

Grey College Secondary School

Grade 8 Orientation Programme 2025



Please note that NO form of physical orientation is permitted.

Programme as on 30 November 2024

Monday 13 January 2025:

- 08h00: All hostel boys to arrive at Murray House between 08h00 – 14h00. The team at Murray House will manage the boys' registration.
- 14h30: Cricket trials / training (14h30 – 15h30)
- 15h45: Murray House parent meeting (15h45 – 16h30)
- 16h45: All grade 8 boys and their parents must be at the Reünie Hall.
- 17h00: Parent welcome function in the Reünie Hall
- Devotions
 - Adem Nieuwoudt (school captain)
 - Speech by the headmaster
 - Mr B Van Wyk
 - Guest speaker
 - Prof Johann Coetsee
 - Grade 8 parent committee nominated during this event.
 - Mr L Koekemoer
- 18h30: Parents, grade 8s and staff *braai* between C block and staffroom. School supplies *braai* grids and fires. Please bring any other necessities.

Tuesday 14 January 2025:

- 08h30: Cricket trials / training (08h30 – 09h30)
- 12h30: All grade 8s gather in front of the main building.
- 12h30: Mr Braam van Wyk addresses the grade 8 boys. (12h30 – 13h00)
- 13h00: Boys divide into groups for school admin, ID photos and a campus tour. (13h00 – 15h45)
- 15h45: Boys receive final information regarding their first day at school.
- Mr R Barker
- 16h00: Boys adjourn.

Attire for Day 1 of school and the rest of the orientation period:

- Long sleeve white school shirt (sleeves rolled up and all buttons fastened)
- **NO** tie
- **NO** blazer
- Long grey trousers
- Black belt
- Grey socks
- Black shoes

Bring to school on Day 1 and Day 2:

- Notepad and pen
- A4 cardboard poster around the neck
- Snacks and refreshments to enjoy during short breaks. (The Tuckshop is off limits to grade 8 boys during orientation.)
- There is no need for boys to have a cell phone at school. Parents are requested to ensure boys leave their phones at home.

Wednesday 15 January 2025:

- 07h15: All grade 8s gather in front of the main building.
- 07h30: School starts – Prefects accompany grade 8s to assembly.
- 09h00: All grade 8s gather in front of the Pavilion for the remainder of the morning's activities.

Boys must please have their Creative Arts documents ready to hand in to the relevant staff.

Time	Topic	Speaker
09h15 – 09h25	Introduction of the orientation programme	Mr R Barker Mr B van Wyk
09h30 – 09h45	Attire at Grey College	Mr M Cronjé
09h45 – 10h15	Discipline Code of conduct	Mr M Cronjé
10h15 – 10h40	Grey social media Security on campus	Ms M Laubscher Mr H Nel
10h40 – 11h00	Break	
11h00 – 12h00	Grey values <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Respect• Tolerance• Self-discipline• Manners• Team• Courage• Integrity	Mr R McLaren Mr R Ebersohn
12h00 – 12h30	Break	
12h30 – 13h00	Grey traditions and customs	Mr M Cronjé Mr R Ebersohn
13h00 – 13h50	Matric “buddy” groups are established.	Mr R Barker Prefects
13h50	Boys adjourn.	

- 14h15: Afternoon activities commence. (15h30 – 16h30)
- Cricket
 - Athletics
- 17h00: “Sing-songs” for all city boys. (17h00 – 18h00)

Thursday 16 January 2025:

07h30: All grade 8s gather in front of the Pavilion.

Time	Topic	Speaker
07h30 – 08h30	Sing-Songs in the Reünie Hall	
08h30 – 08h40	Opening	Mr R Barker
08h40 – 08h50	Athletics	Mr HD van Heerden
08h50 – 09h00	Cricket	Mr A Swanepoel
09h00 – 09h10	Swimming	Ms L van der Merwe
09h10 – 09h20	Golf	Mr M Jv Rensburg
09h20 – 09h30	Laser Run, Biathle, Cross Country etc.	Mr S Human
09h30 – 09h40	Squash and Table Tennis	Ms C Fourie Ms M Fouché
09h40 – 09h45	Tennis	Mr M van Wyk
09h45 – 09h55	Chess and E-sport	Ms L Pringle
09h55 – 10h15	Break	
10h15 – 10h25	Water polo	Mr S Gospadinov
10h25 – 10h35	Rugby	Mr R Ebersohn
10h35 – 10h45	Hockey	Mr D Phillips Mr T van der Spuy
10h45 – 10h55	Soccer	Mr M Hlatswayo
10h55 – 11h05	Mountain Biking	Mr J van den Berg
11h05 – 11h05	G4C	Ms A Prinsloo
11h05 – 11h25	Break	
11h25 – 11h35	“Debat” and “Redenaars”	Ms L van Wyk
11h35 – 11h50	Debating and Public Speaking	Ms V Albertse
11h50 – 12h00	Gumboots	Ms C Jordaan Ms J Bosch
12h00 – 12h10	Drama	Ms B Myburgh
12h00 – 12h20	Music and Choir	Mr W van Zyl Ms A van Nieuwenhuizen
12h20 – 12h30	Break	
12h30 – 12h40	Voortrekkers	Ms E Botha
12h40 – 12h50	Grey Community Service	Ms C Ferreira
12h50 – 13h30	Boys are divided into classes.	Mr R Barker Prefects
13h30 – 13h50	Prefects accompany grade 8s to their register classes where they will report on Friday morning.	Register staff Prefects
13h50	Boys adjourn	

