



ST DOMINIC'S PRIORY COLLEGE

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BULLETIN

Diary Dates

Friday 22 January
Year 8 - 12 Laptop
Collection

Wednesday 27 January
Term 1 begins
Year 7 Laptop Collection

Sunday 7 February
Family Mass

FRIDAY 4 DECEMBER 2020

ISSUE 4 – WEEK 8, TERM 4

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Dear Parents/Guardians;

Our final week of the school year has seen us celebrate COVID-19 style as we adapted our gatherings according to SA Health regulations. The traditional primary Twilight Assembly became a daylight delight, the Year 6 Graduation was modified to include more dancing, the secondary assemblies were held in year levels, and the Children's University Graduation was held in the Sr Jillian Havey Centre. All in all, the final week has been joyful, and I am sure you will enjoy the photos that capture each event.

This final Bulletin is an opportunity to reflect on the year, 2020. Writers across the world will search to find just the right adjective to use when describing their experience of 2020. You will be quite used to hearing words such as unprecedented, unusual, difficult, and challenging. How it is described may vary; what is certain is that 2020 will be remembered as a time of great change. In South Australia we have been both participants and observers of this great pandemic, learning much as we go about our health, our fears and our potential. Throughout the year, we have continued to be people of great hope, compassion and understanding. This has been mirrored at St Dominic's, and I am grateful to have worked alongside students, parents and staff as we tried to make sense of our new world. Our students have been so understanding, and I thank the College Prefects and the student leadership body for maintaining opportunities for community involvement throughout the year. Head Prefect Isabel and Deputy Head Prefect Doan, have remained optimistic throughout the year and this has filtered through to the student body. They have both been positive role models for the girls across all year levels. I have enjoyed my many conversations with students in the yard and in their classes, and I thank them all for the joy they have brought to our work each day.

Our parent body has been so patient, understanding and supportive as we have changed so many practices due to the pandemic. I thank you for working with us during the year and I look forward to a time when we can gather once again, face to face on the school grounds. I take this opportunity to acknowledge the work of the Parents and Friends Association. Presidents Gabby Stradling, Kate Jensen, Rebecca Copeland and Maria Lappas have maintained contact throughout the year. We remained optimistic, but in the end, we had to postpone the many events planned. Nonetheless, these four women persisted with their work and over years have made significant contributions to the College community. I offer my sincere thanks to each one, knowing that they have been the drivers behind significant fundraising and

community building at St Dominic's. I offer my thanks to the College Board who have worked tirelessly this year. Under the leadership of College Chair, Mr Jim Howard we have maintained our ongoing work, responded to the issues of the pandemic, drafted our strategic plan and made significant progress on the Middle School precinct which we expect to begin in the middle of 2021.

I acknowledge the College staff who have faced each step of the pandemic with confidence, with professionalism and with good humour. There has been such upheaval, such unpredictability and such uncertainty, yet the staff have managed every step with a gracious generosity. Every single staff member has worked hard to maintain a positive school environment ensuring the rhythm of the school day is least interrupted and learning continued. I cannot express my gratitude more deeply for the work of the College staff throughout the year.

I take this opportunity to acknowledge the staff who are leaving the College at the end of the year. Jenny Ditillo and David Freeman will conclude their time with us following short contracts throughout Term 4. Stuart Lapsley, Lilita Daenke and Nafiza Begg are moving to new places, and Josie McKinnon is semi-retiring, following two years of working at the College. Shelda Rathmann will be heading into retirement following three years of service at St Dominic's and many years of contribution to education in South Australia. Catherine Mueller will conclude following 12 years of excellent service to the school community. Catherine has moved to be closer to her family and we wish her well in her new role at a school in Canberra. Barbara Doyle has provided service to the College community for more than 31 years. Working in the Uniform Shop Barbara, has come to know every family in the school. She is generous and hardworking and her work has been highly valued by students and staff. The College offers our deepest thanks to Barbara, wishing her well for the future. Briony Pauley steps into retirement following 26 years of service in the primary school. Briony has always been highly committed to making sure every student reaches her potential and becomes a lover of learning. Briony's commitment to the school community has been brought joy and laughter to our staff gatherings and we wish her every happiness in her retirement.

