



FAMILY HANDBOOK

2026

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BANKSIA PARK INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL KEY CONTACT INFORMATION

SCHOOL ADDRESS:	610 Milne Road Banksia Park SA 5091
TELEPHONE:	8264 8122
WEBSITE:	www.bpihs.sa.edu.au
EMAIL: (General enquiries)	dl.1117.info@schools.sa.edu.au
SCHOOL HOURS:	8.45am – 3.05pm
OFFICE HOURS:	8.15am – 4.00pm

- Staff will be on duty providing supervision from 8.25am on school grounds.
- A bell will sound 5 minutes prior to the first lesson at 8.40am.
- Students will need to arrive at school prior to this time to access lockers and prepare for the day ahead.
- The **official start time** of each day will be **8.45am**.
- The **official finish time** will be **3.05pm**.
- Staff will be on duty providing supervision until 3.25pm in the school yard.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8.25 AM to 8.45 AM	AM YARD SUPERVISION				
8.45 AM to 9.40 AM	L1	L1	L1	L1	L1
9.40 AM to 10.30 AM	L2	Student Life	L2	Student Life	L2
10.30 AM to 10.50 AM	RECESS				
10.50 AM to 11.45 AM	L3	L3	L3	L3	L3
11.45 AM to 12.35 PM	L4	L4	L4	L4	L4
12.35 PM to 1.15 PM	LUNCH				
1.15 PM to 2.10 PM	L5	L5	L5	L5	L5
2.10 PM to 3.05 PM	L6	L6	L6	L6	L6
3.05 PM to 3.25 PM	PM YARD SUPERVISION				

BANKSIA PARK INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

VISION VALUES MISSION MOTTO

**EDUCATING GLOBAL
CITIZENS FOR GLOBAL
FUTURES**

To us, this means:

- Preparing students, staff and families for success
- Equipping students to excel, anywhere they go
- Providing authentic learning experiences
- Valuing transferrable skills and personal responsibility.

We define Global Citizenship as thinking and acting as global citizens.

Global citizenship is captured in our 7 global citizenship practices:

- Develop our identity and place in the world
- Are empathetic
- Serve our community
- Commit to intercultural learning
- Practice ethical understanding
- Engage with Sustainable Practices
- Practice inclusion, via diversity, equity and anti-racism.

**PIRKU
KAURNA FOR
'COMMUNITY'**

PERSEVERANCE

We will persevere through challenges, embrace discomfort, learn from mistakes while striving for excellence and continuous growth.

INTEGRITY

We will do the right thing, even when no one is looking.

RESPECT & RESPONSIBILITY

We are respectful and take responsibility for ourselves, others and our community. Our interactions and communication are guided by kindness.

**KNOWLEDGEABLE, AMBITIOUS
LEARNERS**

We are learners who are open-minded and driven by learning success.

UNITY

We embrace, accept and celebrate our similarities and differences.

**LEARNER AGENCY;
EVERY STUDENT,
EVERY DAY**

Students are learner agents driving their own academic programs, social developments, and commitments to the greater good.

At BPIHS, we believe every student is a leader of their own learner agency as they learn and thrive.

Our community commits to being the best version of themselves, as holistic learners.

It is this motto we use to coach each other, challenge each other and together, find our best way forward.

At Banksia Park International High School, high-quality learning and teaching is captured in making meaningful impact as local, national and global citizens who are innovative thinkers and lifelong learners.



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COMMUNICATION

WHOLE SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

BPIHS regularly communicates with parents/caregivers via Daymap, EdSmart emails, SMS and telephone. To keep up with what's been happening around the school, don't forget to check out our socials!



Please follow us on our social media pages
and website to keep up to date with what's going on at BPIHS.



EdSmart

We keep families informed and engaged via EdSmart our communication platform. Here's how we use it:

Broadcasts

- *What They Are:* Broadcasts are used to share important information with families. These messages do not require a response.
- *Examples:* You can expect updates about school events, policy changes, reminders, and general announcements.
- *How It Works:* Information is sent via email ensuring everyone receives the same message promptly.

Parent Slips

- *What They Are:* Parent slips are used to gain permission or acknowledgment from parents or caregivers for various activities.
- *Examples:* These may include camps, excursions, incursions, and movie permissions.

COMMUNICATION cont.

- *How It Works:* You will receive a digital slip through email, allowing you to review and respond easily. This process simplifies collecting consents, making it quick to indicate your approval or any concerns, payments can also be made through these slips.

Benefits of EdSmart

- *Efficiency:* Reduces paperwork and streamlines communication, making it easier for you to stay informed.
- *Accessibility:* Receive updates and respond from your devices, ensuring timely communication regarding school activities.

