EDUCATING GLOBAL CITIZENS FOR GLOBAL FUTURES

BANKSIA PARK INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

# FAMILY HANDBOOK

# 2027

## WELCOME

Welcome to Banksia Park International High School. We are delighted to welcome you and your family to our inclusive and vibrant learning community. At BPIHS, young people are at the heart of everything we do and we are committed to knowing each student well, supporting their growth and helping them flourish holistically.

Guided by our vision of *educating global citizens for global futures*, we are proud to be a community shaped by perseverance, integrity, respect and responsibility. We encourage our students to be knowledgeable, ambitious learners who support one another and value unity. We deeply value strong partnerships with families and look forward to working together to help our young people grow into confident, compassionate and capable global citizens who are innovative thinkers and lifelong learners.

Warm regards
Brent Bloffwitch

## EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM



Brent Bloffwitch
Principal



Kirsty Gebert
Deputy Principal



Carlye Tuckwell
Business Leader



Mitch Asser
Assistant Principal



Kiri McWaters
Assistant Principal



James Dundon
Assistant Principal



Marika Pitman
Assistant Principal



Ceri Jones
Senior Leader

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge this land that we meet on is the traditional lands for the Kaurna people and that we respect their spiritual relationship with their country.
We also acknowledge the Kaurna people as the custodians of the Adelaide region and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still as important to the living Kaurna people today.
We also pay respects to the cultural authority of Aboriginal people visiting/attending from other areas of South Australia/Australia.

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## BANKSIA PARK INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL KEY CONTACT INFORMATION

| | |
|---|---|
| **SCHOOL ADDRESS:** | 610 Milne Road<br>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.

### Term dates for 2027

Term 1 – Wednesday 27 January to Friday 9 April.

Term 2 – Monday 26 April to Friday 2 July.

Term 3 – Monday 19 July to Friday 24 September.

Term 4 – Monday 11 October to Friday 10 December.

### Important Dates:

Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 January 2027 – Student Device Collection Days at BPIHS in the resource centre, bookings to be made via a link that will be sent to families before the end of the year.

| LEARNING SCHEDULE | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8:25am – 8:45am | AM YARD SUPERVISION | | | | |
| 8:45am – 9:40am | L1 | L1 | L1<br>L2 | L1 | L1<br>L2 |
| 9:40am – 10:30am | L2 | STUDENT LIFE | | STUDENT LIFE | |
| 10:30am – 10:50am | Recess | | | | |
| 10:50am – 11:45am | L3<br>L4 | L3<br>L4 | L3<br>L4 | L3<br>L4 | L3<br>L4 |
| 11:45am – 12:35pm | | | | | |
| 12:35pm – 1:15pm | Lunch | | | | |
| 1:15pm – 2.10pm | L5 | L5 | L5 | L5 | L5 |
| 2:10pm – 3:05pm | L6 | L6 | L6 | L6 | L6 |
| 3:05pm – 3:25pm | PM YARD SUPERVISION | | | | |

One of Banksia Park International High School's Behaviour Expectations relates to our school value of **commitment to learning and personal improvement.** To enable students to be successful in their learning, we expect that students are able to be punctual and regular in attendance.

Attendance is a key part of the Department for Education's Public Education Strategy, and it is expected that all young people should achieve at least 90% attendance. Underpinning this strategy is the belief that **everyday matters** in the school life of a young person and every day they are at school is a step along the pathway towards future success.

**1 or 2 days a week absence doesn't seem much but....**

| **If your child misses** | **that equals...** | **which is...** | **and over 13 years of school that is.....** |
|---|---|---|---|
| **1 day a fortnight**<br>**(Considered habitual non-attendance)** | 20 days per year | 4 weeks per year | Nearly 1.5 years |
| **1 day a week**<br>**(Considered chronic non-attendance)** | 40 days per year | 8 weeks per year | Over 2.5 years |
| **2 days a week** | 80 days per year | 16 weeks per year | Over 5 years |

5 days absence over the whole year
**97% - 100%**
Good chance of success and progress

20 days absence over the whole year
**90%**
Less chance of success

20+ days absence over the whole year
**Under 90%**
Detrimental to success and progress

# BANKSIA PARK INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

## VISION

### 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.

## VALUES

### 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.

## MISSION

### 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.

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.

