

# St Dominic's Catholic College

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VERITAS

Dear Parents and caregivers,

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*Tena Koutou, tena koutou tena koutou katoa. Nga mihi nui ki a koutou nga mātua nga kaitiaki,*

As we head towards the end of the school year with only three weeks left of this term and as the junior students have sat their exams there is a tendency for them to think that they have finished for the year! However, it is important that your daughter is at school and working as there are still courses to complete and other activities that are part of the wider curriculum. It is still very busy. This week we had Year 10 Retreat and Beach Education, Friday is Year 7 Arataki Trip plus next week is Year 8 camp. It is important that your daughter is at school every day until the end of the year unless, of course, she is ill.

It is with sadness that we share with our community the passing of Sr Columba OP 22/11/21 – 16/11/18. Much of Sr Columba's retirement was spent in Blockhouse Bay with her friend Sister Maria. Sr Maria, as a retirement activity, taught senior French and second language English at our college. Sr Maria didn't drive a car, so Sr Columba drove her to school every day and then spent spare time in the College staff room making friends with the staff and assisting wherever she could. Sr Columba truly loved our college. *Rest in peace Sr Columba, friend of St Dominic's College.*

We are currently preparing for next year and class and timetable decisions are being made. If your daughter is not returning to St Dominic's College next year could you please send an email or letter to either her Dean or myself. It is helpful also to know what school she is going on to for 2019. Thank you for your co-operation.

A reminder that our Junior Prizegiving and Christmas Liturgy will be on the last day of term, Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Parents and caregivers are warmly invited to share this occasion with us.

We are currently updating our family contact details in preparation for our January mail out of stationery lists and information for 2019. If you have changed email address, home address or phone numbers can you please advise us at office@stdoms.ac.nz. or Ph (09) 8390380.

*God's blessing to you and your families.*

Carol Coddington  
Principal

**CONGRATULATIONS** to **SOPHIE BOULTER** who achieved Excellence in Pathways Health Level 3 and is the recipient of the Unitec Pathway trophy.



## PARENT PORTAL

We hope that by now that you have had an opportunity to log in to the St Dominic's College Parent Portal to see information about your daughter's academic performance, attendance, account balances and other details. If you haven't registered yet, you can set up access to the Parent Portal for the first time using the Forgot Password function from the following login screen: <https://spider.stdoms.ac.nz/Spider2011>. If you are

having trouble logging in, if any details need changing, or you have any queries, please email [datateam@stdoms.ac.nz](mailto:datateam@stdoms.ac.nz). The Parent Portal link is available from the website too.

Look for this image at the top right of the website screen.

**PARENT PORTAL**



## PCS ROUTE

PCS Route is a free app for mobile devices that allows users to follow the current location of transport leaving/returning to the College from trips, camps etc. We trialled the app for the Year 7 Beach Ed trips and will do so for the Year 8 Camp next week.

Parents of Year 7 and 8 students have been sent easy to follow instructions to download and use the PCS Route app. These instructions will also be accessible from the Quicklinks section of the Parent Portal soon. Your feedback would be appreciated, so please email any comments to the [datateam@stdoms.ac.nz](mailto:datateam@stdoms.ac.nz)

## CHINESE CULTURAL DAY AT HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

Our Year 7 students went to Holy cross school for Chinese cultural day on 8th November. We learned Chinese culture like Calligraphy, Cooking, Paper folding, Ping pong with Henderson North primary school and Holy Cross school students. Our six senior Chinese students helped us. Thank you for Mr Hamblyn, Ms Kim to come with us to teach us!



## ACADEMIC COACHING

At the end of this term in Week 8, every student will have their final conversation for the year with their academic coach. This will happen during the school day on Tuesday, 4th December. This time it is just the coach and the student meeting. Here, the students will have an opportunity to review their whole year to appreciate their progress and maybe start to think of what they want to achieve in 2019. The event will run to normal school times and every student will be engaged in activities all day.

The school would like to thank all parents and caregivers who came to the two previous conferences in Terms 1 and 2 as your input has significantly supported your daughter's achievements and well-being with us this year. You will have the same opportunities next year in Terms 1 and 2 to help guide your daughter's progress and to have the time to have direct contact with her coach.

The end of year reports also come out in the last week and these will give you much useful information about how well your daughter has done. Please take the time to read the report and to congratulate her as there will be much to celebrate. It is a good idea to keep these reports safe as they can form the basis of her new goals for next year. Once again, thank you for supporting your daughter with us this year. We look forward to even greater success in 2019!

## UNIFORM

From January 2019 the college is extending its uniform options. Please note that no one has to change what they are currently wearing however. Included is an optional regulation skirt. Year 7 to 12 students must have either the current tartan skirt OR the new skirt. Also included are optional regulation black pants for Years 7 to 13. They must only be the regulation ones made by our supplier for the college. All Year 13 must have the Year 13 skirt or the tartan skirt for formal occasions. There is an optional regulation bucket sun hat with college logo. Finally, an optional college hoodie which may only be worn with PE gear or sports uniforms.

**ELIZABETH MICHAEL ST DOMINIC'S COLLEGE "POP UP" UNIFORM SHOP  
SATURDAY 12<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2019 10.00am – 1.00pm GABRIEL GILL SPORTS CENTRE.**

## MESSAGE FROM ACCOUNTS OFFICE:

Thank you to those who have already paid the school fees in full – we really appreciate it. The school fees statements for any outstanding balances were emailed on 8/11/2018. If you are not already on a regular payment plan, please endeavour to have the fees paid in full by the end of the term, especially the Attendance Dues.

Attendance Dues are a compulsory charge for all students who attend Catholic Schools in New Zealand. They are used to repay loans for building works done at schools in the Auckland Diocese, property related costs including school building works, buildings insurance and costs directly associated with the administration of attendance dues. Attendance Dues are collected by the College on behalf of the school's Proprietor, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Auckland. The Attendance dues collected by St Dominic's College are forwarded to Auckland Common Fund Limited, a company established by the proprietors of Catholic integrated schools in the Diocese of Auckland responsible for the collection of attendance dues. If you are having difficulties paying, please contact the accounts office to discuss setting up a payment plan, or in the case of genuine hardship, applying for financial assistance.



*Fri 23 Nov Year 7 Arataki and Social Studies trip, Mon 26 – Thur 29 Nov Year 8 Camp*