

YEARS 8 – 10

Orientation Information



MERIDEN
AN ANGLICAN SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Meriden girls
make their *marks*.

Welcome to Meriden

I am delighted that you are about to join the Meriden community.

At Meriden, we encourage our students to become independent learners and critical thinkers. We want you to be actively involved in your academic studies, to participate enthusiastically both inside and outside the classroom and to make the most of every learning opportunity. We will help you to identify your strengths and assist you to become a self-directed learner.

We want you to take advantage of the many opportunities available to you at Meriden. The activities you engage in will help you to grow intellectually, physically and socially. The more diverse your involvement, the more you will grow. We encourage you to join a sporting team, become involved in music, develop your public speaking skills, and look for other opportunities such as Chess Club and Student Christian Groups. These are all great ways for you to make new friends, learn new skills and discover your strengths.

We are thrilled to have you join our community and we look forward to guiding you through this transition. Look forward with excitement, enthusiasm and confidence and make the most of every opportunity.



MRS LISA BROWN
Principal

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School contact details

SENIOR SCHOOL

Administration Office

7:30am – 4:30pm

3 Margaret Street, Strathfield 2135

PO Box 78 Strathfield 2135

PHONE 9752 9444 FAX 9752 9400

enquiries@meriden.nsw.edu.au

UNIFORM SHOP

8 – 14 Lyons Street, Strathfield 2135

PHONE 9752 9492

uniform@meriden.nsw.edu.au

Monday to Friday 7:45am – 5:15pm

SENIOR SCHOOL STUDENT ABSENCES

MERIDEN APP (USE ABSENTEE BUTTON)

or email absences@meriden.nsw.edu.au

HUDSON LIBRARY AND RESEARCH CENTRE

PHONE 9752 9441

Monday to Friday 7:30am – 6:00pm

Saturday 9:00am – 2:00pm

School holidays at the end of Terms 1, 2 and 3:

9:00am – 2:00pm, Monday to Friday

HEALTH CENTRE

PHONE 9752 9418

healthcentre@meriden.nsw.edu.au

Monday to Friday 7:00am – 5:30pm

www.meriden.nsw.edu.au

Term Dates 2024

Term 1

Thursday 1 February to Friday 12 April

Orientation Day for new students Years 7 – 12: Wednesday 31 January

Easter break: Thursday 28 March to Monday 1 April (inclusive)

Term 2

Monday 29 April to Friday 28 June

Term 3

Tuesday 23 July to Friday 27 September

Term 4

Monday 14 October (Senior School)

Tuesday 15 October (Pre-K – Year 6)

