22 January, 2015

Dear Parents/Caregivers

2015 - SENIOR SCHOOL INFORMATION

As we begin the New Year, I would like to welcome all students who are new to the Senior School – this includes all students in Year 10 in addition to the new students who have recently enrolled into the Senior School at Cabra Dominican College.

In preparation for this year I would like to clarify a number of points regarding College policies and procedures for 2015 which specifically relate to the Senior School. Students will be reminded of these points in their individual Year Level meetings in the first week.

DAY ONE - TERM 1 - WEDNESDAY 28 JANUARY, 2015

All students will be required to wear their full summer uniform for the first day of Term 1. The students will also need to bring a lock for their lockers which will be allocated to them on the Wednesday morning. The bell will ring at 8.40am and all Year Levels will assemble in the following areas:

Year 10 - Aquinas Lawns
Year 11 - Courts (near Caleruega Hall)
Year 12 - Aquinas Theatre

Students will be dismissed at 3.30pm on the first day.

SENIOR SCHOOL WELCOMING BBQ & PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

The Welcoming BBQ and Parent Information Evening will be held on Thursday 29 January commencing at 6.00pm. The evening will be structured to cater for the needs of each individual Year Level by having three separate presentations occurring concurrently on the evening. Year 10 parents/caregivers will meet in St Dominic’s Hall, Year 11 parents/caregivers will meet in Caleruega Hall and Year 12 parents/caregivers will meet in Aquinas Theatre. Information in relation to our Senior School academic and pastoral care programs will be provided on the night. You will also have the opportunity to meet your child’s Home Class Teacher along with other parents/caregivers. Directly following the main presentations on Thursday 29 January the College will be hosting a ‘Fool Proof Partyding’ presentation for all Year 10 and Year 12 parents/caregivers from 8.00pm – 9.00pm in Caleruega Hall and a ‘Road Accident Awareness’ presentation for all Year 11 parents/caregivers from 8.00pm – 9.30pm in St. Dominic’s Hall.

COLLEGE UNIFORM

Some reminders:

- Girls should wear white anklet socks that cover ankles and boys should wear grey socks with the summer uniform;
- Hair accessories (ribbons, combs, elastics) should be College colours;
- Girls’ hair fully tied back off the face;
- Hair colour should be natural tones only (no extreme colours or contrasts);
- Girls - no makeup is allowed to be worn;
- The only jewellery permitted is one pair of plain studs or sleepers (one piercing in each lower ear lobe only, no other piercings are allowed). A simple chain with a discreet religious symbol may also be worn;
- PE uniform should only be worn on the days when your son/daughter has a practical PE lesson;
- Boys should wear short sleeve shirts. Long sleeve shirts are not part of the summer uniform;
- Boys should be clean shaven;
- Girls need to ensure that their skirts cover their knees;
- Shoes should be black in colour and should be of a leather, flat heeled, lace-up type school shoes only.
I would ask that parents/caregivers support us in these matters to ensure that students wear the uniform appropriately and with pride. There is a choice of hat for PE and other outdoor activities. Choose from a College cap, bucket or broad brimmed style.

LESSON TIMES
All lessons are 40 minutes in length and students finish at 3.30pm each afternoon. The individual lesson times for 2015 are attached to this letter.

YEAR 11 LESSON STRUCTURE
All Year 11 students will finish at 1.25pm each Monday afternoon. The Year 11 students will finish at 3.30pm on all other days. At selected times during the course of the year the afternoon lessons on a Monday for Year 11 students will be allocated to Year Level Meetings or curriculum based activities and as a result the students will need to attend the double lesson on Monday afternoon. The first example of this will be the ‘Road Accident Awareness’ presentation in St. Dominic’s Hall on Monday 2 February which will be held in in Blocks 7 and 8.

YEAR 12 LESSON STRUCTURE
Year 12 students will have supervised study lesson/s if they have non-contact time between recess and lunch. If a student does not have lessons before recess or after lunch they are not required to be at school. This time has been allocated to home study. A contract will be sent home with the students for parents/caregivers to sign in relation to clarifying the lessons which have been allocated to home study.

STUDENT ABSENCES/LATENESS
Please advise the College via the ‘Absentee’ phone line on 8179 2477, if your son/daughter is going to be absent or late. On return to the College your son/daughter must have a signed note in their diary explaining the absence (along with a Doctor’s certificate if applicable). Continued lateness will result in a detention being issued. Parents and caregivers also have the option of accessing the SMS system to inform the College if your child is going to be late or absent. The number for the SMS system is 0427 767 937.

2015 COLLEGE DIARY
This year all students will have a generic College diary. The College policies and procedures which normally are found in the front of the diary will be distributed to students and parents/caregivers electronically. All students will be expected to have a College diary and keep it in good order. Stickers and other materials should not be used in the diary, and it should only be used for parent/caregiver or teacher notes and/or homework details. Students who have defaced diaries will be required to purchase a new College diary.

