



19 October 2017

STUDENT NAME HOMEROOM

Dear Parents/Caregivers and Year 11 students,

The following is the 2017~2018 timeline of events for your child. Further detail can be found on each of these events in this information letter.

<b>Year 11 into Year 12 2017 – 2018 Timeline of Events</b>		
<b>Event</b>	<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Final Preliminary Reports distributed to families at the information night.	Tuesday, 24 October 2017	<b>Nirimba Hall</b>
Year 12 Information Night	Tuesday, 24 October 2017	<b>Nirimba Hall</b>
RYDA Road Safety Excursion	Wednesday, 15 November 2017	<b>Sydney International Regatta Centre</b>
Christmas Liturgy	Wednesday, 13 December 2017	<b>Nirimba Hall</b>
Parent/Caregiver/Teacher Student/Interviews	Thursday, 14 December 2017 3:00pm – 6:30pm (online bookings) Friday, 15 December 2017 8:00am – 10:00am (online bookings)	<b>Schofields Campus – Library &amp; CLS</b>
School Resumes for Year 12	Tuesday, 30 January 2018	<b>Nirimba Campus</b>
HSC Mid-Course examinations	Monday, 19 March to Thursday, 29 March 2018	<b>Nirimba Campus</b>
Years 7-12 Parent/Caregiver/Teacher Student/Interviews	Monday, 9 April 2018 3.15pm – 7.00pm Tuesday, 10 April 2018 3.15pm – 7.00pm	<b>Schofields Campus CLS &amp; Library</b>
Year 12 Retreat	Wednesday, 23rd May to Friday, 25 May 2018	<b>The Collaroy Centre</b>
Year 12 Photograph	Thursday, 7 June 2018	<b>Nirimba Campus</b>
Year 7 – 12 Parent/Caregiver/Teacher Student/Interviews	Thursday, 26 July 2018 – (3.00pm – 8.00pm) Friday, 27 July 2018 – (8.00am – 2.15pm)	<b>Schofields Campus</b>
Trial HSC examinations	Monday, 6 August 2018 to Monday, 20 August 2018	<b>Nirimba Campus</b>
Year 12 Practice for Graduation Mass	Thursday 20 September 2018 12:30 – 2:15pm	<b>Schofields Campus</b>
Year 12 Graduation Mass	Friday, 21 September 2018 9-11 am	<b>Schofields Campus</b>
Year 12 Reflection Day – Chris Doyle	Monday, 24 September 2018	<b>Performance Workshop, Nirimba Campus</b>
Year 12 Graduation Ceremony	Tuesday, 25 September 2018 8.00 am ~ practice 7.00 pm ~ ceremony	<b>Nirimba Campus</b>
Year 12 Formal	Thursday, 27 September 2018	<b>Parkroyal Parramatta</b>
HSC Examinations commence	Thursday, 18 October 2018	<b>Nirimba Campus</b>

Dear Parents/Caregivers and Year 11 students,

Year 11 students have commenced an important phase of their schooling, namely the HSC course. This is a time when the partnership between school and home, rather than becoming less important is at its most important. For students to achieve results that reflect their ability there must be a conscious commitment to devoting the few months remaining to their studies. Families also have an important role to play in assisting students to achieve their best. Attending school each day, attending each class on time, having all the required equipment and being dressed appropriately in the correct College uniform does make a significant impact on their learning, consistent attendance is imperative. Students who do not have scheduled classes at various times during the school day should be in the Nirimba library studying and revising. Students are reminded that they need to have their school planner with them daily.

In the remaining terms at St John Paul II Catholic College, there are a number of important community events. There is an expectation that students in Year 11 and 12 attend all scheduled events. Year 11 and 12 are also reminded that students who represent the College in extra curricular activities can include this involvement in the College reference, which is provided at the conclusion of the HSC examinations.

### **Learning Enrichment**

Learning Enrichment will continue for Year 12 in 2018. Expectations regarding attendance at Learning Enrichment during 2018 will be made available early in Term 1, noting Year 12 students will be required to attend College, Campus and Year Assemblies, compulsory learning tutorials and other activities such as examinations and the taking of the whole group photograph, which will be scheduled on Thursday afternoons. The scheduling of such events will be published well in advance to facilitate planning. It is important therefore, that any outside appointments, work, driving licence tests etc are not made during this time on a Thursday or during any other subject time. As has always been the case students who wish to represent St John Paul II Catholic College in any of the sports/activities during this time are most welcome to attend these activities.

Some students in 2018 may have timetabled lessons during Periods 5 and 6 on a Thursday. Appointments and part time jobs should never take priority over school commitments on Thursday afternoons. Further details about the Learning Enrichment Program will be distributed to students at the beginning of 2018.