to Tuesday 10 December

Senior Meriden staff



MRS LISA BROWN
Principal



MR RICHARD LOANE
Head of Campus



MRS JESSICA CHILTON
Head of Student
Wellbeing



MRS NICOLE HEARNE
Acting Head of Teaching
and Learning



REV CLAYTON MOSS
Chaplain



**MS JODIE
SPOONER-RYAN**
Director of Music



MR MARK HEATHCOTE
Director of Sport



MR RICHARD HUGHES
Dean of Student
Involvement



MS AMY WILSON
Year 8 Coordinator



**MS MICHELLE
MONTGOMERY**
Year 9 Coordinator



MR LUKE MOTTEE
Year 10 Coordinator

Heads of Department

Academic Support
Mrs Joanne Spanos

Applied Science
Mrs Rikki McMillan

Christian Education
Rev Brie Pattison

Digital and Creative Arts
Ms Gillian Legge

English
Mr Tim Archer

History
Mrs Cheryl O'Loan

Languages
Mrs Teresa Alonso-Lasheras

Mathematics
Mr Tobias Cooper

Performing Arts
Ms Jodie Spooner-Ryan

Science
Mrs Tara Richards

Social Science
Miss Anita Kondichetty

Tertiary Pathways
Mr Ryan Richards

Other key staff

Dean of Academic Care
Ms Sascha Bass

Dean of Assessment and Reporting
Ms Jessica Farrell

Dean of Community Learning
Mrs Vanessa Kirolos

Dean of Lateral Learning
Ms Priscilla Curran

Dean of Staff
Ms Vicki Sheehan

Dean of Student Involvement
Mr Richard Hughes

Dean of Studies
Mrs Nicole Hearne

Director of Sport
Mr Mark Heathcote

Meriden Music Academy
Mrs Carolyn Mirabito

Teacher Librarian
Ms Katie Bowie

Registrar
Mrs Gina Malley

Counsellor
Ms Sarah Srikanthan

Counsellor
Ms Maria Taylor

Counsellor
Ms Sarah Wackett

Coordinators of Learning Links

Global Outlook
Mr Kuhan Rajalingam

High Potential Learning
Mrs Sharna Kershaw

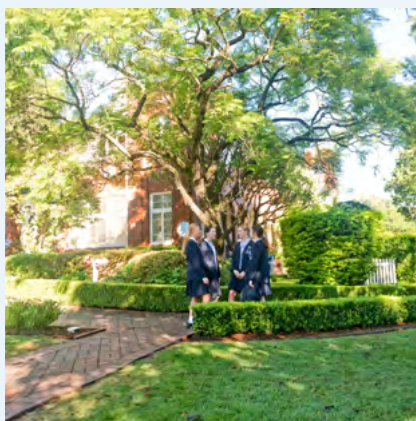
Innovation
Mrs Alexandra Phillips

Research and Critical Thinking
Dr Jocelyn Laurence

Service Learning
Mrs Julie Shannon

Speech
Mrs Charlotte Yates

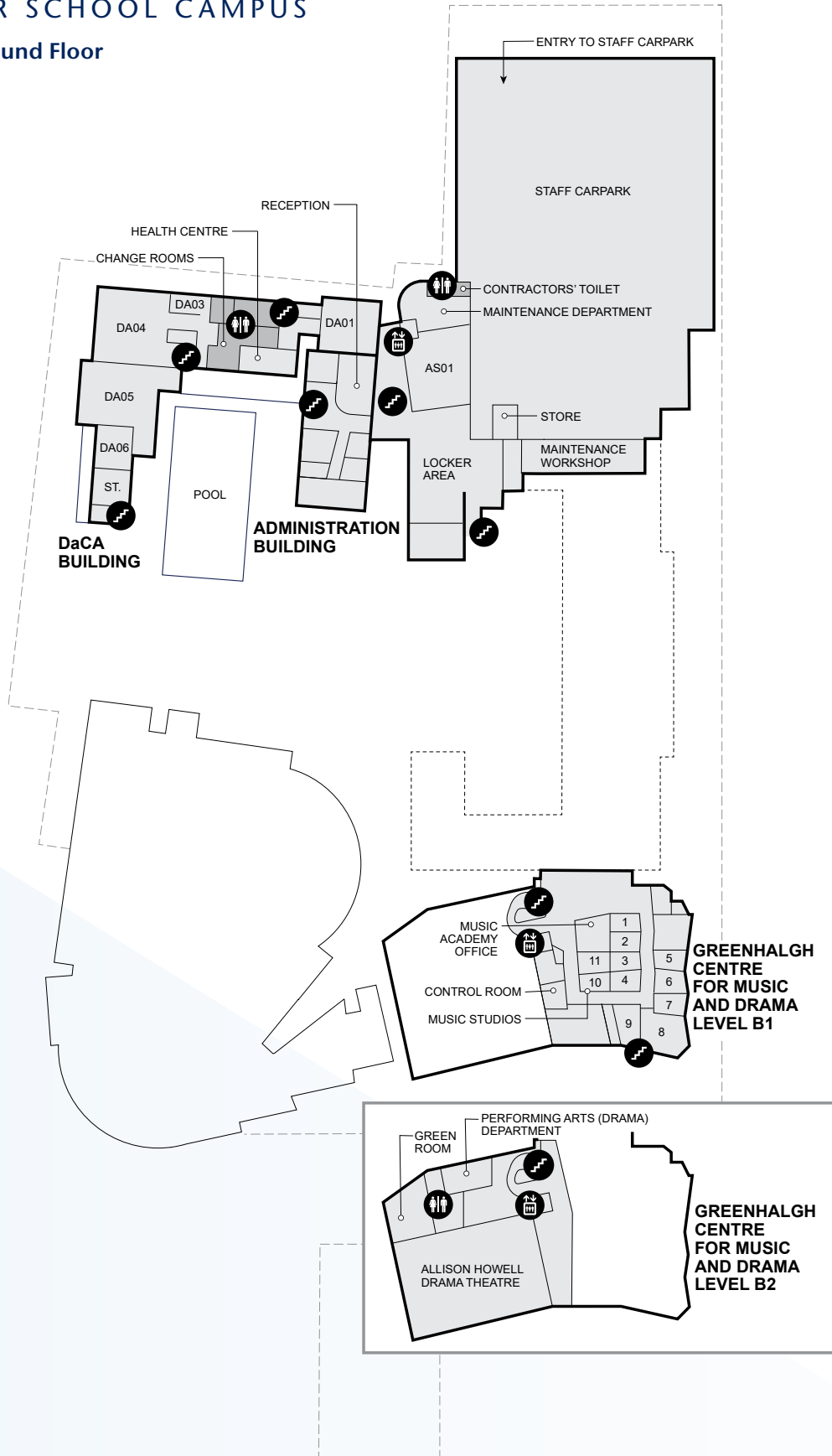
Technology
Ms Nicola Casaceli



Senior School Map

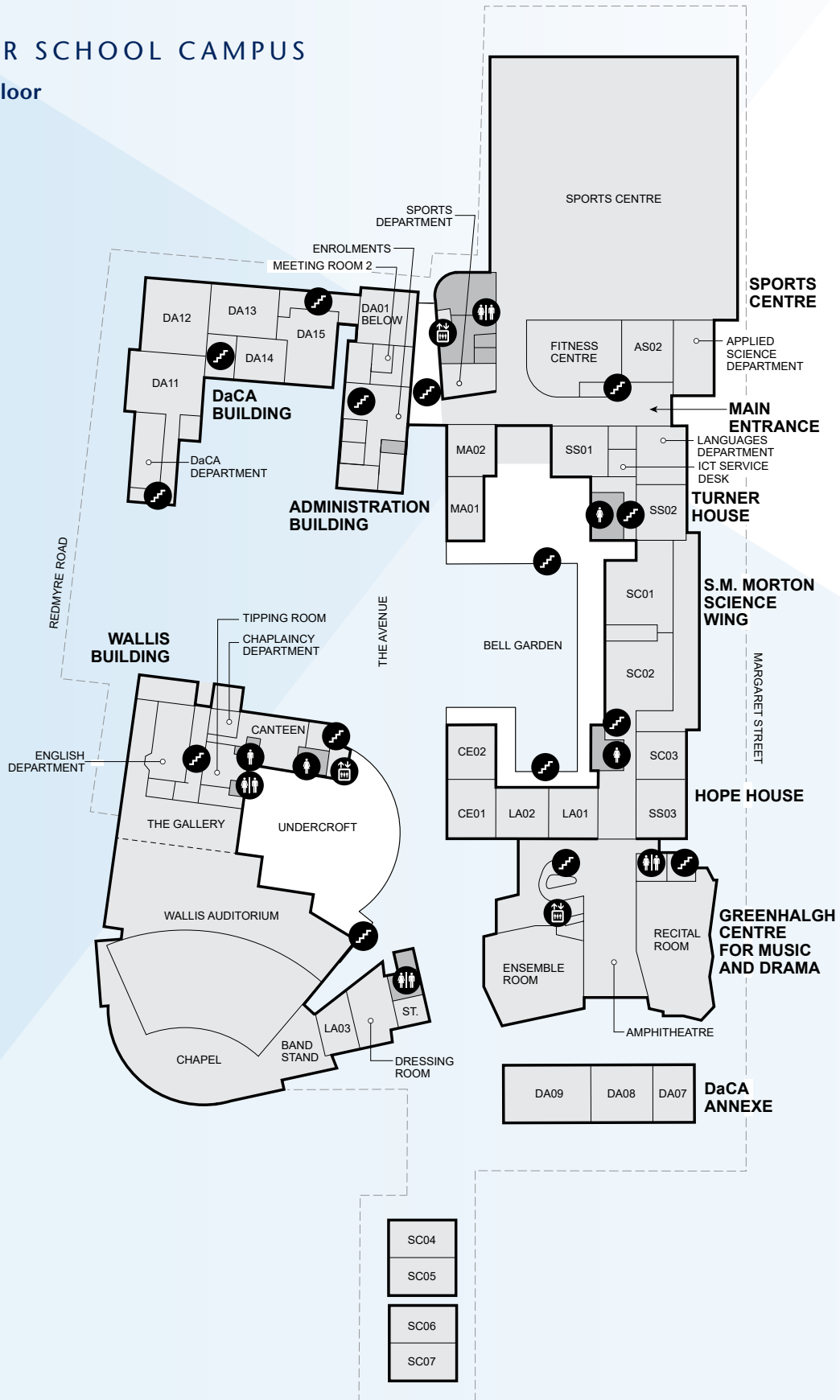
SENIOR SCHOOL CAMPUS

Lower Ground Floor



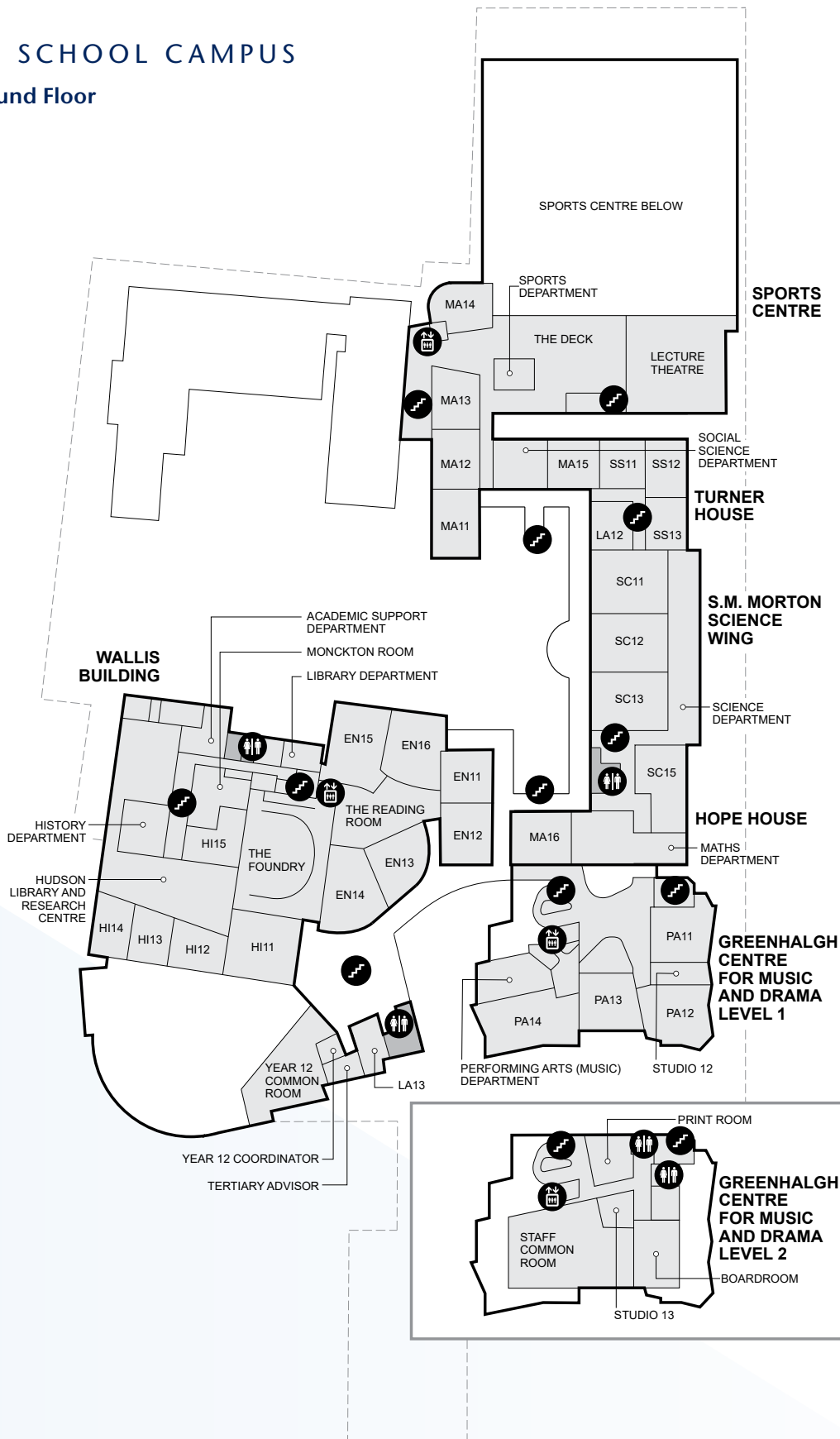
SENIOR SCHOOL CAMPUS

Ground Floor



SENIOR SCHOOL CAMPUS

Upper Ground Floor



Student laptop computer

All Year 7-12 students are required to have a suitable touch screen device to use as part of their learning. Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 are required to have the School's mandated laptop computer, the ASUS ExpertBook B5 Flip Touch Screen Laptop. No other devices will be accepted in these school years.

Students in Years 10-12 are able to bring their own device to school, or may purchase the ASUS ExpertBook B5 Flip Touch Screen Laptop.

