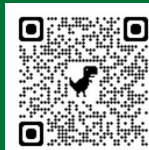
Please contact the school on (02) 4973 1999 for more information.



- Junior students, Years 7 to 10 wear the black junior school polo



- The green sport polo is worn for PDHPE lessons and on sport's day. Our new seniors poloc (below).



Morisset High
Online
Uniform Shop





WHAT NOT TO WEAR

UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS AT MORISSET HIGH



**No other logos.
MHS logo only!**



**Black leather
school shoes only!**



**No 'trackies' or
tights!**



**Black jumpers &
jackets only!**



No visible layers!



Keeping you informed: How we communicate with you

Open communication between families, students and the school is paramount in supporting the positive learning and development of all students and build a cohesive and supportive learning community.

Where here to help

Parents, caregivers and families are encouraged to contact the school to discuss any concerns or raise questions relating to their child and their education or the teaching and learning at Morisset High School.

Please contact our friendly and caring school Administration Team who will put you in contact with the best person to assist you. You can contact the Administration Team by visiting the school office, entry off Bridge Street, by phoning the school on (02) 4973 1999 or by emailing morisset-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Daily Notices

Daily notices to keep students up-to-date on what is happening each day at school will be read during roll call.

Morisset High School Website

Our website is a great resource for information about what is happening and how we do things at Morisset High School. Visit the website at: www.morisset-h.schools.nsw.gov.au

Parent and Student Portal

MHS uses the Sentral Portal to communicate with parents and students.

Each student and family are provided unique log-in details to access information, including Check-In and Academic Reports, timetables, report absences and check daily notices.

Access to the MHS Parent and Student Portal is available by visiting the MHS website or by visiting: www.morisset-h.sentral.com.au/portal/login.



Morisset High School Facebook and Instagram Page

The Morisset High School Facebook and Instagram pages are important platforms to keep parents, carers, students and the community informed of what is happening at school. Follow and like the pages for the latest information and photos of our students and school events and activities.

Notes, emails and SMS

Please ensure that your email address and mobile phone contact are up-to-date to ensure you get all the important information about your child.

MHS sends various parent contact notes about specific concerns, via email or paper/printed. These include:

- Parent contact from a classroom teacher;
- Notification of unexplained absences;
- Detention and 'N' Warning letters (which indicate that a student is not meeting the needs of a particular course);
- Excursion information and payment;
- Information about school events and activities that are relevant to your child.

You may also receive an SMS from the school about unexplained absences and important information about events and issues requiring urgent family attention.

Find us on



The Hub - Caring for the wellbeing of MHS



The Hub is a student-focused space for all Morisset High School students.

Based in The Hub, our Wellbeing Team is focused on supporting your child and supporting them to develop the interpersonal and social skills and confidence they need to thrive.

Our Wellbeing Team

When students feel supported, included and accepted, they thrive in their learning and personal development. Supporting our students to thrive is the focus of our multi-disciplinary Wellbeing Team.

The Morisset High Wellbeing Team Includes:

- **Head Teacher of Wellbeing - Kristy Hayes**
- **Student Support Officer - Pam Proctor**
- **Wellbeing Student Support Officer - Kirryn Lavender**
- **School Chaplain - Aunty Cecilia Enoch**
- **Aboriginal Education Officers - Aunty Selena Archibald and Brock Fischer**
- **Year Advisers - More information on the next page.**

Our students and families have access to the support and care of a registered psychologist each school day. Our School Psychologists are:

- **Steve Wooster**
- **Sara Donald.**

To speak with a member of the Wellbeing Team phone (02) 4973 1999.

Caring, supportive and empowering programs for all students

The Hub team are a friendly ear, supporting and assisting students to feel empowered through developing skills to better navigate friendships, wellbeing, and providing referrals to our school counsellors, or external supports for students and or their family.