SMS Communication

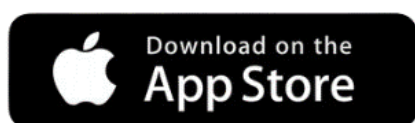
- *Purpose:* For non-advised non-attendance, urgent communications and reminders, we use SMS. This ensures that critical information reaches you promptly.
- *Response Option:* Parents/caregivers have the option to respond to these SMS messages if they wish, allowing for quick communication.

PARENT/CAREGIVER/TEACHER COMMUNICATION

Daymap Companion

Teachers primarily communicate about your child's learning through the Daymap Parent Portal and emails. The Daymap app serves as a central hub for parents/caregivers to track their child's progress, with live academic results and reporting features that allow you to monitor achievements and overall progress. You can also check your child's attendance and notify the school of any absences directly through the app, making it a convenient tool for staying updated on your child's school experience.

Download the **Daymap Companion** app here.



PARENT / CAREGIVER INVOLVEMENT AT BPIHS

Banksia Park International High School (BPIHS) deeply values the participation and involvement of parents and caregivers in our school community. We believe the school is a shared space for students, staff, and parents/caregivers alike, fostering a collaborative environment that enriches the educational experience. BPIHS is well-regarded for its commitment to community values and inclusive partnerships.

The Governing Council, as the school's governing body, meets twice each term to address essential matters such as policy development, master planning, facilities, and finances. Council members are elected from the parent body at an Annual General Meeting (AGM) held at the start of each school year, ensuring that parents and caregivers play an active role in shaping the school's direction.

Additionally, we welcome parents and caregivers to contribute through our Finance and Uniform Committees. Parents and caregivers may nominate to serve on these committees without needing to be members of the Governing Council, offering a flexible way for families to engage with and support key areas of school operations.

We also conduct Learning Conversations once a year, usually at the beginning of Term 2. This is an opportunity for you to meet with your child's teachers, review their progress, and discuss how they are tracking. Through these ongoing opportunities, BPIHS reinforces its dedication to building a strong, inclusive community where every voice is valued.

ATTENDANCE MANAGEMENT

Punctuality

Please ensure that all students arrive at school ready for the morning bell at 8.40am. It is important that children arrive on time to prevent disruptions to the class routine.

Reporting an Absence

It is vital that all parents/caregivers inform the school of a student absence before 8.40am using one of the following methods:

- Daymap: Absence Notification (preferred method of communication)
- Text: 0418 712 741
- Absentee Line: 8264 8122 (Press 1)
- Email: dl.1117.info@schools.sa.edu.au

If a call or email has not been received, the school will contact parents/caregivers via SMS at approximately 9.30am each day to confirm the student's whereabouts. If an SMS is received, a response providing an explanation for the absence is required.

Late Arrival

Students who arrive after 8.45am must sign in at Student Services before going to their class.

Early Departure

If a student needs to leave the school during school hours (e.g., for a dental or doctor's appointment), permission may be given by a parent/caregiver via Daymap message, email, text to the school, or phone call. If permission has not been provided, the parent/caregiver will be phoned to confirm. All students must sign out at Student Services prior to leaving the school grounds.

ATTENDANCE MANAGEMENT cont.,

Holiday Leave

If your child will be absent for a family holiday of one week or more, please complete an "Application for Exemption from School" form and return it to the Office at least two weeks before the intended absence. This is a government requirement; the forms are available from the Front Office and can be emailed to you, or you or your child can be given a hard copy.

SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS

Before School

Morning supervision in the school yard begins at 8.25am.

After School

Our school provides supervised duty from 3.05pm to 3.25pm.

The Resource Centre is open from around 8.20am if your child wishes to attend to catch up on homework or read before school.

WELLBEING

We are pleased to have a dedicated Wellbeing Team to support our students' mental and emotional health. If your child is feeling overwhelmed by friendships, schoolwork, family issues, or mental health concerns, they can reach out for support from our team members at any time. Parents/caregivers can also request an RUOK check if they feel their child may need some extra support. All students are welcome to arrange a wellbeing catch-up whenever they feel the need to talk with someone. This can be done via the Wellbeing Request tab on SharePoint, via Daymap or by visiting the Wellbeing/First Aid Office.

Our Wellbeing Team includes:

Assistant Principal: Kiri McWaters

Assistant Principal: Marika Pitman

Student Wellbeing Leaders: Nick Cava and Cheryl Raso

Clinical Psychologist: Larissa Lucas

Wellbeing Support Officer: Nicole Pamula

This team is here to help students feel safe, supported, and connected.

