



30 January 2017

STUDENT NAME – HOMEROOM

Dear Parents/Caregivers and Students,

TERM 1 INFORMATION ~ YEARS 11 AND 12

Welcome back to the new School Year for 2017. A very special welcome to our new Year 7 families and other new families joining us at St John Paul II Catholic College. A copy of the information has also been placed on our College Website.

The purpose of this letter is to give you advance notice of the many events that will be occurring during Term 1. For each event listed below, letters will/have been issued to students in the relevant year group for them to bring home to you with the details of the event.

During the Term there will also be reminders and updates placed within the College Newsletter. Please find included in this information package letters concerning

- Term 1 calendar indicating the major events affecting the students across the year groups and other matters from the Principal.
- College Photograph and order envelope.
- Term 1 Learning Enrichment Program – is held each Thursday during periods 5 and 6 for the students who are not participating in the Representative Sport Program. This program for Terms 2, 3, 4 will be available later this year.
- Absence from school premises permission form.

The College Newsletter is available on our College Website www.stjohnpaul2.catholic.edu.au. If you find that an event is getting close and you have not received any details please contact the College on 9208-7200 and our support staff will be able to assist you.

2017 TERM 1 MAJOR EVENTS THAT AFFECT STUDENTS ACROSS YEAR GROUPS		
Thursday	26 January	Australia Day Public Holiday
Friday	27 January	Teachers & Support staff return to school Uniform Shop Open – 8.30am – 3.30pm
Monday	30 January	Year 7 commence – Orientation / Reflection Day Years 11 & 12 commence normal classes - Week A of the timetable Uniform Shop Open – 8.30am – 3.30pm
Tuesday	31 January	Years 8, 9 & 10 Commence normal classes - Week A of the timetable Uniform Shop Open – 8.00am – 2.30pm Year 7-11 Distribution of Text Books
Friday	3 February	College Photographs
Monday	6 February	Year 7-2017 Welcome B.B.Q. This is for our Year 7 families from 5.15pm until 7.00pm at Schofields. There will be an opportunity for parents/caregivers to meet with some of the class teachers, visit their son/daughter's classroom and share a B.B.Q. meal together. The Year 7 Camp Information and permission letters will be distributed to parents/caregivers/students at this event.
Tuesday	7 February	My iPad Day – Periods 1 – 6 Year 7 iPad training at Schofields
Wednesday	8 February	My Mac Day – Periods 1 – 4 Year 9 Laptop training at Schofields
Thursday	9 February	9.00-10.00am. Whole College Assembly acknowledging the 2016 HSC High Achievers and parents/caregivers at Schofields. Years 11&12 will be transported to and from Nirimba by bus for this assembly.
Friday	10 February	Year 11 Reflection Day at Schofields CLS
Monday	13 February	Principals Parent Chat Group (From 10.00am -11.00am at Schofields.)
Tuesday	14 February	Year 11 – 2017 Information Night (Commencing 7.00pm in the Nirimba hall) This is an important evening where staff will address the families of Year 11 regarding the rules and regulations concerning the Preliminary and Higher School Certificates and other important matters
Friday	17 February	College Newsletter available on website College Photographs – catch up day
Monday	20 February	College Swimming Carnival 10.10am to 4.00pm All students in Years 7 & 8 will attend this event. For Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 – only genuine competitors who have registered to compete may attend. All other students have normal classes on this day and must attend school as usual Start Time & Finish Times: Competitors: 10:10am – 4.00pm

