



YEAR 7 2027 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

22 October 2026

WALK WITH TRUTH COURAGE & CHARACTER

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WELCOME

Mr David Gerlach
Deputy Principal





ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY AND PRAYER



AGENDA



	Mr David Gerlach	Deputy Principal
	Maddox Barton	College Captain
	Mr Tim Easterbrook	Acting Director of Teaching and Learning
	Mr Tristan Lawler	Yr 7 2027 (Assistant) Pastoral Coordinator
	Ms Natalie Devenish	College Principal



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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, 2027.

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.



LITANY

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 2027
-  General information for parents regarding Year 7 2027



WELCOME

Maddox Barton College Captain





LEARNING and Devices

Mr Tim Easterbrook

Acting Director of Teaching
and Learning



YOUR SON AND TESTING THIS WEEK

-  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)
-  Ensures our teaching staff can meet your son's learning needs

YR 7 'ORIENTATION WEEK'

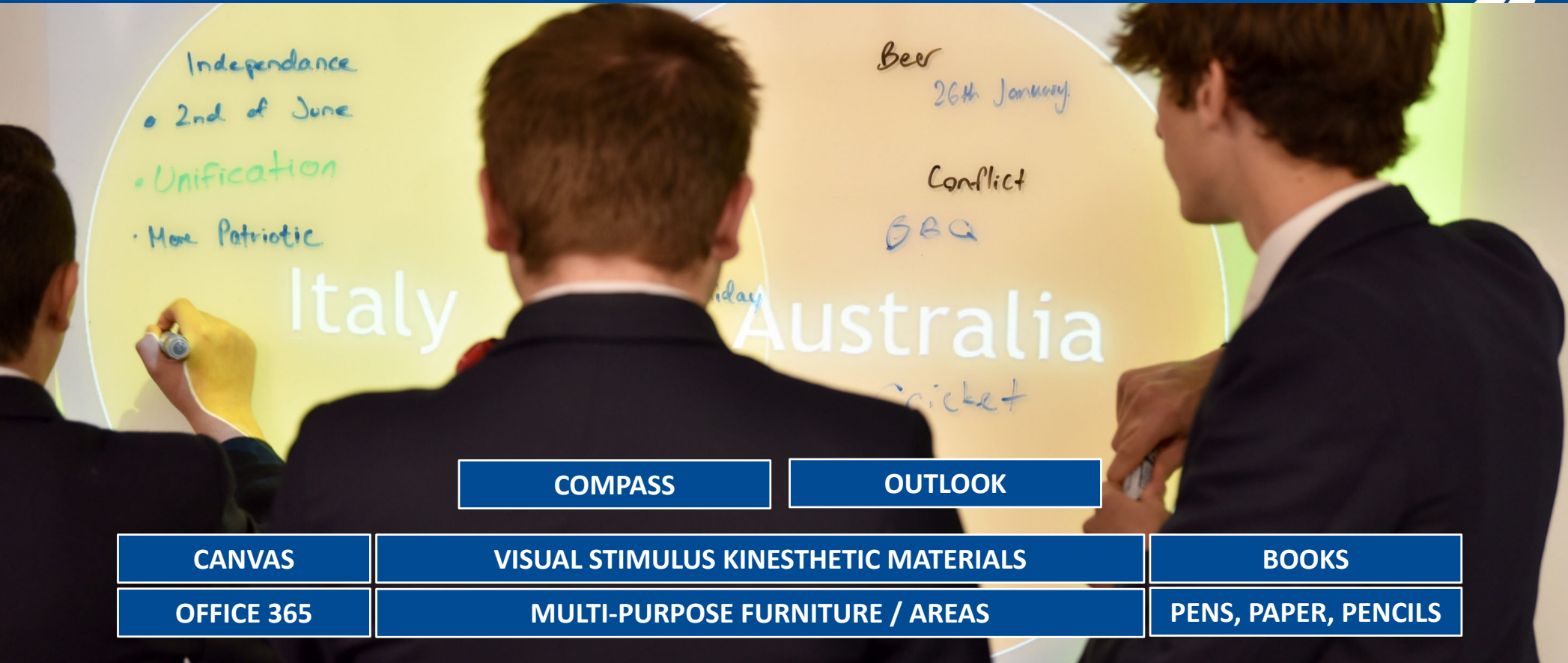


FIRST FOUR DAYS OF SCHOOL IN 2027

-  Orientation to the College – timetables, diaries
-  Traditions and history
-  Setting up their learning – IT bootcamp, Accessing textbooks, Canvas
-  Settling in socially – Peer Support Program, friendship activities

BLENDED LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Classroom Expectations and Experience



COMPASS

OUTLOOK

CANVAS

VISUAL STIMULUS KINESTHETIC MATERIALS

BOOKS

OFFICE 365

MULTI-PURPOSE FURNITURE / AREAS

PENS, PAPER, PENCILS

ST DOMINIC'S COLLEGE

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

E-BOOKS - DIGITAL TEXTBOOK BUNDLES



STUDENTS TO RECEIVE A DIGITAL TEXTBOOK BUNDLE

- ✚ All subjects in one bundle
- ✚ Physical copies for Math, Science, HSIE, English and PDHPE will be provided in classes
- ✚ Access to extensive library from 2027
- ✚ 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 three Years ONSITE Support/Warranty and ADP Care pack that will cover you for up to three Claims over three years with zero excess fee.
- ✦ College is the Service Centre / Loan Devices
- ✦ College Required apps and software uploaded automatically



