



ST GREGORY'S COLLEGE CAMPBELLTOWN

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Dear Parents and Carers

I trust that you and your families have had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and enjoyed this special time of the year together. It has been great to get started at St Gregory's College for the year to begin planning for what is promising to be another fantastic year of learning. I would like to particularly welcome all our new families to St Gregory's College and look forward to welcoming you all to our wonderful growing community.

As we all know, family life can be very hectic, so I will endeavour to continue to write to you all at the beginning of each school term to provide you with information on current matters and what is approaching. I will also be emailing you any important matters that you may need to keep abreast of consistently throughout the year. All communication that comes to you will come through College email and we will endeavour also to update reminders on the St Gregory's College Campbelltown Authorised Facebook Page.

1. Starting Dates

The students in Years 1-12 will commence 2020 on **Thursday 30 January** in their Formal Summer Uniform. The first day for Kindergarten students is on **Tuesday 4 February 2020**.

2. Junior School Staffing for 2020

As you are aware, we have many new staff members starting with us in 2020 that are eager and excited to be a part of our vibrant St Gregory's College community. I am sure that you will all make them feel welcome as they settle into the routines of the Junior School life.

Staff Member	Class / Role
Mr Joel Weekes	Head of Junior School
Mrs Diana Ivancic	Assistant Head of Junior School
Classroom Teachers	
Mrs Kristy Scott	Kindergarten Blue Teacher
Mrs Louise Limbrey	K-2 Team Leader / Kindergarten Maroon Teacher
Mrs Julianne Ball	Year 1 Blue Teacher
Mrs Ashley Mazzo	Religious Education Coordinator / Year 1 Maroon Teacher
Mrs Robyn Bowen	Year 2 Blue Teacher
Mrs Laura Fuller	Year 2 Maroon Teacher
Mrs Erin Burton (M-W)/ Mrs Jodie Hillhouse (Th-F)	Year 3 Blue Teacher/s
Benjamin Fuser	Year 3 Maroon Teacher
Kaelene Harris	Year 4 Blue Teacher
Gabrielle Borg	Year 4 Maroon Teacher

Mr Simon Edwards	Year 5 Blue Teacher
Mrs Paula Grados	Year 5 Maroon Teacher
Miss Jennifer Wheeler	3-6 Team Leader / Year 6 Blue Teacher
Mr Dominic Smith	Year 6 Maroon Teacher
Specialist Teachers	
Mrs Rachael Cosentino	Teacher Librarian/Literacy Specialist
Br Paul Bailey	Learning Support/IT
Mrs Samantha Imbruglia	Learning Support/RFF Teacher
Mr Darryl Howe	PDHPE Teacher/Sports Coordinator
Support / Administrative Staff	
Mrs Daniela Romeo	PA to the Head of Junior School
Mrs Jana Stevens	Administration Officer
Mrs Rachael Tweedie	Teacher Aide
Mrs Janine Orton	Teacher Aide
Mrs Chris Lowe	Teacher Aide
Mrs Mary-Ellen Hayes	Teacher Aide
Mrs Kellie Husband	Learning Centre Assistant

3. Uniform

In Term 1, the students will wear their ***Sports Uniform on a Wednesday and will also wear their sports uniform on their allocated PE day.*** This will mean Day 1 for all Year 1 – Year 6 students will be their formal summer uniform (Thursday 30 January).

The College has a uniform standard which each student is expected to maintain well. The uniform is not optional.

4. Kindergarten Best Start Assessment

As an introduction into the school our Kindergarten students will not start formally until ***Tuesday 4 February. Kindergarten students will have a half day (8:30am – 12:30pm) on Tuesday 4 February and Wednesday 5 February and their first full day on Thursday 6 February.*** Kindergarten students will have a one on one meeting with their teacher who will complete a 'Best Start Assessment' on Thursday 30 January, Friday 31 January or Monday 3 February. The purpose of this assessment is to see where each child is at in order to effectively cater for each child as they enter Kindergarten. This should be done with limited stress and a nice way for the teachers to start an individual bond with the students.