The ASUS ExpertBook B5 Flip Touch Screen Laptop has higher specifications over the model offered in retail stores and therefore must be bought through the School. Meriden has organised a cost-effective package deal for this device which includes the laptop and a three-year warranty.

Once purchased, the laptop belongs to the student and is the student's responsibility. All faults, breakages and software problems remain the student's responsibility, but the School will assist with all problems associated with the device and if any claims or warranty issues arise, the ICT Department will coordinate the repairs on behalf of the student.

How to purchase your laptop

The ASUS ExpertBook B5 Flip Touch Screen Laptop is purchased online using the Meriden/ASI portal. The cost is \$1,519.10 including a three-year warranty and carry case.

The School also requires an Accidental Damage Cover and this is now included in the purchase price.

Please purchase your laptop prior to commencing.

1. Go to <https://meriden.asi.com.au>, or use the QR code below.
2. Click "Shop Now".
3. Click "New User" just below the Login button.
4. Enter your name, email address and create a password.
5. Enter the Registration Key Code 714-528-389

Purchase the School mandated laptop



6. Click "Create an Account".
7. Click "Notebooks" (at the top of the screen).
8. Purchase the ASUS ExpertBook B5 Flip Student Bundle.
9. When entering delivery details, ensure the laptop is delivered to Meriden.

How to pick up your laptop

Your laptop will be available for collection from the Meriden ICT Department by appointment.

To make a laptop collection appointment with the Meriden ICT Department:

1. Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au, or use the QR code below.
2. Enter the event code **hf4mf** and click "Go".

Book a laptop collection appointment



Using computers at Meriden

Students use computers extensively at Meriden for creating and storing work. For security reasons, all users in the Senior School are allocated a unique username and password. The username and password are used for accessing the school network, e-mail, eCentral and eVe. It is very important that this password is kept confidential. During the first few weeks of term, each student will be given opportunities to learn about using the school network.

eCentral

