



To Year 10 Parents, Carers and Students

As the start of the 2023 school year draws near, I would like to wish you and your family a very happy new year. I hope the Christmas break has provided you with an opportunity to relax and spend some quality time with your loved ones. The first day of the school term for current Year 10 students is Wednesday February 1, however, new Year 10 students will attend the College for the morning on Tuesday January 31, to participate in an induction to the school. In 2023 we celebrate the College's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary and a number of special events are being planned to commemorate this milestone. I look forward to sharing information about these events with you, throughout the year.

An important information evening has been scheduled for all parents and carers of boys in Year 10 for Thursday 9 February. The purpose of this meeting is to provide information about Pastoral Care and Student Well-Being, the newly developed Learner Profiles, assessment, expectations associated with attendance, goal setting, academic support and digital citizenship. I encourage all parents and carers to attend this meeting so that you are best able to support your son with his learning and well-being throughout this year. Further information will be provided regarding the details of this meeting in the coming weeks. NB: Students do not attend these information evenings.

*Leadership and Involvement* is the Pastoral theme for Year 10 students. Students are introduced to the leadership program highlighting the transition into senior school. Involvement in the Leadership Portfolios is encouraged, and leadership is acknowledged through the badging of College Leaders in the second semester. Involvement will be mandatory for those students who have ambitions of being a Prefect in their senior years. Leadership opportunities exist both in and out of the classroom and can be developed in all facets of College life.

From a learning perspective, it is important that Year 10 students become independent in their learning - focusing on developing the knowledge and skills that will assist them with their future pathway. Their teachers will assist them in this endeavour and students will participate in study skills sessions that will help prepare them for the transition into senior school, TAFE or the workforce beyond Year 10. Your son should be aware of the expectations of the College. Respect and commitment to the learning and behavioural requirements of St Edward's students are clearly outlined in the newly developed College Learner Profile and the value of working to achieve your personal best, remains a theme in all endeavours. Most importantly, students will work with their teachers to establish learning goals based on the College Learner Profile. This profile outlines the expectations of students at St Edward's in relation to their application and effort to their studies. The Learner Profile is attached and will be available on the College website in the Curriculum and Learning section.

In Term 1, all Year 10 students will participate in the first of our Senior Retreat Program. These experiences are designed to provide students with the opportunity to explore their values in relation to relationships, manhood, social justice, cultural diversity, equality and their relationship with God. The retreats are facilitated by staff from the College and contribute to the fostering of caring and positive relationships between students and their teachers. More details regarding these retreats will be made available at an appropriate time.

During Term 2, students will be led through a process of selecting subjects for senior years. An information evening for parents and students has been scheduled for Thursday June 22, to provide advice regarding the subjects offered, HSC rules and regulations, reasons for choosing subjects and the expectations of senior students at St Edward's. An information booklet will be distributed prior to this evening, outlining each course and parents and students are strongly encouraged to attend.

The Snowy Mountains Camp in Term 4 (Monday November 13 to Friday November 17) provides one of the many highlights for Year 10 students. This compulsory event is the culmination of the Outdoor Recreation program offered at the College. Students will participate in a range of challenging and fun experiences designed to build confidence, responsibility, initiative and relationships with their peers and teachers in the picturesque surroundings of the Snowy Mountains and neighbouring areas.





I have provided with this letter an outline of the important dates for Year 10 students, and I hope this will assist you in your own planning for the year. Details regarding other events will be provided throughout the year via the College Newsletter on the website, the College App and direct emails to parents. I wish all Year 10 students every success in 2023.

Yours sincerely

Mark Bonnici  
College Principal

YEAR 10 IMPORTANT DATES	
Term 1	
Tuesday 31 January	Years 7, 11 & 12 Students return to school + new students
Wednesday 1 February	Years 8, 9 & 10 return to school
Friday 3 February	College Swimming Carnival
Thursday 9 February	Year 10 Parent Information Evening
Thursday 16 February	Commencement Mass
Thursday 23 March	Student Led Conferences – Online 4pm – 7:30pm
Friday 31 March	Student Led Conferences – On campus 10am – 4pm
Thursday 6 April	Easter Liturgy and last day of Term 1
Term 2	
Monday 24 April	Day 1 Term 2 – Staff Development Day – no students
Thursday 27 April	70 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Founders Day Mass
Tuesday 2 May	College Photos
Monday 8 May	Year 10 Immunisation Program
Tuesday 30 May	College Athletics Carnival
Mon 2 June to Friday 9 June	Year 10 Exam Block
Thursday 22 June	Year 10 HSC Subject Selection Evening
Friday 30 June	Last Day Term 2
Term 3	
Monday 17 July	Day 1 Term 3
Wednesday 19 July	Semester 1 Academic Awards Assembly
Thursday 20 July	Student Led Conferences – Online 4pm – 7:30pm
Thursday 27 July	Student Led Conferences – Online 4pm – 7:30pm
Thursday 21 September	Last Day for students Term 3
Friday 22 September	Staff Development Day
Term 4	
Monday October 9	Day 1 Term 4
Mon 13 Nov to Fri 17 Nov	Year 10 Snowy Mountains Camp
Monday 11 December	Annual Awards Assembly Yr 7-11
Tuesday 12 December	Last Day for students Term 4

**Please note:** The information listed above includes all the key events and dates at the time of distribution of this correspondence. Events such as faculty based excursions, assessment tasks and sporting activities are not included in this list, but will appear in the College Newsletter, on the College Website and College App at an appropriate time leading up to the event.