Finally, dear families as we move to the school holidays and embrace the wonderful season of advent, I offer a prayer of gratitude for the life we live at St Dominic's Priory College.

Dr Helen Steele
Principal

ST DOMINIC'S PRIORY COLLEGE

UNIFORM SHOP

LAST OPENING HOURS

10:30am - 1:30pm
Monday 7 Dec
Wednesday 9 Dec
Monday 14 Dec

**AFTER THESE DATES,
THE COLLEGE UNIFORM
WILL BE SOLD OFF SITE
AT CAMPUS SCHOOL
& COLLEGE WEAR
[DETAILS INSIDE]**

REMINDER TO FAMILIES TERM 4 REPORTS

Reports will be available on SEQTA Engage (Parents) and SEQTA Learn (Students) from 12 noon Wednesday 9 December.

For assistance accessing your daughter/s reports:

Parent Handbook
<https://stdo.ms/39rNrZK>

Help Desk
SeqtaHelp@stdominics.sa.edu.au

A welcome e-mail has been sent to all families who have yet to establish their SEQTA accounts

**REPORTS ARE NO
LONGER PRINTED**

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS OFFICE CLOSURE

MONDAY 14 DEC
until

FRIDAY 15 JAN
inclusive

REOPENING 9AM
MONDAY 18
JANUARY 2021

News from the **LEADERSHIP TEAM**

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION & STAFF

A major focus for our college this year has been the implementation of SEQTA, with the aim of improving our communication with both students and parents. Students are already using SEQTA Learn to access important school information including timetables, lesson resources, homework and assessments.

Academic reports this term will be distributed to parents via SEQTA Engage from 12 noon on Wednesday 9 December, and to students through SEQTA Learn.

For parents who have not set up access to SEQTA Engage as yet, a new Welcome email was sent to you this week. Please follow the instructions to set up the app on your smart device.



A reminder that this link will expire after several days.

If you have any problems please refer to the *Parent Handbook*, available online at: <https://stdo.ms/39rNrZK> or email: SeqtaHelp@stdominics.sa.edu.au

From the beginning of the 2021 school year, we will be implementing our next stage, where parents will be provided with continuous assessment information and results. This will enable parents to view their daughter's results immediately and respond to their progress sooner.

We will also be implementing *Consent2Go*, which is an online app, to improve our communication with parents for excursions and camps. Further information regarding *Consent2Go* will be provided early in Term 1.

For parents to be able to access the dates of key school events, our calendar is regularly updated and accessible through our College website and the link on *SEQTA Engage*.

Some key dates for Term 1 2021 include:

- Friday 22 January – Laptop Collection Years 8 - 12
- Wednesday 27 January
Term 1 commences for all students
- Sunday 7 February – Family Mass
- Thursday 18 February – Field Day (Secondary)
- Sunday 28 February – Sports Day

In these uncertain times, the changing nature of COVID restrictions may necessitate the altering of these events.

As the year draws to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members of the St Dominic's community a very safe and blessed Christmas.

Mr Matthew Noble
DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION & STAFF

+ PRAYER & LITURGY

May we enter this Advent season with hope filled hearts as we await the Christ child

THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

The end of the school year is upon us and we look forward to the holidays, a timely break from school and work, a time for gatherings of family and friends, a time for rest and renewal.

As the school year comes to a close, we give thanks for our community, parents and friends, staff and students and the many activities in which we have participated and the variety of learning that has taken place.

For Christians, a new liturgical year has begun. It is the season of Advent, a time in which we look forward to the birth of Jesus and the celebration of Christmas.



Advent calls us to prepare for the birth of Jesus by being awake to God's love within us and to take it forward into our daily lives, spreading peace, love, kindness and joy for the good of all, particularly, the marginalised, the oppressed and the poor.