## **Higher School Certificate**

**HSC Courses** have commenced.

As part of the HSC Course, students are required to purchase texts. These texts are crucial to their understanding and development. With this in mind, it is imperative that students have the required texts during class time.

All students who ordered textbooks should have received them pending back orders. Students who have not ordered textbooks, as HSC courses have commenced, will have a lot of difficulty in completing the outcomes for such courses. Copies of the textbook order forms can be collected from the Nirimba administration office or go to: [www.stjohnpaul2.catholic.edu.au/current\\_families/school notes](http://www.stjohnpaul2.catholic.edu.au/current_families/school_notes).

The **HSC Assessment handbook** will be distributed to all students on Tuesday, 24 October. This handbook is an important guide as to when all assessment tasks are due. It contains the rules and regulations concerning the completion of such assessment tasks. The handbook includes a calendar, in where the students can write in all their assessment tasks due dates. NESA rules and procedures book for the 2018 HSC were distributed to the students earlier this term.

### **Communication**

It is important that any change of contact details concerning addresses or telephone numbers are provided to the College to assist with communication. Up-to-date details are especially required in the case of an emergency. Please contact us urgently if/when your details change. Written notification of such changes is preferred but by telephone is acceptable in the first instance.

## **Driving**

Students who wish to apply for car driving and passenger privileges (passenger in a car driven by another St John Paul II Catholic College student) to and from St John Paul II Catholic College are to collect the permission forms from the Nirimba Office. When the form/s have been completed and returned to the Principal for approval, the students will be issued with a card that indicates the names of the students and vehicle details. The driver will also be issued with a green card with their name and registration number and stating all names of passengers who have permission to travel in their car. These laminated cards, are the same size as a driver's license, and are to be produced upon request. As the safety of students is paramount in this matter, your co-operation is appreciated. Students who do not have a driver or passenger form completed are NOT permitted to drive or transport any passengers to and from school.

## **Student Jersey**

The design and selection of the student jersey for 2018 process is now underway and a letter with further information will be distributed soon. The jersey is an optional item that can be purchased and **can only be worn on Friday**. If this condition is not adhered to, the student concerned will be asked to remove the jersey, as it is not being worn in accordance to the ordering agreement. Your support is required to ensure that your son/daughter exercises the privilege of having the jersey by wearing it well on the correct day.

## **Study Periods**

When students have study periods at the conclusion of the day, they can leave the College premises once they have submitted their "Absence from School Premises" document or if they have special parental/caregiver permission. At no other time are students to leave the College grounds. Students with study periods, during periods 1 and 2 may sign in during Break1. If they have study periods in the middle of the day, they are expected to stay on campus and use the library to study during these periods. Sign on sheets are now in place in the library. No student should be sitting outside the classrooms during teaching periods.

## **Jewellery**

Visible piercings are not permitted for boys or girls. However, girls are allowed to wear **one** set of sleepers or studs visible in ear lobes only. No facial or other visible piercings are accepted and any student refusing to remove such piercings will be sent home once parent/caregiver is contacted. **Clear replacement studs are not accepted.**

## **Detentions**

Formal detentions take place on Wednesday afternoon from 2.30pm till 3.30pm. Work commitments come secondary to College formal detentions. Students who have free periods will need to remain at school should they be given a detention.

## **Uniform**

All senior students (Year 11 & 12) are to wear their full college uniform to and from school. Students studying subjects requiring them to wear full college sport uniform, will change at the beginning and end of these lessons. There are no exceptions to this policy. See the College student planner for details pertaining to the uniform.

## **Final Preliminary Reports – Tuesday 24, October 2017**

Year 11 reports will be distributed at the Year 12 Information Night.

## **Year 12 Information Night – Tuesday 24 October 2017**

This evening is an opportunity to go through NESA policies and procedures, give out HSC assessment schedules and answer any question pertaining to the HSC.

## **RYDA Road Safety Excursion – 15 November 2017**

This will be held at the Sydney International Regatta Centre in Penrith. Students will be transported to and from the venue via bus. This is a road safety program with a series of workshops. More information can be found on the school website.

### **Christmas Liturgy - Wednesday, 13 December 2017**

This will be held at the Nirimba Campus, with the current Year 11/12 students now being the leaders and for many other students, role models. It is expected that students who attend a Catholic College would attend such a significant liturgical celebration. Normal timetabled lessons will be held on this day before and after the Advent Celebration.

