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Dear Parents/Caregivers

It is with great pleasure that we write to you to welcome you and your child to The Jannali High School community. We believe that by choosing to send your child to The Jannali High School you are providing them with the best possible start to their high school career.

As a comprehensive high school, we cater to all ability levels and learning styles. We offer a broad and challenging curriculum that is futures focussed. These, and our extra curricula programs and activities, can ensure that all of our students can thrive and succeed over the coming years.

At The Jannali High School we have a great mix of experience among our staff who are extremely dedicated, passionate and expert classroom practitioners. Our Student Wellbeing and Student Services Teams provide an effective and caring network to support your child's academic, social and emotional development.

As parents, we welcome and encourage your contribution to your child's learning and the work of the school. From a phone call, to attending information evenings, P&C meetings, to being involved in school evaluation teams, we look forward to working with you over the course of your child's education at The Jannali High School.

STUDENTS BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD) – iPad only:

In 2025 all Year 7 students will be expected to bring an iPad with them to school each day.

Since 2016, The Jannali High School has successfully implemented the Bring Your Own iPad Program to support students' learning. Our Bring Your Own iPad Program ensures uniformity, with every student and teacher utilising the same digital platform for teaching and learning. This consistent approach is a platform for high quality teaching and learning that supports all students to reach their academic potential as well as providing opportunities for problem solving and collaboration.

Teaching and learning within the classroom involves a blend of technology usage and traditional pen & paper activities, thus enriching experiences for students. The iPad BYOD program is supported by effective and ongoing professional learning to enhance teacher practice and student engagement. This training will be ongoing throughout 2025.

This initiative is designed to complement the technology learning students have experienced in Year 6, as many of our Partner Primary Schools are using iPads within the classroom, thus making the transition to the high school learning environment much smoother.

Staff, students and parents/carers have indicated that the introduction of our iPad initiative has improved student engagement, enhanced outcomes and has had a positive effect on teaching and learning within classrooms. Feedback from Technology surveys indicate 86% of students, 85% of teachers and 82% of parents/carers report improved student engagement in learning at school as a result of the iPad initiative. The impact of this iPad initiative is stronger student engagement in learning, targeted teacher professional learning and improved classroom practice.

Further, experiences from other schools have demonstrated that the implementation of an iPad BYOD program can transform *“the way our students create assignments and research topics. Students shoot and edit their own HD videos with iMovie, create a visual journal with iPhoto, and even record, edit and mix music for projects with GarageBand. Students now create and submit assignments in a variety of creative ways”* – East Hills Girls Technology High School.

iPad Specifications

- The most recent release is preferable. Current models such as the 10.9-inch iPad, 11-inch iPad Air, and 11-inch iPad Pro with a minimum storage of 64GB are all appropriate for school use.
- The minimum specifications for an iPad in 2025 are Apple iPad 10.2” (7th Generation or later). Older versions of iPad will still work (e.g. 6th generation iPad), however, they are nearing the end of their life span and a number of applications may not work. Apple’s current Operating System does run on these older devices.
- A screen protector, iPad case and Bluetooth keyboard are strongly recommended.
- Students are requested to **not** have cellular – 4/5G enabled - iPads at school. If your child does bring a cellular enabled iPad to school, the sim card must be removed whilst they are at school.
- A Parent Portal has been provided through JBHIFI, offering competitive prices and technical support. However, parents are still free to purchase the iPad from a retailer of their choice. The portal link will be available Term 4 and found on our website under BYOD. Information brochure has been included.

Note: iPad minis, smartphones and other mobile phones are **not** considered an acceptable learning device under the BYOiPad policy. iPad minis are unsuitable as the new NAPLAN online is not supported on this device.

Equity and support: where parents/carers are unable to afford the cost of purchasing an iPad for their child, the school may be able to assist. This support may only be accessed via a formal application and interview with the Deputy Principal. Please do not hesitate to contact the school on 9521 2805 if you have any questions about how the school can support you in providing an iPad for your child.

