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To Year 12 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.

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 10 and 11 of Term 1, Year 12 students will participate in an assessment block, 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 13 to May 15 and Group 2: May 15 to May 17). 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 the 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	
Term 1	
Wednesday 31 January	School Commences for Year 7,11 & 12
February 7	Student ID Photos
February 9	College Swimming Carnival
February 22	Commencement Mass
March 27	Student Led Conferences #1 (online evening)
March 28	Easter Liturgy
April 2	Student Led Conferences #2 (face to face day)
April 2 - 12	Year 12 Assessment Block
April 12	Last day of Term 1
Term 2	
April 29	Staff Development Day (Pupil free day)
April 30	Day 1 Term 2
May 3	Edmund Rice Founders Day Mass
May 8	College Photos
May 13-15	Year 12 Retreat Group #1
May 15-17	Year 12 Retreat Group #2
May 31	College Athletics Carnival
July 5	Last Day Term 2
Term 3	
July 22	Staff Development Day (Pupil free day)
July 23	Day 1 Term 3
July 24	Semester 1 Academic Awards Assembly
July 25	Student Led Conferences #3 (online evening)
August 1	Student Led Conferences #4 (online evening)
August 5 – 19	Year 12 Trial HSC Exams
September 25	Year 12 Graduation Mass (evening)
September 26	Year 12 Academic Awards and Final Assembly
September 27	Staff Development Day (Pupil free day)
Term 4	
October 16- November 8	HSC Exams
November 15	Year 12 Formal – Crowne Plaza Terrigal

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.