



Tuesday 18 January 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Following my communication of Monday 10 January, I write to formally welcome you and your daughters to the 2022 school year. Whilst it is not going to be the start we had all hoped for, I believe we can offer gratitude for what we have and who we are as a school community.

I begin by sharing news from the College.

At the very end of 2021, I reluctantly accepted the resignation of our Business Manager, Lina Martino. After much discernment and consideration, Lina made the decision to retire following outstanding service to our community for over 30 years. Working alongside Sr Jillian Havey, Lina has been responsible for ensuring St Dominic's has thrived. She has carefully and meticulously managed all matters of finance, business and governance to ensure the College's future, as an excellent place to learn and work. We offer Lina our congratulations as she embraces retirement, for all it has to offer, for someone who has worked so tirelessly to ensure excellence at St Dominic's Priory College. I am pleased to inform you that our current College Accountant, Jodi Jansons will be the Acting Business Manager for Term 1, 2022.

We have a number of new staff members arriving to the College in 2022. Despite the unusual start to the year, I know that you will join with me in warmly welcoming each one to our much-loved community. Please welcome the following staff:

New Roles

Ms Klara Revesz	College Newsletter
Mrs Rebecca (Bec) Moore	Catering
Ms Deborah (Deb) Holt	School Operations Manager

Replacement Roles

Mr Lachlan Brannan	Maths/Science 12-month replacement
Ms Celina Do	Maths/Science Term 1
Ms Nadsya Kobzeff	Science/Chemistry Term 1
Ms Inge Wishart	Primary HASS/Primary Learning Support Term 1
Mr Anthony Wyndham	Art Term 1

Given the Coronavirus situation in South Australia, our return to school will not be as we anticipated. In recent days we have worked to reimagine how the start of the school year will unfold in line with the SA Government recent directions. We ask that all students and families support the College by becoming familiar with the communication in the pages to follow. The College will remain in contact with families via email and through the College website, in the lead up to school starting.

Please be assured that the College will work to ensure that your daughters are well supported in their learning, despite the challenges we face at this time. As a school community we will work cooperatively and positively to undertake our work with care and excellence.

Kindest regards,

Helen Steele

College Principal

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This circular sets out specific arrangements, applicable to St Dominic's Priory College.

These plans for teaching and learning in the first few weeks of Term 1 have been made with the safety and wellbeing of our school community in mind and with the intention of supporting learning continuity for our students, while adhering to SA Government's recent directions.

Monday 31 January and Tuesday 1 February 2022

- Monday 31 January and Tuesday 1 February 2022 are student free days, providing time for staff to prepare for Term 1 teaching and learning.
- Families should plan for the care of your daughter/s as you would for any other student free days.
- For families who are unable to do this, please make contact via email with Deputy Principal, Ms Muriel Noujaim (mnoujaim@stdominics.sa.edu.au) and include the day/s, full name/s and year level/s of your daughter/s requiring supervision.

Wednesday 2 February to Friday 12 February 2022 Inclusive

Term 1 officially commences on Wednesday 2 February, at which time student learning will be supported in different formats depending on year level.

- Reception, Year 1, Year 7, Year 8 and Year 12 students will engage in face to face learning onsite.
- Years 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 and Years 9, 10 & 11 will engage in a remote learning program from home.

Face to Face Learning Program

- Receptions, Year 1, Year 7, Year 8 and Year 12 students will engage in face to face learning.
- Correct Summer Uniform is the dress code for the girls learning onsite.
- Reception and Year 1 students can be dropped off and collected from Barnard Street.
- There will be a 12:30 pm dismissal for Receptions in Week 1 of school, as they learn to navigate their new routine. Reception parents/guardians will be permitted to walk their daughter on site via the double gates on Barnard Street. Wearing of masks and QR coding is a given and parents are asked to remain outdoors, as directed by Staff on the day.
- Year 1 students can be dropped off at the usual location (the single gate on Barnard Street).
- Year 7 Students can be dropped off for their first week via Hill Street. The Year 7 Team will be on hand to welcome the girls.
- All students learning face to face will be issued their laptops and textbooks on their first day of school (Wednesday 2 February). There is no need to attend the laptop collection day, previously scheduled for Monday 31 January.
- Where a student who is required to attend face to face learning is absent for any days, she is encouraged to access resources available to her on SEQTA/SeeSaw, but teachers will be unable to provide an alternative learning program.

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Remote Learning Program

Our Years 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 and Years 9, 10 & 11 will be undertaking their Remote Learning Program from Wednesday 2 February until Friday 12 February inclusive.