## MOTTO

### BE THE BEST VERSION OF OURSELVES

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.

VISION, VALUES, MOTTO & MISSION



Government of South Australia
Department for Education
CIS INTERNATIONALLY ACCREDITED SCHOOL

# 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!




## 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.

Daymap
Connecting the School Community

Download on the App Store

GET IT ON Google Play

## 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**: Marika Pittman
**Student Wellbeing Leaders:** Nick Cava and Cheryl Raso
**Wellbeing Support Officer:** Nicole Pamula

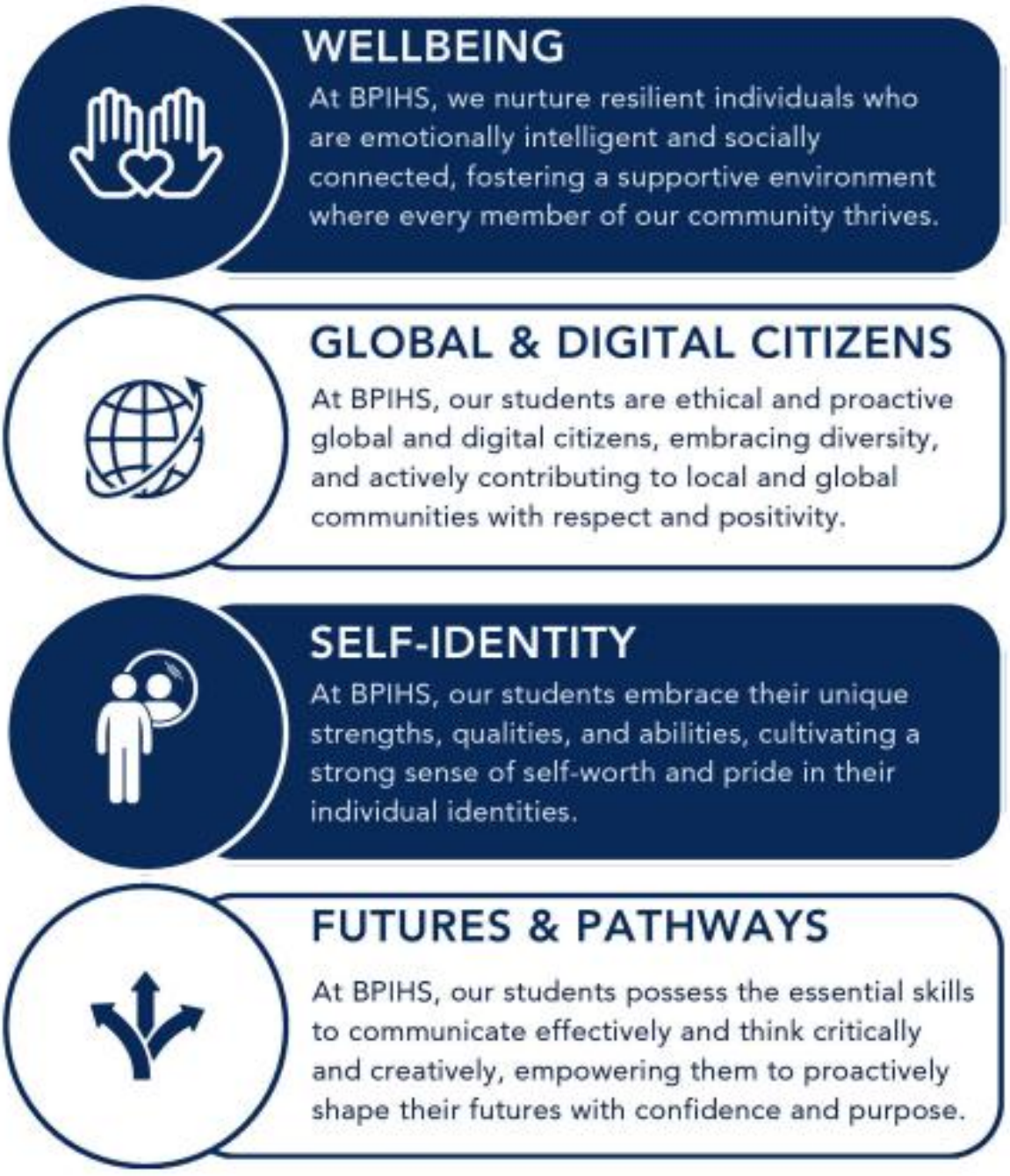
This team is here to help students feel safe, supported, and connected.

