



2 May 2024

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

2024 Term 2 Week 1 College Update

Term 2

I hope all students and families enjoyed the term break, and that the holidays were an opportunity to rest, relax and recharge in preparation for Term 2.

Attendance

To assist with ensuring a smooth start to the term, the following information is essential:

- Irrespective of the reasons for absences, non-attendance affects student outcomes
- There is no 'safe' threshold for absences; every day counts, declines in achievement are evident with any level of absence, and the impact of absence increases with the number of absences
- The school day begins with Lesson 1 at 8:50am (students should be moving to their Lesson 1 classroom at 8:45am)

Mother's Day Community Morning

We are very pleased to invite all mothers and mother figures to join us for our Mother's Day Community Morning on Friday 10 May. Please see this [Invitation](#) for further details and click here to [RSVP](#) before Tuesday 7 May.

Term 2 Student Learner Conversations

Student Learner Conversations take place in Caleruega Hall on Monday 6 May from 2:00pm to 7:00pm and on Monday 13 May from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. **Students must be in attendance** and are expected to be involved in these conversations.

You should have received an email on Tuesday 2 April from edval-noreply@tes.com with your personalised web code for Edval Interviews. Please check your Junk Email folder if you did not receive this in your Inbox.

Student Learner Conversations will focus on learning, and how your child can continue to grow and succeed in their subjects. The Student Learner Conversation is not a time to discuss, in detail, major learning difficulties – this may best be left for a separate occasion where there is more time available. If you have been unable to arrange an appointment with a particular staff member, please contact them at the College and, if necessary, arrange another time to meet.

Note: The Monica Farrelly Atrium will close at **4:00pm** on Monday 6 May and Monday 13 May.

Winter Uniform

All students are expected to show pride in themselves and the College by meeting requirements relating to uniform and presentation. Please note that in Term 2 the winter uniform is to be worn, with the blazer to be worn to and from school (regardless of the mode of transport). Skirts should be worn to the knee and shirts should be tucked in. I would appreciate the assistance of parents in ensuring students are well presented and representing themselves and the College with pride.

Physical Education and Performing Arts Uniform Requirements

Students should only be wearing PE Uniform on days when they have the following timetabled lessons:

- Year 7 – 12 Physical Education
- Year 7 – 8 Performing Arts – Dance/Drama
- Year 9 – 12 Dance

In Year 7 and 8 Performing Arts – Dance/Drama and Year 9 – 12 Dance lessons, we recognise that students need to be able to move freely and hope that the PE Uniform will help students participate with confidence and facilitate successful experiences in the subject.

Drop Off and Pick Up Reminders

Student safety is our shared priority. Please remember to adhere to road safety rules and traffic signs, and to be patient as large numbers of students enter and exit College grounds, cross roads and walk/cycle near the College.

Please adhere to the following safety rules:

- Observe school zone speed limits (25km/hr limit applies when students are present within a signed school zone, i.e., where zigzag lines are marked on the road)
- Not parking in "No Standing" zones
- Respecting local neighbours and their right to access their driveways
- Ensuring that students exit cars onto the footpath

Please also note that the City of Mitcham regularly monitors the streets surrounding the College and in particular, the "No Standing" zone on Eaton Street.

On the Horizon

Please see some general dates below for upcoming events. If we have not already, we will write to you with details of the below events if they affect your child.

Date	Event
Friday 3 May – Sunday 5 May	Generations in Jazz
Monday 6 May	Year 7 – 12 Student Learner Conversations
Wednesday 8 May	Year 10 Immunisations
Wednesday 8 May	SACSSGSA Swimming Carnival
Friday 10 May	Mother's Day Community Prayer and Breakfast
Friday 10 May	Year 10 Careers and Employment Expo (12:25 – 3:30pm)
Monday 13 May	Year 7 -1 2 Student Learner Conversations

The College Calendar is located on SEQTA Engage and the [College Website](#).

Please feel most welcome to contact us if you have any questions about this information or if you have any concerns about your child's progress.

Yours sincerely,

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