



1 February 2019

Dear Parents/Caregivers and Students,

TERM 1 INFORMATION ~ YEARS 7 - 12

Welcome back to the new School Year for 2019. 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 this information has also been placed onto 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 most of the events 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.

2019 TERM 1 MAJOR EVENTS THAT AFFECT STUDENTS ACROSS YEAR GROUPS		
Monday	28 January	Australia Day Public Holiday
Tuesday	29 January	Staff Learning Day Pupil Free Day
		Uniform Shop Open – 8.30am – 3.30pm
Wednesday	30 January	Year 7 commence – Orientation / Reflection Day
		Years 11 & 12 commence normal classes - Week A of the timetable
Thursday	31 January	Years 8, 9 & 10 Commence normal classes - Week A of the timetable
		Uniform Shop Open – 8.00am – 2.30pm
Friday	1 February	Year 7-11 Distribution of Text Books
Wednesday	6 February	Technology Day– Periods 1 – 6 Year 7 at Schofields
Thursday	8 February	9.00 – 9.50am. Whole College Assembly acknowledging the 2018 HSC High Achievers and parents/caregivers at Schofields. Years 11&12 will be transported to and from Nirimba by bus for this assembly.
Friday	8 February	College Photographs
Monday	11 February	Year 7-2019
		This is for our Year 7 families from 5.15pm until 6.30pm at Schofields. There will be an opportunity for parents/caregivers to meet with some of the class teachers, visit their son/daughter's classroom. The Year 7 Camp Information and permission letters will be distributed to parents/caregivers/students at this event. Principal's Parent Chat Group (From 4.45 – 5.15pm at Schofields.)
Friday	15 February	Year 11 Reflection Day - Dignity of the Human Person & Reconciliation – Nirimba Campus
Monday	18 February	Year 7 Vaccinations - 1st Dose HPV & dTpa
Tuesday	19 February	Year 11 – 2019 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	1 March	College Photographs – catch up day
Monday	4 March	College Swimming Carnival at Riverstone Pool
Wednesday	6 March	College Opening and Ash Wednesday Mass – 10.45am – 12.00 noon at Schofields. Years 11&12 will be transported to and from Nirimba by bus for this Mass.
Monday	11 March	Year 7 – 2020 – 2021 Enrolment Open Afternoon Information Sessions and Tours of St John Paul II Catholic College (4.00 – 6.30pm) at Schofields only.
Monday	19 March	Principal's Parent Chat Group ~ 10-11am at Schofields
Thursday	21 March	Year 7 Camp at Yarramundi
Friday	22 March	College Newsletter available on website
		Year 7 Camp at Yarramundi
Monday	8 April	Years 7 to 12 Teacher/Student/Parent/Caregiver Interviews – 3.30 – 7.00pm – Schofields
Tuesday	9 April	Years 7 to 12 Teacher/Student/Parent/Caregiver Interviews – 3.30 – 7.00pm – Schofields
Thursday	11 April	College Easter Liturgy -Schofields Performance Workshop
		Years 7 – 8: 8.10 – 9.50am / Year 9 - 10 – 10.20 – 11.58am
Friday	12 April	Easter Liturgy at Nirimba Hall 1.35 – 2.15pm Nirimba Hall – 12.35 – 2.15pm
		Term 1 concludes

Term 2 dates – Week 1 & 2		
Monday	29 April	Staff Learning Day Pupil Free Day
Tuesday	30 April	Term 2 Commences for all Students – Years 7 – 12 – Week A of the timetable
Thursday	2 May	ANZAC Day Ceremonies at Nirimba & Schofields
Friday	3 May	Year 7 Reflection Day – Schofields PWS

During the Term there will also be reminders and updates via Facebook, SMS messaging, College Website and term Newsletter. 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.

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.

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 2019, 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

J Fanning
Principal

PHOTOGRAPHS ~ FRIDAY, 8 FEBRUARY 2019

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, 8 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 NESA 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 Wednesday, 6 February 2019.

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 2019 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 Brad Horder, LCF – Sport on 9208 7231 or via email: bhorder@parra.catholic.edu.au

During 2019 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 (*subject to venue availability*) – ELECTIVE –) Outdoor and Indoor Games. The swimming program will run during sport over a four week period. The main focus of the program is water safety, rescue techniques and survival skills. Students are placed in groups based on their swimming ability.