STUDENT MEDICAL DETAILS
During Term 1 all parents and caregivers will be sent information associated with updating your child’s medical information in preparation for the events held during Community Living Week/Work Experience/Retreat in Week 11 of the term.

SENIOR STUDENT COUNCIL CAMP
The 2015 Senior Student Council will be involved in a Leadership Camp on Sunday 1 February to Monday 2 February. The camp will be held at Victor Harbor and will focus on team building skills, exploring different leadership styles and setting goals for the year.

SPORTS DAY
Our College Sports Day will be held in Term 1, Friday 6th March. This is an important day in the school year where students have an opportunity to display talents and fantastic team spirit. All students attend this as a compulsory school day. This day provides another avenue to celebrate our rich heritage and aim to foster community.

MOONLIGHT CINEMA
One of the first fundraising initiatives which the Senior Student Council will be running this year will be a Moonlight Cinema which will be held on the Middle School Oval on Friday 20 February, commencing at 7.00pm. More details will be made available to the College community early in the term.

FORMAL – Year 12
The Year 12 Formal will be held on Friday 27 February, commencing at 7.00pm. The Adelaide Town Hall has been booked for what will be a very special evening for the students.

COMMUNITY LIVING WEEK (CLW) – Year 10
Community Living Week for students in Years 6 – 10 will be held from Tuesday 7 April to Friday 10 April. Students will be given information in the next few weeks about the exciting range of activities they can choose from. All Year 10s are expected to attend.
WORK EXPERIENCE – Year 11
Work Experience for Year 11 students commences on Tuesday 7 April and concludes on Friday 10 April. Please encourage your son/daughter to return their Work Experience Agreement form if they have not already done so.

RETREAT – Year 12
The Retreat for all Year 12 students will be held from Tuesday 7 April to Friday 10 April. A number of different camp sites have already been booked for the Retreats. More information will be provided to you during the term.

CAMP GALLIPOLI - 24 & 25 APRIL - 2015
Camp Gallipoli is an event organised in different campsites around Australia and NZ for schools, families and community groups to camp out under the stars just as the original Anzacs did 100 years ago. In SA the event will be held at Morphettville Racecourse beginning at approximately 3.00pm on Friday 24 April and concluding at approximately 8.00am on Anzac Day, Saturday 25 April. The event costs $99.00 per person and will feature many forms of entertainment including special guests, movies, documentaries, concerts and a unique dawn service on Anzac Day plus dinner and breakfast. Cabra Dominican College is planning to send a total of 18 Year 10 and 11 students and two supervising staff along to this event.

There are only a limited number of tickets available and we need to confirm with the camp organisers the final numbers as soon as possible. Please note that you need to provide your own swag/bedding as there are no tents. If you are interested please email Mrs. Andrea Emerson in the Senior School Office so we can reserve a ticket for you - aemerson@cabra.catholic.edu.au

RAA DRIVER EDUCATION
If your son or daughter is interested in having formal driving lessons you could explore the option of enrolling them into the driver education program which is offered by RAA Driver Education. The Premium P-Ready program is a Certificate II in Driver Competence and would enable the students who successfully complete the course to achieve a total of 25 SACE Credits (Stage 1). For more information you can contact RAA Driver Education directly on 8202 4444 or via. Email: lfitzgerald@raa.com.au.

SENIOR SCHOOL OFFICE STAFF
The Senior School Office is open from 8.30am to 4.30pm each week day. Mrs Irena Oleszczyk and Mrs Andrea Emerson are the key contact staff in the Senior School Office. Mrs. Oleszczyk manages the office on Monday and Tuesday and Mrs. Emerson manages the office from Wednesday to Friday.

The Senior School staff are looking forward to working with you and your son/daughter this year. Please also find below the list of Home Class Teachers for 2015.

Yours faithfully

John Cameron
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL, SENIOR SCHOOL
**Senior School Year Level Coordinators and Home Class Teachers for 2015**

**Year 12: Erin Mann (YLC)**
- 12B  Sally Mahony
- 12G  Isabel Heath
- 12N  David McManus
- 12R  Jenny Cross
- 12T  Ann-Maree Davies
- 12W  David Finkemeyer
- 12Y  Charlotte Hejka

**Year 11: Chris de Silva (YLC)**
- 11B  Neil Hayford
- 11G  Pauline O'Donnell
- 11N  Lucy Jenner/Gemma Heath
- 11R  Sally Scott
- 11T  Andrew Patupas
- 11W  Paula Hensing
- 11Y  John Simpson

**Year 10: Edmund O'Brien (YLC)**
- 10B  Greg Way
- 10G  Paul von der Borch
- 10N  Philip Lamb
- 10R  Kate Lymn
- 10T  Rebecca Jasper
- 10W  Catherine O'Halloran
- 10Y  Francesca Sutton

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