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To Year 9 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 9 students is Thursday February 1. New Year 9 students will attend the College for the morning on Wednesday January 31, to participate in an induction to the school.

*Men of Honour* is the Pastoral theme for Year 9 students. This theme challenges students to develop an understanding of how they can begin to contribute to society as a young gentleman with strong values. At this stage of development, students are developing a deep sense of justice, and we challenge them to extend their horizons beyond themselves. They are encouraged to be counter-cultural, standing up for injustices, recognising and accepting cultural diversity and acknowledging equality of the sexes in our society. The Waterford Project remains a focus for Year 9 students and they are encouraged to broaden their experiences in completing their mandatory hours of service.

As a Year 9 student, your son 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 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.

We have an increased expectation of Year 9 students in relation to their application and effort to their studies and to living up to the values associated with their theme of Men of Honour. The Year 9 Camp in Term 1 (Wednesday March 6 to Friday March 8) provides one of the many highlights for Year 9 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 9 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 9 students every success in 2024.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Bonnici  
College Principal



YEAR 9 IMPORTANT DATES	
Term 1	
Thursday February 1	School Commences for Year 8, 9 & 10
February 7	Student ID Photos
February 9	College Swimming Carnival
February 22	Commencement Mass
February 22	Year 9 Parent Information Evening ERC Foyer
March 6 - 8	Year 9 Camp
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 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 9 - 13	Year 9 exam week
September 26	Last Day Term 3
September 27	Staff Development Day (Pupil free day)
Term 4	
October 14	Day 1 Term 4
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.