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.

SchoolTV

# Student Life

Our **STUDENT LIFE** program 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.



## 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, Heath & 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's 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 2027 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.
- Locations:
  - Junior/Middle school lockers are located in the area opposite the entrance to the Maths/English building
  - Middle/Senior school lockers are located opposite the Art building
  - Year 12 lockers are located in the Science block

## 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

- Positive Image – Promotes a positive image of our students and school within the community.
- School Pride – Encourages belonging, school identity and pride.
- Community Expectations – Provides a smart, comfortable and practical uniform for everyday and formal occasions.
- Student Safety – Ensures students are easily identifiable at school, on excursions and at events.
- Future Opportunities – Builds our school's reputation and encourages professional presentation.

**BPIHS School Uniform Policy**

### UNIFORM PURCHASES

School uniforms are available from Noone, Campbelltown, in-store or online.

New Student Fittings: By appointment only. Book online at Noone Uniform Shop.

**Store Details**

Address: 10 Newton Road, Campbelltown SA 5074

**Trading Hours:** Monday–Friday, 9.00am–5.00pm | Saturday, 9.00am–1.00pm

**Phone:** 08 7095 2535

**Email:** campbelltown@noone.com.au

### COLLECTION & DELIVERY OPTIONS

- Uniform Shop Collection – Email notification sent when your order is ready.
- School Collection – Orders placed before midday Tuesday during term are delivered to the school front office each Friday.
- Home Delivery – Available at an additional cost.

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Our uniform supplier is **Noone**.
Please scan the QR Code below to visit their website and book in for your child's fitting.

## 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.

Step 1. Download Qkr! On your Android phone: Link for Android Users
iPhone: Link for Apple Users
Step 2. Register Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register.
Step 3. Find our school Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10km's of our school, or search for our school by name.
Step 4. Register your child When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child/children. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

The full menu and price list are available on the school website. 2026 Canteen Menu

## CALCULATOR INFORMATION

All students are required to have a **Casio FX-8200AU Scientific Calculator** from the beginning of Year 7. This model has specific features suited to our Mathematics curriculum and will support most students through to the end of Year 10. Using the same calculator ensures consistency in classroom learning.
**Calculators are supplied by the school**, so families do not need to purchase one independently. Year 7 students will receive their calculator, along with their Student ID card, from their Student Life Mentor on their first day of school.
The cost of **$44.00** will be invoiced to families as a subject fee in Term 1.

## STATIONERY INFORMATION

Families will receive a stationery requirements list in the coming weeks, outlining the items students will need to purchase for the school year.

## 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

It is 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.

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 streamlined device setup and connection
- BPIHS ICT Team can maintain updates to the operating systems and software packages

## STUDENT DEVICE INFORMATION cont.

**How to Order a laptop**

Devices purchased before 31 December 2026, via the Student Device Portal, will be shipped directly to the school ready for collection Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 January 2027.

Devices purchased after 1 January 2027 will be shipped to the school for collection and setup from our ICT Helpdesk once the school year has commenced.

