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To Year 8 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 8 students is Thursday February 1. New Year 8 students will attend the College for the morning on Wednesday February 31, to participate in an induction to the school.

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 – your son's RE teacher will outline the expectations as well as provide advice on the types of service opportunities that are available. Further information regarding the Waterford Project is available on the College website under Co-Curriculum [Justice Peace and Advocacy](#) tab.

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 and College Values can be viewed on the College website in the [Curriculum and Learning section](#).

This year is an important year for Year 8 students as they consolidate their approach to their learning and our expectations of them in relation to their application and effort will continue to be a focus. In Term 3, they will be guided through a process in the selection of their elective subjects for Year 9 in 2025 and their camp is scheduled to take place in Week 3 of Term 4 from Wednesday October 30 to Friday November 1. 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 2024.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Bonnici
College Principal



YEAR 8 IMPORTANT DATES	
Term 1	
February 1	School Commences for Years 8, 9 & 10
February 7	Student ID Photos
February 9	College Swimming Carnival
February 22	Commencement Mass
February 22	Year 8 Parent Information Evening
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 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 29	Year 8 Subject Selection Evening for Yr 9 2025
September 26	Last Day Term 3
September 27	Staff Development Day (Pupil free day)
Term 4	
October 14	Day 1 Term 4
Oct 30 – Nov 1	Year 8 Camp
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.

