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Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whanau,

Darfield High School Enrolment information for 2024

During Term 4 our school will commence an induction programme to welcome new students and their parents/caregivers to Darfield High School. Hopefully you will find our approach a thorough and personalised one for you and your child. Naturally there will be a certain sense of apprehension about enrolling your child owing to the many changes involved. We are very confident however, that your child will settle in quickly and enjoy the many benefits and opportunities that Darfield High School has to offer.

Initial visit to Contributing Schools - 10th - 13th October

The Principal or Deputy Principal of Darfield High School will visit contributing schools to distribute enrolment information containing how to enrol, where to find important information about uniform and stationery etc.

Enrolment Forms and accompanying information (copy of Birth Certificate, confirmation of in-zone address) to be with the school by Friday 4th November.

Darfield High School enrolments are completed electronically via our school website: www.darfield.school.nz/enrolment/ Any documents you are unable to upload can be dropped into the school office during school hours. Out of Zone enrolment information is found on our school website.

Induction Visits to Contributing Schools - 6th - 10th November

The Principal, Deputy Principal and Dean will visit contributing schools to carry out enrolment information gathering. The Principal, along with former students from each school, will speak to Year 6 students and allow a discussion time that will take approximately an hour. The Deputy Principal and Dean will meet with Year 6 teachers during this time.

Contributing Schools Orientation Visit – Friday 1st December

Year 6 students will visit Darfield High School for a whole day of activities in our Year 7 learning area where they will meet their 2024 teacher and classmates.

Learning Support and SENCo

Lesley Pengelly is our school's Learning Support and SENCo, her contact email is: lp@darfield.school.nz

If your child requires extra support, either in the classroom or during this transition period please contact Lesley directly to organise a meeting and any support required.

Lesley has been in contact with our contributing schools and some extra transition support has been actioned for a few students.



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Start of 2024 Information

- Stationery Lists are found on our school website <u>www.darfield.school.nz/stationery/</u>
- Uniform requirements and where to purchase www.darfield.school.nz/our-uniform/
- Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) information is found www.darfield.school.nz/blended-learning-byod/
- First day of school is Tuesday 30 January, Year 7s and their Peer Support Buddy Senior students spend the day together so our new students know who else they can go to for any help they may need.
 - Students need to be in full correct uniform, waiting outside the main gate for our Welcome Mihi Whakatau and Assembly. Please make sure your child brings their PE gear, stationery and a packed lunch for the day.

Hopefully Parents/Caregivers/Whānau and Students will find our programme supportive and welcoming. Any further communications to you will be distributed via email once the enrolment form has been completed and In-Zone status verified.

Please feel free to contact Darfield High School main office to speak to any of our Transition Team (Principal, Deputy Principal, Year 7 Dean) at any stage of the induction process to clarify any information or to discuss concerns.

Kind regards

Andy England Principal Nicola Turner Deputy Principal Years 7 - 10 Jill Heaps Year 7 Dean