Dear Families,

The announcement from the Government of South Australia this week in regards to COVID Vaccinations was not unanticipated. As we have kept our eye closely on the November 23 date, South Australians have been astutely aware that life will change, expectations will vary and rules will have an impact. The College will continue to manage the COVID situation following SA Health and Government guidelines – we will do so with care, compassion and understanding. We are committed to keeping our community safe and we have a strong desire to run school as normally as possible. The holiday break will provide the time required to assess, evaluate and take action accordingly. In the meantime, College life continues, as we enjoy the beautiful and fun end of the school year.

THE COLLEGE UNIFORM
The St Dominic’s Priory College school uniform is a smart and well known uniform in Adelaide and our girls wear it with pride. Our colours of French navy, grey, black and white are much loved by us all. There are no plans to change the colours of the school uniform. We will be introducing a new Saturday Morning Sport uniform suite in 2021 which will reflect the current colours of the College i.e.; Black White and Grey.

TWILIGHT ASSEMBLY
Our Twilight Assembly was spectacular. The stage and lighting were set for the likes of U2, Beyoncé or Taylor Swift. The audience was not disappointed when, instead, their own daughters took to the stage with all the drama and etiquette of fine thespians and performers. It was a showcase of fun, that reflected the primary student’s commitments to hard work, teamwork and quality work. I thank all the Primary Staff for their commitment to ensuring this night was celebrated in style. Congratulations to Anna Sordillo for her outstanding leadership towards this outstanding event. Primary families might remember that last year we could not have an audience providing a recorded version for families to share at home.

YEAR 12 GRADUATION BALL
On Monday, we are looking forward to the St Dominic’s Priory College Year 12 Graduation Ball. We are especially grateful that we can host this event and look forward to celebrating with families. We offer thanks for the graduating class of 2021 acknowledging achievements, hurdles and success. There is much to look forward to for this cohort who have delighted us with their strong sense of social justice, their determination to achieve excellence and their bright friendly manner. I look forward to seeing Year 12 students and their families on Monday.

Dr Helen Steele
College Principal

COVID-19 UPDATE
You may have seen in the media the recent SA Government Direction concerning COVID-19 vaccinations for staff in schools and Early Childhood Education Care settings.

St Dominic’s Priory College has acted quickly to inform staff of these new requirements. It has been our previous position that for the safety of students and the community, those who are eligible, ought to be vaccinated where possible.

The SA Government Direction now specifies that staff in all schools and education and care settings must have had at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccination by 10 December 2021 and show evidence of a booking for their second dose.

The Direction also extends to volunteers and any unpaid workers.

It does not apply to students and parents who are incidental visitors to the school.

You would appreciate that the 2-year journey we have experienced in dealing with the pandemic has resulted in numerous strategies and compliance measures implemented for the safety of students, families and staff.

Throughout the pandemic we have been absolutely lock-step in following the advice of the SA Chief Public Health Officer as it relates to the schooling sector. The Catholic Education Office has strong direct liaison with the SA Department for Education which has meant that each sector has been remarkably consistent in the messaging over health measures adopted at school sites.

We will continue to monitor and act upon any relevant advice and make staff aware of this new government law.

If more information comes to hand that has an impact on the wider St Dominic’s community, the College will keep you informed.

If you are volunteer in our community, please contact the College to find out how you might supply the necessary information to be compliant with this Government Direction.

Raffle Books Due
Drawn Thursday 25 November

22 November
Graduation Ball
Celebrating the Class of 2021

2 December
Last Day Term 4
3:25 pm Dismissal
UPCOMING DATES

Monday 22 November
Year 12 Graduation Ball
Parents & Friends Meet & Greet

Tuesday 23 November
Year 9W Geography visit to Food Forest
Wednesday 24 November
Year 10 Surfing - Day 1
Year 1 Book Launch

Thursday 25 November
Year 9G Geography visit to Food Forest

Friday 26 November
Year 10 Surfing - Day 2
Year 6 visit to Botanical Gardens

Thursday 2 December
Last day of Term 4 - Normal Dismissal

Monday 13 December
Year 12 SACE Results released

Tuesday 21 December
2022 University Offers emailed by 5 pm

!! ACCESS TO CAMPUS !!
Access to College grounds is limited to staff, students and essential services only. Parents / Guardians and other visitors are welcome at the College Reception - entrance via the Chapel Gate and ramp. All visitors are still required to wear masks.