Programs including Top Blokes, Empower Her, Taking Charge, RAGE - Re-negotiating Angry and Guilty Emotions, Deadly Streaming, Sista Speak, are also offered by our committed and dynamic team from The Hub. The Hub team organise snap reward days, which recognise the commitment of students to our school values and being positive members of our school community.



2024 Year Advisers : An important link between students, families and School

Year Advisers are an important connection between students, families and our School and can provide support and advocacy for students to support their child's wellbeing and successful learning. They can assist with:

- Personal, family or social problems;
- Educational progress;
- Choice of subjects and courses of study;
- Concerns related to school uniform and general conduct; and
- Attendance, punctuality and absentee notes.

Student engagement is the main concern of our Year Advisers. Do not hesitate to contact your child's Year Adviser to make an appointment to address any concerns to support your child.



Year 7
Jessica Newstead
HSIE Staff Room



Year 8
Rachel Newman
Support Staff Room



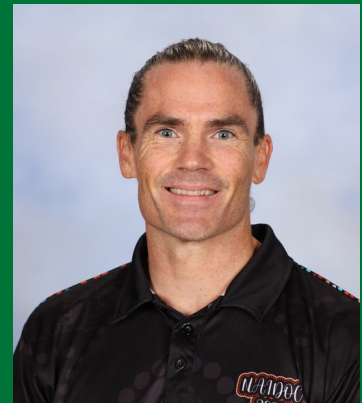
Year 9
Kaila Brown
HSIE Staff Room



Year 10
Peter Hilliard
Science Staff Room



Year 11
Mitchell Grace
Industrial Arts Staff Room



Year 12
Peter Tosen
PDHPE Staff Room



Attendance at School - Every Minute Matters

As part of our high expectations for learning and engagement by students at Morisset High School, we monitor attendance. Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students.

Procedures for students in Years 7 to 12

Students in Years 7 to 12 are expected to arrive at school before 8.55 am on school days, in time for roll call.

Late Arrivals and Early Leavers

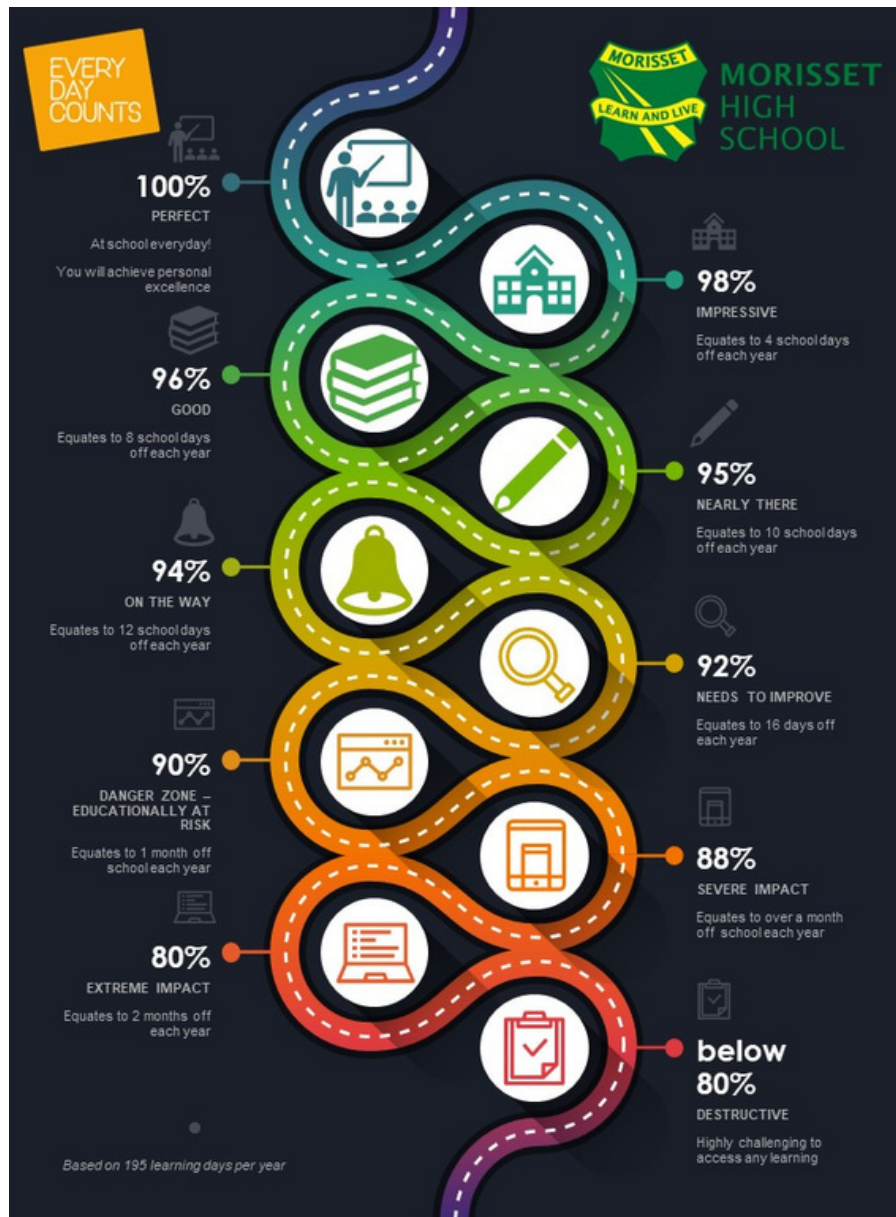
If a student is late to school or needs to leave school early, parents need to provide a signed note or contact the school to provide an explanation for the absence. Any unexplained absences are recorded by the school and are monitored by the Department of Education. Students who arrive late must wait in reception to be issued a late note to present to their classroom teacher.