Required apps: A list of **FREE** required apps for use with iPads can be found further in this information pack.

ORIENTATION DAY: You and your child are invited to attend **Orientation Day in Term 4 on Tuesday, 3 December 2024** to be held in the school auditorium. This will commence at 9:30am and finish at 1:00pm approximately. It will provide a bit more information about, and insight into, the culture and procedures of our school. The Student Representative Council will provide a barbecue at the conclusion of the program. Students should wear their primary school uniforms on Orientation Day.

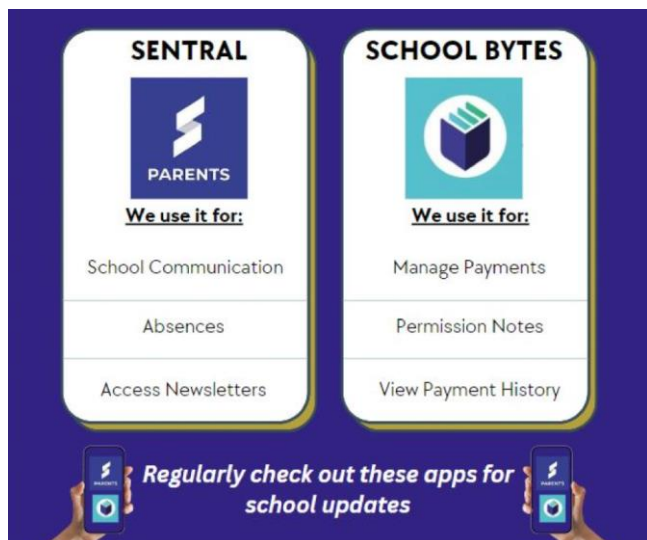
SCHOOL WEBSITE:

The school website contains a lot of information, not only about the school’s organisation but also has a school calendar that is regularly updated with upcoming events.

The website is found at <https://jannali-h.schools.nsw.gov.au> and is a useful tool in staying up to date with current events and activities.

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION:

The two main forms of communications we use are the Sentral Parent Portal and School Bytes. In the first week of school parents will be emailed a portal code, once you have this information you will be able to set up your parent portal. Parents will be able to access School Bytes by logging on and creating an account.



SCHOOL UNIFORM:

The school is the sole supplier of our school uniform. Uniforms will be available for purchase by Year 7 2025 families as follows:

Extended Trading Hours Term 4 2024

Saturday, 30 November - 9:00am to 1:00pm

Saturday, 7 December - 9:00am to 1:00pm

Saturday, 14 December - 9:00am to 1:00pm

Extended Trading Hours Term 1 2025

Tuesday, 28 January - 9:00am to 2:00pm

Wednesday, 29 January - 9:00am to 2:00pm

Thursday, 30 January - 9:00am to 2:00pm

Friday, 31 January - 8:00am to 2:30pm

All new families to the school must make an appointment.

Please see the link below.

<https://Midford.as.me/TheJannaliHighSchool>

YEAR 7 CAMP 2025:

We are planning a **camp for all Year 7 students** in Week 8 of Term 1, 2025. This has always been a marvellous experience for previous groups, and we know the 2025 camp will be no exception. It is a great way for students from the many different primary schools to get to know each other and build a sense of unity. The camp will be held at The Great Aussie Bush Camp, Tea Gardens, from Wednesday 19th – Friday 21st March 2025 at a cost of \$445.50 (including GST). You should discuss any problems with Mrs Raggett, the Year 7 2025 Year Adviser, Mrs Skinner, our Student Wellbeing Coordinator, Mr Stewart, the Deputy Principal, or myself if you feel that your child will not be able to attend.

BOOKPACKS:

These are custom designed by the staff of the school and represent a great saving to parents/carers. The school makes no money from the sale of these packs. We recommend this as an easy and efficient way of preparing for Day 1, 2025.

These will be supplied through Torstar at a cost of \$95.36. Please see enclosed flyer for instructions and delivery options. **Please note packs will have to be ordered by 10 November for delivery free of charge to the school.** Orders received after this date will be delivered to your home address and will incur a \$12.00 delivery fee.

