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To Year 8 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 8 students is Wednesday February 1, however, new Year 8 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 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.

An important information evening has been scheduled for all parents and carers of boys in Year 8 for Thursday 23 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.

The Pastoral theme for Year 8 is *Values and Service*. This year, your son will be expected to participate in the College's Waterford Project for the first time. This program is designed to foster the values of service and acceptance, through spending time assisting others within the community who may be less fortunate. Your son's Religious Education teacher will guide him through this process, outlining the expectations as well as providing advice on the types of service opportunities that are available. Further information regarding the [Waterford Project](#) is available on the College website.

As your son is now entering his second year at St Edward's, he should be well 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.

The Year 8 Camp in Term 4 (Wednesday November 22 to Friday November 24 – TBC), provides one of the many highlights for Year 8 students. This compulsory event is an important component 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.

I have provided with this letter an outline of the important dates for Year 8 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 8 students every success in 2023.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Bonnici
College Principal



YEAR 8 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 16 February	Commencement Mass
Thursday 23 February	Year 8 Parent Information Evening
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 th Anniversary and Founders Day Mass
Tuesday 2 May	College Photos
Tuesday 30 May	College Athletics Carnival
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 31 August	Year 8 Information Evening (Subject Electives for 2024)
Thursday 21 September	Last Day for students Term 3
Friday 22 September	Staff Development Day

Term 4

Monday October 9	Day 1 Term 4
November 22 – 24 TBC	Year 8 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.

