

Additional Information for Parents

School Hours

The Australian Science and Mathematics School day commences at 8:40am and concludes at 3:20pm. Student access to the school is from 7:45am to 4:30pm. On Tuesday's formal lessons end at 1:00pm. Students are welcome to stay until 3:20pm to access the supervised tutoring support program.

School Dress Code

The ASMS is proud to support a culture of respect and inclusivity. With this comes a responsibility to students to choose their school clothing using the following guidelines. These have been written to incorporate both WHS and transcultural sensitivity:

- Shoes need to cover the foot whilst working in the laboratory or Ideation Studio.
- Shoes need to have a backstrap or heel.
- Tops should cover undergarments and the midriff (belly).
- Pants should cover undergarments and the upper thigh.
- Hair should be tied back whilst working with laboratory or Ideation Studio equipment.
- Labels on clothing should not endorse alcohol, drugs or potentially threatening or offensive behaviour.
- Students should ensure that they, and their clothes, are clean and well presented.

We support students in making these choices by having one-on-one, supportive conversations when necessary, aiming to assist students in dressing appropriately for our school environment. At times we may need your support in assisting your child with their dress choices. We appreciate your cooperation with these conversations.

Student Absences

Please contact the school before 8.30am if your child is going to be absent or late. Phone 8201 5686 or email info@asms.sa.edu.au. Parents will receive an SMS if your child is absent without a reason, please ensure you respond to this message.

Graphic Calculators

At the Australian Science and Mathematics School we have incorporated the use of graphics calculators into our mathematics and science curriculum. All students are therefore required to have their own Graphics Calculators for school assessment purposes and for SACE Year 11 and 12 semester and end-of-year exams.

The school's preferred Graphics calculators (SACE approved) are:

- Casio fx-CG50 AU
- Texas Instruments TI-84 + CE

Learning Studies Groups 2023

In 2023 we are moving to having 20 Learning Studies Groups, and so have renumbered the groups which means that around half the Learning Studies Groups are changing number while the student groups remain together. All families of students who attended ASMS in 2022 whose groups have changed have already been informed

Health Care Plans

If your child currently has a Health Care Plan (e.g. Individual First Aid Plan, Asthma Care Plan) please ensure you provide the school with a copy. Please contact Kellie Cassidy on 8201 5686 for more information or copies of forms.

Meningococcal Vaccinations (Year 10 Students Only)

The ASMS will be a part of the School Immunisation Program. This includes all Year 10 students having access to the Meningococcal Vaccinations. Parent/Guardians/Carers of students being offered immunisation are required to complete, sign and return the consent form to the school for collection by Mitcham City Council even if consent is refused. This will ensure that Council meets its reporting responsibilities to SA Health.

Consent forms will be given to students on the first day of school, please ensure forms are returned by **Friday 10 February 2023**.

Student Drivers/Parking

Students are permitted to drive a motor vehicle to school. If your child will be driving, please complete a **Student Use of a Motor Vehicle** form (available from Upstairs Reception) and return it before the student commences driving to school. A new form is required each year.

A valid parking permit is needed in all Flinders University carparks and is organised at the student's expense direct with Flinders University.

Learning Conversations

Learning Conversations are an important aspect of the learning culture at the ASMS. It is an opportunity for your child to reflect and celebrate their growth in their Learner Attributes across the year. It is an expectation that all ASMS students will lead a Learning Conversation with their Learning Studies teacher and a caregiver.

Learning Conversations take place in Term 1 and 3.

School Reports

School reports will be available online in 2023. If you require a hard copy of the report, please contact the school.