eCentral allows students to access their files, which are saved on the School's network drive, from home or any location in the world that has internet access. This flexibility assists students in completing homework and assignment tasks.

eCentral can be accessed by going to the Meriden website and clicking on "Portals Login" in the top right corner, or via eVe. The Meriden website can be found at www.meriden.nsw.edu.au

eCentral will request your login details. To log in for the first time, students enter their student code and the one-time password shown below. Once logged in, change your password by following the prompts.

STUDENT USER NAME
Your student code, which is a six-digit number starting in 0 or 00
STUDENT ONE-TIME PASSWORD
Meriden01

eVe

eVe is the learning management system that students and teachers use at Meriden to collaborate and communicate about school work, class and homework resources, assessment information and cocurricular activities. It also contains student-specific information such as individual timetables, as well as useful website links and access to Meriden's eLibrary catalogue.

eVe can be accessed by going to the Meriden website and clicking on "Portals Login".
<https://eve.meriden.nsw.edu.au>

Printing and Photocopying

Colour printing and photocopying facilities are available in the Hudson Library and Research Centre. Students use their student card to print or photocopy using these facilities.

Important Points to remember

Students must not use Meriden computers or network facilities (internet or intranet) for purposes other than school activities, such as for social media, or for access to inappropriate websites. The School regularly monitors use of the Meriden computers and the wireless network.

Students must not store inappropriate material in their network drives – large volumes of music or graphic files will be deleted.

The Student Planner gives further guidelines on the use of technology at Meriden. Students should familiarise themselves with these guidelines.



Textbooks

The majority of textbooks are in the form of eTexts and you will need to order them online from the supplier, **Campion Education**.

Please order your textbooks prior to commencing.

How to purchase textbooks

1. Go to www.campion.com.au or use the QR code below.
2. Locate “Online ordering for parents and students” and click “Order here”.
3. Create a new parent account.
4. Enter the Resource List code **9H3B** and click “Next”.
5. Make your selections and follow the prompts to complete your order. Note: Choose texts relevant to your elective subject choices.