MONEY MATTERS:

The school fees for Year 7 are \$872.50 including the camp and sport for Term 1 and the P & C contribution (see attached Money Matters sheet for details).

The first day of school for Year 7 is Tuesday, 4th February 2025. On the first day, students will attend an induction assembly at 8.55am. Parents are welcome to stay for this assembly.

TJHS P & C:

We would like to extend a warm invitation for you to become involved in our friendly P & C organisation. The P & C is a group that has conversations via a closed Facebook group (**with one scheduled meeting in the school library each term**). To participate and contribute to decisions about your school, please fill out the form provided or download the eP&C form from the school website and submit this form to the front office. The P & C contribution (levy) is used to offset the need for P & C fundraising throughout the year. We look forward to welcoming you to our group.

PAPERWORK:

Enclosed is:

1. School sports carnival consent form
2. Money Matters sheet
3. Registration form for TJHS eP&C
4. Uniform information
5. Opal Card instruction brochure
6. Year 7 Bookpack instruction sheet
7. Camp information and consent forms
8. Student Services transition sheet
9. Health care transition sheet

WHAT NEXT?

Please return the following to **The Jannali High School** either to our office or email at jannali-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au **By Friday, 22 November:**

- 1 Sports consent forms
- 2 Sport carnival consent forms
- 3 Registration form for eP&C (if applicable)
- 4 camp consent forms
- 5 Student Services transition sheet (if applicable)
- 6 Health Care transition sheet

The prompt completion and return of these forms will assist us greatly with administration and organisation.

Let me conclude by thanking you for choosing our school. We are looking forward to getting to know you and your child in the coming years.







Yours faithfully















RICK COLEMAN
Principal

DAVE STEWART
Deputy Principal

APPS FOR LEARNING- ALL SUBJECTS

APP	NAME	PRICE	DESCRIPTION	SUBJECT
	Google Classroom	Free	Engage with classroom teachers and students online	All subjects
	Google Drive	Free	Store your classwork, assessments and resources	All subjects
	Google Slides	Free	Create, edit & collaborate on online presentations	All subjects
	Google Docs	Free	Create, edit & collaborate on online documents	All subjects
	Google Sheets	Free	Create, edit & collaborate on spreadsheets	All subjects
	Canva	Free	A graphic design tool	All subjects

APPS FOR LEARNING- SUBJECT SPECIFIC

APP	NAME	PRICE	DESCRIPTION	SUBJECT
	Adobe Sketch	Free	To draw and create pictures with ease	Visual Arts
	Magic Plan	Free	A way to create and share floor plans with a large variety of tools	Industrial Arts
	Wind Tunnel	Free	Explore the flow of gravitational waves	Industrial Arts
	Stop Motion Studio	Free	An easy and fun way for students to create stop motion videos	English, Art
	Google Earth	Free	Create and collaborate on immersive, data-driven maps	Geography
	Geogebra	Free	For geometry, algebra, statistics and calculus application.	Maths
	Quizlet	Free	Learn to study definitions and meanings	HSIE, Industrial Arts
	MyDigital Library	Free	Access Science textbook and resources	Science
	HudsonAlphaCell	Free	View a range of different cells in 3D	Science
	Food Web	Free	Playing with feeding relationships between unique plants and animals	Science
	Chemical Detectives	Free	Determine the molecular structure of organic molecules	Science
	Minecraft Edu	Free	Game-based learning platform that promotes creativity and problem-solving.	HSIE, English



MONEY MATTERS

Our school seeks your support in contributing to the costs of materials used and consumed by students in the course of the compulsory studies. Subject fees pay for specific subject costs and items used by each student (consumables).

Should parents/carers have difficulty making these payments, they should contact the Principal. Payment by instalments can be arranged. Please note that our limited Student Assistance Funds can be used to assist with subject fees but not the School Contribution.

Thanking you in anticipation of your support.

