

## Aquinas High School Satellite class Information Sheet for Parents



Aquinas is one of eleven sites that make up South East Sydney School. Our school is part of Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect) and as such is covered by all Aspect's policies and procedures.

There are five classes at Aquinas College. Two Stage 4 classes, two Stage 5 classes and one Stage 6 class. All classes follow the High School Life Skills curriculum, non-Atar HSC pathway.

Official school hours are 8.40am to 3.00pm. Students arrive at school in the morning between 8.40-9.00am and are dismissed at 2.45pm Monday to Thursday and 2.30pm on Friday's.

In the event of wet weather students will remain inside their classroom. Morning tea is between 11.00-11.30am and lunch from 1.30-2pm. All food is consumed outside in the Aquinas playground.

Students are dismissed to parents or taken to Assisted School Transport at 2.45pm. Students are dismissed to parents or assisted transport at the Aquinas back gate on Forestgrove Drive. When entering the Aquinas unit outside of drop off hours please ensure you enter via the main Aquinas office and sign in. The main Aquinas office is located on Anzac Road.

The summer uniform at Aquinas is worn in terms 1 and 4 and winter uniform is worn throughout terms 2 and 3. Uniforms can be purchased from Lowes at Menai. Sports Uniform must be purchased at the Aquinas school office. Teachers will indicate sport day/s to you and may specify required equipment. Please note that the Aquinas school uniform standards must be adhered to by all students, this includes males being cleanly shaven, hair off the face so as not to impede vision. Girls hair must be tied back. Boys must wear their hair above the collar and it must be uniform length.

Students are encouraged to wear closed school shoes or sand shoes all year. We encourage sun safety so please ensure you purchase and send in the college school cap each day.

When students are sick parents are requested to contact the school as well as supply a note for the teacher to be kept in the school roll as per policy on the child's return. Parents can use the SkoolBag app to inform the school that your child is absent. We request that families keep students at home until they are well.

The Principal at Aspect South East Sydney School is Joanne Tisdell. Joanne can usually be contacted at the Peakhurst unit on 8556 5800 or at our Loftus unit on 9521 8499. The Coordinator for the Aquinas unit is Hannah Spencer. Hannah can be contacted on 0481 902 631.

Thank you for taking the time to read some important information about the Aspect Aquinas unit.