

# Hagley Junior College

# FAQs



**Q** How many Junior classes will there be at Hagley in 2018?

**A** Five Year 9 classes, five Year 10 classes, and one Targeted Learning class.

**Q** What are the school times?

**A** Classes start at 8.40 every day, but 10am on Wednesdays. Morning tea is 10.30-11am (not Wednesdays). Lunch is 12.00-12.45 every day. Classes finish every day at 2.45pm.

**Q** How many students per class?

**A** Literacy Enhancement classes have 20 students, other Junior classes have 25 students, Targeted Learning has 16 students.

**Q** Who are my go-to people if I have concerns?

**A** Your Form Tutor, Anna Williams (Year 9 Dean), Anne Farrall (College Nurse), one of the Counsellors, Suzanne Waters (Director of the Junior College) or Rowan Milburn (Deputy Principal Student Wellbeing).

**Q** Do Year 9 students choose their subjects?

**A** No, they do **ALL** the Core Subjects which run for the whole year, and they do **ALL** the Year 9 Module Subjects, which run for two hours per week for 7 weeks.

**Q** Do Year 10 students choose OPTIONS?

**A** Yes, there is a wide variety to choose from.

**Q** How do I achieve the Hagley Credits in the Junior College?

**A** By having excellent attendance, working hard and being a responsible and respectful class member.

**Q** Is there help available for students who are behind in their learning or need extension?

**A** Yes, we have a strong Learning Support department. We look at individual student needs and work out the best approach to meet them. Support provided might be one-on-one tuition, small group work, a modified programme or other appropriate intervention.

**Q** Once I'm enrolled, do I get to spend time at Hagley getting to know the campus and staff before starting next year?

**A** Yes, we have an Orientation Evening for all new Year 9s and their parents/caregivers in November. You get to meet your Form Tutor and your classmates for next year. Parents get to meet each other. Your Form Tutor will talk to you about their role and will take you around the campus again, plus there are lots of opportunities to ask questions. The first day of the year in 2018 is also an Orientation Day so you will be very familiar with the College before starting classes.

**Q Are there extra transition opportunities for students who are anxious about starting high school?**

**A** Yes, we run a morning Transition Group in November for anyone who needs some extra support through this process.  
See Suzanne Waters if you want more information about this.

**Q Can I do Music Lessons through school?**

**A** Yes, we have a wide range of tuition available. Lessons are usually free and are timetabled in class or break times. The lessons are taken by the Itinerant Teachers of Music. Signing up for lessons can be done in Learning to Learn classtime or at the Music sign-up desk during Orientation at the start of the year. Students are able to join/form bands.

**Q Does Hagley offer sports?**

**A** Yes, we have a lot of different sports teams you can join. The teams compete against other Christchurch high schools. Sign up is simple – either at the Sports sign-up desk during Orientation at the start of the year or through your PE teacher.

**Q Are there Clubs that I can join?**

**A** Yes, there are lots of different ones. Some of them are: Environment Group, Chess, Miniatures and Wargaming, Robotics, Amnesty International, Debating, Creative Writing, Duke of Edinburgh, Spirit of Adventure, 40 Hour Famine, Choir, LBGTQ and Rock Climbing.

**Q Are there Lockers for students?**

**A** Yes, check at Reception on how to get one. There's a small deposit which you will get back at the end of the year.

**Q How do I know what's going on at the school?**

**A** We run a Daily Notices system (internet and on noticeboards), plus the screens in the Cafe and main foyer show important notices. The Hagley Website and Hagley Facebook page also keep you up to date with what's happening in the College. Monthly newsletters are emailed home.

**Q Where do I go for lunch if it is wet outside?**

**A** The Cafe, or in the corridors where there are seats. The Library is a great place to go once you've finished eating.

**Q Does the College provide stationery?**

**A** Yes. Each of the subject teachers will hand out the stationery for the class. Students will need to supply their own pens, rulers, pencils, erasers etc. Parents will receive an invoice in Term 1 for fees and stationery.

**Q How do I pay for school fees?**

**A** These can be paid either in one go or in instalments. Internet banking is an easy option. The Enrolment Centre handles all payments.

**Q Can parents check their child's attendance online?**

**A** Yes, we run a "live" attendance system. Staff mark attendance each hour and parents can access this via the Parent Portal on the Hagley Website. Usernames and passwords are sent out at the start of the year. The same system works for checking NCEA results once students are in the Senior College.