



To Year 7 Parents and Carers

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 that the Christmas break has provided you with an opportunity to relax and spend some quality time with your loved ones. For those families that are new to the College, I wish you a warm welcome to the St Edward's Community. For those parents with sons already at the College, I welcome you back and thank you for your ongoing support.

The first day of the school term for Year 7 students is Wednesday January 31. The day will begin at 8.30am in the Edmund Rice Centre, where your son will meet his homeroom teacher, his core class teacher and students in Years 11 and 12 who are in his homeroom class. He will be provided with his timetable of classes, his stationery pack and participate in a range of orientation activities to help him settle into secondary school life. We encourage parents to allow their sons to catch the school bus home at the end of this first day. Careful instructions are provided to students throughout the day to ensure that they catch the correct bus home. Parents who choose to pick their son up from school will be required to wait outside the gate on Russell Drysdale Street for their son to be dismissed.

I understand that starting high school can be an exciting but possibly anxious time for both you and your son - please be assured that the staff at St Edward's will do everything possible to ensure that his experiences are positive. The Pastoral theme for Year 7 is *Belonging* and is based around welcoming young men into the St Edward's community. Throughout the year students will be provided with a range of rich religious, learning and extra-curricular activities that introduces them to the history of Edmund Rice Schools. Students will become familiar with the Touchstones which underpin the values integral to all Edmund Rice Schools in our region. 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](#).

On Wednesday February 7, an Information Night has been scheduled for Year 7 parents and students. The focus of this evening is to provide you with an opportunity to meet your son's Core class teacher and find out a great deal more regarding the Curriculum and Learning expectations of students at the College. It is an important night for you and your son, and I look forward to seeing you there. Further details regarding the evening will be distributed closer to this event.

An important event designed to assist students in socialising with the other boys in Year 7 is the camp that is scheduled for Week 3, Wednesday February 14 to Friday February 16. This compulsory event will provide students with an opportunity to get to know their Core class teacher and other Year 7 teachers, as well as students who have come to St Edward's from other primary schools. Students will participate in a range of fun and challenging activities, which make up part of our Outdoor Education program. I am aware that attending these experiences can make some students very anxious, and I ask that you contact Mr Nathan Marks, the Year 7 Pastoral Leader, if you have any concerns. Further details regarding the camp will be provided at an appropriate time.

I have provided with this letter an outline of the important dates for Year 7 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 7 students every success in 2024.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Bonnici  
College Principal





### YEAR 7 IMPORTANT DATES

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Term 1	
Wednesday January 31	School Commences for Year 7, 11 & 12
February 7	Student ID Photos
February 7	Year 7 Parent Information Evening
February 9	College Swimming Carnival
February 14 - 16	Year 7 Camp
February 22	Commencement Mass
March 13-20	NAPLAN
March 27	Student Led Conferences #1 (online evening)
March 28	Easter Liturgy
April 2	Student Led Conferences #2 (face to face day)
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 9	Mother's Day Assembly
May 21	Yr 7 Immunisations
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)
September 26	Last Day Term 3
September 27	Staff Development Day (Pupil free day)
Term 4	
October 14	Day 1 Term 4
November 5	Yr 7 Immunisation catch up day
December 10	Yr 7-11 Academic Awards Assembly (day)
December 11	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.