		Non-Competitors (Year 7 & 8 only): 10:10am - 2.00pm Transport to Venue: All Year 7-10 students will be transported by bus from Schofields Campus at 10.10am to the venue Transport from Venue: Year 7 & 8 Non-Competitors will be transported back to Schofields Campus in time to be dismissed for normal afternoon buses home at 2.15pm Competitors: Will be responsible for organising their own transport from the venue to home when the carnival finishes at 4.00pm
Thursday	23 February	Year 7 Vaccinations - 1st Dose HPV & dTpa
Friday	24 February	College Mass ~ (Commencing at 9.45am – 12.30pm) A Mass to open the new school year will be held at St Patrick's Church - Allawah St, Blacktown. Parents/Caregivers are welcome to attend this Mass
Monday	27 February	Years 7 to 12 Teacher/Student/Parent/Caregiver Interviews – 3.30 – 7.00pm – Schofields
Tuesday	28 February	Years 7 to 12 Teacher/Student/Parent/Caregiver Interviews – 3.30 – 7.00pm – Schofields
Wednesday	1 March	8.10am Ash Wednesday Liturgy Yrs 7 -10 Schofields Gathering Area 8.10am Ash Wednesday Liturgy Yrs 11 & 12 Nirimba Hall
Monday	6 March	Year 12 Mid-Course Examinations commence
Friday	10 March	3.00pm – 6.00pm Twilight Working Bee at Schofields Campus College Newsletter available on website
Monday	13 March	Co-operating Principals' Parent Chat Group ~ 10-11am at Schofields Year 7 & 11 2018 Enrolment Open Afternoon/Evening Information Sessions and Tours of St John Paul II Catholic College (4.00 – 8.00pm) at Schofields only.
Thursday	23 March	Year 7 Camp at Yarramundi
Friday	24 March	Year 7 Camp at Yarramundi Year 12 Mid-Course Examinations conclude
Friday	31 March	College Newsletter available on website
Thursday	6 April	Easter Liturgy at Schofields 8.10 – 9.00am Gathering Area Easter Liturgy at Nirimba 1.35 – 2.15pm Nirimba Hall
Friday	7 April	Term 1 concludes

Term 2 dates – Week 1

Monday	24 April	Staff Learning Day Pupil Free Day
Tuesday	25 April	ANZAC Day – Public Holiday
Wednesday	26 April	Term 2 Commences for all Students – Years 7 – 12 – Week A of the timetable
Thursday	27 April	ANZAC Day Ceremonies at Nirimba & Schofields
Thursday	4 May	Semester 1 Awards Year 12

Finally, I **am** always happy to speak to you about your child's education or issues that affect their education. If I cannot help you directly, I will ensure you are put in contact with the person/s that can assist you. If I am not available when you call, it is only because someone else 'got in' before you, but I will always endeavor to get back to you if someone else cannot assist you. I look forward to 2017, knowing that our faith in God will strengthen all of us as we work to ensure the very best Catholic Education possible for those in our care.

Warm regards

J Fanning

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Principal

LEARNING ENRICHMENT PROGRAM ~ 2017 - Thursday Period 5 – 6

In addition to the listed Learning Enrichment activities there will be additional choices available as listed: Drama, Band, Dance, African Drums, Community Services and Youth for Christ.

