



STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

DETAIL	
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CONNECT

- Students are encouraged to understand the importance of and take responsibility for consistent attendance
- Attend school every day as a priority. Early closure days and non-teaching days such as Sports Carnivals and Thomas More Day are **still important**
- Provide a **signed diary note** to explain every absence
- Engage in a conversation with Wellbeing Mentors and your Year Level Leader regarding reason for extended absences.

Helpful Hits

- If you are anxious about school for whatever reason it is important to discuss this with an adult at home and at the College
- Taking days off for **catching up on work puts you further behind** – talk to your teacher and set up a plan
- If there is a planned absence for a valid reason – inform your teachers.

PUNCTUALITY

- Students are to arrive at the College no later than 8:30am
- Immediately on arrival, students are to prepare everything they need for Lesson 1 and 2 (+WB if appropriate) and place school bag in their locker
- **No student is permitted to go to their locker after the morning bell**
- Students are to wait near their Lesson 1 classroom so that they are ready to enter immediately when the 8:35am bell sounds.

Helpful Hints

Evenings

- Ensure the appropriate uniform is clean and ready to wear
- Ensure that the College device is on charge before you go to bed. Set an alarm to allow plenty of time for you to get ready for school and arrive on time
- Get to bed at a reasonable time to allow at least 8-10 hours sleep
- Stop use of technology 30 - 60 minutes before bed to allow your mind to settle and prepare for sleep.

Mornings

- Get out of bed when the alarm sounds and promptly get ready for school
- Eat a nutritious breakfast.

If you are going to be late, ensure that you have a signed diary note to explain the lateness.

UNIFORM

- Students are encouraged to establish and develop routines that ensure the correct uniform is worn in a clean and presentable manner
 - This includes only wearing PE uniform on specified PE days
 - This also includes wearing the correct shoes for Design Tech
- Students need to be responsible for their own personal hygiene
- Students need to adhere to all uniform guidelines in the student diary and to promptly attend to issues once they are raised by staff.

RESPECT AND ACTING WITH INTEGRITY

At Thomas More College, we believe that:

- In some ways we are all the same. We all have feelings, needs and beliefs
- In some ways we are all different. We all have different personalities, talents and cultural backgrounds
- Life is better for everyone if we respect ourselves, each other and the environment.

To show respect for others we should:

- Don't insult people or make fun of them
- Listen to others when they speak
- Value other people's opinions
- Be considerate of people's likes and dislikes
- Don't mock or tease people
- Don't talk about people behind their backs
- Be sensitive to other people's feelings
- Don't pressure someone to do something he or she doesn't want to do.

We live in a diverse nation made up of many different cultures, languages, races, and backgrounds. That kind of variety can make all our lives a lot more fun and interesting, but only if we get along with each other.

- Try to learn something from the other person
- Never stereotype people
- Show interest and appreciation for other people's cultures and backgrounds
- Don't go along with prejudices and racist attitudes.