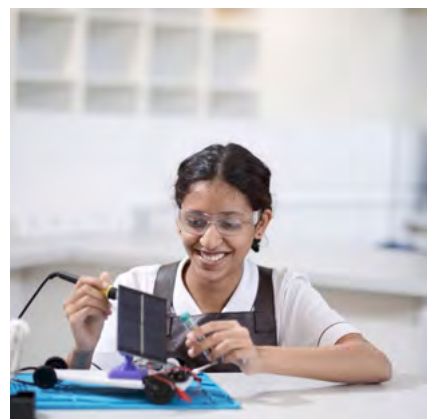
Please ensure delivery is to your residential address.

Purchase textbooks



Once you have placed your **Campion** order online, instructions on how to download and access the eTexts will be sent via email from **Campion**.

ICT Department staff will assist you with the installation of eTexts when you collect your laptop.



Hudson Library and Research Centre

The Hudson Library and Research Centre is the information hub of the Senior School and is located upstairs in the Wallis Building. Senior School students are encouraged to work in the library creatively and critically, from independent study to group work, to research and leisurely reading.

Library Resources

Meriden students can look forward to borrowing from a genre-fied fiction collection, which allows for easier identification of books.

The fiction section is located in the Reading Room and non-fiction is in the Research Centre.

Self-service kiosks enable students to become independent patrons, with students being able to borrow and return books at any time of the day. Borrowing permissions are as follows:

	FICTION – 3-WEEK BORROWING PERIOD	NON-FICTION – 1-WEEK BORROWING PERIOD
YEARS 7-8	5 books	2 books
YEARS 9-10	8 books	2 books
YEARS 11-12	10 books	2 books



In addition to the library's physical resources, students have access to quality information online through eVe.

An extended fiction collection containing eBooks and audiobooks can be read through the library's ePlatform.

The Digital Library is the students' portal to databases and subscriptions, news resources and other online resources. Library staff have also developed and curated research guides to assist with assessment tasks. For further assistance, students can book research appointments with the library's resident Research Fellow, Dr Ann Goeth.

HOMWORK HELP

Use of the Library

- No food or drinks are to be taken into the library.
- Any overdue books must be returned before students can borrow again.
- Students must have their student ID to borrow resources.
- After-hours use of the library is only available to Meriden students in Years 7-12. Younger siblings from the Junior School are to use the after-school care facility which is available each day until 6:00pm.
- Students working in the library after school are required to check in and out using the SINE pads, located near the librarian's desk.
- For supervision purposes, if students are intending to use the library after school, they must stay within the library. Students

are expected to start vacating the library at 5:45pm to allow for closure at 6:00pm.

- Students are expected to respect the needs of all present and work in a calm and quiet manner.

Library Activities

The Creativity Corner provides a circuit-breaker to the weekly schedule. Students of all year groups are welcome to participate in various art and craft activities and recharge for the remainder of the School week. The Creativity Corner meets each Wednesday from 3:30pm to 4:30pm in the Reading Room.

Students at Meriden can get assistance with their homework in several ways:

- Girls are readily able to speak to or email their teacher to arrange a time for additional help.
- Many students work on their homework in the library after school each day.
- After-school homework help is available for English, Mathematics and Science, between 3:30pm – 4:30pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. No bookings are required and teachers are available to assist with homework and/or student questions.
- Every second Saturday during term time, the Hudson Library and Research Centre is open for Day 11 where subject-specific help is available for students. The timetable for Day 11 is available on the Lateral Learning eVe page.

Library Opening Hours

	TERM TIME	HOLIDAYS (EXCLUDING TERM 4 HOLIDAYS)
MONDAY TO FRIDAY	7:30am – 6:00pm	9:00am – 2:00pm
SATURDAY	9:00am – 2:00pm	Closed

After-School Phone Number: 9744 9441

For more information, please contact Ms Jessie Niumataiwalu, Library Manager jniumataiwalu@meriden.nsw.edu.au



Uniform Shop

The Meriden Uniform Shop supplies the entire uniform for all students (except shoes). The Uniform staff are looking forward to helping you with the purchase of your Meriden Senior School uniform.

Uniform items required

A list of items required by your daughter is available on the Meriden website at www.meriden.nsw.edu.au/resources/uniform-shop/, or by using the QR code below.

View the uniform requirements on the Meriden website.



Uniform fitting

Appointments should be made with the Uniform Shop to fit a student for her uniform. A full fitting takes approximately 30 – 45 minutes and the student must be in attendance. All new students must be fitted for their uniforms.

How to book a uniform appointment

1. Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au or use the QR code below.

Make a Meriden Uniform Shop appointment.



2. Enter the event code 5usv4 and click “Go”.
3. Follow the steps shown.

Should you wish to make an appointment outside the times offered above, please call the Meriden Uniform Shop on 9752 9492.

Clothing Pool

The Uniform Shop carries good quality second-hand items that can be purchased instore. Please note, there is no exchange or refund on clothing pool items.

Payment

Uniform Shop payments can be made by cash, EFTPOS, MasterCard, Visa and American Express cards. We are happy to process future orders either in person, by phone, email or via our online ordering using Flexischools. We are unable to place uniform sales on your school account.