*God of Hope,
As we enter this season of Advent
Help keep our Advent flames of hope, love,
Joy and peace burning bright.
Help up to prepare our hearts in readiness for
The coming of a humble peacemaker,
Sent to heal and bring hope to the world.
We make this prayer in Jesus' name,
Amen.*

Mrs Concetta Sossi
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR



Centacare

FREE workshops for Parents/Carers in 2021

Who's in Charge?
8-week program commencing February

Circle of Security Parenting
6-week course starting May, July, August or October

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
To register your attendance, or to find out more about these or other Centacare workshops, please visit:
www.centacare.org.au
or contact: 8215 6700 | registrations@centacare.org.au

News from AROUND THE CAMPUS

2020 INDIA PILGRIMS

On Friday 27 November, a group of Year 11 students were to travel to India and visit Father Harry and the boys in Yuva Jyothi, Nagpur. The group of 10 girls, with their families, planned to raise funds for the boys' home throughout the year. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic this was put on hold.



The group of girls felt that they should still fund raise within the set restrictions and social distancing rules. Donations from students and three events were run at school, raising a total of \$1,094.15. The girls gave up their recess, lunch time and would arrive at school early to set up for the fundraising events.

We hope that this money will assist Father Harry in providing the essentials in this time of uncertainty.

MS JO RICCIO

PRODUCE STALL | \$5 PER JAR

Peach & Cinnamon Jam
Nonna's Tomato Sauce
Plum Jam (3 varieties)
Fig Jam

Limited supply available from College Office
8am - 4pm weekdays until Wednesday 9 December



YEAR 9 READING TO THE RECEPTION CLASS



YEAR 7 & 8 OUTREACH FOR CHILDREN IN HOSPITAL



CHILDREN'S CRAFT PACKS

Year 7 & Year 8 Outreach initiative

Year 7 & 8 students rounded off 2020 with an activity that saw them preparing craft packs for children in hospital over Christmas. Each pack included a handmade card and a range of craft and stationary to hopefully brighten up someone's day.

ACADEMY FOR ENTERPRISING GIRLS

Academy for Enterprising Girls:
Online Holiday Workshop

FREE virtual workshop for girls aged 10-18
Tuesday 19 January 2021
10:00am - 12:30pm

REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL:
<https://stdo.ms/36qccUa>

techgirls movement FOUNDATION

SMALL BUSINESS ORGANISATIONS AUSTRALIA

News from the PRIMARY SCHOOL

In the last week of Term 4, we typically comment on how quickly time has flown. However, 2020 has certainly felt like a year and somewhat more! With all the uncertainties, frustrations, and curve balls 2020 gave us, one area that we all excelled in was resilience. From our parents who showed considerable patience, the teachers who continually up-skilled online learning platforms, and our students who took things in their stride and were incredibly independent. Nothing has been straight forward, and it has taken time, patience, and a positive growth mindset to sort through the diverse situations that arose.

The saying 'the show must go on' certainly rings true for us in these final days of the school year. The postponement of many events has led us to a very busy, exciting, and enjoyable week.

On Tuesday evening we had the **Year 6 Graduation**. The girls enjoyed activities throughout the day, including a special lunch, and the evening was celebrated with a presentation commemorating their Primary years. Mrs Belinda Baker, Mrs Michelle Richter and Mrs Anna Sordillo created a memorable evening with song and an award ceremony that made meaningful connections to the learner profiles. Our Year 6 class this year has had many events cancelled and leadership opportunities significantly reduced, nevertheless they have led the Primary School showing support, kindness, and enthusiasm for learning.

With the **Children's University Graduation** cancelled, we held our own special event for the graduating students in Years 4 to 6, in the Sr Jillian Havey Centre. We created our own pomp and ceremony and congratulated our students for their efforts.

We had to change our Twilight Assembly to **Daylight Assembly**, due to COVID-19 restrictions. It is important for us to keep our families connected. It's not the same as having you here but we hope you enjoy the film of the event [this will be emailed to families].