We are also pleased to share our online resource SchoolTV; a wellbeing initiative to provide information and strategies to support our common goal of better wellbeing outcomes for students. You can find the link to SchoolTV under the Parent Portal tab on the website, or directly at <https://bpihs.sa.schooltv.me/> or you may see some relevant posts on our socials.



WELLBEING cont.

We are fortunate to have In-School Psychology services providing bulk-billed psychological services to young people with a mental health care plan. The unique service is offered on site and provides outstanding and comprehensive services to assist young people and their families.

Student Life

Student Life

Our newly revitalised Extended Care Group Program now called **STUDENT LIFE** is designed to foster a culture of learning and uphold high expectations for all learners.

This innovative program aims to equip students with the capabilities necessary for thriving in global futures.

This holistic approach ensures that our students are well-prepared to meet the challenges of the future with confidence and competence.

The program is structured around four interconnected strands:



WELLBEING

At BPIHS, we nurture resilient individuals who are emotionally intelligent and socially connected, fostering a supportive environment where every member of our community thrives.



GLOBAL & DIGITAL CITIZENS

At BPIHS, our students are ethical and proactive global and digital citizens, embracing diversity, and actively contributing to local and global communities with respect and positivity.



SELF-IDENTITY

At BPIHS, our students embrace their unique strengths, qualities, and abilities, cultivating a strong sense of self-worth and pride in their individual identities.



FUTURES & PATHWAYS

At BPIHS, our students possess the essential skills to communicate effectively and think critically and creatively, empowering them to proactively shape their futures with confidence and purpose.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

At BPIHS we have an on-site First Aid room located at Student Services. All student medication and up-to-date action plans are stored in the First Aid room in a locked cupboard that can only be accessed and administered as required by a qualified first-aid officer.

Medication such as asthma puffers and EpiPens will accompany your child on school excursions, camps and to other off-site venues.

In the interest of keeping a healthy environment for all our staff and students, any child who is unwell or showing any indication of illness should NOT be sent to school.

Special conditions/health requirements: All parents/caregivers must complete a student medical and health record at the time of enrolment. This must be updated every year or whenever there is a change in the student's medical condition.

CURRICULUM

Year 7, 8 & 9 students' study across the eight learning areas – The Arts, Design & Technology, English, Health & Physical Education, Humanities and Social Sciences, Languages, Mathematics and Science.

It is here where your student will have their first experience of multiple subjects in different areas of the school. They will also have the chance to meet students from other year levels when they connect for House assemblies, activities and club events.

At BPIHS we understand that our purpose is to set our young people up to learn, and to thrive in the world. We also understand that our role is to make the biggest difference we can to the students in front of us right now. At BPIHS the Australian Curriculum achievement standards set the expectations for what we want our learners to know, understand and do for students in years 7 – 10, we teach the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) in year 11 and 12. We embrace natural evidence of learning and we are working towards ensuring our local curriculum meets the needs of our learners and is tailored to our school community.

To see the 2026 Curriculum Guide please visit <https://bpihs.sa.edu.au/junior-school/>

MOBILE PHONES

The Department for Education's policy requires all students at all department schools to keep personal devices 'off and away' between the start and end of each school day, and while they are attending school activities offsite, such as camps and excursions. Students will not be able to access their personal devices at any time during school hours, unless they have received an approved exemption from the school to use the device for a specific, agreed reason. This means both physical access and remote access (e.g., connecting with the personal device via hotspot or using paired headphones).

Students are permitted to bring personal devices to school:

- as a measure to ensure their safety while travelling to and from school
- so that parents/caregivers and part-time employers can contact them outside of school hours

MOBILE PHONES cont.

- so they can be contacted about a person under their own care, where applicable
- to be used during school hours in line with an exemption that has been approved by the school under the Mobile Phone Policy.

While students are at school, or attending school activities, they must comply with any reasonable directions given by school staff in line with this policy regarding their personal devices.

CYBERSAFETY

The ICT User Agreement for students clearly outlines their rights and responsibilities when using any devices. It is essential that students understand and follow these guidelines to ensure a safe and respectful digital environment. For additional information on how to support cybersafety at home, please visit the eSafety website: www.esafety.gov.au.

HOMEWORK

Student homework expectations begin with students developing positive out of school learning habits. Homework expectations are communicated by individual teachers and recorded on Daymap lessons.

LOCKERS

Locker Hire: \$5.00 per year.

- Purpose: Lockers are designated for storing school bags, books, recess, and lunch.
- Locks: Students are required to provide their own lock, either combination or keyed.
- Location: Year 7 lockers are located in the building near the middle school classrooms.