Exchange and Refund

If it is necessary to return or exchange goods purchased, please have your receipt of purchase and ensure that the items have not been worn or marked and all manufacturer’s labels are attached. Due to health regulations, there are a number of items that cannot be exchanged or returned including swimsuits, socks, tights, hats and second-hand items.

Meriden's online systems for parents

Meriden has a number of online systems for parents, which are accessed by a unique username and password. The Meriden ICT Department is available to assist parents with the following systems:



The Meriden App

The Meriden App is the primary way the School communicates with parents.

Please make sure you download the Meriden App to your phone from the App Store (iPhones) or Google Play (for Android phones).

The Meriden App is used to:

- receive important school notices and updates;
- view the school calendar;
- read the school newsletter;
- report absences: in advance or before 7:30am on the day; or for access to Extended Leave or Exemption from School forms for longer absences;
- access information about Meriden sports and cocurricular activities;
- access information about many other areas of Meriden;
- access the mobile version of eVe or Parent Lounge.



Parent Lounge

Parent Lounge is where parents update contact and medical details and make online payments, registrations and permissions.

The desktop version of Parent Lounge can be accessed from the Meriden website, and the mobile version can be accessed from the Meriden App.

Parent Lounge is used to:

- update address and contact details, and your daughter's medical details;
- provide permission for incursions and excursions, including payment where relevant;
- register for sport, music and cocurricular activities;
- make bookings for Parent/Teacher Conferences;
- access termly invoices and recent payments;
- pay termly invoices using a credit card, or set up a payment schedule to pay your termly invoice; and
- access school reports (Years 10-12).



eVe

eVe is a desktop version of most of the information available in the Meriden App and provides detailed information about the School, including notices. It is also where parents can view their daughter's timetable and eReport.

The desktop version of eVe can be accessed from the Meriden website, and the mobile version can be accessed from the Meriden App.

eVe is used to:

- access your daughter's eReport (Years 7-9);
- view your daughter's timetable (Years 7-12);
- view important school notices and updates;
- access information about Meriden sports, music and cocurricular activities; and
- access information about many other areas of Meriden.

SMS Alerts

In the event of a major incident at the School, such as an evacuation or lockdown, parents will be advised and kept updated by SMS.

The SMS system is also used to alert a parent of an unexplained student absence in the Senior School.

Parent's unique username and password

If you would like assistance with your username, password or any aspect of Meriden's online systems for parents, please call Meriden ICT on 9752 9444.

You need your Meriden username and password to access Meriden's online systems for parents. You can find your username on your Meriden termly invoice. Assuming you have never changed it, your password can be found on the termly invoice also.

Your username is your account number with an extra 0 at the beginning. For example, if your account number is 001234, your username is 0001234. Your password is your BPay reference number. You are welcome to leave your password as your BPay reference number, but if you would like to change it, you can do so by logging onto eCentral which can be accessed via the portals section on the Meriden website.

Meriden School
 PO Box 78
 STRATHFIELD NSW 2135
 Phone: (61 2) 9752 9414 Fax: (61 2) 9752 9440
 Email: business.services@meriden.nsw.edu.au
 ABN: 99 000 020 762

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

ACCOUNT NUMBER 00XXXX

BPA Biller Code: 76703 Ref: XXXXX

Telephone & Internet Banking - BPA
 Confirm your bank or financial institution to make the payment from your cheque, savings, debit, credit card or transaction account. More info: www.bpay.com.au

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Your password is your BPay Reference, found here

Your username is your Account Number with an extra 0 at the beginning.
 For example, if your Account Number is 001234, your username is 0001234

Senior School Canteen

The Meriden Senior School canteen, known as Blue Bell Cafe, offers a wide range of healthy, seasonal foods and beverages.

Opening hours are from 7:30am until 4:00pm, Monday to Friday. It is also open on Saturdays from 7:30am to 12noon.

Students are encouraged to pre-order their lunches. However, meals can also be purchased from the canteen at lunchtime. The options for purchasing from the canteen are:

- pre-order lunch online by 8:00am through Flexischools;
- pre-order lunch at the canteen before school commences, paying by cash or Meriden ID Card linked to your Flexischools account; or
- purchase morning tea or lunch directly, using cash or Meriden ID Card linked to your Flexischools account.

How to register and order through Flexischools

1. Go to flexischools.com.au/parents or use the QR code below.

Register with Flexischools



2. Click “Sign up”.
3. Follow the prompts to create an account, including adding your daughter.
4. Top-up your account using VISA, Mastercard, PayPal or by direct deposit. Flexischools will email you a reminder when your account is running low.
5. To order, locate “Senior Lunch Meriden School” in the “Food” section.

How to link your daughter’s Meriden ID Card to your Flexischools account

Once you have set up your Flexischools account, navigate to “Students” and click on your daughter’s name and enter her Meriden ID Card number. If you wish, you can set a daily Flexischools spending limit. For your daughter to use her Meriden ID Card to make purchases from the canteen, money needs to be loaded on your Flexischools account.



Transport

School Opal Card

The School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) provides eligible school students with free or subsidised travel from home to school on public transport. Applications are made through the Transport NSW SSTS website, not through the School.

Applications should be made as soon as possible so that the card is ready when you commence. Cards are sent to the student's nominated address one or two weeks before the commencement of classes.

- Students currently without a School Opal Card will need to create a new application.
- Students currently holding a School Opal Card may need to update their details.

