

### Start Dates

#### ID/Snapper Cards

New cards must be ordered and paid for at the office on Thursday 7 February - payment may be made by logging onto the Onslow College Payment Portal and clicking on the "Pay Student Fee" icon after 18 January **or** by internet banking (Bank Account – ASB, Lambton Quay A/c No 12 3174 0265002 00) – please include student name and ID to appear on our statement. The cost is \$10 (annually) for an ID card or \$20 for an ID Snapper Card, valid for five years and able to be used on buses and at some retail outlets.

Parents/Caregivers will be sent an invitation in December 2018, inviting them to join the Onslow College Parent Portal, which will give you access to the Payment Portal.

#### Sports Registrations

Should your Student choose to participate in Sport please note that Sport Fees are compulsory. All Sports Registrations must be made online. You will receive an email in mid-December outlining the process for online registration. **Registrations must be completed by Thursday 24 January** and Summer Sport Fees must be paid within two weeks of being invoiced to Student School Account (unless you have an agreed payment plan with the Sports Department). If students encounter issues with online registration they will need to come to the Sports Office at the College on 7 February (First day of school) to register.

#### **Music Lessons**

Information about itinerant music lessons will be issued at the start of the year also.

#### **Stationery**

Stationery list - the school does not handle bulk stationery although an online option is available through OfficeMax MySchool <https://www.myschool.co.nz/onslow>.

#### BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)

It is our expectation that all students will have laptops to further support their studies and bring them from 7 February 2019. The rationale for this can be found on the Onslow College website (link). As well as a laptop, students should bring earphones or headphones. We recommend a mouse but some students may prefer not to use one. We advise students to clearly label their laptops.

Please note that Chrome Books are not supported by the School at this time.

If buying a laptop would cause financial hardship for your family, please ask your parent/caregiver to contact me at [katie.mcfarlane@onslow.school.nz](mailto:katie.mcfarlane@onslow.school.nz). I will pass this to the BYOD administrator and we will contact your family to discuss an alternative arrangement.

#### Buses

Buses will run as normal from Thursday 7 February. See website for bus information.

#### Year 9 Camp

Click here for information about the Year 9 Camp, along with the Consent, Risk and Disclosure and Health Profile Form

If you have any questions about your options or about the beginning of the year, please contact me by email.

Enjoy your holidays - I look forward to meeting you at the start of next year.

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