



January 2023

To Year 12 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 12 students is Tuesday January 31. In 2023 we celebrate the College's 70th 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.

As the young men of Year 12 enter into their final year of secondary education, I believe it is important that they begin to refocus on the exciting challenges that lay ahead. They continue to be leaders within the College and are encouraged to concentrate on their individual pathways and academic progress. *Young Men with Purpose* is the Pastoral theme for Year 12 and students are encouraged to approach all facets of College life with intention and determination, taking every opportunity to strive to achieve their personal best.

Individual goal setting is the key to success. Good results in the Higher School Certificate do not just happen; they must be carefully planned for. Students are encouraged to devote the time necessary to achieve their potential, utilising the expertise of their devoted teachers to achieve their best possible results. It is also important that they maintain a healthy life balance, ensuring that they allow time for relaxation, recreation and limited work commitments. It is hoped that as they graduate at the end of the year they can look back with pride in their efforts.

In Weeks 9 and 10 Term 1, Year 12 students will participate in an assessment week, after which parents and students will be provided with a report indicating their progress in the HSC year to date. The assessments and report provide students with excellent feedback upon which to continue to set learning goals for each course. I look forward to reading these reports and discussing with teachers how students are progressing throughout their final year.

A highlight of the year is the Retreat to be held in Week 3 of Term 2 (Group 1: May 8 to May 10 and Group 2: May 10 to May 12). This compulsory event is the culmination of their religious formation experiences and provides them with a wonderful opportunity to reflect on their personal values as young men entering into life beyond school. More details regarding these retreats will be provided at an appropriate time.

I have provided with this letter an outline of some important dates for Year 12 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, the College Website, the College App and direct emails to parents. I wish all Year 12 students every success in their final year at St Edward's.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Bonnici
College Principal



| YEAR 12 IMPORTANT DATES | |
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| 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 16 February | College Commencement Mass |
| Thursday 23 March | Student Led Conferences – Online 4pm – 7:30pm |
| Friday 31 March | Student Led Conferences – On campus 10am – 4pm |
| Mon 27 Mar to Thurs 6 Apr | Year 12 Assessment Block |
| 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 th Anniversary and Founders Day Mass |
| Tuesday 2 May | College Photos |
| Mon 8 May to Wed 10 May | Year 12 Retreat #1 |
| Wed 10 May to Fri 12 May | Year 12 Retreat #2 |
| 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 |
| Mon 31 July to Mon 14 Aug | Trial HSC Exams |
| Wed 20 Sept | Last Day of classes for Year 12 and Year 12 Graduation Mass (evening) |
| Thursday 21 September | Year 12 Farewell Assembly (morning) |
| Friday 22 September | Staff Development Day |
| Term 4 | |
| Wed 11 Oct to Fri 3 Nov | HSC Exams |
| Monday 13 Nov | Year 12 Formal – Crowne Plaza Terrigal |
| Thursday 14 December | HSC results released |

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.