CHRISTMAS CLOSURE DATES
The College Office will be closed:
20 DEC – 21 JAN INCLUSIVE
The College reopens for business from Monday 24 January 2022

2022 DATES

Tuesday 30 November 2021
2022 Student Information forms due

Friday 17 December 2021
Lighthouse Books Orders Due

Monday 31 January 2022
Pupil Free Day
Laptop Collection Day Years 8 - 12 (Library)
Year 12 BYOD Workshop 11 am [College Gym]

Tuesday 1 February 2022
Term 1 Commences for all students
New Parent Morning Tea 9 am [College Hall]
Year 5 + 6 Laptops & Textbooks issued

Tuesday 1 - Thursday 3 February 2022
Year 7 Orientation
[Incl. Textbook and Laptop distribution]

Friday 4 February 2022
Wellbeing Day

Tuesday 1 - Friday 4 February 2022
Recess + Lunch 10:30 am - 1:55 pm

Monday 7 February 2022
ID Photos

PRAYER & LITURGY

ADELAIDE DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY
Within the space of a month, three significant events have happened within the Adelaide Catholic community. A Diocesan Assembly, held at Cabra Dominican College in September, was an opportunity for the people from all over the Adelaide Diocese to gather to discern the issues confronting the church today and provided an opportunity for open discussion of the kind of church we wish to see in Australia today.

Sr Hieu and I represented St Dominic’s Priory College.

PLENARY COUNCIL
Then the first session of the Fifth Plenary Council of the Church in Australia began after a long COVID postponement. A number of South Australian Catholics from parishes, Catholic Social services, Health and Education sectors were involved in online discussion about the issues and challenges that face our church today.

Francis Sullivan, Chair of Catholic Social Services said in a recent blog:

“I have left the First Assembly of the Plenary Council optimistic that change is coming. What that looks like is unclear but plenty of balls have been tossed in the air. Resolutions have been crafted somewhat hastily but the Show is moving and the collective imagination has been ignited”.

It is the hope that we truly become the kind of church that Pope Francis desires where we make a shift from a propositional stance to one of mission. A church that shows authentic mercy and compassion to all.

This will no doubt be on the table at the beginning phase of the next Synod of Bishops to be held in 2023 on synodality – which literally means journeying together as pilgrims in the midst of the world.

ADELAIDE DIOCESAN YOUTH ASSEMBLY
Originally planned to be held in the lead up to September’s Diocesan Assembly but postponed due to COVID restrictions, the Adelaide Diocesan Youth Assembly 21 event is expected to be attended by up to 200 young people from regional and metropolitan parishes this weekend.

To be held at the Nazareth College Findon Campus, it is the first youth assembly organised in the Archdiocese since the 1980s and will be a wonderful opportunity for young people to hear the issues raised by the Australian church and to have their own voices heard.

Miss Genevieve Taheny
RE TEACHER AND LITURGY COORDINATOR

PRAYER
Loving God,
Fill the hearts of young people with the hope and love of Jesus Christ. Stir within young people an awareness of God’s call. Enliven our communities with the creativity, energy and joy of youth. And then guide us together as we strive to find our place and raise our voices to build a civilisation of love.

AMEN

LAST WEEK OF 2021 TUCKSHOP SPECIALS

WEDNESDAY WEEK 7

WK 7: Lamb Yiros $7
As we near the end of Term, items may become unavailable and be substituted by staff.


ST DOMINIC’S TUCKSHOP 2022 ROSTER

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Recess + Lunch 10:30 am - 1:55 pm especially Tuesdays, Thursdays or Fridays

ONE TO TWO DAYS PER TERM

Main duties: serving students (no exp. needed) Some stock filling / rotation and packing lunch orders. We greatly appreciate the support of parents/guardians or grandparents who would like to help.

