



Frequently Asked Questions Year 7 2022

[Where can we find the Student Engagement Policy?](#)

This document can be found on our school website, underneath the 'parent' tab. It includes all key information for our school. This information includes policies, processes, expectations, uniform, school hours and other important information from our college. Please visit the following link for more information:

<https://www.larasc.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/2020-Student-Engagement-Policy.pdf>

UNIFORM

[Is the school Blazer and Tie compulsory?](#)

These items are optional.

[Can my child wear their sports uniform all week?](#)

On non sporting days, students are required to wear their academic uniform, not their sports uniform. The blending of uniforms is also not permitted. This means if your son/daughter wore their sports shorts instead of their academic shorts, they will be considered as out of uniform. They then need to change into academic shorts provided from the SubSchool, alternatively they will work in the SubSchool for the day.

[Can my child wear a small logo on their socks?](#)

Logos are not permitted on students' socks. Students have the option of wearing white or plain black socks. An out of uniform pass will be given to those students who do not wear plain socks, and then they will be required to attend a lunchtime detention on that day.



Does my daughter have to wear a dress?

Each student is individual and all students are entitled to wear the college uniform with pride, regardless if they wear a dress, shorts or a pair of pants. If your daughter is more comfortable in wearing a pair of pants or shorts, then they are welcomed to.

Does my daughter/son have to wear her hair up?

Only whilst undertaking science experiments and whilst in cooking classes for safety reasons.

Can my son wear casual/sport style black leather sneakers?

At Lara Secondary College we have a different uniform policy to primary school, boys are not to wear black leather sneaker shoes. It clearly states black leather polishable shoes in the 'Student Engagement Policy. The below picture indicates the type of shoe that is part of the college uniform.



Can my daughter wear girls T-bars at school?

Yes, T-bars are an approved Lara Secondary College uniform item. Girls are also allowed to wear full enclosed laced up leather shoes.

Is there an opportunity to buy second hand uniform?

Sustainable School Shop Uniform <https://www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au/stocktake/lara-secondary-college>

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT POLICY

When can my child complete a School Improvement Test?

All students regardless of whether they just pass or pass with flying colors, are permitted to have another go at submitting their task. If your child doesn't like their first attempt, after teacher feedback, they can choose to have another go to resit and improve their result.

How much time do they have to resubmit their learning task?

Students need to ensure they complete their resit within 2 weeks of their assessment.

Do they complete re-sits in class time?

School Improvement tests are undertaken in the students' own time after school on a Thursday afternoon, from 3:15 to 4:15.

Can my child resubmit their Improvement tests or exams?

Once an improvement test has been complete, it cannot be attempted for a second time. End of semester exams cannot be attempted again.

MOBILE PHONES POLICY

[What if there is an emergency and I need to contact my child?](#)

If you need to contact your child please refrain from calling/texting them directly and expect them to contact you back. Any important information or contact can be made through the office, and messages will be relayed to your child immediately through the school telephone system. Teachers will be notified and asked to pass on the relevant information directly and promptly to your child.

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[What happens if my child gets caught with their phone?](#)

Your child will have their phone confiscated for the day. It will be given to the sub-school office and they can come and collect it after school. This incident will be recorded on compass. If the incident is repeated students may be required to hand their phone to the SubSchool at the beginning of each day.

YEAR 7 CURRICULUM

[What does TLC stand for?](#)

Thinking and Living Classes - these classes run for 1 session a week. They include curriculum on various topics ranging from organisation in term 1, persistence, bullying, cyber safety, wellbeing etc.. This session is run by the TLC teacher, which is your child's 'homeroom' teacher, who may also be teaching your child another subject.

[Can my child do an elective for more than 1 term?](#)

Each elective runs for 1 term only. This allows each student to have access to all electives running that year.

[What if my child doesn't like an elective are they given an opportunity to swap electives?](#)

As these electives run over a term period only, electives cannot be changed. Students are also in these selected electives based on their TLC classes. For example if 7A are undertaking the foods elective, then the whole class is undertaking foods. Swapping in between terms isn't physically possible as other electives may not be running at that same time in the timetable.

EXTENSION PROGRAMS

[How do I know if my child is involved in the yr 7 enrichment program?](#)

Students have already been invited into these classes based on academic data from the primary schools.

