



To Year 10 Parents, carers and students

As the start of the 2024 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 Thursday February 1. New Year 10 students will attend the College for the morning on Wednesday January 31, to participate in an induction to the school.

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 Prefect 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 Learning 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 Learning Profile and College Values can be viewed 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 20, 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 Week 1 of Term 4 (Monday October 14 to Friday October 18) 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 2024.

Yours sincerely
Mark Bonnici
College Principal





YEAR 10 IMPORTANT DATES	
Term 1	
Thursday February 1 February 7 February 8 February 9 February 22 Feb 26 – Mar 1 March 27 March 28 April 2 April 12	School Commences for Year 8, 9 & 10 Student ID Photos Year 10 Parent Information Evening ERC Foyer College Swimming Carnival Commencement Mass Year 10 Retreat Program (daily) Student Led Conferences #1 (online evening) Easter Liturgy Student Led Conferences #2 (face to face day) Last day of Term 1
Term 2	
April 29 April 30 May 3 May 8 May 31 June 4 - 13 June 20 July 5	Staff Development Day (Pupil free day) Day 1 Term 2 Edmund Rice Founders Day Mass College Photos College Athletics Carnival Year 10 Exam block Year 10 Subject Selection Evening for Year 11 2025 Last Day Term 2
Term 3	
July 22 July 23 July 24 July 25 August 1 September 26 September 27	Staff Development Day (Pupil free day) Day 1 Term 3 Semester 1 Academic Awards Assembly Student Led Conferences #3 (online evening) Student Led Conferences #4 (online evening) Last Day Term 3 Staff Development Day (Pupil free day)
Term 4	
October 14 Oct 14 - 18 December 10 December 11	Day 1 Term 4 Year 10 Snowy Mountains Camp Yr 7-11 Academic Awards Assembly (day) Last Day 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. This list is not exhaustive and is subject to change. Please check the [calendar](#) on the website.