Contact Michelle Macri: 8331 5108
Please note the latest information regarding Volunteers and COVID Vaccinations
TERM 4 IN REVIEW

It may be the shortest term in the school year, however it is no less busy. There is still much going on and staff are working full steam ahead continuing to provide our students with a variety of excellent learning experiences. This includes incursions and excursions, which enrich our girls’ educational experience by involving them in real-life applications of their learning in the classroom. Just in the first four weeks of this term, students have been involved in:

- Year 11 Mathematics workshop at Flinders Uni
- Year 10 Geography Adelaide Coastal Excursion
- Year 10 Photography - Zoo Excursion
- Year 9 Create Inspire day
- Year 10 Architecture & Product Design INGENUITY 2021 STEM Project Expo
- Year 11 Italian class viewed the film 10 Giorni con Babbo Natale at the Palace Nova
- Year 11 Essential English Visit to Monarto Zoo
- Year 7 English excursion – Once Upon a Time
- Year 10 Geography Kangaroo Island 2-day camp
- Year 7, 8 and 9 Middle School Swimming Carnival
- Year 10 Science Hallett Cove Geological Trail excursion
- Year 8 Retreat

YEARS 10 - 12 EXAMINATIONS

Year 12 students completed their examinations last week and Year 10 and 11 examinations come to a close this Friday. Examinations can be a nervous time, particularly in high stakes situations. Some of our students were quite anxious about their examinations. To support students, their teachers explained to them that a certain level of examination anxiety is a normal response and some degree of nervous energy and tension is generally required to motivate us to study for, and complete examinations and perform well – it is important to remember examination anxiety is not all bad.

Students took this advice in their stride and to their credit, pushed through the nerves.

Examination performance is also a good indication about how suited students are to subjects with an examination component. If a student is not recommended by a teacher to do a particular subject the following year, this recommendation is made in the best interest of the student. St Dominic’s staff know our girls and what subjects they are suited to. If you would like to discuss your daughter’s subject for 2022 you are welcome to ring me at the College.

Semester 2 Reports released via SEQTA Monday 6 December.

Ms Jo Surman
DIRECTOR OF TEACHING & LEARNING

GROWTH MINDSET

What sort of things do you say to yourself when you are learning something new?

Your self-talk can have a much greater impact on the way you see yourself than you may realise. Self-talk can be positive or negative – and paying attention to which you most often say towards, can help you start making proactive changes about how you take on life’s challenges.

GROWTH MINDSET

Reframing your Thinking

Instead of Thinking...
- I can’t do it.
- I’m not good at this.
- It’s too hard.
- I’m afraid of making a mistake.
- They are better at it than I am.
- I don’t know how.
- I can’t make this any better.
- I don’t like challenges.
- I give up.

Think This...
- I’m still learning, I’ll keep trying!
- What can I learn to get better at?
- Is this the best I can do?
- With more practice it will get easier!
- Mistakes are how I learn & get better!
- What can I learn from them?
- I can learn how!
- I can always find ways to improve!
- Challenges make me better!
- I’ll try a different way!
STUDENT UNIFORM FITTINGS

We invite you to Book Your Child’s Uniform Fitting
Location: Shop 3/54-56 Grange Road, Welland

BOOK HERE
(08) 8346 0830 | sales@campusschoolwear.com.au
One student and one parent/guardian per booked fitting.

ONLINE ORDERING is also available
with an $8.00 delivery fee

www.campusschoolwear.com.au

YEAR 8 RETREAT

On Friday 5 November, the Year 8 students gathered together at Bethany Centre in the Mary Mackillop precinct in Kensington to participate in their annual retreat. Students were given the opportunity to take a break from their busy school life and reflect on how their actions can affect others. We explored the concept of the ‘Ripple Effect’ and acknowledged the fact that our actions can have far reaching consequences, sometimes much further than intended. Students participated in group challenges, personal reflection and a craft activity at the end of the day. It was a very successful day and the Year 8 cohort should be congratulated for the energetic and positive approach.