SUBJECT LIST	CONSUMABLE COST	
Home Economics (Design & Technology)	\$60.00	
Industrial Arts (Design & Technology)	\$50.00	
Maths (Cambridge GO online program)	\$27.00	
Music	\$25.00	
Science	\$25.00	
Visual Arts	<u>\$45.00</u>	
Subtotal	\$232.00	
School Contribution		\$100.00
School diary		\$10.00
P & C Contribution (per family)		\$50.00
Camp		\$445.50
Sport Term 1 2024 – Sports Coaching Program		<u>\$35.00</u>
TOTAL		<u><u>\$872.50</u></u>

Please pay by:

- **cash** (correct amount please)
- **cheque** (made payable to The Jannali High School)
- online payments **via the school website** accepted **after 3rd December 2024**

Process of Registration into the TJHS eP&C:

1. Download the eP&C enrolment form from the Jannali High School website <https://jannali-h.schools.nsw.gov.au>
2. Read the eP&C - Charter of Agreement and Guidelines below.
3. **Fill in and sign the form on page 2 of this document in both places**
4. Scan and send the form via email to tjhsparents@gmail.com
5. Login to Facebook and search for the group TJHS P&C. Once you've found the group, request access to join the group and a member of the P&C Executive will grant you access. They will need to see the form has been emailed and signed before access is granted.
6. TJHS P&C. Once you've found the group, request access to join the group and a member of the P&C Executive will grant you access. They will need to see the form has been emailed and signed before access is granted.

The Jannali eP&C - Charter of Agreement

This charter has been developed to provide all online participants with standards of use as they engage in conversations or interactions using social media as a tool to discuss P&C interests.

This policy has been developed with reference to the Department of Education Social Media Policy and Planning and has been ratified by the president, school principal, members of the P&C and the Director of Public Schools.

Objectives:

We aim to use the online TJHS eP&C group to:

- ✓ Enable conversations and decisions to be made about how the P&C and the school can work to support our students in their learning via a secure online program.
- ✓ Operate as a closed 'Facebook' group, which will be closely managed by our P&C and the school.
- ✓ Utilise the functionality of a 'closed Facebook group' to enable discussions online re. P&C initiatives and requests
- ✓ Participate in a manner that builds communication between the school and its community
- ✓ Operate online in a manner that will enable more participation and engagement
- ✓ Maintain contact with P&C members via Facebook, while also having fewer onsite meetings each school term
- ✓ Enable parent involvement through this medium for our busy working families

Guidelines for interactions with the TJHS eP&C group:

As a member of the eP&C I agree that I will:

- ✓ Register my interest in being a part of the eP&C and sign the charter agreement
- ✓ Ensure I have paid the P&C contribution prior to joining this group. I am aware I can seek financial assistance from the Principal if required
- ✓ Participate in discussions via posts or comments in a manner that is professional and polite
- ✓ Communicate in this public forum in a respectful and considered manner, in a manner that is respectful to all participants/group members
- ✓ Consider the confidentiality of information that is being posted – never disclose private information about a student, eP&C member or staff member without that person's permission
- ✓ Utilise the functionality of Facebook to vote on requests via the TJHS P&C – using the 'like' and 'comment'. All votes will be counted by the President and must be submitted by a designated deadline.
- ✓ Contact the Principal at school on 9521 2805 or via the school email jannali-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au if I have any issue or concern that needs attention. This matter will then be dealt with and resolved promptly.

I have read this Charter of Agreement and agree to abide by these regulations when communicating within the TJHS eP&C group.

Date:

Parent Name: (printed) Signed:

TJHS eP&C registration form:

I wish to register / join the TJHS eP&C

Parent Name:	Date:
My student/s name/s is/are:	Year:
My email address is:	
My contact phone number is: Home: Work/Mobile:	
<input type="checkbox"/> I have paid the P&C contribution of \$50 per family this year <input type="checkbox"/> I have read the charter of agreement and agree to the terms and conditions stipulated <input type="checkbox"/> I have attached a signed copy of this agreement Signed:	