Absence Explanations

When students are absent, a note from the parent or guardian must be presented to their roll call teacher on the day on which they return to school. The note must detail the dates and reason for the absence, be signed by the Parent/Guardian and include the student's full name, roll call class and Year.

Parents and carers will also be contacted via text message if their child is absent from school. To report the absence, parents and carers can reply to the text to explain the absence, email the school or use the absence notification function on the Morisset High School Parent Portal.

If a student will be absent for an extended (3 days or more) period, please notify the school immediately in writing or by email.



The School Day



- ✓ Start Time - 8.55 am
- ✓ Finish Time - 3.05 pm
- ✓ Tuesday is sport for Years 8 - 10
- ✓ Integrated Sport for Year 7
- ✓ The School Day starts with:
Year Assembly
Roll Call
- ✓ Two Breaks:
Recess & Lunch



BELL TIMES



MONDAY TO FRIDAY	START	FINISH
ROLL CALL -	8.50 AM	9.05 AM
PERIOD 1 -	9.05 AM	10.05 AM
PERIOD 2 -	10.05 AM	11.05 AM
RECESS -	11.05 AM	11.35 AM
PERIOD 3 -	11.35 AM	12.35 PM
PERIOD 4 -	12.35 PM	1.35 PM
LUNCH -	1.35 PM	2.05 PM
PERIOD 5 -	2.05 PM	3.05 PM

Getting to school - catching the bus, and train, walking, riding, drop-off and pick-ups

Walking and riding

Students are encouraged to use the pedestrian crossing on the corner of Newcastle and Bridge Streets and to access and exit the school from the gates adjacent to the Itji-Marru Aboriginal Resource Centre.

If students ride to school, they are encouraged to use the pedestrian crossing and access the school from the main gate, near the school administration building. Students are encouraged to dismount their bikes and push them to school along the footpath on Bridge Street. A bike rack is provided outside of the administration building in Quad 1. Families are reminded students are responsible for securing their bikes in this area.

Catch the school bus or public transport

Our students can apply for travel on school buses provided by Hunter Valley Buses or to catch public transport services. The Morisset Train Station, is less than a 10-minute walk to Morisset High School and public bus stops are located on Newcastle Street, outside the Morisset Square shopping centre, adjacent to the school.