PROGRESS and SEMESTER REPORTS

How often do we receive these reports?

Progress reports are delivered through compass. These are viewed every 5 weeks; Mid term and at the end of each term, for each term. On these reports your child will be assessed on Achievement, Attitude and Effort, Classroom behaviour and Homework.

Semester Reports are delivered every semester after term 2 and after term 4. These reports will include all Learning Tasks (Assessments) your child has undertaken.

ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING

What does my child need to pass a subject?

For all learning tasks, a pass rate of 50% is expected. To pass all subjects for the year, a desired outcome of at least 60% overall is required. Remembering that improvement tests are available to improve on your child's individual results after each learning task is completed.

CAMPS and EXCURSIONS

I am worried about camp, my child is not sure if they want to go?

Although some students are worried about attending camp, it's a fun, new, exciting experience. Camps help to develop relationships and resilience in many students. Encourage your child to attend and have those conversations with them. Ask them what they are worried about and perhaps have a conversation with the year level coordinator or your child's TLC teacher prior to deciding.

When do I need to pay for camp?

The total cost of camp is \$385. Payment plans are available and should be organised next year. Deposits are due by the end of February - \$125.00. This is non refundable, unless a medical certificate is supplied. All relevant information will be sent out in term 1. Final payment is due at the end of April.

Will my child be able to share sleeping quarters with their friend from another class?

We will do our best to ensure students are with familiar friends from their TLC classes. If we are able to accommodate putting friends together from other TLC classes depending on room sizes etc...then we endeavour to do so.

DEVICES

[Where can I find information about your laptop program?](#)

You can find all the information under “Forms and Handbooks” on the school website. Or via the link below https://www.larasc.vic.edu.au/bfd_download/2022-byod-laptop-program/

[Can my child bring an iPad next year to school?](#)

From 2020 Lara Secondary College decided to offer Year 7 - 12 students two options for their Learning Technologies device over the next 6 years. As a result, students enrolling into the College from 2021 – 2026 will be required to purchase an Apple MacBook or a Chromebook
Please contact the college if you have any specific questions regarding this.

[Can my child bring a windows computer next year to school?](#)

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[Do I need to buy a Mac book Pro so that my child can have this device for future year levels?](#)

Not at all. Both devices are fully supported by the college. New Google chromebooks have at least 6 years of guaranteed software updates, and we will continue to support all chromebooks as long as they are enrolled in the college. Macbooks exist as an option for parents who would prefer their child have one.

[Do I need to use the JB hifi website to purchase my chromebook or macbook?](#)

The JB Hi-Fi portal is available as one choice for parents to purchase a chromebook or macbook at education pricing. If you can find a better deal or a more appropriate chromebook or macbook for your child we are more than happy to enrol it. Please consult the 2022 Laptop program document (linked below) for the minimum requirements.

https://www.larasc.vic.edu.au/bfd_download/2022-byod-laptop-program/

[Do I need to purchase any software or antivirus?](#)

No, any required programs will be provided by the school. This includes Microsoft Office and Anti-Virus Software.

ORIENTATION DAYS

[My child has dietary requirements. How do I organise this and inform the school?](#)

Please call the school and let the office staff know, they will pass this information onto the year level coordinator who will organise this.

When will we know the latest information about orientation days?

As soon as we are aware of the latest information, we will endeavour to pass this information onto families. At this stage we are still looking at running a 2 day Orientation program being held on Monday the 6th and Tuesday 7th of December.

BOOKLISTS

Is there an opportunity to buy second hand books?

Sustainable School Shop Booklist <https://www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au/booklist/lara-secondary-college>

Will the online access code work if I purchase a second hand book?

It won't work at first, but parents can apply for digital access for free. There are instructions on the inside cover of each book. You can only do this once a year per text – so if you purchase a second-hand book you may have to wait until January 1st, 2021 before this will work.

No activities are set by the teacher that would require a digital code. The digital version is more for student-convenience as they don't have to carry the books around with them.

Do I need to purchase all of the stationary as well as the Oxford book set?

You need to purchase all of the stationary, but it does not have to be through Campion. Parents are able to use the booklist as a guide to purchase the remaining stationery from a different supplier if they would like. Purchasing through Campion is convenient as it is delivered to you.