Our **Vinnies Christmas Appeal** has been embraced by all. Our **Giving Tree** this year has been very generously supported and all proceeds will be taken to Vinnies on Friday. We thank you and know that all the gifts will help many families in need.



Our Primary School community is always very grateful to all the work that our teachers do, and it is with sadness that we farewell our 'Ideas person', Mrs Briony Pauley, who will be retiring after 26 years teaching at St Dominic's. She is a passionate and enthusiastic teacher who is much loved and honoured. Her growth mindset quote of 'give it a whirl Shirl' will live on. Ms Josie McKinnon, who is an exemplary teacher and has taught Year 3 here for two years, is looking forward to semi-retirement. We wish them all the best as they look forward to new adventures.

The Primary staff wish you all a very happy, healthy, and safe Christmas. See you in 2021.

Ms Cate O'Leary, DIRECTOR OF JUNIOR SCHOOL





MFS FIRE SAFETY COMPETITION

The South Australian Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) is committed to promoting fire safety practices in homes, in workplaces, in schools and in communities. As part of the MFS Schools Fire Safety Program, Primary students from across the State were invited to submit artwork that clearly depicted one of the Program's Fire Safety topics. The Year 3 class designed posters illustrating the message "Get down low and go, go, go". Congratulations to Teresa Tran, who was declared the Year 3 State Winner, and Merit recipients Adele Nguyen and Mahnaz Haidari. Their winning designs will be displayed in fire stations across South Australia!



YEAR 4 ZOO SNOOZE

Thursday 12 - Friday 13 November 2020

Zoo Snooze was a great way for the Year 4 girls to piece together their years learning about the rainforest, Africa and South America, and sustainability. All were excited to view the animals, within their habitats, particularly the gibbon, babon and meerkat. Another highlight was the night and morning walk, watching the animals when no one else was around. Considering this was the first night away from home for some, all the girls could say the experience was very enjoyable. We thank Cat, our very knowledgeable Zoo Educator, for exploring the zoo with us.



CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Year 4 Fundraising

Recently, a group of Year 4 students decided to raise money for the RESTORE Cancer Care Program at the Mary Potter Hospice, by making and selling bookmarks at lunchtime, showing their desire to help others. Approximately \$123 was raised, which is a tremendous effort for a student-led lunch time activity - well done girls!!

27 November 2020

Dear Parents

I write to you in regards to the purchase of the College Uniform.

After some consideration, the College has made the decision to move the sales of the College uniform off site. For the past 30 years, our uniform shop has run off the generosity and professionalism of Mrs. Barbara Doyle. Her service to the College community has been outstanding and we are deeply grateful for her work.

As of Tuesday 1 December, 2020, Mike Dring of **Campus School and College Wear** will take over the management and distribution of the uniform. Mike has a long history with the College and has worked closely with us to ensure that he provides an excellent service for our families.

The **Campus School and College Wear** shop is located at Shop 3, 56 Grange Road, Welland. The location is approximately a 10-minute drive from the College and has onsite parking. Fittings, purchases and ordering can be completed at the shop. Further to this, **Campus School and College Wear** have an online purchasing option.

The last day of selling the uniform at the College site will be Monday 14 December 2020. After that date, parents may purchase the College uniform as follows:

- Online at www.campusschoolwear.com.au. Click on the St Dominic's Priory College school logo or
- In person at Shop 3, 56 Grange Road, Welland
 - Information on the opening hours for January 2021 is attached
 - *Please phone Kay on Ph 8346 0830 to book an appointment*

Please be advised that the College will no longer sell second-hand uniforms. There are a number of platforms for parents who wish to sell their graduating daughter's uniform. These include:

- <https://www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au>
- <https://www.schooluniformtrading.com.au>
- Facebook Marketplace for Uniforms

We will endeavor to sell the second-hand uniforms we currently have at the College. If these are not sold by the end of the year, their owners will be contacted to collect their unsold items.

