

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 Monday to Thursday and 7:45am to 3:45pm on Friday. On Tuesday formal lessons end at 1:00pm. Students are welcome to access the supervised tutoring support program from 1:30pm to 3:20pm.

School Dress Code

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

- Shoes need to be closed, ie cover the feet, as students will be working in spaces with hazardous equipment.
- Shoes need to have a backstrap or heel.
- Undergarments should be completely covered.
- Bodies should be covered from shoulders to legs, including the midriff and upper thighs
- Hair must be tied back whilst working with laboratory or Ideation Studio equipment.
- Labels on clothing should not endorse or promote alcohol, drugs or potentially threatening or offensive behaviour and should not be offensive.
- Students should ensure that they, and their clothes, are clean.

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. Students who do not come to school appropriately dressed may be asked to wear clothing to cover themselves or their logos, including school-provided lab coats if required.

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 their child is absent without a reason, and we ask that you respond to this message.

If students are unwell during the day and need to be collected, they should inform from reception and the school will contact home.

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 Front Reception 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 2 February 2024**.

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.

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.

Students are not to drive motor vehicles during the school day other than to and from school, unless specific arrangements are made as part of an excursion.

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

School Reports

School reports will be available online in at the end of Term 2 and Term 4. If you require a hard copy of the report, please contact the school.