Term 1	7	8	9	10	11	12	Additional
Week 2 2/2 A	Stage Assembly Evac/Lockdown	Stage Assembly Evac/Lockdown	Stage Assembly Evac/Lockdown	Stage Assembly Evac/Lockdown	Stage Assembly Evac/Lockdown	Stage Assembly Evac/Lockdown	Stage Assembly Evac/Lockdown
Week 3 9/2 B	Peer Support 1	Sticks and Stones	Survival Guide 1	Road Safety 1	Campus Team 1	Campus Team 1	CS9/12 Vinnies Van YFC/Catechists
Week 4 16/2 A	Peer Support 2	MindMatters 1	Survival Guide 2	Road Safety 2	Year Assembly Assessment Mapping	Exams Survival Guide	CS9/12 YFC/Catechists
Week 5 23/2 B	Peer Support 3	MindMatters 2	Survival Guide 3	Road Safety 3	Senior Skills 1	Exams Survival Guide	CS9/12 Easter Liturgy YFC/Catechists
Week 6 2/3 A	Peer Support 4	MindMatters 3	Circles Project 1	Road Safety 4	Senior Skills 2	Year Assembly	CS9/11 Easter Liturgy YFC/Catechists
Week 7 9/3 B	Peer Support BBQ	MindMatters 4	CARITAS Year Assembly	CARITAS Year Assembly	Senior Skills 3	Tutorials 1	CS9 Easter Liturgy YFC/Catechists
Week 8 16/3 A	Camp	MindMatters 5	Circles Project 2	Careers/Choices 1	Senior Skills 4	Half Yearly Exams	CS9 Easter Liturgy YFC/Catechists
Week 9 23/3 B	CARITAS Year Assembly	CARITAS Year Assembly	Circles Project 3	Careers/Choices 2	Senior Skills 5	Half Yearly Exams	CS9/11 Easter Liturgy YFC/Catechists
Week 10 30/3 A	NAPLAN 1	Digital Thumbprint	Circles Project 4	Careers/Choices 3	Senior Skills 6	Tutorials 2	CS9/12 Easter Liturgy YFC/Catechist
Week 11 6/4 B	Year Assembly	Year Assembly	Circles Project 5	Careers/Choices 4	Easter Liturgy	Easter Liturgy	CS9 Easter Liturgy YFC/Catechists

PHOTOGRAPHS ~ FRIDAY, 3 FEBRUARY 2017

The College have engaged The School Photographer based at unit 20 /14-16 Stanton Road Seven Hills. Our annual school photographs will be taken on Friday, 3 February. These photographs play a very important logistical role in our school as well as being valuable family memories. The following information is to inform families of our procedures and expectations regarding annual photographs.

Attached to this letter is your photography order envelope. Families will need to complete an envelope for each child wishing to order photos. Once you have selected the option that best suits your requirements, your son/daughter will be required to hand the completed order envelope prior to their photo, to The School Photographer with the **correct payment** of cash, cheque or credit card details, not the College office. (There will be no change given on the day as the company cannot provide this service.)

All students are to be in correct **Summer Uniform** (not sports uniform). If your son/daughter has PDHPE practical or Year 10 sport on this day, they will need to bring their sports uniform to change into after the photograph has been taken.

General uniform rules are:-

Girls: Hair is to be one natural colour, neat, worn off the face and tied back if shoulder length or longer. No extreme styles. One pair of sleepers or small studs may be worn in their ear lobes. No make-up, nail polish or excess jewellery.

Boys: Hair is to be one natural colour, neat and worn off the face. No extreme styles. No earrings or visible piercing are permitted. It is expected that boys will be clean shaven.

Should you not wish to purchase any photographs, your son/daughter will still be required to have their photograph taken as the photographs are used for official school documents, including BOSTES requirements. The students' presentation needs to be impeccable. Students that are unable to comply with expectations will not be permitted to have their photo taken. This may cause some frustration and angst amongst some individuals, which we would very much like to avoid. Please consult the school student planner if you are in any doubt about uniform requirements or contact the respective Leader of Learning - Stage to discuss the situation before Friday, 3 February 2017.

YEAR 11 AND 12 - 2017 PROCEDURE ~ ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL PREMISES - PARTIAL/WHOLE DAYS

This year some senior students in Years 11 and 12 have timetables which require them to:

- Attend TAFE/University
- Attend classes scheduled after 2.15pm
- Leave before 2.15pm certain days of the week
- Have no timetabled classes on a day except for homeroom

Due to legal requirements and policies the College has a duty of care to know where students are during the school day. Therefore, we need to formalise our procedures as well as make them less time consuming for both staff and students.

As a result of this, we ask you to complete the permission slip included and ask your son/daughter to return it to their homeroom teacher by Wednesday 8 February. Parents/Caregivers are asked to use their son's/daughter's timetable when completing this form to indicate the day(s) and time(s) of your son's/daughter's regular absence(s) from the school premises.

