



Lilydale Heights College students look so neat and tidy when we see them.
 What are the uniform requirements and where can these items be purchased?

At Lilydale Heights College, we are proud of the presentation of our students. It is compulsory for all students to wear the complete uniform whilst at the College and travelling to and from.

We provide clear guidelines as to what is expected. We ask families to familiarise themselves with these policies so we can all work together to achieve a great outcome.

Uniform items can be conveniently purchased from the Lilydale Heights College Uniform Shop, located in the Administration Building.

ALL STUDENTS	
Jumper	Royal blue with LHC logo
Windcheater	Navy blue with LHC logo
Shirt	White (to be worn with College Tie)
Polo Shirt	White with LHC logo
Footwear	Black leather, polishable lace-up school shoe (Girls: T-bars also permitted)
Cap/Hat	Compulsory approved College Hat
BOYS	
Pants	Black
Shorts	Black
Socks	Plain black with trousers. Plain white with shorts, dresses and PE uniform
GIRLS	
Summer Dress	Approved LHC style and fabric
Winter Skirt	Approved LHC style and fabric
Pants	Black
Shorts	Black
Socks	Plain black with trousers. Plain white with shorts, dresses and PE uniform.
Tights	Black - available for Winter
PHYS ED AND SPORT	
PE Polo Shirt	Plain navy/blue yellow trim
Shorts	Plain navy/blue basketball style
Tracksuit Jacket and Pants	With LHC logo for all sporting occasions. Only available at the Uniform Shop.
OPTIONAL	
College Jacket	Approved Lilydale Heights College spray jacket with logo



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Beginning Year 7 | Your Questions Answered

There seems to be so much going on in a secondary school. How do we stay informed with happenings at the college?

Our dedicated Year 7 team makes a point of keeping you in touch with what is happening at the college and invites you to phone, email or book an appointment if you have any queries. Lilydale Heights College uses the COMPASS Learning Management system. This system allows you to monitor your child's timetable, attendance, results and to communicate directly with any of your child's teachers. Our Year 7 Learning Leader will work with you to achieve the best learning outcomes for your child and our Year 7 Student Liaison will assist with any wellbeing enquiries.

Our monthly College Newsletter also informs you of events taking place across the College and our website provides you with up to date information.

ICT
Technology is changing so quickly, how will my child be equipped for the future and supported in using new technologies?

Lilydale Heights College is well recognised for its successful adoption of new technologies. Teachers integrate the use of technology in most lessons making use of Netbooks, iPads, desktop computers, digital cameras, digital microscopes, data logging software and Interactive Whiteboards, to name a few.

Computers and digital technologies are used to enhance many facets of learning. With such readily available tools our students become confident using a range of devices and applications, equipping them for an ever-changing world.

We have heard Lilydale Heights has some great facilities. Can you please tell us what facilities are available to the students?

Designated Year Level learning spaces
Spacious grounds with abundant room for student activity
A 250 seat Performing Arts Centre
Well-equipped Science Laboratories
Materials Technology Centre (fabric, wood, metal)
Foods Technology Centre with industrial kitchen, restaurant and café
Fine Arts Centre incorporating an iMac laboratory and darkroom
Fully equipped indoor and outdoor sports facilities
Modern Music Centre including music technology, instrumental practice rooms and recording studios
Learning Resource Centre with access to an enormous range of print and online material
IT Helpdesk
Locked bike shelter
Senior Study Centre
Valleydale Cafe
Careers Office
Canteen

We live a long way from the college and my child will need to travel by bus to school. Will this be a problem?

A large percentage of students catch the bus to and from the College each day. The bus network to our College reaches many areas of Lilydale and the Yarra Valley.

Our helpful staff supervise the bus shelter both before and after school. Early in Term 1, Year 7 teachers escort students to the bus shelter, assisting them to catch their allocated bus.

Further information on bus travel is available from the College's General Office.



My child was a school captain at primary school. Will there be any opportunities for leadership at secondary school?

We realise our students come to secondary school with many talents and abilities. We want to harness the potential our students have and provide them with opportunities to develop their strengths. In the past our student leaders have shown increased confidence, highly developed communication skills, greater independence as well as the ability to undertake responsibility and work with others. Leadership roles include: Student Representative Council, College Captains, Prefects, Music and Sports Captains, Student Representatives on College Curriculum and Planning committees.

By giving our students responsibilities we believe they will strive to achieve their best, demonstrating positive interpersonal skills and leadership of their peers.

I have heard that Lilydale Heights College has had some great successes in music. My child has an interest in music and might like to pursue this further. How can my child get involved?

Lilydale Heights College is well recognised for its highly successful music program. Each year our College bands compete in state and national competitions, earning prestigious awards.

Students entering Year 7 may elect to take part in the Music Enrichment class, in which each student plays a musical instrument. These students learn and play together as an ensemble, taking part in weekly rehearsals, camps and performances.