Families can apply for Opal cards for free student transport on school buses and public transport. Negative behaviour can lead to a student losing access to the Student Opal card. Please be aware that bullying, anti-social or dangerous behaviour on school transport will not be tolerated.

WHAT DO THESE SIGNS MEAN?



Hours of operation may apply to some signs. This means that the restrictions apply for those times only.

Pick ups and Drop-Offs

Parents and carers are advised to drop off or pick up students from Newcastle Street, or in the drop-off area, past the pedestrian crossing, near the corner of Bridge and Newcastle Streets.

A Bus Zone in Bridge Street runs along most of the front of Morisset High School. The MHS Bus Zones operate from 8.30 am to 9.30 am and 2.30 pm to 3.30 pm on school days.

Please note that fines apply for parking or dropping off and picking up students in Bus Zones.

Yondr Pouches - Student Use of Mobile Devices at School

The safety and engagement of our students are core business for Morisset High School and are the focus of the school's Mobile-Free School phone and communication devices policy.

In response to community feedback, and NSW Government policy, Morisset High School has implemented a mobile device-free learning environment. This means that mobile phones and mobile devices, including smartwatches and Bluetooth-enabled headphones and earbuds (for example, Air Pods), are not to be used by students during school hours.



Each student will be supplied a Yondr pouch, that will be secured during the school day and unlocked as students leave school. Processes will be in place and have been communicated to students, parents and carers. For more information visit the MHS website.

Be prepared: book requirements for students

Morisset High School supplies textbooks required for your child's course. Textbooks are issued on loan and must be cared for and returned on request.

Families are required to provide their child with exercise books, stationery and other materials needed to support their child's learning.

Starting Year 7 - what will you need?

For all Year 7 students who will start their learning journey at Morisset High School in 2023, we have prepared a book pack to assist students and families in making a smooth transition to high school. The pack is of good value and helps to reduce the cost for families.

The school subsidises the cost of the packs that contain all the equipment Year 7 students need to start high school. The book packs cost \$30 each and are available from the school office.

If you would like to buy your own equipment, the book pack contents details of what each Year 7 student will need when they start school.

Scientific Calculators

Year 7 students will also need a scientific calculator, which can be purchased from the school office for \$33.

Fuel for Learning with Motown Meals - our school canteen

Our canteen, Motown Meals, is operated by the Morisset High School Parents and Citizens Association with all profits benefiting the education and learning of Morisset High School students.

Motown Meals offers a variety of interesting and healthy foods at reasonable prices and caters to specific dietary needs when food and drink are pre-ordered at the canteen or online at:

www.mhscanteen.square.site

Stage 4 (Years 7 & 8) Tools for Learning

STATIONARY LIST

- Pens - Black, Blue and Red
- HB and 2B lead pencils
- Coloured Pencils
- Eraser
- Glue Stick
- Ruler
- HB and 2B lead pencils
- Coloured Pencils
- Highlighters
- Pencil Case

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- Pens and Stationery in pencil case
- Leather shoes
- Apron
- Safety Glasses
- Work Book - A4 128 Pages

BIG PICTURE

- BYOD
- Pens and Stationery in pencil case
- Folder or notebooks

MATHS

- Pens and Stationery in pencil case
- Calculator
- Work Book - A4 128 pages

SCIENCE

- Pens and Stationery in pencil case
- Safety Glasses and leather shoes
- Work Book - A4 128 Pages

HSIE

- Pens and Stationery in pencil case
- Work Book - A4 128 Pages

ENGLISH

- Pens and Stationery in pencil case
- Work Book - A4 128 pages

PDHPE

THEORY LESSONS

- Pens and Stationery in pencil case
- Work Book - A4 128 Pages

PRACTICAL LESSONS

- MHS Sport Uniform
- Running Shoes

CAPA

MUSIC

- Work Book - A4 128 pages
- Pens and Stationery in pencil case

VISUAL ARTS

- Visual Arts Process Diary - A4 120 Pages
- HB & 2B pencils, Eraser, sharpener, set of coloured pencils



MHS Canteen - Online Ordering



Contributing to your child's learning

Providing quality education and learning experiences is the focus of Morisset High School. To help provide these experiences, we request families to make a financial contribution towards the costs of their young person's learning and skills development in some subjects.

