



1 February 2018

Dear Parents/Caregivers and Students,

TERM 1 INFORMATION ~ YEARS 7 - 10

Welcome back to the new School Year for 2018. 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.
- Year 7 – 10 Integrated Sport information for parents/caregivers

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.

2018 TERM 1 MAJOR EVENTS THAT AFFECT STUDENTS ACROSS YEAR GROUPS		
Friday	26 January	Australia Day Public Holiday
Monday	29 January	Staff Learning Day Pupil Free Day
		Uniform Shop Open – 8.30am – 3.30pm
Tuesday	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
Wednesday	31 January	Years 8, 9 & 10 Commence normal classes - Week A of the timetable
		Uniform Shop Open – 8.00am – 2.30pm
Friday	2 February	Year 7-11 Distribution of Text Books
Wednesday	7 February	My iPad Day – Periods 1 – 6 Year 7 iPad training at Schofields
Thursday	8 February	9.00-10.30am. Whole College Assembly acknowledging the 2017 HSC High Achievers and parents/caregivers at Schofields. Years 11&12 will be transported to and from Nirimba by bus for this assembly.
Friday	9 February	College Photos
Monday	12 February	Year 7-2018 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.
		Principal's Parent Chat Group (From 4.45 – 5.15pm at Schofields.)
Wednesday	14 February	8.10am Ash Wednesday Liturgy Years 7 - 10 Schofields Gathering Area
		8.10am Ash Wednesday Liturgy Years 11 & 12 Nirimba Hall
Monday	19 February	Year 7 Vaccinations - 1st Dose HPV & dTpa
Tuesday	20 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	23 February	College Newsletter available on website
Friday	2 March	College Photographs – catch up day
Monday	5 March	College Swimming Carnival at Riverstone Pool
Monday	12 March	Year 7 & 11 2019 Enrolment Open Afternoon/Evening Information Sessions and Tours of St John Paul II Catholic College (4.00 – 8.00pm) at Schofields only.
Monday	19 March	Principal's Parent Chat Group ~ 10-11am at Schofields

		Year 12 Mid-Course Examinations commence
Thursday	22 March	Year 7 Camp at Yarramundi
Friday	23 March	College Newsletter available on website
		Year 7 Camp at Yarramundi
Wednesday	28 March	Year 12 Mid-Course Examinations conclude
Thursday	29 March	Easter Liturgy at Schofields 8.10 – 9.50am Gathering Area
		Easter Liturgy at Nirimba 1.35 – 2.15pm Nirimba Hall
Monday	2 April	Easter Monday Public Holiday
Wednesday	4 April	Year 7 Reflection Day – Schofields PWS
Monday	9 April	Years 7 to 12 Teacher/Student/Parent/Caregiver Interviews – 3.30 – 7.00pm – Schofields
Tuesday	10 April	Years 7 to 12 Teacher/Student/Parent/Caregiver Interviews – 3.30 – 7.00pm – Schofields
Friday	13 April	Term 1 concludes

Term 2 dates – Week 1 & 2

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

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 2018, 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

PHOTOGRAPHS ~ FRIDAY, 9 FEBRUARY 2018

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, 9 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, 2 February 2018.

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 2018 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 27231.

During 2018 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 – (**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.

PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO PERMISSION NOTE GOING HOME WITH THIS LETTER AS OF 2018 – A SEPARATE SWIMMING NOTE FOR 7-9 WHICH WILL BE AN ELECTIVE SPORT WILL BE SENT OUT LATER IN THE YEAR & A SEPARATE PACT SPORT NOTE FOR YEAR 10 WILL BE SENT HOME AS OF 2018