This was the final student retreat for the year. We have been lucky enough to host a retreat for each of the Secondary year levels throughout 2021. Students have approached each retreat with positivity and have participated with maturity and a willingness to explore themselves and their faith. The Religion faculty looks forward to continue working with the students on similar days in 2022.

Mrs Emma Rawlins
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

YEAR 10 - A GUIDE TO OBTAINING YOUR DRIVER’S LICENCE ROAD SAFETY SESSION

The SA Police Road Safety Centre is a leader in road safety education and contributes to a reduction in the frequency and severity of road trauma in South Australia.

Recently the Year 10 cohort took part in a Year 10 – A Guide To Obtaining Your Driver’s Licence Road Safety Session. Despite steady falls in the lives lost on South Australia’s roads over the past decade, young drivers continue to be over-represented in road trauma statistics. Obtaining a licence is a very exciting time for young drivers and it is important they are aware of licence conditions and safe driving practices.

The session provided students with information about: the graduated licensing scheme and the conditions associated with a learner’s permit; the Fatal Five causes of road trauma in South Australia; risk-taking behaviour; peer group pressure, passenger safety and the consequences of making poor choices on the road. Further information about these road safety topics can be viewed at www.police.sa.gov.au/your-safety/road-safety/road-safety-resources

We ask all parents/guardians take the time to talk to their children about road safety. It is important parents/guardians are good road safety role models and we encourage you to discuss with your child what they learnt from the road safety session.
A MESSAGE FROM THE YEAR 12 COORDINATOR

CELEBRATING THE END OF YEAR 12 ASSESSMENTS

Last Friday saw the completion of final SACE examinations and assignments for our Year 12 students. I commend not only the girls, but also my colleagues across all year levels of the entire school who have worked diligently to prepare the students for these final assessments.

Now that the ‘work’ of Year 12 has been done, there are the final events of celebration and acknowledgement to look forward to in the form of a the much-anticipated Graduation Ball. Graduation Waltz rehearsals are underway under the tutelage of staff member Jessica Spagnuolo. Jessica has had the torch passed to her by Colleen McEwen, a long serving staff member who retired in 2012 yet continued serving the school by preparing the graduates for the Graduation Ball. Colleen expertly performed this role for well over 30 years; she will always be a part of the St Dom’s story.

WHAT’S NEXT...

SACE results are released on Monday December 13 and the first round of university offers will be emailed to students by 5pm on December 21. Perhaps a nervous time for our girls who carry with them their ambitions for the future, underpinned by up to 13 years of Dominican education and the values we hold dear.

I am always mindful of the support networks of our students, including parents, guardians, grandparents, relatives and friends. They ride every bump with their daughters, they share the anxiety and the elation. These celebrations are very much for them as well.

So what can my parting message be to the class of 2021?

Firstly, I’d like to reiterate my mantra, I never view you as an ‘A’ or a ‘B’ or an ATAR, I see a young woman with promise, a young woman ready to take the next step in life along her chosen path.

Remember, what you say matters.
What you feel matters
But what you do matters most of all.
THAT is your legacy, that is how you are remembered.

So school has finished! And even though the girls have waited 13 years for this moment, the thought may still give some a sense of apprehension, who wants to peak at high school anyway?

This much I know. Long after leaving St Dom’s each girl will still remember the colour and name of their Sports Day house: red, gold, green, blue.

They too, will remember the qualities behind those cherished Dominican house names:

    Remember the vision and courage of Sr Rose COLUMBA
    Remember the thirst for knowledge of Thomas AQUINAS
    Remember the persistence in learning of Catherine of SIENA
    Remember the appetite for truth of Dominic de GUZMAN

    • Leave St Dominic’s with optimism and confidence
    • Leave St Dominic’s with ambition and a healthy sense of adventure

Yr 12s, you leave, with our blessing.
Farewell to the Class of 2021.

