



ST DOMINIC'S COLLEGE
YEAR 7, 2026 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

23rd October 2025



RESPECT . COLLABORATE . THRIVE



WELCOME

Mr Adam Rafferty
Deputy Principal



AGENDA



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Oscar Zamprogno

College Captain

Ms Tracey Shaw

Year 7, 2026 Pastoral Coordinator

Mr David Gerlach

Director of Teaching and Learning

Mr Daniel Khoury

Director of Pastoral Care

Ms Natalie Devenish

College Principal



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND PRAYER





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We are honoured to be on the ancestral lands of the Mulgoa Clan of the Dharug People. We acknowledge the First Australians as the traditional custodians of the continent, whose cultures are among the oldest living cultures in human history.

We pay respect to the Elders of the community and extend our recognition to their descendants. Further, we would like to state our commitment to a process of reconciliation, so all Australians can build a positive and more inclusive future.



OPENING PRAYER





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Lord, we pray that our Year 6 students embrace their new beginning. That they include all those that are in their year group and set about making their own community in Year 7, 2026.

May they set about their studies, their secondary education and new school with vigour and enthusiasm. We pray that they meet new people in a spirit of generosity and kindness and that their friendship continually brings out the best in them.

And as parents and carers, we also pray that we have the skills and patience to support them while continually setting boundaries and letting them know that we love them.



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St Dominic Savio... Pray for Us
Blessed Edmund Rice... Pray for Us
Live Jesus in Our Hearts... Forever

(Sign of The Cross)

PURPOSE OF THE EVENING



To provide our community with a deeper understanding of:

-  What the College is providing in supporting a 1-1 blended learning environment
-  What is required of Parents/Carers in supporting their son
-  What your son can expect in 2026
-  General information for parents



WELCOME ADDRESS

Oscar Zamprogno
College Captain





YEAR 7 2026 PASTORAL COORDINATOR

Ms Tracey Shaw





LEARNING AND BYOD

Mr David Gerlach

Director of Teaching
and Learning







Academic Assessment Services (AAS) TESTING

- ✚ Already completed during Orientation Day
- ✚ Will be aligned with NAPLAN Data so we can monitor student growth across Years 7-10
- ✚ Comprehensive testing including reading, writing, numeracy, spelling and reasoning abilities (Verbal, non-verbal and general)
- ✚ Is supervised, marked and reported on by AAS staff
- ✚ Testing doesn't involve computers – completed on pen and paper
- ✚ Ensures we have mixed ability classes in Year 7
- ✚ Ensures our teaching staff can meet your son's learning needs

DEVICE ONBOARDING







WEEK BEFORE SCHOOL RETURNS

-  You will be sent instructions on how to set up the device
-  For those not confident to do this, you can book a time onsite for us to do this for you
-  You will be able to book this through enrolHQ
-  You may drop it off and return or stay while it occurs