For more information go to:

1. <https://transportnsw.info/tickets-opal/ticket-eligibility-concessions/school-student-travel>

or use the QR code below.

More information
about a School
Opal Card



Meriden Bus Services

Meriden provides its own bus services to and from the following areas:

- Route 1: Taren Point, Miranda, Sylvania, Blakehurst, Hurstville, Beverly Hills, Strathfield
- Route 2: Woolwich, Hunters Hill, Gladesville, Tennyson Point, Putney, Rhodes, Concord West
- Route 3: Illawong, Alfords Point, Padstow Heights, Oatley, Strathfield
- Route 4: Balmain, Rozelle, Leichhardt, Dulwich Hill, Summer Hill, Enfield
- Route 5: Drummoyne, Russell Lea, Five Dock, Canada Bay, Concord
- Route 6: Concord, Breakfast Point, Cabarita, North Strathfield
- Route 7: Carlingford, Dundas, Ermington, Dundas Valley, Newington, Wentworth Point, Sydney Olympic Park
- Route 8: Clemton Park, Earlwood, Canterbury, Ashbury, Croydon Park, Campsie, Belmore, Belfield

Details of each route, timetables and an application form are available on the School website.

Applications can also be submitted via <https://orientation.meriden.nsw.edu.au/bus/> or by using the QR below.

Apply to use
the Meriden
Bus Service



Students must use their Meriden ID Card to tap on and off Meriden buses. Your student ID Card will be issued as soon as possible after you commence.

Music

There are many exciting music opportunities available to girls in the Senior School. All students are encouraged to be involved in the Music program through participation in music ensembles or through music tuition through the Meriden Music Academy.

Music ensembles

Meriden has a broad offering of cocurricular music ensembles. Large groups include choirs, orchestras, bands and string ensembles. Music ensembles are offered at all levels. An audition is required for advanced and chamber groups.

Performances occur regularly throughout the year at Meriden. There are concerts for large ensembles, recitals for soloists and smaller groups, twilight concerts for those taking individual instrumental or vocal tuition, assemblies and open days. Meriden musicians also take part in combined schools and community performances. There is an annual music camp at which all Meriden ensembles polish their skills, and advanced ensembles may undertake interstate and international tours.

Private music lessons through Meriden Music Academy

The Meriden Music Academy provides private tuition for students on all instruments including voice, as well as musicianship and speech and drama. Lessons are taught by qualified specialist teachers during the school day and after school, with some lessons also available on Saturdays.

Our Music Department staff are always happy to provide further details and answer any questions you may have about music at Meriden. Parents are invited to contact the Meriden Music Academy via email at musicacademy@meriden.nsw.edu.au or 9752 9478.

For further information about the Meriden Music Academy, please refer to the Meriden Music Academy brochure found on the Years 8-10 Orientation website, which can be accessed using the QR code below.

View the Meriden
Music Academy
Brochure



Alternatively, the Years 8-10 Orientation website and Meriden Music Academy brochure can be accessed via:
<https://orientation.meriden.nsw.edu.au/years-8-12/>

Senior School Major Ensembles Rehearsal Schedule

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Before school 7:15 – 8:15am	Wind Symphony Sectionals	Intermediate Singers	Intermediate Chamber Strings	Clarinet Ensemble	Concert Band
	Chamber Music	Chamber Music	Senior Chamber Strings	Percussion Ensemble	Madrigals
	Chapel Band A and B	Chamber Music	Symphony Orchestra Sectionals		
Lunchtime 12:30 – 1:05pm	Senior Singers	Choir	Chamber Music	Intermediate Singers	Concert Band Sectionals
	Rock Band A	Brass Ensemble	Big Band	Rock Band B	Club 88
	Flute Ensemble			Chamber Music	Chamber Music
After school 3:30 – 5:00pm	Wind Symphony		Symphony Orchestra	Senior Singers	Chapel Band C and D
			Sinfonia		



Senior School Major Ensembles

Auditions are required unless otherwise stated.

CHOIR	Years 7-12	All those who enjoy singing. No audition required.
INTERMEDIATE SINGERS	Years 7-9	Advanced or more experienced choral singers.
SENIOR SINGERS AND MADRIGALS	Years 9-12	Advanced or more experienced choral singers.
INSTRUMENT ENSEMBLES	Years 7-12	Brass Ensemble, Clarinet Ensemble, Flute Ensemble and Percussion Ensemble, all levels welcome.
CONCERT BAND	Years 7-12	All woodwind, brass and percussion players. Grade 1 AMEB and above.
WIND SYMPHONY	Years 7-12	Advanced woodwind, brass and percussion players. Grade 5 AMEB and above
BIG BAND	By invitation only	Advanced brass, saxophone, bass and percussion players.
SINFONIA	Years 5-12	All string, woodwind, brass and percussion players. Grade 3 AMEB and above.
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA	Years 7-12	Advanced string, woodwind, brass and percussion players. Grades 5-6 AMEB and above.
STRING ORCHESTRA	Years 7-12	All string players. Prelim/Grade 1 and above. No audition required.
INTERMEDIATE CHAMBER STRINGS	Years 7-12	Intermediate string players. Grade 3 AMEB and above.
SENIOR CHAMBER STRINGS	Years 7-12	Advanced string players. All players must be in the Symphony Orchestra. Grade 6 AMEB and above.
CHAMBER MUSIC	By invitation only	Advanced players in trios, quartets and quintets. Grades 5–6 AMEB and above.
TRIOS, QUARTETS AND QUINTETS	Years 7-12	Instrumental combinations vary according to the musicians who are at the required level each year. Combinations may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – string trio, quartet, quintet – woodwind trio, quartet, quintet – brass quartet, quintet – piano trio
CHAPEL BAND	Years 7-12	Contemporary Christian music including vocals, piano, guitar, bass, drums and lead instruments.
ROCK BAND	Years 7-12	Rock music including vocals, piano, guitar, bass, drums and lead instruments.
CLUB 88	Years 7-12	Open to all pianists. No audition required.