Mr Greg Larwood
YEAR 12 COORDINATOR
YEAR 10 KANGAROO ISLAND FIELD TRIP

The trip to Kangaroo Island (KI) is an eagerly anticipated field trip as part of the Year 10 Geography Curriculum. It is a time for students to apply their learning and develop new fieldwork skills. The KI Field Trip centres around the idea of whether humans have ruined the Adelaide Metropolitan coastline. In order for the students to make their decision, they undertake a field trip along the Adelaide metropolitan coastline and then one to Kangaroo Island. Amongst the numerous learning opportunities there is also time for fun and developing friendships. Published here is what some of the students had to say about the Kangaroo Island Field Trip.

Mr Andrew Coleman
GEOGRAPHY TEACHER

STUDENT COMMENTS

Getting to do fieldwork was fun, having first-hand experience and also getting exercise from walking along the beaches. Seeing how management strategies were done on Kangaroo Island compared to Adelaide was interesting and it definitely will help with the assignment.
- Annabelle Apolloni

I mostly enjoyed visiting the Honey Farm because that gave me the opportunity to try honey flavoured ice-cream. It was definitely worth trying!
- Lauren Hoang

I enjoyed napping on the bus, walking in the rain, seeing the blue water at the beaches, walking along the coast lines.
- Isabella Cornish

It was a great opportunity for us to apply our knowledge on coastal management strategies. We were able to visit most of the tourism attractions within the two days and the food provided was beyond our expectations. Our accommodation was homely and comfortable; perfect for a relaxing evening after a long day with friends.
- Namreen Jummin + Thinesa Jayalath

My favourite beach was Seal Bay, because the seals were really cute and rather fascinating to watch. Apart from the animals, the island had beautiful beaches and views. If I had a chance to go there again, I would definitely go.
- Elsa Sabu

I liked visiting the beaches since it was very different from the ones in Adelaide.
- Thi Nguyen

I liked sliding down the sand dunes at Little Sahara and exploring Stokes Bay, as we were all surprised that there was a hidden beach amongst the rocks.
- Halena Nguyen

I enjoyed Kangaroo Island, especially spending time with my friends at Remarkable Rocks and playing games in the dorms.
- Sufiya Dhanji

I enjoyed exploring Stokes Bay. The hidden destination made it feel surreal and the view on the other side was beautiful with crystal clear water.
- Maia Blagdan
Co- Presidents
Marni Curtis & Daniel Peric of
THE PARENTS & FRIENDS
Warmly invite you to attend our end of 2021

Meet & Greet
FRIENDRAISING EVENT

MONDAY 22 NOVEMBER
7:00-9:00 PM
CALEDONIAN HOTEL
NORTH ADELAIDE

We sincerely hope to see you there.

Please RSVP by Friday 19 November with your full name and daughter/s year level to
Daniel Peric 0433 299 405
or Marni Curtis 0412 064 120
or via email to stdominicspandf@gmail.com

--- FOOD PLATTERS SUPPLIED ---
spots are limited, so get in quickly
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SPORTS DEPARTMENT

TENNIS NEWS

We wish the best of luck to our Year 3/4 Hot Shot Tennis players, (pictured above) who will now go on to play in the State Carnival on Wednesday 24 November.

Congratulations also to Ava Chhoy in Year 6 (pictured right), who recently represented North Adelaide in the SAPSSA Tennis State Championships.

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NEWS FROM THE SPORTS DEPARTMENT

SATURDAY SPORT - ROUND 4 + 5 RESULTS

Basketball 6/11/21
Middle B2 GREEN lost Cabra 2 (15-62)

Tennis 6/11/21
Middle B 1 won Cabra (4-2)
Middle C 2 lost Sacred Heart 2 (2-4)

Touch 6/11/21
Middle C1 1 lost Sacred Heart 2 (0-10)
Middle C2 2 lost Mercedes 3 (2-0)
Senior B2 won Wilderness 3 (0-2)