- All students (including Years 2, 3 & 4) will be provided with a laptop to allow for our remote learning program to be enacted successfully.
- Families of new students in intervening years will be contacted next week.
- Laptop & Textbook Collection for Remote Learners will take place on Monday 31 January.
- Please visit the College Library via 119 Molesworth Street to collect your daughter/s laptop and textbooks.
- Where practical, please keep to the designated time slots to minimise intermingling. Parents collecting on behalf of their daughter must wear a mask and QR code prior to entry.

Laptop & Textbook Collection for Remote Learners Only College Library (119 Molesworth Street)

<u>Time</u>	<u>Year Level</u>
9:30 – 10:00 am	Year 4 Laptop Collection
10:00 – 10:30 am	Year 3 Laptop Collection
10:30 – 11:00 am	Year 2 Laptop Collection
11:00 – 2:30 pm	Years 9, 10 and 11 Textbook & Laptop Collection
2:30 – 4:00 pm	Years 5 and 6 Textbook & Laptop Collection
BYOD Sessions	Year 11 BYOD Students Only 'How do I use my BYOD device at school?' training (Venue: Gym) BYOD Windows session 11:00 – 12:00 pm BYOD Mac session 12.30 – 1.30 pm

- Updated Remote Learning Guides and further tips will be emailed to families in due course.
- If your daughter is unable to engage in online learning, please follow normal process around student absentees and communicate her full name and Class (by 9:00 am) in one of the following formats:
SMS: 0439 753 014
Email: absentees@stdominics.sa.edu.au
Or phone the College office on [\(08\) 8331 5100](tel:0883315100)
and when prompted, press '1' to leave
a voice message for absentees.
- Students whose families are unable to resolve appropriate supervision arrangements for online learning at home during this period, should attend school and supervision for online learning will be made available. Again, please make contact via email with Deputy Principal, Ms Muriel Noujaim (mnoujaim@stdominics.sa.edu.au) and include the day/s, full name/s and year level/s of your daughter/s requiring supervision.

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Safety

Please be assured that the College will continue to follow excellent practices and processes to ensure the safety of our community, adhering to all Government directions and Work, Health and Safety (WHS) guidelines.

- Access to school grounds will be limited to staff, students and essential services where possible.
- Parents / Guardians and other visitors are not permitted on site at this time. Some exceptions will occur (ie. Laptop Collection, New Reception Parents).
- Masks are mandated in schools, and must be worn by Secondary (Years 7-12) students and all Staff. The wearing of masks is also strongly encouraged from students in Years 3-6. Students required to wear a mask are encouraged to bring their own. However, the College does have some supply. There are exceptions to mask wearing and these can be found on the SA Health website.
- Year Levels will be given specific locations to occupy during breaktimes. This is to minimise the intermingling across Year Levels.
- Drink fountains are to be used to refill water bottles only.
- Hand Sanitiser will continue to be available in each classroom.
- Wearing of masks and QR coding is a given and all visitors are asked to report to College Reception (139 Molesworth Street) at all times.
- All children aged 5 and older are now eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine, and families are encouraged to find out more by visiting <https://covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/booking/>
- Parents are asked to check their; emails, the College Website and Facebook regularly. Please also ensure that you stay up to date with relevant information by visiting SA Government (www.covid-19.sa.gov.au) and SA Health (<https://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/>) websites.

School Activities Currently Paused

St Dominic's Priory College, along with other SA schools are following the advice of SA Health in order to minimise the potential for entry of COVID-19 into our school environment. Therefore;

- All excursions, interschool sporting events, carnivals, Saturday Morning Sports and camps are on pause.
- Whole school gatherings (Masses, Liturgies, Assemblies, Performances and other events) will not take place for the time being.
- All enrichment and Co-Curricular Activities are on hold (ie. Before, During and After Hours).
- Private instrumental lessons are on hold for now.
- Student run bake stalls and other food sharing opportunities are paused.
- The Tuckshop will continue to operate.

The following events are on hold;

Week 1

- Student Leadership Evening (Mon 31/01)
- New Parent Welcome Morning Tea (Tues 01/02)
- Wellbeing Day (Fri 04/02)

Week 2

- Student & Staff ID photos (Mon 07/02)
- Primary Assembly (Tues 08/02)
- House Assembly (Thurs 10/02)
- Family Mass (Sun 13/02)

Week 3

- Merit & High Achievers Assembly (Mon 14/02)
- Parent Information Evening (Mon 14/02)

Week 4

- Field Day – Years 3-12 (Thurs 24/02)
- Year 12 Senior Formal (Sat 26/02)

We maintain our commitment to supporting your daughter's learning and wellbeing. In these difficult times, our Staff continue to strive to achieve excellence in their work and care of all students. Should you have any questions, please contact the College.

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