DROP OFF & PICK UP

PARKING & TRAFFIC

Please follow all parking and traffic flow signs in and around the school. The **25 km/h speed limit** must be strictly observed, as we share Milne Road with the primary school across the road. Drop-off and pick-up times are extremely busy, so please allow enough time to ensure safe and smooth traffic flow.

It is essential to keep access clear for local residents and businesses at all times, and cars must not queue across pedestrian crossings.

Both the council and police regularly monitor this area, and fines may be issued for any breaches.

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

SCHOOL UNIFORM IS TO BE WORN FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS

- First impressions are lasting – our uniform promotes a sophisticated and positive image of our students and school in being an international school.
- Uniform helps to foster a sense of school identity and pride.

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS cont.

- There is a strong support from our community to have a smart school uniform which is comfortable and practical for casual and formal purposes.
- For safety reasons it is important that BPIHS students can be easily identified in a number of situations (e.g., excursions, school yard).
- A positive image of our school enhances student employment opportunities.

Uniform Purchases

All school uniform clothing can be purchased from Noone at Campbelltown or through their online store.

Fittings for new students

Fittings are by appointment only and are booked online

<https://www.noone.com.au/school/banksia-park-international-high-school/stores>



Trading Hours

Monday to Friday	9.00am	-	5.00pm
Saturday	9.00am	-	1.00pm

Location

10 Newton Rd
Campbelltown SA 5074

Contact Details

Phone: 08 7095 2535

Email: campbelltown@noone.com.au

Collection/Delivery Options

- **Collect from Uniform Shop**
You will receive an email notification when your order is ready for collection.
- **Collect from School**
Orders placed before midday Tuesday during the school term will be packed and delivered to the school front office for collection each Friday.
- **Home Delivery** (extra cost)

CANTEEN

Our canteen is managed by Metropolitan Canteens and opens before school at 7.30 am, giving students the chance to grab breakfast or place pre-orders for lunch.

You can easily order through the QKR app, making it simple and convenient for families to manage lunch orders. The menu includes a range of healthy options and gluten-free choices.

The full menu and price list are available on the school website.



FEE INFORMATION

The proposed materials and services fee for 2026 is \$740.00 and contributes to:

- Course materials – stationery, minor curriculum equipment, text books, etc.
- Library resources
- Curriculum consumables and resources
- Ongoing technology

For further information regarding school charges, please contact our Finance Manager or Business Leader or email dl.1117.info@schools.sa.edu.au

Invoices for M&S Fees will be emailed to families in mid-January.

SAVE THE DATE:

Fee paying and stationery collection days will be held on:

Monday 19 January 2026 11.00am - 7.00pm

Tuesday 20 January 2026 8.00am - 5.00pm

CALCULATOR INFORMATION

All students are required to have a Casio FX-8200AU Scientific Calculator from the beginning of Year 7. This model includes specific features for our mathematics courses and will support most students through to the end of Year 10. It is important that all students use this same calculator to ensure consistency in class.

The calculator will be available for purchase through the school at a reduced price of \$37.50 (normally \$49 at retail). This charge will appear on your Materials & Services (M&S) Invoice at the start of 2026.

Calculators can be collected on our Fee Payment Days in January.

STUDENT DEVICE INFORMATION

BPIHS has partnered with Learning with Technologies (LWT) to provide up to date, reliable devices at educational pricing through a dedicated Student Device Portal. From 2026, it will be a requirement that all Year 7 students purchase their device from this portal. This ensures all students have access to a consistent, school approved device that supports learning, is compatible with required software, and will be fully managed and supported by the BPIHS ICT Team throughout the student's enrolment.

STUDENT DEVICE INFORMATION cont.

The Benefits

- Access to commercial hardware at educational pricing
- Flexible payment options
- Consistency of devices across the school.
- Optional accidental damage protections available on all listed devices
- BPIHS ICT Team will arrange all warranty and/or accidental damage repairs with the reseller, saving families time. (Costs may apply)
- Quicker more streamlines device setup and connection
- BPIHS ICT Team can maintain updates to the operating systems and software packages

How to Order a laptop

Devices purchased via the Student Device Portal will be shipped directly to the school ready for collection during the fee-paying days in January 2026. Devices purchased after the 6th of January will be shipped to the school for collection and setup from our ICT Helpdesk once the school year has commenced.

<https://banksia.orderportal.com.au>

THANK YOU

Thank you for attending tonight's information session. We hope you found it informative and that it addressed any questions that you or your child may have had.

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any further questions via email at dl.1117.info@schools.sa.edu.au - we're here to help.