Sport

Sport is an important part of school life at Meriden. Through sport, girls are provided with the opportunity to stay healthy, develop their skills and fitness and make friends quickly, not only in their immediate class or year group, but also across the student body. This assists with their integration into the culture of the School.

Meriden requires every student in Years 7-9 to accumulate at least two sporting points in 2024. Students can participate in sport in any or all school terms and, as long as students achieve a minimum of two points over the year, sport is not compulsory in Term 1.

For all information about sport at Meriden, including sports offered in each term and how to accumulate points, please refer to the Meriden Sport Handbook found on the Years 8-10 Orientation website, which can be accessed using the QR code below.

View the Meriden
Sport Handbook



Alternatively, access the Years 8-10 Orientation website and Meriden Sport Handbook via this link:
<https://orientation.meriden.nsw.edu.au/years-8-12/>

Sport Registration

The Sports Department will contact you with details on how to register for sport for your first term at Meriden.

Swimming Ability

In PDHPE lessons, students participate in a range of swimming activities, water safety and rescue skills. If students are unable to swim unassisted for 50 metres in varying levels of depth, they are encouraged to sign up for external swimming lessons prior to their commencement at Meriden.

The Royal Life Saving (Australia) website has excellent information for young people who are swimming and participating in water-based activities:
royallifesaving.com.au/educate-participate

Cocurricular activities

In addition to sport and music, Meriden's extensive range of cocurricular activities, clubs and groups provides opportunities for every student to discover new interests, make new friends and develop important life skills such as teamwork, cooperation and leadership.

All clubs and groups contain a mix of students from multiple school years. Clubs and groups usually meet weekly, either before school, at lunchtime or after school.

Information about cocurricular activities, including a timetable and registration details, will be available on commencement.

Students will have the opportunity to participate in the following activities. Activities are open to students in Years 8-12 unless stated otherwise.

- Ambassadors (Year 10)
- Art Club
- Cadets – Trinity Grammar School Army Cadet Unit (Years 8-12)
- Chess Club
- Composition Club
- Da Vinci Decathlon (application required)
- Debating
- Drama Club (Years 7-8)
- Duke of Edinburgh's International Award (Years 9-12)
- Fab Lab
- Green Team
- Interact (Years 10-11)
- Library Committee
- Manga Anime Club
- Media Team
- Philosophy Club
- Public Speaking Clubs. Festival of Speech (Years 8-11) and Competitions
- Radio Club
- Science Clubs
- Student Christian Groups
- Student Representative Council
- Tech Angels (Years 8-11)
- Tech Club
- Theatresports (Years 9-12)
- Tournament of Minds (application required)
- Writing Group



Student Christian Group

At Meriden, the Student Christian Group (SCG) meets weekly in year groups. Many students from Years 7-12 choose to attend these lunchtime groups, and all girls are welcome to come along. Girls read from the Bible, discuss topics that relate to everyday life, pray together, enjoy games and have a lot of fun.

The girls form new friendships with those outside their regular classes and also with their Year 11 leaders, creating an added network of Christian support and care. At the end of Year 12, many Meriden girls reflect on the role that the Student Christian Group has played in their individual lives, journeys of faith and the formation of strong and long-lasting friendships.

The Chaplaincy team would love to answer any questions about the ministries operating within Meriden and look forward to meeting you and your daughter.

You can contact the Chaplain, Rev Clayton Moss, at cmoss@meriden.nsw.edu.au or phone 9752 9439.



The Meriden Community

Meriden encourages parental involvement in a wide range of activities. Support for the students through attendance at sporting matches, music concerts, plays and special events is greatly appreciated by all participants.

There are also a number of associations in which parents may be involved. These groups make an invaluable contribution to the School's resources and play a pivotal role in the community life of the School.

Some opportunities for involvement are outlined below.

Parents and Friends' Association (P and F)

The P and F usually meets the first Monday evening of each month during term time and organises social events and fundraising activities. The main activities during the year which are organised by the P and F are the Welcome to Meriden Evening for new parents and the Mother's Day and Father's Day events.

The Meriden Foundation

The Foundation was established in 1992 in conjunction with the School's 95th birthday. Its aim is to provide resources to maintain a high standard of educational excellence and guarantee the future independence of the School. This is done through special events and the encouragement of contributions to the Building Fund (tax deductible), together with bequests. The Foundation holds fundraising events each year, which all parents are welcome to attend.

Friends of Meriden Sport (FOMS)

Friends of Meriden Sport was formed in 2012 with the aim of supporting the wide-ranging sports program available to students at Meriden. Activities undertaken by the Friends of Meriden Sport help to increase interest in the sports program and raise funds for resources and other requirements. The aim is to help students achieve their goals and encourage the love of sport in those around them. Involvement is open to all parents who wish to support their daughters in their chosen sport.





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