ORIENTATION CHECKLIST

About your school

Who's who at the school	
	Meet the school leadership team.
	Clarify your line supervisor.
	Meet support and ancillary staff.
	Meet a mentor or buddy teacher.
	Organise times to meet with your mentor.
	Meet staff in your teaching area.
	Meet relevant district staff such as Advisory Visiting Teachers.
	Understand process for using volunteers in your classroom.
	Identify opportunities for community involvement.
Sch	nool procedures
	Understand the school-wide behaviour plan.
	Understand the school-wide pedagogical framework.
	Clarify the procedures for documenting and recording student incidents.
	Clarify the procedures of collecting and handling money.
	Read the Excursion Policy.
	Clarify your hours of duty with your supervisor or Principal.
	Clarify marking the roll/absentees, use of codes and roll marking procedure.
	Obtain whole school timetables includingspecialist lessons, sport, assembly/support times.
	Obtain bell times and understand the rules for moving around the school.
	Identify playground duty areas and your responsibilities including identifying out-of-bounds areas.
	Discuss lunch break procedures with supervisor.
	Obtain school policy for students entering/leaving the classroom.
	Read emergency procedures – fire, bomb, lockdown and check that the procedures are displayed in your classroom.
	Obtain a copy of the school's assessment policy (for secondary schools only).
	Clarify booking procedures for shared resources such as the computer lab, library, multimedia room.
	Obtain information about the textbook hire scheme (for secondary schools only).
	Locate first aid kit and guidelines for collecting and dispensing medication.





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Internal communication	
	Note staff meeting times and venue.
	Ask about communication procedures including daily or weekly notices, newsletters, intranet, and student notices.
	Locate pigeon holes.
	Obtain staff directory/telephone numbers.
	Seek guidance on using the telephone system.
	Ask the procedure for calling in sick.
	Obtain a copy of the school calendar of events.
External communication	
	Review copies of past parent newsletters from the school.
	Obtain copies of any parent letters relating to your class.
	Ask about the external communication protocols.
	Visit the school website and familiarise yourself with the information and resources available.