SETTING UP YOUR SON'S DEVICE



- ✠ You will be sent instructions on how to set up your son's device – this email will be sent on **Tuesday, 12 January 2027** through EnrolHQ.
- ✠ For those not confident to do this, **you can book a time onsite for us to do this for you.**
 - **Laptop Onboarding Week - 18th to 22nd January 2027.**
 - There will be an opportunity for families to **book in and onboard their son's laptop at the College. You may drop it off and return or stay while it occurs**
 - Onboarding **booking details** will be sent to parents early next week.

WHICH DEVICE?



-  See College Website – must be purchased through our HP Online Store Only
-  New Laptop will be required by Year 10
-  **PC ONLY** - Mac cannot guarantee a complete learning experience in our environment

HOW TO PURCHASE YOUR HP DEVICE



BYOD

Bring
Your
Own
Device

Exclusive Education Laptops & Discounts



VISIT: www.hp.com.au/BYOD

ENTER School Code: **StDoms**

SHOP: Device includes Extended 3Yr Onsite Warranty,
Accidental Damage Protection & FREE DELIVERY



Accidental Damage Protection

- ALL Laptops include 3 Years **ONSITE** Support/Warranty & **ADP Carepack** that will cover you for up to 3 x Claims over 3 years with Zero excess fee.
- ADP covers your device against accidental damage such as broken/cracked screens, liquid damage such as spills or any accidental damage with **\$0 excess**.
- For example; if a student were to drop their device and crack a screen the HP Tech will come onsite at College to do the repair at \$0 excess including all parts and labour.



Exclusive Education Discounts

Buy direct and save! Enjoy up to **30% off** all student laptops and HP Care Packs.



Minimum Specs Guarantee

Every device from our BYOD store meets your school requirements, ensuring the ideal learning device within your budget.

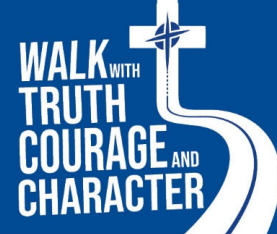


Purchasing Made Easy

After selecting your device, purchase securely online or by phone by calling **13 23 47**. Flexible Payment options available.



COLLEGE HP LAPTOPS



Processor Screen RAM/Storage Operating System Accidental Damage						
INCLUDED						
EliteBook 6 G1i 14" Intel 5 + 3Yr ONSITE + ADP ~~\$3,614.00~~ SAVE \$1,615 (44%) \$ 1999		Intel Ultra 5	14-inch WUXGA TOUCH	16GB/256GB	Win 11 Pro	3 Years 3 x ADP Claims \$0 Excess (Including Screens)
ProBook 4 G2i Flip Intel 5 + 3Yr ONSITE + ADP ~~\$2,802.00~~ SAVE \$603 (21%) \$ 2199		Intel Ultra 5	13-inch WUXGA TOUCH + Pen	16GB/512GB	Win 11 Pro MSNA	3 Years 3 x ADP Claims \$0 Excess (Including Screens)
ProBook 4 G2i Flip Intel 7 + 3Yr ONSITE + ADP ~~\$3,362.00~~ SAVE \$663 (19%) \$2699		Intel Ultra 7	13-inch WUXGA TOUCH + Pen	16GB/512GB	Win 11 Pro MSNA	3 Years 3 x ADP Claims \$0 Excess (Including Screens)

HP DEVICE ORDERING TIMELINE



HP ONLINE ORDERS COMPLETION

- ✦ Order before **10th December 2026** for delivery before Christmas.
- ✦ Order before **12th January 2027** for delivery before the commencement of Term 1, 2027.