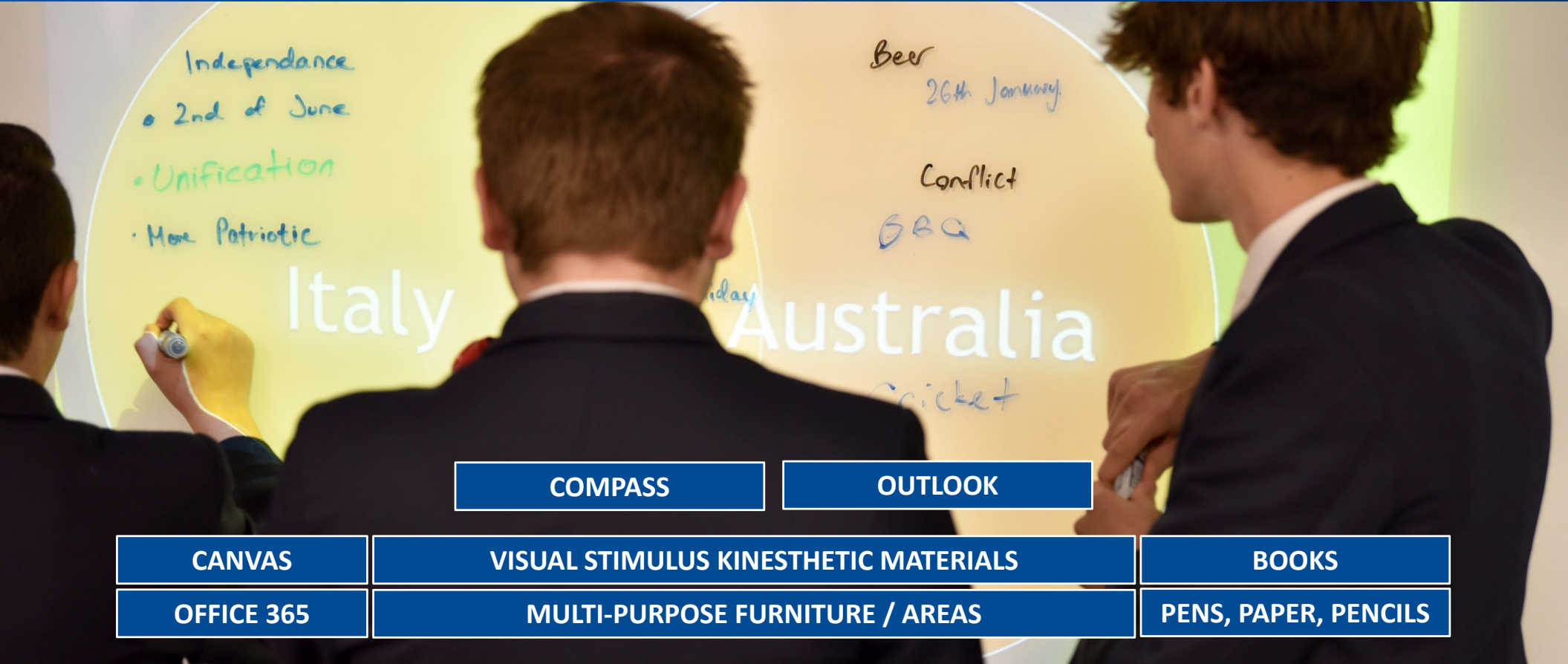
ORIENTATION WEEK



FIRST FOUR DAYS OF SCHOOL IN 2026

-  Orientation to the College
-  Traditions and history
-  Setting up their learning
-  Settling in socially – Peer Support Program

BLENDED LEARNING ENVIRONMENT: CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS AND EXPERIENCE



COMPASS

OUTLOOK

CANVAS

VISUAL STIMULUS KINESTHETIC MATERIALS

BOOKS







OFFICE 365

MULTI-PURPOSE FURNITURE / AREAS

PENS, PAPER, PENCILS

BLENDED LEARNING ENVIRONMENT



-  **BYOD:** Each student brings a device meeting College requirements that best serves the St Dominic's College learning environment
-  **Blended Learning Environment:** Traditional and Online (Paper and Digital) – **with a strong focus on writing in their books**
-  **CANVAS:** Every class, course, Stage is led through the use of our LMS Canvas
 -  Resources, Assessments, Marks and Feedback
 -  Parents can also access their son's learning information
-  **COMPASS:** Timetable, announcements, and administration

EBOOKS - DIGITAL TEXTBOOK BUNDLES



STUDENTS TO RECEIVE A DIGITAL TEXTBOOK BUNDLE

- 🏰 All subjects in one bundle
- 🏰 Physical copies for Maths and Science will be provided onsite
- 🏰 Access to extensive library from 2026
- 🏰 Cost included in College Fees



HEWLETT PACKARD – ONLINE STORE



Why Provide an Online Store?

- ✦ We appreciate the demands on you as parents/carers
- ✦ We want to educate and support your son




Bundle Features

- ✦ Accidental Damage Protection (ADP) covers your device against accidental damage such as broken/cracked screens, liquid damage such as spills or any accidental damage with \$0 excess.
- ✦ All laptops include 3 Years ONSITE Support/Warranty and ADP Care pack that will cover you for up to 3 Claims over 3 years with Zero excess fee.
- ✦ College is the Service Centre / Loan Devices
- ✦ College Required apps and software uploaded



DEVICE REQUIREMENTS



-  See College Website – must be purchased through our HP Online Store Only
-  Renewed prior to Year 10
-  **PC ONLY** - Mac cannot guarantee a complete learning experience in our environment

HOW TO PURCHASE YOUR HP DEVICE



Exclusive Education Laptops & Discounts - 2025/26



Shop now: www.hp.com.au/BYOD

Enter School Code: **StDoms**



All Devices Meet Schools Minimum Specifications

- You'll get the **Best Advice** - We are a 100% BYOD focused team that understands the requirements for our partner schools
- We'll help you choose the **Right Device** - Nobody knows HP laptops better than us and we only offer exclusive Education devices not available through retail channels.
- And most importantly you'll get the **Lowest Discounted Price** - Buying direct from HP means we can guarantee genuine low discounts that can't be beat