### **Parent/Caregiver/Teacher/Student Interviews      Thursday 14 December 2017 – (3.00pm – 6.00pm) Friday, 15 December 2017 – (8.00am – 10.00am)**

The parent/caregiver/teacher student interviews has been made available to discuss the students' progress in the first weeks of the HSC course. It is highly recommended that parents/caregivers and students attend this interview opportunity because the next formal opportunity is not until 2018. These interviews will be held at the Schofields Campus. Interview online booking instructions will be distributed to all students in the week commencing 27 November 2017. The interviews will be held between 3.00pm and 6.00pm on Thursday and 8.00am and 10.00am on Friday. You will be able to book online for these interviews from 4 December by going to [www.stjohnpaul2.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stjohnpaul2.catholic.edu.au) and follow the link to the site and then follow the instructions. Bookings close on Wednesday 13, December at 9.00am

### **School Resumes for Year 12 - 2018 – Tuesday, 30 January 2018**

All students are expected to be at the Nirimba Campus by 8am in full correct summer uniform. Students will receive their 2018 timetable at the commencement of this day.

### **H.S.C. Mid-Course examinations – Monday, 19 March to Thursday, 29 March 2018**

These are currently planned for these dates and more details will be distributed closer to the time.

### **Year 7-12 Parent/Caregiver/Teacher/Student Interviews – Monday, 9 April 2018 and Tuesday, 10 April 2018**

The parent/caregiver/teacher student interview afternoon has been made available to discuss the students' progress in the early weeks of 2018 and especially for the Year 12 students after they complete their Mid-Course examinations. You will be able to book online for these interviews and more details will follow early in Term 1.

### **Year 12 Retreat – Wednesday, 23 May to Friday, 25 May 2018**

This retreat will be held at The Collaroy Centre and is the culmination of the program that commenced when the students attended their first reflection day as Year 7 students in 2013.

### **Year 12 Photograph – Thursday 7 June 2018**

This is the formal photograph of the graduation class of 2018. More details on how to purchase this will be closer to the date.

### **Parent/Caregiver/Teacher/Student interviews – Thursday, 26 July 2018 Friday, 27 July 2018**

These are held for all Year 7 to 12 students at the Schofields Campus. More details will be sent out close to the date next year.

### **Trial H.S.C. Examinations commence on Monday, 6 August and conclude on 20 August 2018**

### **Year 12 Graduation Rehearsal – Thursday 20 September 2018**

This will be held at the Schofields campus during Learning Enrichment. Students will be bused to and from, being dismissed at Nirimba.

### **Year 12 Graduation Mass - Friday, 21 September 2018**

This is the significant part of the St John Paul 11 Catholic College celebrations held at the Schofields Campus. Parents/caregivers of Year 12 students will receive an invitation to attend this celebration in Term 3 next year. The mass commences at 9.00am on this day.

## **Year 12 Reflection Day – Monday 24 September 2018**

Chris Doyle will be leading the students in the PWS from 8:00am – 12:00pm.

## **Year 12 Graduation Ceremony – Tuesday, 25 September 2018**

Students will be involved in a morning practice commencing at 8.00am for their graduation, which will be held in the Nirimba hall. The evening ceremony will commence at 7.00 pm that night in the Nirimba hall. Further information regarding the ceremony will be available in Term 3 next year.

## **Year 12 Formal – Thursday, 27 September 2018**

A booking has been made for the formal to be held at the Parkroyal Parramatta. Parents/Caregivers are very welcome to attend the formal. The formal is an event organised by the College. This supervised formal by staff of the College involves Child Protection and WHS Legislation meaning that only current Year 12-2018 St John Paul II Catholic College students and parents/caregivers are able to attend. The only exception is if a student wishes to bring a non St John Paul II partner, the parent/caregiver of the St John Paul II student must attend the formal. As this is a Year 12 Formal, no other Year 7-11 St John Paul II students are able to attend the formal.

Attendance at the formal by Year 12 St John Paul II Catholic College students is an optional activity and does incur a substantial cost. Permission to attend will be obtained from the parent/caregivers. The College also reserves the right to decide if a student can or cannot attend the formal.

## **HSC Examinations Commence – Thursday, 18 October 2018**

This is the official commencement date. Teaching staff will be available to provide individual assistance to help the students with their final preparations for their examinations before and during the examination period. This assistance is created by contacting the Nirimba office to make an appointment to see their subject teacher.

Information concerning the practical examinations is mailed to individual students in Term 2 or 3 next year. In most subjects that contain a major practical performance or marking of a major work these are completed before the start of the HSC written examinations in October 2017. When all HSC examinations are completed the students will be able to collect their NESAs ranking sheet and College reference from the administration office at Nirimba.

Please contact Miss Cairns (Leader of Learning-Stage 6) or Miss Powles (Student Learning Liaison-Year 12) at the College if you require any further information concerning any of the events/items mentioned in this newsletter. Miss Cairns and Miss Powles will be working with the Year 12 ~ 2018 students.

Yours faithfully



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