5. Junior School Captains

This year, we have new Junior School Captains and House Leaders. We look forward to working with this group of students this year and I am sure that they are looking forward to strengthening our 'student voice' and 'House Culture' within the Junior School.

Our Junior School Leaders for 2020 are:

Captains:	Connor McGettigan and Annalise Elasi
Laurentian Leader:	Ashton Tsagalas
Donovan Leader:	Sasha Young
Kilian Leader:	Cameron Newell
Molloy Leader:	Lee Ombina

6. Haircuts

This is the time of the year where as we start to prepare for schools return, many students will be getting haircuts. Can I please remind everyone that students are required to wear their hair in a neat and tidy manner. Haircuts for our boys should be of an even grade, with no lines or undercuts as per the school uniform policy. For all students, hair should be brushed and combed. Girls need to ensure that their hair is tied back and maintained neatly, with hair ties and scrunchies supplied through the uniform shop.

7. IPSSO Sport Trials

The IPSSO (Independent Primary Schools Sports Organisation) competition starts early this year by kicking off in Week 2. This will mean that our IPSSO Sport Trials will begin on the first Friday back (31 January) – all students in Year 3 -6 will be able to wear their sports uniform on this day. We will be participating in more sports this year as the College numbers have grown. This summer season (Term 1 and 4) will be competing in Mixed OzTag, Boys Cricket, Girls Soccer and Mixed Basketball. If your son or daughter is in Year 3 – 6 they can trial for either team. Juniors will be Year 3 and Year 4 and Seniors will be Year 5 and Year 6. Trials will be in Week 1 and possibly Week 2 with the competition starting on Wednesday in Week 2. The trials will be on Friday 31 January.

Those not wishing to trial for IPSSO teams will be able to attend regular House Sport each Wednesday.

8. Meet the Teacher Information Evening – Thursday 13 February

The Meet the Teacher Evenings this year will take place at the Junior School on Thursday 13 February. Kindergarten – Year 2 will start at 5pm. The Year 3 – Year 6 will start at 6pm. This will include a presentation from class teachers and specific specialist teachers in the students respective classrooms. All parents are expected to attend this meeting.

9. Parent Workshops and Parent Forum

The first K-6 Parent Forum will be in Week 5 (24 February) these will take place at 9am and 7:00pm at the Heritage Room (next to the hall in the Senior School).

On Monday 9 March (Week 7), Lin Meeks the founder of the Ants in the Apple program will be hosting a Parent Workshop on Spelling. We had overwhelming positive feedback from this last year so she is back by popular demand to continue to share our Literacy Approach and how parents can be a part of their child's learning processes in Spelling. We will host a second workshop later in the year on reading.

10. Junior School Assemblies – Fridays at 2:15pm (fortnightly)

Primary Assemblies are held on a **Friday at 2:15pm** this term each fortnight starting on Friday 14 February which is Week 3 (except Week 5 which is a Thursday afternoon due to Boarders Weekend). All parents are welcome to attend. Many of you know that I love to showcase our students' talents. If your son or daughter would like to perform at one of our assemblies this year, please let me know. This may be a dance, song, musical performance, speech etc.

11. Junior School Swimming Carnival – Tuesday 11 February

Our Junior School Swimming Carnival will take place on Tuesday 11 February at the College Pool. This will be for students in Year 2 (turning 8 this year) – Year 6 students. Information

about our first carnival of the year will be coming out soon. Please note that at the College carnival the students will not dive in (due to the depth of the pool). This will take place at the Western Region Carnival.

12. Boarder’s Weekend – Friday 28 February – Monday 1 March

Each term we have a Boarder’s Weekend across the College K-12. This term it takes place on Friday 28 February and Monday March 1. These are Pupil Free Days and staff use these as Professional Development Days.

13. School Canteen

As per previous years, the process for ordering lunch for students will be through FlexiSchools and this will be delivered to the Junior School from the Senior School. Later this term we will look to open the Junior School Canteen for smaller items of a Tuesday and Friday at first break. This will give our students an opportunity to purchase something to eat with their lunch. As soon as we have a date of the canteen opening we will communicate this to all families.

