

# WELCOME TO YEAR 8

Mr Shortus  
Year Adviser



## Year 8 Students Commence Wednesday 1 February 2023

Dear Year 8 Students,

Welcome back again as we continue our journey together. I hope we can begin this new year with fresh excitement as we continue to expand and grow with our time at Blacktown Girls High School. As we begin this new year, I would like to remind students that Blacktown Girls High School prides itself on being the school of choice for girls in Western Sydney. We aim to support all our students with high expectations and engaging teaching while also allowing them to connect with fellow students, succeed in all their endeavours and ultimately be able to thrive during their time in school and beyond. The role of Year Adviser is to support student wellbeing to allow them to achieve their personal best academically, socially, and through extracurricular activities during their time at Blacktown Girls.

Transitioning from Year 7 into Year 8 can be both a joyous and a nerve-racking experience for students. By now, Year 8 students should have had the opportunity to meet all their peers, begin to form friendship groups and get to know some of their teachers. Students will this year be given an opportunity to participate in school leadership programmes such as the SRC as well as having a responsibility of being good role models for the new Year 7 cohort, helping them with the transition into high school and work through the new challenges that many Year 7s may encounter, such as moving from classroom to classroom throughout the day, accurately reading their timetable and navigating changing friendship groups with respect and integrity.

Our Year 8 students will continue to have the opportunity to look forward to many extracurricular activities throughout the course of the year here at Blacktown Girls. These activities include STEM-based programmes, music opportunities, sporting events and international programmes such as the Duke of Edinburgh Award, all of which are run by our committed and innovative staff that ensure that all interested students have an opportunity to participate.

The wonderful staff at Blacktown Girls further their commitment to creative and innovative lessons within the class by incorporating technology-based lessons that are purposeful and meaningful to students' education. Blacktown Girls is, therefore, a Bring Your Own Device school to allow fluid use of technology in the classroom.

It is our hope that at Blacktown Girls we, as a school, can support, guide, and develop all students on their journey through high school, by challenging them and seeing their goals and choices realised. We aim to live up to our motto that Blacktown Girls is 'The School that Makes a Difference'.

If you have any questions, you would like answered please feel free to call the school on 02 9831 7577.

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