



St Benedict's

Catholic College

Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

October

Tues 6	First Day of Term 4
Wed 7	Captains Induction Ceremony
Thurs 8	Year 10 PDH Excursion
Mon 12	Year 9 Outdoor Ed Camp starts
Tues 13	Year 9 Outdoor Ed Camp ends
Thurs 15	Vaccinations #3 (final)
Wed 21	Senior Retreat (Yr 11) starts
Thurs 22	Youth Eco Summit
Friday 23	Senior Retreat ends Liturgical Ministers Training Day
Mon 26	Dio Basketball (boys & girls)
Wed 28	Preliminary Reports distributed Dio Cricket (boys)
Thurs 29	HSC Intro Night Year 11 Parent/Teacher Night

November

Mon 2	Years 9 & 10 Final Exams start
Wed 4	P&F Meeting 7pm @ College
Fri 6	Years 9 & 10 Final Exams end
Mon 9	Year 9 English Excursion
Wed 11	Yr 10 Commerce & Yr 11 Legal Studies Excursion
Thurs 12	Yr 8 Science Excursion
Wed 18	Yr 2016 Orientation Evening
Fri 20	Yrs 7-10 Pupil Free Day Yr 7 2016 Student Orientation Day
Fri 27	Yr 8 PDH Excursion
Mon 30	Yr 9 PAT Tests

December

Wed 2	Yr 8 PAT Tests
Thurs 3	Yr 9 Duke of Ed
Fri 4	Australian Catholic Youth Festival
Mon 7	Australian Catholic Youth Festival
Wed 9	Yrs 7-10 Final Reports distributed
Fri 11	Closing Mass and Awards
Mon 14	Beach Day
Tues 15	Parent Teacher Day

Dear Parents

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope you have had a wonderful time at home with your children over the break. There have been many physical changes to the College site over the last two weeks. The biggest change for parents will be how to access the Reception/Office area that is now located in the new building at what will be the main entrance to the school. Whilst the car park works are being finished over the next few weeks, parents who wish to visit the Reception/pick their child up from school during the day, will need to follow the signs from the car park adjacent to the old Reception building. Much of the surrounds are still temporary and are part of the Stage 4 Learning Centre development which is coming on very impressively and quickly.

Pick up and Drop Off of students will continue as it did in Term 3. I would like to thank parents for the patient and courteous way in which they have managed some of the recent changes in the car park. We understand it is currently a very tight space to operate in and appreciate your efforts to get your children to school on time by allowing the extra travel time in the mornings. Once the final piece of the car park jigsaw is in place we will have a completely new entrance plaza to the College, and, of course, many more car parking spaces.

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At the time of writing we are about to hold our first ever College Captains Induction Ceremony. Director of Schools Peter Turner and member for Camden Chris Patterson MLA will be in attendance on what is a very significant occasion for the College. Congratulations once again to Ebony Billett and Lachlan Haidle who have progressed through our Leadership Diploma to Captaincy. Congratulations also to our Prefects Ashleigh Robinson, Taylor McGovern, Erin Coppin and Chelsea Barnes.

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We wish Year 9 students and teachers all the best as they undertake the first part of the Outdoor Education programme next Monday. All students who successfully complete the programme use it to qualify for their Purple Leadership Diploma. It is also an important time for our Year 11 Construction students as they head off on their Work Placement for a week.

Now that the Preliminary Course Examinations have concluded, the next stage of "The Road to the HSC" continues for Year 11 families on Thursday 29 October. An HSC Information Evening, combined with Parent Teacher interviews will be held. HSC Assessment Handbooks will be handed out at this time. Further details regarding the times of these sessions will be sent home closer to the date.

Michael Hanratty
Principal

YEAR 9 OUTDOOR EDUCATION CAMP

The compulsory Outdoor Education Camp for Year 9 is to be held from Monday 12 to Tuesday 13 October. The camp is to be held at the Somerset Outdoor Learning Centre, Wilberforce. Full details on what the students **can** and **cannot** bring can be found on the College website, under the Parent tab, then Permission Notes.

Students will depart the College on Monday morning at 8:30am, following homeroom. They will return on Tuesday afternoon in time for normal after school travel arrangements.

If you are unable to access the online site, please contact Mr Lundy immediately so that alternate forms can be made available.



Somerset
Outdoor Learning Centre

CAMPBELLTOWN TERM 4, 2015

SEASONS FOR GROWTH PARENTING

This workshop gives an understanding of divorce/separation from a child's perspective and helps parents to support their children through family change.

2 Tuesday Mornings 10am - 12:30pm
24 November & 1 December 2015
CatholicCare
35A Cordeaux St
Campbelltown

Workshop Fee: \$15 per session

KEEPING KIDS IN MIND

A post-separation parenting workshop. Learn how to deal more effectively with the emotional & practical issues of parenting after separation. Explores loss & grief in parents and children, power grabs & impact on children.

5 Monday Mornings 10am - 12:30pm
12, 19, 26, October, 2 & 9 November 2015

CatholicCare
35A Cordeaux Street
Campbelltown

Workshop Fee: \$20 per session

WORKSHOP BOOKINGS

Campbelltown 4628 0044



Concessions may apply dependent on financial circumstances

Senior (Year 11) Retreat

A reminder to parents and families that the Year 11 retreat is to be held from Wednesday 21 October to Friday 23 October at Rathane in the Royal National park near Sutherland. This is a very exciting opportunity for our students and I know the staff involved are very much looking forward to this experience.

Signed Information Sheet to be returned to the Academic Care Tutor by **Friday 11 September**.

CAFÉ NEWS

New items:

Jelly	\$1.00
Frozen Calippo Mini	\$1.20
Paddle Pops	\$2.00
Watermelon Cups	\$2.50
Chocolate Mousse	\$2.50

Pre orders available at the Café as well as on line.

Students must have an ID card to purchase from the Café.



Student Entry

Reception



Progress on the new Learning Centre