I am most pleased that **Campus School and College Wear** are able to support our need to move the uniform shop to a new location.

Kind regards

Helen Steele

Dr Helen Steele
Principal



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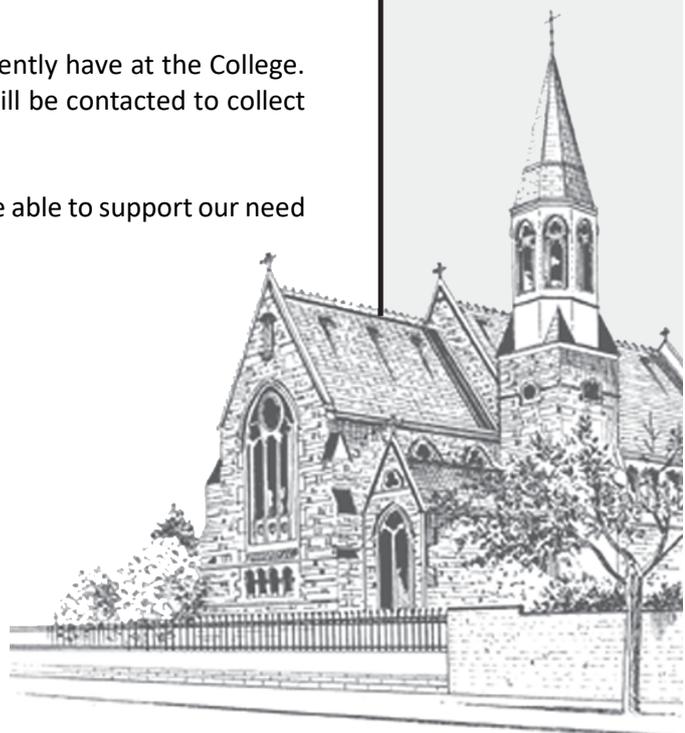
139 Molesworth Street,

North Adelaide 5006

PHONE: 8267-3818

(in school hours)

FACSIMILE: 8267-4877



Student Laptop Collection 2021

All students in Years 5 - 12 are issued with a Laptop as part of the *College-Owned Laptop Program*. In 2021, distribution of these devices will take place as follows:

YEARS 8, 9, 10, 11 + 12 - Friday 22 January: students in Year 8 to 12 (inclusive) are to collect their Laptop from the **Library** between the hours of **8:30am - 4:00pm**. This date is in the last week of the school holidays - please mark it in your calendar now.

YEAR 7 - Wednesday 27 January: students in Year 7 will be issued with their laptop as part of the Orientation Day program.

YEARS 5 + 6 - Thursday 28 January: students in Years 5 and 6 will be issued with their laptop via their Home Group Teacher.

Laptop Collection on your daughters' dedicated pick up day means that there will be time at home to set up and charge the laptop, and be ready for a smooth start to school in Week 1. This will minimise disruption during class time at the start of term.

If your daughter has previously been issued with a **laptop case** (all students presently in Years 5-11) it is **essential** that she bring it to school when collecting her computer.

All current Year 5-12 families will have already signed the **College-Owned Laptop Agreement Program Student and Parent/Guardian Agreement**. If your daughter is new to Years 5-12, and receiving a laptop for the first time, please ensure you have returned your signed agreement. A copy of the agreement can be accessed online at: <https://stdo.ms/3lzF8gW>

Best wishes for a wonderful Christmas and see you in the New Year!

Sandra Mason, Library Coordinator



UPDATE FROM THE ACCOUNTS OFFICE

As introduced in the *Week 8 Term 3 Bulletin (10 September 2020)*, the College has partnered with **My Student Account**. This new online ordering system will be rolled out in **Term 1 2021**. *My Student Account* is a well established platform allowing families to order and pay for a range of school services online:



TUCKSHOP

View menu, order, pay, manage special dietary requirements and allergy alert online.



EVENTS + EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Online facility to buy tickets and pay for events or fundraisers.



FEES

Make once off or regular payments to College Fees/Charges via a secure payment gateway.