The Music Enrichment class consists of a group of like-minded students, all of whom learn musical instruments and play in a band together. No experience is necessary to apply for this class.

All Year 7 students have the option of accessing music tuition in a range of instruments. This is offered during class time.

Lilydale Heights College is a fully inclusive learning community which enables students to become successful lifelong learners and confident global citizens.

This core purpose is underpinned by three core values:
Excellence: Challenging yourself to achieve your best
Respect: Respecting yourself, others and our environment
Responsibility: Being accountable for all your actions.

"We are a little anxious about our child commencing secondary school. It's such a big change from primary school. How will Lilydale Heights College help our child to settle in?"

At Lilydale Heights College we are proud of the way our students settle in and 'feel at home' so quickly. We recognise that commencing secondary school is a big step for both students and their parents and we actively set in place programs to support a smooth transition. We provide our Year 7s with many opportunities to develop comfortable relationships with their teachers and peers.

With teacher visits to the primary school, opportunities for orientation day visits and school tours for both students and parents, we do our best to ensure that each child has a comfortable and positive start.

Our well-developed Peer Support Program helps our Year 7 students to quickly build trusting relationships with one another and with older students at the College.

My child is keen to play sport. What opportunities will there be to participate in sporting activities?

Every student has the opportunity to take part in Sport Education in Years 7-12. This includes the annual Athletics, Swimming and Cross Country carnivals. Regardless of ability, our students are encouraged to participate in various sports and compete in interschool competitions. Our College is one of the few that offers a Sport Education Program whereby students in Year 7 and 8 train for their chosen sports once a week.

A diverse range of sports are offered which may include teams in Basketball, Netball, Volleyball, Badminton, Table Tennis, Softball, Football, Cricket, Soccer, Hockey, Baseball and Tennis.

Are there activities outside regular classes our child can choose to take part in?

At Lilydale Heights College we recognise that learning takes place both inside and outside the classroom. Our Year 7 students regularly take part in activities beyond the classroom. These help our students to develop their self-esteem, communication skills and relationships with others.

Activities beyond the classroom?

Year 7 Camp	Clubs (eg. Book Club, Robotics Club, Coding Club, Art Club)
Interschool Sport	SRC and leadership programs
Music tours and Junior Band Camp	Excursions
Theatre production	Games Day
Junior Production and Showcase	Homework Club

YEAR 7 TEAM

Learning Leader
The Learning Leader has overall responsibility for student wellbeing and curriculum programs ensuring that students are progressing in their studies.

Student Liaison
The Student Liaison is responsible for supporting the pastoral program and monitoring student progress and wellbeing.

SELF Teachers
Each Year 7 Form has a SELF (Student Engagement in Learning for the Future) teacher. This teacher meets with them throughout the week and assists students in their transition. They are the contact person for the students and parents throughout the year.

Secondary schools seem so large compared to primary school. How will my child find their way around and feel welcome and safe?

To assist students with settling in and getting to know their teachers and peers, all our Year 7 classrooms are located in the Year 7 Area.

This area also houses the Year 7 teachers' office, all Year 7 student lockers and facilities. This designated Year 7 Area enables students to quickly feel confident in familiar surroundings and gradually work towards independence.

Students at Lilydale Heights quickly become familiar with their environment and develop a sense of pride in their school. Year 7 students spend the majority of their class time with their allocated Form Group in a Form Room; this becomes a space they feel very comfortable in and can take ownership of. Some specialist subjects are taught in other classrooms across the College, making great use of our extensive facilities. Initially Year 7 teachers escort the students to their classrooms, until they are comfortable making their own way there.

My child is excited about the range of subjects studied at secondary school. What subjects are studied in Year 7?

Year 7 is an exciting time when many new subjects are discovered. Year 7 students develop firm foundations in literacy and numeracy whilst exploring a wide range of subjects. Across Year 7 and 8 all students will undertake the following subjects:

English	Music
Mathematics	Art
Science	Technology (Materials and Food)
Languages (Japanese)	Digital Coding
Humanities (Geography, Economics, History, Civics)	Visual Communication
Physical Education/Health	Media
Sport	Drama

If our child requires extra extension or learning support, what can the College offer?

Lilydale Heights College offers access to academic extension for all students working beyond their expected level. The College has all students undertake a range of diagnostic assessments early in the school year. This assessment assists staff in determining the explicit learning needs of your child. In this way students can be directly challenged with tasks which meet their academic level or supported in meeting their learning outcomes.

The Middle School (Years 9 and 10) vertical program allows eligible students access to studies up to two years ahead of their expected level. This includes access to VCE studies where suitable.

Quicksmart Numeracy and Literacy support may be offered to students who require additional support. These students work to improve their basic numeracy and literacy skills by receiving additional time with a trained instructor.