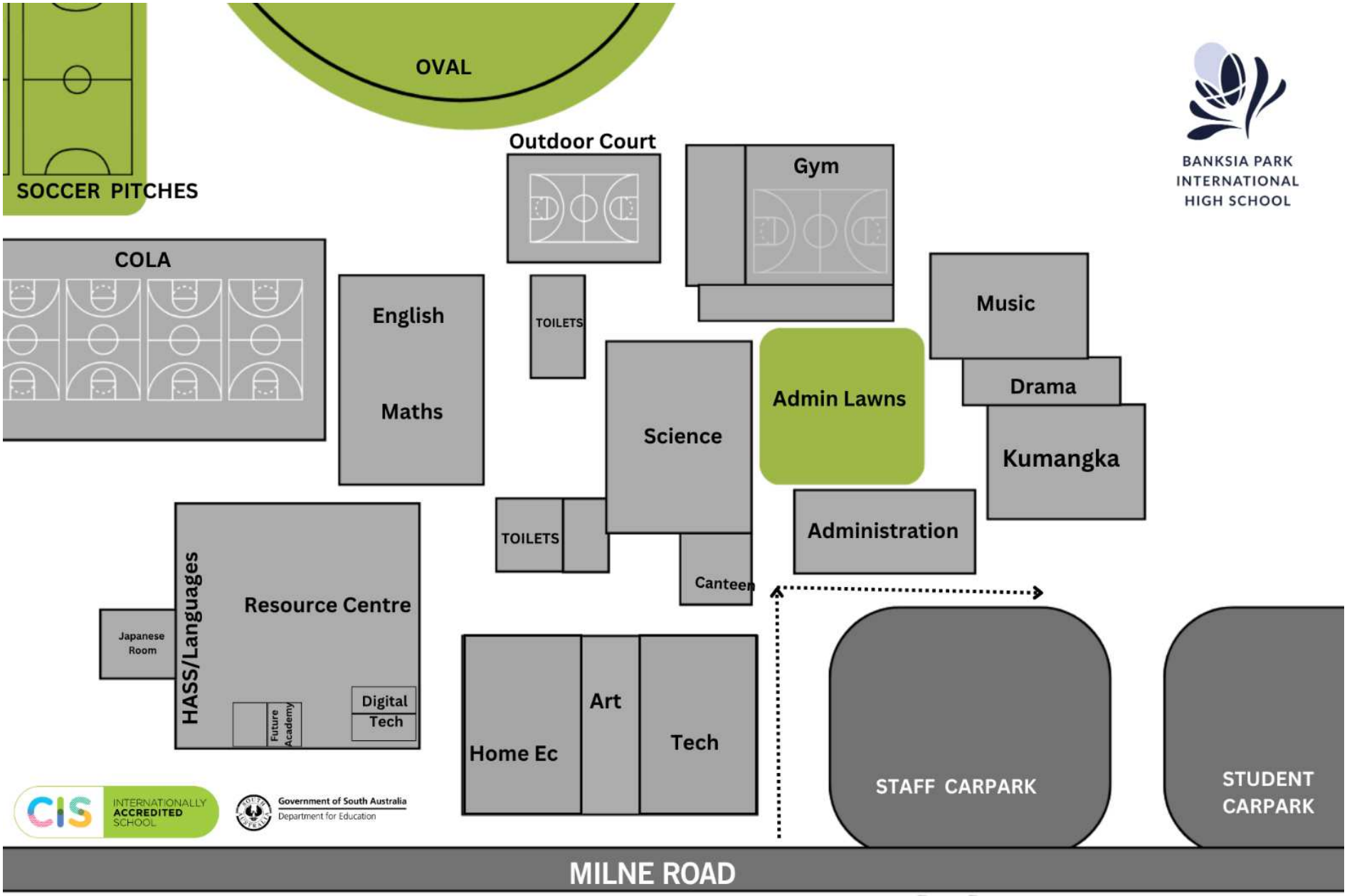
https://banksia.orderportal.com.au

## THANK YOU

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

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.

We are thrilled that you are a part of the BPIHS community!


OVAL
SOCCER PITCHES
Outdoor Court
Gym
BANKSIA PARK INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
COLA
English
Maths
TOILETS
Music
Drama
Kumangka
Admin Lawns
Science
TOILETS
Administration
Canteen
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Resource Centre
Japanese Room
Future Academy
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## NOTES

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