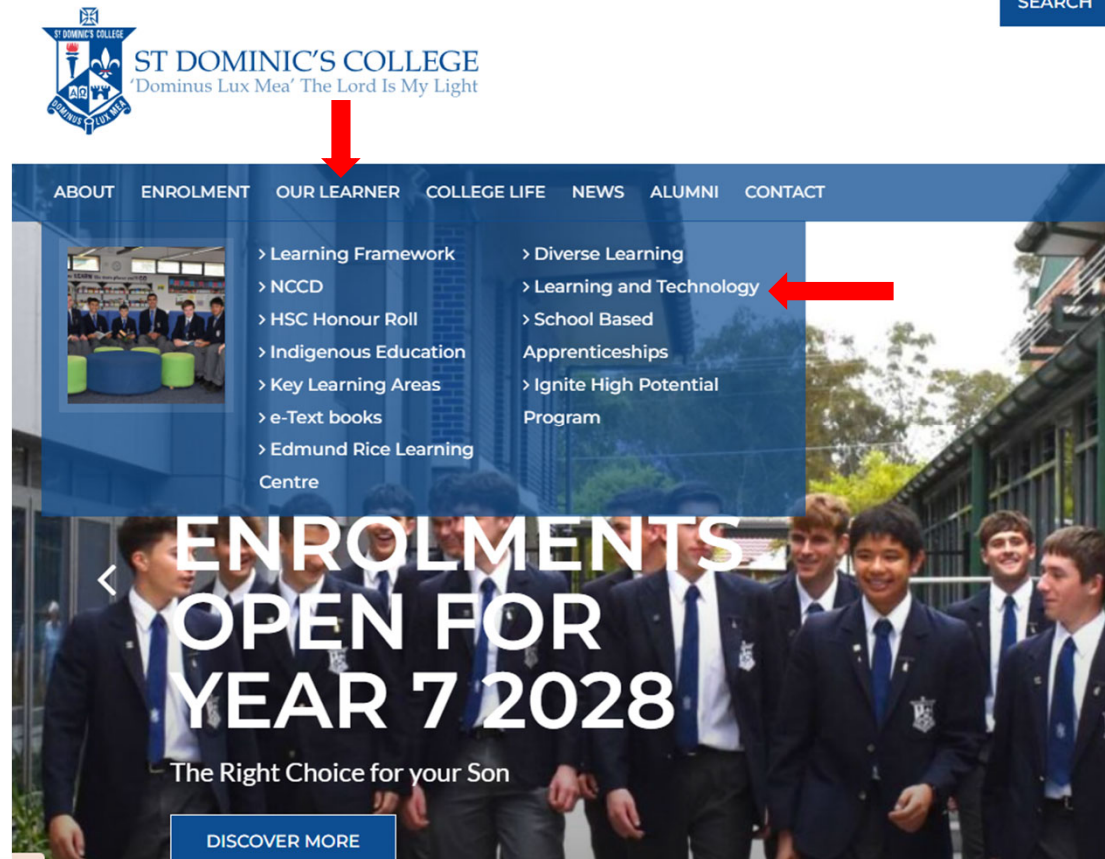


SDC POLICIES – SDC WEBSITE



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



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YEAR 7 2027 ASSISTANT PASTORAL COORDINATOR

Mr Tristan Lawler





TRANSITIONING TO HIGH SCHOOL



HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION



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



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STUDENT SUPPORT



Homeroom Teacher



Pastoral Coordinator



College Psychologist



College Counsellor and Intern
Psychologist



Three Diverse Learning teachers



Teacher's Aides



Indigenous Education Liaison Officer

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



COLLEGE EXPECTATIONS

-  High Standards
-  Attendance / Punctuality
-  Uniform and Grooming
-  Technology & Mobile phones
-  Representative Sport Contract
 - Expectations must be met to participate in sport



PASTORAL CARE: YEAR 7 CAMP



 Aussie Bush Camps at Kincumber, Central Coast

Term 1 Week 4: Monday, 15 to Wednesday, 17 February

 Information regarding the Year 7 Camp will be included on the Year 7, 2027 Parent Information Landing Page

 Great opportunity to make new friends

 Compulsory attendance

 College Counsellors will attend to support students



COLLEGE LIFE

Ms Natalie Devenish
College Principal



WELCOME TO ST DOMINIC'S COLLEGE



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WELCOME TO ST DOMINIC'S 2027



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....

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 Midford, Penrith).
- ✦ Information found within online Information Platform





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, 2027 INFORMATION PORTAL



A link to the Year 7 2027 online Information Portal will be emailed to parents on Friday, 23 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 2027
- ✚ Jacaranda Digital Textbooks Bundle
- ✚ Travel Pass/Opal Card
- ✚ Fees
- ✚ Music Questionnaire and Instrumental Tuition Program



- > Enrolment Information
- > Year 7, 2027 Information
- > Welcome to St Dominic's - New Student Information
- > Enrolment Application
- > 2026 College Fees
- > Prospectus Document
- > Enrolment Policies
- > Book a College Tour

YEAR 7, 2027 INFORMATION

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

[HOME](#) > [ENROLMENT](#) > [YEAR 7, 2027 INFORMATION](#)

On this page, you will find important information relating to your son's commencement at St Dominic's College in 2027

YEAR 7 2027 SIGNIFICANT DATES



THE COLLEGE CALENDAR IS AVAILABLE THROUGH COMPASS

YEAR 7 ORIENTATION WEEK

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

Year 7 Orientation Week will run from Friday, 29 January until Wednesday, 3 February.

Year 7 Orientation Week is designed to introduce our 2027 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 10 students and Big Fish Little Fish.

YEAR 7 PARENT WELCOME BBQ AND INFORMATION EVENING

Wednesday, 3 February. Details regarding this event will be communicated at the commencement of the 2027 school year.

YEAR 7 CAMP 2027

Monday, 15 February to Wednesday, 17 February

PREPARING TWEENS FOR HIGH SCHOOL



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Maggie Dent

COMMUNICATION



FINALLY..

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



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**WE LOOK FORWARD TO PARTNERING WITH YOU IN
SHAPING THE FUTURE OF THE YOUNG GENTLEMEN
ENTRUSTED TO ST DOMINIC'S COLLEGE.**



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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