Your involvement in your child's academic journey is vital, and we look forward to building a successful partnership with you and your family.

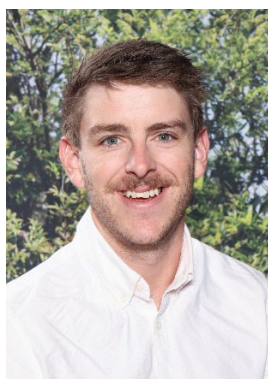
Welcome to the BPIHS community!



Amy Bannear
Year 7 Leader



Marika Pitman
Assistant Principal
Junior School &
Yr 7 Transition



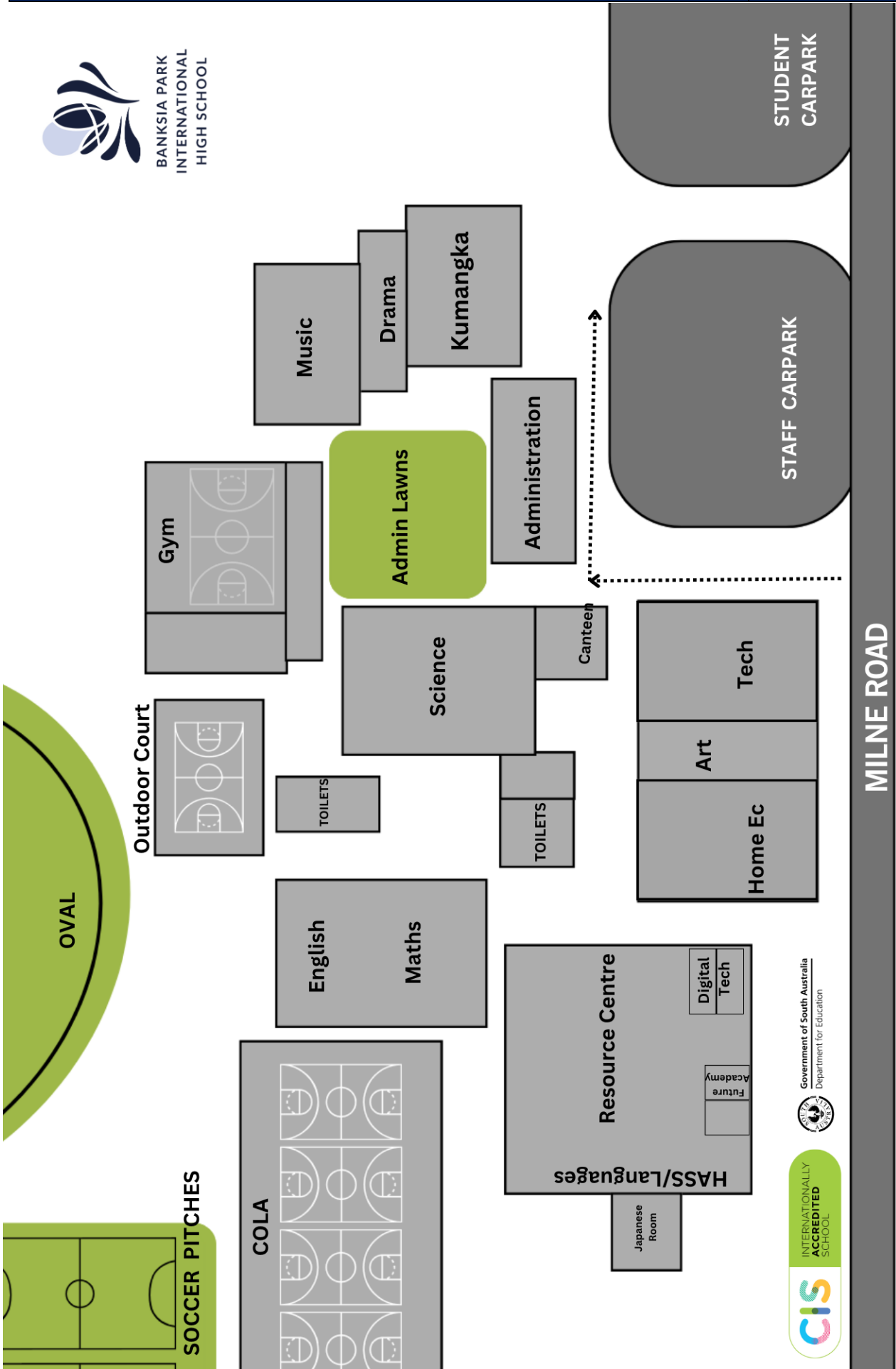
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