



30 January 2017

STUDENT NAME – HOMEROOM

Dear Parents/Caregivers and Students,

TERM 1 INFORMATION ~ YEARS 7 - 10

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.

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 Years 7 - 10 Schofields Gathering Area 8.10am Ash Wednesday Liturgy Years 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 & 2

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 7 ~ 10 INTEGRATED SPORT PARENT/CAREGIVER INFORMATION

Each Year group will participate in their sport activities during periods 5 and 6 on a different afternoon. Year 7 – Monday, Year 8 – Tuesday, Year 9 – Wednesday, and Year 10 - Friday of each week. Representative Sport is held on Thursdays.

In 2017 your son/daughter will be participating in a wide range of activities both at school and at outside venues.

The following will give you further information about our program which provides for greater access to trained professionals as well as making more efficient use of College resources. Students in each year group will participate in a full timetable of events on a rotational basis.

There is also some scope for individual choice particularly in Years 9 & 10. Our priorities are: participation, keeping students active and developing a range of physical /social skills.

The sport program will commence in Week 2 of Term 1 with House Competition for all students from Years 7-10. Students are reminded that the College cap or hat are compulsory during sport in terms 1 and 4.

Parents/Caregivers are asked to complete the permission slip which will be effective for the entire year for the Integrated Sport Program. However, if your child chooses to participate in Representative Sport on Thursdays then you will need to complete an additional permission form which will be distributed as needed.

We will remind you regularly to update us on any changes to your son or daughters medical details that may affect their participation in any activity. Should you have any questions concerning Representative or Integrated Sport please contact Mr Chris Chapman, LCF – Sport on 9208 2731.

During 2017 the integrated sport program for years 7 to 9 will include:

- Term 1 – Inter House Competitions and Cross country
- Term 2 – Athletics and Inter House Competitions
- Term 3 – Outside deliverers and activities
- Term 4 – Swimming/water safety program, Outdoor and Indoor Games. The swimming program will run during sport over a six week period. Boys will participate in the program weeks 1 – 3 and girls weeks 4 – 6. The main focus of the program is water safety, rescue techniques and survival skills. Students are placed in groups based on their swimming ability.

PERMISSION / MEDICAL INFORMATION FORM
Years 7 -10 - Integrated Sport Program - 2017
 (To be completed by Parent/Caregiver and returned to
 the College Administrative Office no later than **Friday, 3 February 2017**)

I give permission for my child _____ of **Homeroom** _____

and **Integrated Sport Group** (listed on timetable as PACT) _____ to participate in the Integrated Sport Program.

Please tick the following boxes:

☐ I have completed the Medical Information Form below and I have read and understand the information regarding this program.

☐ I give permission for my son/daughter to participate in water activities.

My child is able to swim 25 metres unassisted. **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐

In case of an emergency, where medical assistance or treatment is required, I authorise the College to arrange for such assistance as is necessary.

Parent/Caregiver Signature

Date

Teachers Name: Mr C Chapman	
Student Name:	Homeroom:
Address:	
Date of Birth:	Age at 2017 Birthday:
Home Telephone Number:	
Parents/Caregivers Work Telephone Number:	
Parents/Caregivers Mobile Number:	
Emergency Contact Phone Number:	
Family Doctor Name:	
Family Doctor Phone Number:	
List of any medications your child takes:	
Medicare Number:	Private Health Fund:
Pre-existing illness/medical condition/injury/allergies:	