If this form is not completed your son/daughter is required to be at school by 7.55am (first bell) and remain until 2.15pm each day of the week. Please note that all students are primarily responsible/required to attend homeroom at 8.00am each day. Students who have morning study periods are required to attend homeroom at 8.00am and move to the library to study at the beginning of period 1. In the rare exception that a student does not attend homeroom, they are required to swipe in at the Administration Office on arrival.

If your son/daughter has permission to leave the premises but decides to remain on the school premises they must report to the Administration Office so that we have a record of their movement in case of emergency or the need to contact them.

If a student has no timetabled classes except for homeroom, and Parents/Caregivers give permission, these students will not be required to attend school on this/these days. This will NOT be recorded as an absence.

Please note that on occasions the student body may be granted permission to leave school early on a Thursday afternoon.

It is an understanding that if a student is able to leave early that this not be regarded as free-time but an opportunity to work on assessment tasks or be involved in extra study.

If you require more details about this information please contact either Ms Carolyn Cairns – Leader of Learning - Stage 6, Mr Iain Cowan - Student Learning Liaison Year 12 or Ms Holly Powles - Student Learning Liaison Year 11 on 9208-7200.

Current class Timetable

Homeroom	Period 1	Period 2	Break 1	Period 3	Period 4	Break 2	Period 5	Period 6	Period 7
8.00am to 8.10am	8.10am to 9.00am	9.00am to 9.50am	9.50am to 10.20am	10.20am to 11.10am	11.10am to 12.00noon	12.00noon to 12.35pm	12.35pm to 1.25pm	1.25pm to 2.15pm	2.15pm to 3.05pm

PLEASE NOTE: Once again you are reminded that students are required to attend school at 8.00am homeroom regardless of study periods in 1 & 2. However, if they have study periods in 5 & 6 they have permission to leave early as long as the form below has been completed and returned.

Please indicate if your son's/daughter's timetable finishes before 2.15pm. ☐ Yes ☐ No
 If yes, indicate the day(s) and time(s) that your son/daughter has permission to leave the school premises early.

Timetable finishes before 2.15pm		
Day	Parents/Caregivers approved departure time Week A	Parents/Caregivers approved departure time Week B
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Friday		

Please indicate if your son/daughter will be attending Thursday afternoon Representative Sport. ☐ Yes ☐ No
 If **NO**, indicate that your son/daughter has permission to leave the school at 12.00pm on Thursday(s) when **not** required to attend scheduled Learning Enrichment sessions.

Non-Attendance at Learning Enrichment (as required)		
Day	Parents/Caregivers approval not to attend Learning Enrichment Week A	Parents/Caregivers approval not to attend Learning Enrichment Week B
Thursday		

Please indicate if your son/daughter has no timetabled classes other than homeroom on one or more days. ☐ Yes ☐ No
 If yes please indicate the day(s) and time(s) that your son/daughter has permission not to attend school

No timetabled classes		
Day	Parents/Caregivers approved non attendance Week A	Parents/Caregivers approved non attendance Week B
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		

Please indicate if your son/daughter will be attending TAFE/University ☐ Yes ☐ No
 If yes, indicate the day(s) and time(s) that your son/daughter has permission to leave the school to attend TAFE/University.

Attendance at TAFE/University		
Day	Parents/Caregivers approved departure time Week A	Parents/Caregivers approved departure time Week B
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		

Please indicate if your son's/daughter's timetable finishes after 2.15pm. ☐ Yes ☐ No
 If yes, indicate the day(s) and time(s) that your son/daughter has permission to leave the school premises early.

Timetable finishes after 2.15pm		
Day	Parents/Caregivers approved departure time Week A	Parents/Caregivers approved departure time Week B
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		

 Signature of parent/caregiver

 Printed name of parent/caregiver

 Date

 Signature of student

 Printed name of student

 Date