COLLEGE HP LAPTOPS



	Processor	Screen	RAM/ Storage	Operating System
SUPER DEAL				
ProBook 435 x360 G10 Ryzen 5 + 3 Yr ADP \$1374 	AMD Ryzen 5	13.3" FHD Touch + Pen	16GB/ 256GB	Win 11 Pro
ProBook 435 x360 G10 Ryzen 7 & 3 Yr ADP \$1874 	AMD Ryzen 7	13.3" FHD Touch + Pen	16GB/ 512GB	Win 11 Pro
EliteBook Flip 8 G1i Intel Ultra 5 & 3 yr ADP \$2198 	Intel Ultra 5	13" WUXGA Touch + Pen	16GB/ 512GB	Win 11 Pro MSNA
EliteBook 830 x360 G11 Intel 7 & 3 yr ADP \$2698 	Intel Ultra 7	13" WUXGA Touch + Pen	16GB/ 512GB	Win 11 Pro

HP DEVICE ORDERING TIMELINE



HP ONLINE ORDERS COMPLETION

- ❖ Order before **10th December 2025** for delivery before Christmas.
- ❖ Order before **16th January 2026** for delivery before the commencement of Term 1, 2026.



SDC POLICIES – SDC WEBSITE



COLLEGE ICT POLICIES LOCATED ON THE COLLEGE WEBSITE

- ✦ Acceptable use policy
- ✦ BYOD Policy
- ✦ Loan Agreement - for device repairs
- ✦ Equity Policy
- ✦ User Agreement
- ✦ See **“Outstanding tasks”** in enrol HQ





PASTORAL CARE & WELLBEING

Mr Daniel Khoury
Director of Pastoral Care












TRANSITIONING TO HIGH SCHOOL





WHAT WILL BE DIFFERENT FROM PRIMARY SCHOOL?



-  Movement between classrooms
-  Homerooms
-  Blended Learning Environment / Technology (CANVAS)
-  Home Study
-  High Standards – uniform, grooming, learning expectations, behaviour
-  House points
-  Regular Communication – immediate feedback (Compass)

HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION



-  Can feel overwhelming physically, emotionally, and mentally
-  New routines and expectations:
 - Longer school days
 - Different teachers
 - Following timetables & movement between classrooms

HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION



Practical adjustments:

- Bringing books and charging laptop
- Remembering PE gear
- Managing homework and assessments

Social and personal changes:

- Establishing new friendships
- Navigating puberty

HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION



Learning and Communication

- Blended Learning Environment / Technology (CANVAS)
- Regular Communication – immediate feedback (Compass)
- House points system

HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION



College Expectations:

- High Standards
- Attendance / Punctuality
- Uniform and Grooming
- Diligence and Sustained Effort
 - > 75% (DSE Reports)
- Technology & Mobile phones
- Representative Sport Contract
 - Expectations must be met to participate in sport

HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION



Normal Reactions

- Distress, tears, anxiety, overwhelmed (initially normal)

Seek Support








- If difficulties persist, **alert the College for assistance**



ST DOMINIC'S COLLEGE






STUDENT SUPPORT



-  Homeroom Teacher
-  Pastoral Coordinator
-  College Psychologist
-  College Counsellor and Intern Psychologist
-  Three Diverse Learning teachers
-  11 Teacher's Aids
-  Indigenous Education Liaison Officer

COLLEGE EXPECTATIONS



-  Attendance / Punctuality
-  Uniform and Grooming
-  Diligence and Sustained Effort > 75%
(DSE Reports)
-  Technology
(Mobile phones and Social Media)
-  Representative Sport Contract
Expectations must be met to participate
in sport



COLLEGE UNIFORM



Students wear their uniform with pride.








- 🔗 College School Bag (compulsory)
- 🔗 Shirt and Trousers
- 🔗 College Track Suit (jacket and pants)
- 🔗 College Sport Socks
- 🔗 College Polo Shirt
- 🔗 College House shirt
- 🔗 Tie and Blazer in Term 2 and 3 only (purchased through Back to Basics, Kingswood).
- 🔗 Information found within online Information Platform



COLLEGE UNIFORM - GROOMING







HAIR MUST BE:

-  Not shorter than a Level 2
-  The same length at the back and sides of head
e.g. no mullets, burst fades or tapers
-  Neat
-  Above eyebrows, ears or collar
-  Not overly styled
-  Blended
-  Natural colour





PASTORAL CARE – HOMEROOM



-  Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday morning, 8:35am – 8:50am
-  Opportunity for students to connect with their pastoral teacher
-  Wellbeing and study skills learning
-  Point of contact between school and home regarding:
 - Attendance / absence
 - Issues both inside and outside of school
 - Achievements at home / school

PASTORAL CARE: YEAR 7 CAMP



-  Aussie Bush Camps at Kincumber, Central Coast
Term 1 Week 3: Monday, 16th to Wednesday, 18th February
-  Information regarding the Year 7 Camp will be included on the Year 7, 2026 Parent Information Landing Page
-  Great opportunity to make new friends
-  Compulsory attendance



COLLEGE LIFE

Ms Natalie Devenish
College Principal







WELCOME TO ST DOMINIC'S COLLEGE



WELCOME TO ST DOMINIC'S 2026



WE ARE PROUDLY EXPERTS IN BOYS' EDUCATION!

