



St Dominic's College Whānau Pānui

01/02/2021



Kia ora whānau,

I am sending through the latest information and dates for the beginning of the year. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact your daughter's dean. All staff attempt to answer emails within 24 hours but please be aware that at this time of the year, they are extremely busy and will get back to you as soon as they are able. General queries can be made to the school office and usually the website will provide you with the information you need www.stdoms.ac.nz

The deans' contact details are as follows:

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Year 8: Mrs Kate Gatland kgatland@stdoms.ac.nz

Year 9: Mrs Rachel Phillips rphillips@stdoms.ac.nz

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Year 11: Mr Charlie Ahn cahn@stdoms.ac.nz

Year 12: Mrs Frances Ah Ken francesahken@stdoms.ac.nz

Year 13: Miss Melanie Webb mwebb@stdoms.ac.nz

School Buses

School buses begin their regular services on the **afternoon of Tuesday 2nd February**. Please note there will be no school bus services on the morning of Tuesday 2nd February. All morning school bus services will commence on Wednesday 3rd February as usual. Public bus services continue as normal throughout. For further information on Public bus services please visit the Auckland Transport (AT) website.

[LINK to Auckland Transport- AT](#)

A reminder of our start dates for 2021:

- **Tuesday 2nd February 11.00am – 3.20pm**

School starts for **all Year 7's only** to attend Orientation. Please bring lunch as the Canteen will not be open. Go straight to the Gabriel Gill Sports Centre (College Gym) on arrival. Devices are not required until 3 February.

- **Wednesday 3rd February 8.40am – 3.20pm**

ALL YEAR'S 7, NEW YEAR 8 AND NEW YEAR 9 STUDENTS PLUS ALL YEAR 13 STUDENTS. The Canteen will be open.

Students are not required to bring all their stationery – just a pen and paper, their device, plus swimwear and a swimming cap (which can be purchased from the office).

- **Thursday 4th February 8.40am – 3.20pm**

SCHOOL BEGINS FOR ALL STUDENTS YEARS 7-13.

On arrival, all returning students will assemble in the Gabriel Gill Sports Centre (College Gym) and from there they will go to the Pōwhiri.

All NEW students and family members Years 7 – 13 are to wait outside the Rathgar Road entrance for the Pōwhiri beginning at 9.00am.

- **Friday 5th February 8.40am-3.20pm**

Normal School Day

- **Monday 8th February**

School closed for Waitangi Day

COLLEGE UNIFORM REMINDER

A reminder that our College Uniform consists of:

- Regulation white blouse,
- Regulation school skirt, regulation school skirt or regulation school black trousers.
- Summer black Roman style sandals only are permitted.
- If your daughter chooses to wear shoes and socks, she must wear black regulation shoes (see College website photo) and plain ankle socks only.
- Blazers are required to be worn for formal occasions including Masses, photographs and school trips.

Please ensure all uniform items are clearly named.

For full details on School Uniform regulations please go to our College website [LINK to Uniform](#) This includes information about expectations for hair, makeup, jewellery etc.

Uniform can be purchased from Elizabeth Michael Uniforms, 4 Bond Street, Grey Lynn, Auckland. You can also order uniform items online through the Elizabeth Michael website using the unique St Dominic's code **D197**.

Please note that the school bucket hats should be back in supply in the next couple of weeks. You will be notified when these are available.

STATIONERY AND DEVICES

The College office will be open from 8am to 4pm daily during term time. Only recommended specialist textbooks and art packs will be available for purchase through the College. General stationery items are detailed on the stationery lists on the College website [LINK TO STATIONERY](#)

If you are purchasing your items with Warehouse Stationery, please support St Dominic's Catholic College by quoting our "support your school" code **BYSUASQ**.

STUDENT ORGANISERS

Students will be issued with a Student Organiser – this organiser contains day-to-day information about the College. Students will be expected to keep a record of their homework in their organiser. It is a useful check for parents and caregivers as well about school history, values and procedures for parents and caregivers as well.

DEVICES

All students in Years 7-13 are expected to have their own device. BYOD information can also be found on the College website [LINK TO BYOD](#)

LOCKERS

Any queries in regard to Locker Hire can be made to Ms Heffernan at associateprincipal@stdoms.ac.nz

COMMUNICATION

The majority of information and communications will be sent electronically to you, including newsletters, reminders for Academic Coaching meetings, accounts etc. Any changes to your email address or other details, please email datateam@stdoms.ac.nz. The College calendar of events is updated regularly and can be found on our website www.stdoms.ac.nz/Calendar as well as our Spider Portal and the College App. We are also on Facebook.

St Dominic's College Mobile Phone App

Our St Dominic's College App is available for Android and Apple devices. Search St Dominic's Catholic College from the App Store or Google Play Store and choose the one published by Com-Assist Solutions Pty Ltd.

Use the Directory button to email teachers, or click the Login button and enter your Spider Portal username and password to see information specifically relevant to you.

If you need any help logging in to the St Dominic's College App or the Spider Parent Portal, or if any of your details need updating, please email datateam@stdoms.ac.nz



COVID-19

While much of the world continues to live through restricted local travel and lockdowns, we have been blessed over the Summer break with the freedom to explore our country and spend time with family and friends. However, recent events have reminded us that COVID-19 remains a constant global threat, and that we must continue to be vigilant and prepared for any change in Alert Levels.

At present New Zealand remains under **Alert Level 1**

“At Alert Level 1 we all need to be ready in case COVID-19 reappears in our community.”

The key messages under Alert Level 1 are

- Stay home if you are sick
- Get a test if you have COVID-19 symptoms
- Maintain good hygiene habits e.g. Washing and drying your hands thoroughly
- Keep a track of where you have been.

Please visit the government's COVID-19 website for full information, guidelines and restrictions.

[LINK to Alert Level 1](#)

I want to reassure all our families, that we have processes and systems in place that prioritise the health, safety and wellbeing of all our students and staff, under each Alert Level. The experiences of last year have enabled us to be well prepared for any return to distance learning, should this be required. We will continue to communicate any developments with you in this area. In the meantime, all students are expected to be on-site and in class for their classes from the start of term.

KEY CALENDAR DATES FOR THE START OF THE YEAR

- **Monday 1st February**
Auckland Anniversary-Public Holiday
- **Tuesday 2nd February 2021:**
Year 7 students Orientation Day 11am - 3.20pm.
- **Wednesday 3rd February 2021:**
Year 7, New Year 8 and New Year 9 students Orientation Day and Year 13 students 8.40am - 3.20pm.
- **Thursday 4th February 2021:** 8.40am-3.20pm
All students, all day. Full school Pōwhiri for new students, families and staff members 9am.
- **Friday 5th February 2021:** 8.40am-3.20pm
All students, all day on school timetable.
- **Monday 8th February 2021:**
Waitangi Day Observed-Public Holiday.
- **Tuesday 9th February 2021:** 8.40am-3.20pm
All students, all day on school timetable.



We are really looking forward to having our students return to school this week, and excited to welcome all our new students to the College.

Take care and enjoy the rest of the weekend.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Anna Swann