More information will be distributed to families in January, before school commences.

Ms Lina Martino
BUSINESS MANAGER

COMMENCING TERM 1 2021

ST DOMINIC'S PRIORY COLLEGE

UNIFORM SHOP

FINAL TRADING HOURS

DECEMBER 2020

Monday 7 December 10:30 - 1:30
Wednesday 9 December 10:30 - 1:30
Monday 14 December 10:30 - 1:30

After these dates, the College Uniform will no longer be sold on site and may instead be purchased from Campus School & College Wear, per the details below.



SCHOOL & COLLEGE WEAR

ABN 43 876 389 659

Uniform Shop 3, 54-56 Grange Road, WELLAND
(opp. Chemist King on Grange Road)

JANUARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY HOURS

Phone 08 8346 0830 to make an appointment

Monday 11 January 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Tuesday 12 January 9:00 am - 5:30 pm
Wednesday 13 January 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Thursday 14 January 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Friday 15 January 9:30 am - 5:30 pm
Saturday 16 January 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Tuesday 19 January 9:00 - 5:30 pm
Thursday 21 January 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Friday 22 January 9:30 am - 5:30 pm
Saturday 23 January 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Tuesday 26 January CLOSED (Australia Day)

TRADING HOURS DURING TERM

Tuesday 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm
Wednesday 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm
Friday 8:00 am - 5:30 pm
Every THIRD Saturday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

email: sales@campusschoolwear.com.au
shop online: www.campusschoolwear.com.au



ST DOMINIC'S
PRIORY COLLEGE

2020

PARENTS & FRIENDS RAFFLE

FIRST PRIZE: \$2000 CASH

Awarded to: M. TRAN #0627

SECOND PRIZE: \$1000 CASH

Awarded to: L. MAZZEO #3429

THIRD PRIZE: \$1000 CASH

Awarded to: M. PAGANO #1797

FOURTH PRIZE: \$1000 CASH

Awarded to: J. RICCIO #3291

SDPC SPORTS NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL TEAMS

Congratulations to all teams on a successful Term 4 of Summer Sport. We look forward to your participation in Term 1, 2021. Nominations will occur in Week 1 next year, so please think about your intentions in advance and keep an eye on your emails and morning notices early next year.

SDPC Sport Department

FINAL PLACINGS

BASKETBALL

Middle C Orange *FINISHED 4th*
Senior C Pink *FINISHED PREMIERS*

TENNIS

Middle C RED *FINISHED PREMIERS*
Senior C *FINISHED 7th*

Volleyball

Middle B1 Blue *FINISHED PREMIERS*
Middle B2 RED *FINISHED 2nd*
Middle C3 ORANGE *FINISHED 2nd*
Middle C4 ORANGE *FINISHED 4th*
Middle C5 PINK *FINISHED 6th*
Middle C6 PINK *FINISHED 7th*
Senior A1 *FINISHED 2nd*
Senior B *FINISHED 2nd*
Senior C3 Silver *FINISHED 4th*
Senior C4 Silver *FINISHED 3rd*

TOUCH FOOTBALL

Middle C GOLD *FINISHED 8th*
Senior B PURPLE *FINISHED 6th*

WATER POLO

Middle C *FINISHED 7th*



walkerville
junior football club

*Join the Roar of our Girls
in Season 2021!*

REGISTER NOW!
[New & existing players]

U9, U11 & U13 Girls teams available

Please note: Age eligibility changes for the 2021 season below



GIRLS COMPETITIONS/AGE GROUPS

2021	AGE
Born January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2013	U9 Girls
Born January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2011	U11 Girls
Born January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2009	U13 Girls

Walkerville Junior Football Club
registrar@wjfc.com.au
www.wjfc.com.au

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ONLINE:



SDPC.Adelaide



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stdo.ms/LINKEDIN

ATTN: PARENTS / GUARDIANS
Have you read today's Bulletin?
Please let your daughter/s class teacher know via the checkbox in her College Planner