Volleyball | 6/11/21
Middle B2 gold won Mary Mackillop 1 (3-0)
Middle C1 GOLD 2 lost Mary Mackillop 3 (2-0)
Middle C1 BLACK 3 won Mercedes 2 (3-0)
Middle C1 BLACK 4 won Mary Mackillop 4 (3-0)
Middle C2 ORANGE 5 lost Kildare 5 (2-1)
Senior A 1 won Mary Mackillop 1 (1-1)
Senior B2 AQUA 2 won St Aloysius 2 (2-1)
Senior C1 NAVY 3 lost OLSH 1 (0-3)

Water Polo 4/11/21
Middle C had a BYE

Basketball 13/11/21
Middle B2 GREEN lost St Aloysius 3 (7-57)

Tennis 13/11/21
Middle B 1 lost St Aloysius 1 (1-5)
Middle C 2 won Mary Mackillop 6 (4-0)

Touch 13/11/21
Middle C1 1 lost St Mary’s 1 (1-5)
Middle C1 2 won Seymour 2 (2-1)
Senior B2 lost Saints 2 (0-3)

Volleyball | 13/11/21
Middle B2 GOLD 1 won NMHS 1 (3-0)
Middle C1 GOLD 2 won St Aloysius 2 (2-1)
Middle C1 BLACK 3 won Mary Mackillop 4 (4-1)
Middle C1 BLACK 4 won Mercedes 1 (2-0)
Middle C2 ORANGE 5 had a BYE
Senior A 1 lost Sacred Heart 1 (0-2)
Senior B2 AQUA 2 lost Sacred Heart 3 (1-2)
Senior C1 NAVY 3 lost OLSH 2 (0-3)

Water Polo 28/10/21
Middle C vs Wilderness 2 (CANCELLED)

SATURDAY SPORT - FINAL 2021 ROUND 6 DRAWS

TEAM LOCATION SATURDAY 20/11
Basketball
Middle B2 GREEN Marryatville 10:10 Marryatville

Tennis
Middle B 1 St Ignatius 8:30 St Ignatius 1
Middle C 2 St Dominic’s 8:30 St Mary’s

Touch
Middle C1 1 Park 17 9:00 Mercedes 5
Middle C1 2 Park 17 9:40 Saints 2

Volleyball
Middle B2 gold 1 Mary Mackillop 8:30 Marryatville 2
Middle C1 GOLD 2 St Dominic’s 8:30 Sacred Heart 4
Middle C1 BLACK 3 St Dominic’s 9:20 Mercedes 1
Middle C1 BLACK 4 St Dominic’s 9:20 St Mary’s 2
Middle C2 ORANGE 5 Mary Mackillop 10:10 Mary Mackillop 5

Water Polo THURSDAY 18/11
Middle C Pembroke 5:00 St Ignatius 1

SATURDAY SPORT - ROUND 2021 RESULTS

SACPSSA ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On Monday 1 November, 20 students from Years 3-6 attended the SACPSSA Athletics Carnival at SA Athletics Stadium, competing in Section 2. The weather was very kind to us and the girls had a fabulous day. Results on the day included:

Mali Walters – 1st Year 5 100m, 200m, Hurdles, Long Jump and Shot Put
Amy Le- 1st Year 5 800m, 3rd High Jump and 100m
Aliya Walters – 1st Year 3 100m, 2nd 200m
Rose Calabria – 1st Year 4 100m, 2nd Long Jump, 3rd 200m
Emilia Rodrigues Puopolo 2nd Year 3 100m
Eliza Donnellan- 4th 100m
Mya Chhoy 3rd Year 5 100m
Catherine Mackay – 2nd Year 4 800m, 3rd 200m and 100m
3rd Year 3 Relay - Aliya Walters, Jayli Cooray, Nimah Gandhi and Emilia Rodrigues Puopolo
3rd Year 5 Relay - Mali Walters, Vi Anh Truong, Amy Le and Eliza Donnellan

A special congratulations to Mali Walters (top left) who broke three records on the day in the 100m, 200m and Hurdles and was the Year 5 individual age champion.

Congratulations also to the Year 5 team who won the pennant for Year 5 age champions. Well done to all girls.

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