



St Dominic's College Whānau Pānui

05/02/2021



Whānau Pānui_ Kia ora whānau,

It has been great having all our students return to school this week. The laughter and chatter heard around the grounds has been a welcomed sound and we look forward to a great term ahead.

Thank you for your support in settling your daughters into their routines. We appreciate that this time of year requires constant reminders of getting enough sleep after weeks of holiday rest.

In any instance that you or your daughter wishes to speak to someone in regard to her learning or well-being support, please contact her form teacher or dean. Most queries can be discussed are sorted with these key members of staff. 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

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.

The deans' contact details are as follows:

Year 7: Ms Marie Cheeseman mcheeseman@stdoms.ac.nz

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

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

Year 10: Mrs Hayley Schischka hschischka@stdoms.ac.nz

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

International Students: Mrs Gay Foley gfoley@stdoms.ac.nz

COLLEGE LIBRARY

Our library is open and staffed from 8am until 4.30pm daily. Students using this area before, during and after school, are expected to be respectful of the environment at all times.

STUDENT SICKNESS

In any instant that your daughter is unwell, please keep them at home. You can advise the office on absentees@stdoms.ac.nz or by phoning 839 0380 ext. 8820. In the event that your daughter becomes unwell whilst at school, she needs to go to the office. From there our first aid staff will contact you if she needs to be collected from school. Please remind your daughters of this procedure.

PARKING IN AND AROUND THE COLLEGE

Please remember that there is no access for cars (excluding staff and deliveries) to the College grounds before or after school. This is a health and safety measure. We have multiple buses that come onto the grounds in the morning and afternoon through our Rathgar Rd entrance. Our Pinedale Place carpark is a staff car park and not accessible during the school day. Please arrange with your daughter a suitable pick up point outside the College grounds where she can walk to and meet you. This will alleviate the pressure on busy high traffic areas. Please also be aware of Auckland Transport (AT) parking restrictions on the roads surrounding the College.

COLLEGE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

School accounts for the year were emailed to all families on 2/2/21. Please contact the accounts office if you have not yet received an invoice or if you have any queries. A discount of \$100 per student is available if all of the fees, including the donations, are paid by 31/3/21. If you would like to pay by weekly/fortnightly/monthly instalments by internet banking or automatic payment, please ensure that you add your family code for our reference – this can be found on the invoice. You can also pay by credit/debit card via the payment portal – a link to this was included in the email. If you have any questions or if we can help in any way, please email the accounts office accounts@stdoms.ac.nz or contact the accounts team on 839 0380 ext 8913 or 8810.

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

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 have been 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 about school history, values and procedures.

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](#) If you are having difficulty purchasing

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



KEY CALENDAR DATES: Please refer to the website calendar for information and any updates. [LINK](#)

- **Monday 8th February 2021:**
Waitangi Day Observed-Public Holiday.
- **Tuesday 9th February 2021:**
All students, all day on school timetable Week B
- **Monday 15th February 2021:**
Athletics Day @ Trusts Stadium
- **Tuesday 16th February 2021**
Rain Date for Athletics Day
- **Thursday 18th February 2021**
School Photos. Full formal school uniform required
- **Tuesday 23rd Feb**
Foundress Day Mass
- **Wednesday 24th February 2021**
Swimming sports @ West Wave
- **Thursday 25th February 2021**
New students and families' BBQ 5.30-7pm



Wishing all our College whānau an enjoyable Waitangi Day tomorrow and a restful long weekend.

Ngā manaakitanga,

Anna Swann