All contributions can be paid at the front office or via the Parent Online Portal (POP). For more information on how to use the POP service, please visit the Morisset High School website.

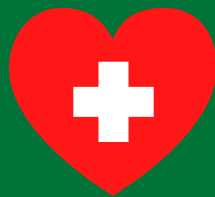
If you are unable to pay these fees in full immediately, they may be paid by instalments by agreement with the Administration Team. The Administration Team can accept payments via Visa, MasterCard, EFTPOS services and POP. For families experiencing financial difficulties, our school offers assistance towards subject contributions, uniform costs and other essential education and learning items through the Student Assistance Funding program. Application forms for this funding are available from the school office.

SUBJECT CHARGES FOR YEARS 9-12 ARE PUBLISHED IN THE CURRICULUM PROSPECTUSES AND A LIST IS AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE OR SCHOOL WEBSITE.

Caring for the health needs of all students

Our school has a team of skilled staff and teachers who can support our students' needs and emergency care. Families, please ensure that we are aware of any health or physical concerns or disabilities that may impact your young person when at school, for example, Asthma, heart or respiratory complaints, anaphylaxis allergies, diabetes, co-ordination problems, limb weakness, epilepsy, or other conditions managed by medication.

A health plan will be created for your child to ensure they have the optimum care at school.



Helping students find their future path

At Morisset High School we want all of our students to be prepared for the exciting and ever-changing world beyond school and be successful in the workplaces of the future.

Careers Education from Year 7 to Year 12

Our highly experienced Careers Staff have developed Career Education Strategies that support and provide opportunities for students from Years 7 to 12. Our philosophy is threefold:

1. To help students develop their knowledge and understanding of learning paths relevant to the workplace opportunities they wish to pursue.
2. To assist students in gaining qualifications, skills, knowledge, and understandings that will help them to be employable, future-proof, confident, and resilient.
3. To support students in experiencing workplace learning opportunities and integrating workplace-related learning into school activities.

Our staff can provide students and parents with information, referrals, and support to access University, UAC, Work Experience, TAFE, and qualifications such as the White Card or Senior First Aid. Visit the MHS website for more information about the MHS careers service.





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NEWCASTLE STREET

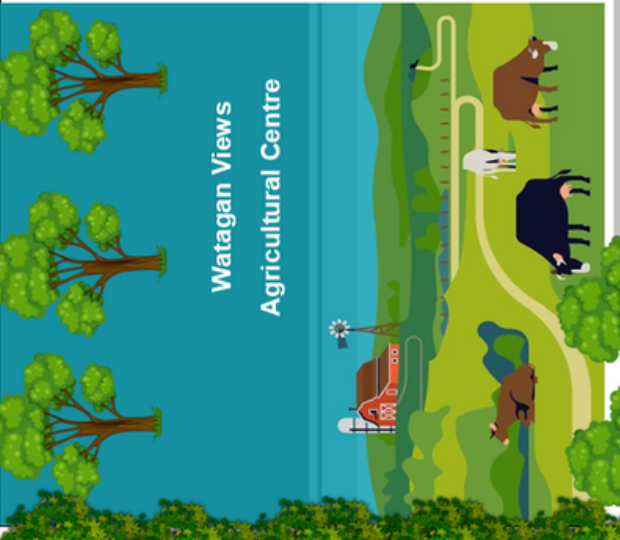
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HALL



CANTEN

CREATIVE ARTS
- Lower floor
& TAS

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PARK

TAS

BIG PICTURE
ACADEMY -
Lower floor

Newcastle
Street Oval

Netball Courts

SPECIAL