14h15: Afternoon activities commence.
• Cricket (15h30 – 16h30)
• Athletics
• Choir and junior marimba auditions (14h15 – 15h00)

17h00: “Sing-songs” for all city boys. (17h00 – 18h00)

Friday 17 January 2025:

Grade 8 boys attend their classes for the first time.

Boys receive their school timetables during register period and meet their teachers during the course of the day.

Hostel parents to please take note that the weekend of 17 – 19 January 2025 is a **compulsory in-weekend** for all hostel boys. No learner will be permitted to go home that weekend. Some sport teams leave on tour for the weekend.

07h30: School starts. All grade 8 boys report to their respective register classes. From there, the school programme is followed.

13h50: Boys adjourn.

No extramural activities during the afternoon.

14h30: Swimming heats for the upcoming Gala will be held. All boys who want to actively swim for the school has to attend. (14h30 – 15h30)

17h00: Boys gather in front of the Tuckshop.

17h15: Supper (own cutlery) while boys get to know one another. (17h15 – 18h00)
Boys in Murray House enjoy supper in the hostel dining hall.

18h15: Boys are taught the school anthem, War Cry, Vive la Grey and other songs. (18h15 – 21h00)

21h00: Grey stories and traditions are shared. (21h00 – 22h00)

21h00: All city boys adjourn. Hostel boys return to Murray House.

Saturday 18 January 2025:

- 16h00: All grade 8 boys report at the Tuckshop.
- 17h00: Staff and prefects accompany boys on foot to Oranje Meisieskool for the “sokkie”.
- 18h00: Oranje “sokkie” commences.
- 21h00: All grade 8 boys adjourn. (Parents of city boys pick boys up at Oranje Meisieskool). Boys from Murray House return to hostel on foot.

Sunday 19 January 2025:

- 09h00: Hostel boys day out with city boys.
- 16h30: Hostel boys report at the hostel.
- 18h00: Inter-church service at Oranje Meisieskool. (18h00 – 19h00)

Monday 20 January 2025:

- 07h00: Grey Athletics Championship (Free State Athletics Stadium) (07h00 – 13h50)
- 14h15: Afternoon activities commence.
• Cricket (15h30 – 16h30)
• Athletics
- 17h00: “Sing-songs” for all city boys. (17h00 – 18h00)

Tuesday 21 January 2025:

- Register period: All grade 8s are called to submit forms for Moolmanshoek.
• Prefects / Staff
- 07h30: Normal school day. (07h30 – 13h50)
- 14h15: Afternoon activities commence.
• Cricket (15h30 – 16h30)
• Athletics
- 17h00: “Sing-songs” for all city boys. (17h00 – 18h00)

Wednesday 22 January 2025:

Register period: All grade 8s are called to submit forms for Moolmanshoek.

- Prefects / Staff

07h30: Normal school day. (07h30 – 13h50)

17h00: Grey Gala
• Prefects (17h00 – 21h00)

Thursday 23 January 2025:

Register period: All grade 8s are called to submit forms for Moolmanshoek.

- Prefects / Staff

07h30: Normal school day. (07h30 – 13h50)

14h15: Afternoon activities commence.
• Cricket (15h30 – 16h30)
• Athletics
• Choir and junior marimba auditions (14h15 – 15h15)

Friday 24 January 2025:

Hostel parents to please take note that the weekend of 24 – 26 January 2025 is a **compulsory in-weekend** for Grade 8 hostel boys. No learner will be permitted to go home that weekend. Some sport teams leave on tour for the weekend.

Register period: All grade 8s are called to submit forms for Moolmanshoek.

- Prefects / Staff

07h30: Normal school day (07h30 – 13h50)

Saturday 25 January 2025:

No official programme.

Sunday 26 January 2025:

No official programme.

Monday 27 January 2025:

08h00: All grade 8 boys report in front of the main building for the camp at Moolmanshoek. We will depart at 08h45.

Tuesday 28 January 2025:

Camp at Moolmanshoek.

Wednesday 29 January 2025:

16h00: Boys return from camp. (16h00 – 16h30)

Thursday 30 January 2025:

07h30: Normal school day. (07h30 – 13h50)

“Newcomer” test to be written during the course of the school day.

Friday 31 January 2025:

07h30: Normal school day. (07h30 – 13h50)

12h30: Tie and blazer ceremony.
(Unfortunately, no parents are allowed at this event.)

13h50: School adjourns. All Grade 8 hostel boys are encouraged to go home over this weekend.

Some sport teams leave on tour for the weekend.

Please note that his programme is subject to change at the school’s discretion.