

St Dominic's Catholic College

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Monday 13th January 2025

Re: START OF YEAR INFORMATION

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Welcome to St Dominic's Catholic College for 2025!

Our start dates are as follows:

Date and time	Who	More information
Tuesday 28 th January 10.00am – 2.30pm	Year 12 & 13 surnames A - K course confirmation	Your dean will make contact regarding the meeting place.
Wednesday 29 th January 1.00pm – 3.30pm	Year 12 & 13 surnames L – Z course confirmation	Your dean will make contact regarding the meeting place.
Thursday 30 th January 10.00am – 3.00pm.	2025 Student Executive	Leadership Training Day. Please make your way to the Gabrielle Gill Sports Centre.
Monday 3 rd February 8.40am – 3.20pm	Orientation Day 1 School starts for all Year 7 students only	Please bring a snack, your lunch, water bottle and your device. Also please bring your swimming togs, cap, and towel.
Tuesday 4 th February 8.40am – 3.20pm	Orientation Day 2 Year 7 students	You will be directed as to what to bring on Monday 3 rd .
	NEW Year 8 & 9 students	Please bring a snack, your lunch, water bottle and your device. Also please bring your swimming togs, cap, and towel.
	All Year 13 students. Whānau class students of Te Rito Puāwai	Full school uniform.
Wednesday 5 th February 8.40am – 3.20pm	ALL STUDENTS years 7-13 Day 1 for whole school.	Please make your way to the Gabriel Gill Sports Centre to prepare for our Pōwhiri.
Thursday 6 th February	School closed for Waitangi Day	
Friday 7 th February 8.40am – 3.20pm	ALL STUDENTS First Day of timetabled classes.	Please go to the Gabriel Gill Sports Centre for Assembly.

STATIONERY AND DEVICES

From Tuesday 28th January (except Friday 31st January when the office will be closed) the College office will be open from 9am to 3pm. Normal hours 8.00am – 4.00pm will resume from Monday 3rd February.

Only recommended specialist textbooks will be available for purchase through the College. General stationery items are detailed on the stationery lists (links also on this email).

Students will be issued a hard copy Student Handbook – this organiser contains day-to-day information about the College. Students will be expected to keep a record of their homework on their device. It is a useful check for parents and caregivers as well. Payment for the Student Organiser can be made at the College Office or online.

BYOD - BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE

This information can be found on our website – www.stdoms.ac.nz/BYOD

New students & Devices/Parental Locks

New students will be set up on the school network over the first few days that they attend the College.

It is essential that parental locks are removed before your daughter arrives so that this can happen smoothly. It is not possible to connect a device to the school network while parental controls remain in place. Thank you for your support with this.

COLLEGE UNIFORM

All students are to be in their correct uniform for the commencement of the school year; white blouse, school skirt, skort or black trousers. (College long black skirt or College black trousers for year 13)

Summer black Roman style sandals only are permitted in Years 7-12. If your daughter chooses to wear shoes and socks, she must wear black leather regulation shoes (see College website photo) and plain black ankle socks only.

Year 13 students are required to follow the uniform guidelines as were negotiated and confirmed at the end of 2024. Please check with your dean for clarity.

Blazers are required to be worn by all students for formal occasions including Masses, photographs, prize-givings and school trips. Blazers can be worn at any other time if desired.

Please note that to avoid unnecessary conversations, the following will need to be removed before returning to school:

- false eyelashes
- eyelash extensions
- additional piercings
- additional jewellery not included in the uniform expectations

Thank you for your support in ensuring your daughter wears her uniform with pride.

Please ensure all uniform items are clearly named.

The uniform can be purchased from Prestidges (formerly Elizabeth Michael Uniforms), 65 New North Road, Eden Terrace, Auckland or online www.elizabethmichael.co.nz

There will be a uniform pop-up shop in the Liston College Gymnasium on Saturday 18th January 2025, 10am – 1pm for both St Doms and Liston Colleges. Please note that this is not a second hand uniform sale. Second hand uniform items may be purchased through the front office. All proceeds go to the College PTFA fundraising. Our PTFA funds are used for the benefit of all students in purchasing of equipment and resources.

SCHOOL TRANSPORT

Ministry of Education criteria state that for a student to be eligible for free travel to school she must live at least 4.8km from the school and live more than 2.4km from any form of public transport. Thus, all students within 4.8km of St Dominic's Catholic College, within 2.4km of Waitakere or Swanson rail stations, within 2.4km of SH16, Hobsonville Road, are deemed not eligible for free transport. Students in Henderson, Massey, West Harbour, Glen Eden etc are deemed to have access to public transport and are also not eligible. For public transport information please refer to the Auckland Transport website at.govt.nz.

SCHOOL PŌWHIRI

We will welcome our new staff, students and whānau at our full school pōwhiri on Wednesday 5th February, at 9am. All new families are invited to attend. Further information will be sent out closer to the time.

COMMUNICATION

Most information and communications will be sent electronically to you, including the Whānau Pānui, reminders, teacher and dean communication, accounts and invoices etc. If you have any changes to your email address or other details, please email datateam@stdoms.ac.nz so that we have an up-to-date record. There is a Parent Information Centre on our website www.stdoms.ac.nz. We are also on Facebook and Instagram.

We are currently in the process of changing our Student Management System provider, and will keep you updated with changes to how we continue to communicate with you, and any developments there are in accessing our portal.

If you require any further information, please contact your daughter's dean using the email address below. Please note that teaching staff are not due back to site until Tuesday 28th January and you may not get a response until then. You can send an email to the College office office@stdoms.ac.nz from Monday 20th January.

YEAR LEVEL	DEAN	Email contact
Year 7	Hayley Schischka	hschischka@stdoms.ac.nz
Year 8	Sherry Ng Lam	snnglam@stdoms.ac.nz
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Year 12	Kate Gatland	kgatland@stdoms.ac.nz
Year 13	Rachel Phillips	rphillips@stdoms.ac.nz
International Dean	Gay Foley	gfoley@stdoms.ac.nz
Pastoral Dean	Susan Milham	smilham@stdoms.ac.nz

Looking forward to a great 2025 with you all.

Ngā mihi,



ANNA SWANN - TUMUAKI/PRINCIPAL