-  High expectations - Academic, social, cultural, sport and attendance
-  Focus on writing, bookwork, less focus on laptops in the learning space
-  Pathways, support, care, transition
-  A few tips for parents:
 - Create the habit of homework from day 1 – 4 nights/wk and once on the weekend
 - READING is critical – every night!
 - Attendance – no days off for birthday, tiredness, events, last day of term. Every day is critical in the learning process....



DEDICATED INDIGENOUS EDUCATION OFFICER

- ✦ Mr Jeramiah Trindall, our St Dominic's College Indigenous Education Officer's role at St Dominic's focusses on strengthening cultural connections, providing support to students, working alongside staff, families, and the wider community to foster a culturally safe and inclusive environment.
- ✦ Mr Trindall also works closely with students on literacy programs, as well as before and after school study groups, to provide extra learning support and help strengthen their academic skills.
- ✦ In addition to cultural support, Mr Trindall is committed to assisting our students in exploring and planning their pathways after school, whether that be further study, training, or entering the workforce. A main aim is to connect students with opportunities, resources and mentors who can help guide them towards achieving their future goals.

YEAR 7, 2026 INFORMATION

Access forms and information for the commencement of Year 7 in 2026

[HOME](#) > [ENROLMENT](#) > [YEAR 7, 2026 INFORMATION](#)

Please take the time to access the information provided to you in the two sections below, ensuring a smooth transition into Year 7, 2026.



2026 Administration Forms

On this page, you will find important information relating to your son's commencement at



2026 Fees – Year 7











ENSURING A QUALITY CATHOLIC EDUCATION IS AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE FOR ALL FAMILIES 'No child...

This site will be live from Friday, 24th October and a link will be emailed to you on this date. A copy of this presentation will also be included.

YEAR 7, 2026 INFORMATION LANDING PAGE



A link to the Year 7 2026 Landing Page will be emailed to parents on Friday, 24th October. Information provided includes:

-  College Uniform – Midford Price List, Uniform Fitting bookings
-  College Uniform, Grooming and Mobile Phone Policies
-  Year 7 Book Pack list
-  Year 7 Camp
-  Compass
-  NSW Schools Vaccination Program 2026
-  Jacaranda Digital Textbooks Bundle
-  Travel Pass/Opal Card
-  College Fees
-  Music Questionnaire and Instrumental Tuition Program

YEAR 7 2026 SIGNIFICANT DATES



The College Calendar is available through Compass

YEAR 7 ORIENTATION WEEK

Year 7 will commence on Thursday, 29th January in full College Summer Uniform.

Year 7 Orientation Week will run from Thursday, 29th January until Tuesday, 3 February.

Year 7 Orientation Week is designed to introduce our 2026 Cohort into College life at St Dominic's. Orientation Week will assist students transition into high school through a number of initiatives such as our Peer Support Program with Year 11 students and Big Fish Little Fish.

YEAR 7 PARENT WELCOME EVENING

Wednesday, 4th February. Details regarding this event will be communicated at the commencement of the 2026 school year.

YEAR 7 CAMP 2026

Monday, 16th February to Wednesday, 18th February



WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH
YOU IN **PARTNERSHIP**, IN THE
FORMATION OF THE FUTURE SONS OF
ST DOMINIC'S COLLEGE

COMMUNICATION



FINALLY..

We need your support,
maintaining open and
transparent lines of
communication.





ST DOMINIC'S COLLEGE

Dominus Lux Mea - The Lord is my Light

We look forward to creating or continuing the partnership
for you and your sons, here at St Dominic's College





DIVERSE LEARNING COORDINATOR & COLLEGE PSYCHOLOGIST

Mrs Deborah Haydon





ST DOMINIC'S COLLEGE

WHAT TO EXPECT



- High school transition can feel very overwhelming physically, emotionally and mentally.
- New routines, longer days, different expectations from different teachers, older students, following timetables, remembering to bring books, charging laptop, remembering PE gear, homework, assessments, establishing new friendships, puberty, uniforms, haircuts, blazers and ties are just some of the new and unfamiliar adjustments to school life.
- Expect some distress, tears, overwhelm and anxiety, this is normal initially however if this continues, please alert the College so that support can be organised.