14. School Hours Reminder:

Doors Open: 8:00am (Teacher’s on Duty)
 Class commences: 8:30am
 Class concludes: 3:00pm

Students should not be dropped at school before 8:00am as there is no teacher supervision before this time. Students should arrive at school by 8:25am ready to begin classes at 8:30am.

15. College Newsletter:

The first fortnightly newsletter for the year will be sent via email on **Friday 7 February (Week 2)**. It will be sent to the email addresses nominated to the school. If your email address changes throughout the year, please ensure that you contact the school to change your details to receive all up to date information.

16. Calendar – upcoming events:

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1 27/1/20	Australia Day Public Holiday	Staff Development Day #1	Staff Development Day #2	Kindergarten Best Start Assessments Term 1 Commences for Year 1-6 Students	High Achievers Assembly (Y5 – Y12) Kindergarten Best Start Assessments JS Sport Trials
Week 2 3/2/20	Kindergarten Best Start Assessments	Kindergarten Students Commence (1/2 Day – 8:30-12:30pm) Kindergarten Parents – Welcome Morning Tea (8:30am)	JS Sport – IPSSO Commences Kindergarten Students (1/2 Day – 8:30-12:30pm)	Kindergarten Start Full Days	College Opening Mass 9am (Y1-12) Br Luke Hall Newsletter #1

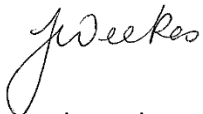
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Week 3 10/2/20		JS Swimming Carnival @ SGC	JS Sport / IPSSO	'Meet the Teacher Evening' 5pm for K-2 6pm for 3-6 Opening Night 'Art Attack' 6:30pm Br Luke Hall	K-6 Assembly 2:15pm 29 th Gordon Fetterplace Public Speaking Comp.
Week 4 17/2/20		2021 Kindergarten Parent Information Evening 7:00pm Br Luke Hall	JS Sport / IPSSO Y7 2021 Information Evening 7:00pm		Newsletter #2 New Parent Cocktail Evening K-6
Week 5 24/2/20	K-6 Parent Forums 9am & 7pm The Hermitage Room	Shrove Tuesday	Ash Wednesday JS Sport / IPSSO	K-6 Assembly 2:15pm	Staff Development Day (Boarder's Weekend)
Week 6 2/3/20	Staff Development Day (Boarder's Weekend)	Western Region Swimming Carnival	JS Sport / IPSSO		Newsletter #3 AFL Clinics Start 3pm
Week 7 9/3/20	Swimming Selection Trials (Wollongong Diocese) Lin Meeks Parent Spelling Workshop		JS Sport / IPSSO	JS Lunch on the Lawn 10:30am	K-6 Assembly 2:15pm
Week 8 16/3/20		Feast of St Patrick	JS Sport / IPSSO	Feast of St Joseph Parent / Teacher Interviews – Day 1 (3:15 – 7:00pm) Paul Kelly Cup	National Day of Action Against Bullying Assembly Y3-12 9am Newsletter #4
Week 9 23/3/20		JS Parent / Teacher Interviews – Day 2 (3:15 – 7:00pm)	JS Sport / IPSSO Maths Olympiad #1		K-6 Assembly 2:15pm
Week 10 30/3/20			JS Sport / IPSSO		College Cross Country Carnival JS @ 9am SS @ 1:20pm Newsletter #5
Week 11 6/4/20			K-12 Easter Liturgy 9am JS Sport	Last Day of Term 1 Holy Thursday Easter Hat Parade 9am K-6 Assembly 2:15pm	

Conclusion

It is an exciting time to be at St Gregory's College. 2020 is all about promoting our holistic development of each child. We want to do this by focusing on what is important to us as a learning community and ensuring that this is where our energy is spent. I am delighted with our new Strategic Vision and look forward to delivering the strong push to drive our values and positive character development further into the learning, sporting and co-curricular programs. The College has a positive and productive environment that fosters creativity, culture and effort. I am keen to see that our students strive towards their best in 2020.

I look forward to continuing to work with each of you as we pursue high quality education for each of our students in 2020.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joel Weekes". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

Joel Weekes

Head of Junior School