

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Friends,

### 2022 Leaders Induction Ceremony

Last Friday 12 November, the College held its annual Student Leadership Induction Ceremony in the Savio Centre. Our new 2022 College leaders were formally presented to the school body, received their leadership badges and their ties of honour.

Our 2021 student leaders passed the mantle of leadership to their successors within a College ritual that reminds the school community of the role and work of student leaders.

In the handover of student leadership from our current team of Year 10 College leaders to the next, the College uses three powerful symbols: the Book of the Gospels, the College Candle and the College Flag.

#### The Book of the Gospels

The Book of the Gospels is used to symbolize student leadership of the College as a faith community. Student leaders are invited to accept this symbol of the Word of God and in particular the model of service exemplified by Jesus' washing of his disciples' feet as recorded in the Gospels.

Because the life and teachings of Jesus are found in the Gospels – these are handed to the leaders as the source of their faith and inspiration for their way of life as a leader.



#### The College Candle



invited to let their light shine to guide the path of other students.

#### The College Flag

Finally, the College Flag is presented and entrusted to the new leaders. The flag, again emblazoned with the College crest represents the continuity of the rich traditions of the school that are being passed on.

It reminds students of their call to uphold our tradition to learn, study



and seek new knowledge; the place of faith in their lives, friendship and kindness as the basis of a strong community; sportsmanship; the creativity needed to express meaning, and the call to stand in solidarity with those in need.

#### Student Leaders Dedicate Themselves to a Commitment

In the presence of the whole College community and their families, new student leaders were invited to make a public dedication. Their dedication binds them to honour their badge and role:

*We accept the honour given to us by our fellow students and staff. We commit to upholding the Expectations of the College in our respect, responsibility, honesty and learning within Dominic College. We understand that others will look to us for example, initiative and guidance. We promise to be leaders who are honourable and conduct ourselves with integrity.*

*We commit to model the values of the College in setting standards, living out the College values and being servant leaders seeking ways to contribute to the development of our school.*

*We look to the year ahead with optimism and hope, secure in the knowledge that we have the support of our peers and the example of Christ to guide us.*

*We commit ourselves to strive to serve the community and bring honour to the College in all we do and to the very best of our ability to Live by the Truth.*

May all of our newly inducted 2022 leaders be blessed in this commitment and may the Spirit of God be their light and guide, as they seek to serve others in our community.

I commend them on this resolve and congratulate them as our 2022 Dominic College Leaders.

**Ms Beth Gilligan - Dominic College Principal**

# FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL



Dear Families,

## 2022 Student Leadership Formation Afternoon

As Ms Gilligan has indicated, our 2022 Student Leaders were inducted into their new roles last Friday. Our young leaders spent the afternoon with staff leaders and teachers undertaking a Leadership Formation program, celebrating Mass together, and sharing a meal together to end the day in true Salesian style. Ms Gilligan and I led a session on the importance of being organised and always being a leader who is ready to serve. Students then took part in some role-plays reflecting on different scenarios they may be faced with, and how as leaders they need to always model positive learning behaviours, support their peers and other members of the community, and represent the College with pride. Congratulations to all student leaders on their excellent commitment to the afternoon and on the wonderful ideas and initiatives they have already started to plan for 2022.



## Year 9 and 10 Exams

Congratulations to all Year 9 and 10 students on the wonderful way in which they conducted themselves during this week's End of Year Exams. All students were well prepared and ready each morning before the exams and took the whole week

very seriously, as a way of demonstrating their knowledge and understanding of course work across Core Subjects in 2021. We look forward to providing feedback to students once all exams are marked and we hope students will use this feedback to set goals for their studies in Year 10 and 11.

## High Expectations in Teaching and Learning

Parents and teachers set high expectations for their children and students when it comes to learning. It means that we believe that every child can show significant growth over a year of learning. At Dominic we set high expectations around attendance and making the most of all instructional time available to provide opportunities for students to demonstrate growth in their learning.

It is also important for students to have high expectations of themselves. For this to occur, students need to:

- Be actively involved in the learning process, taking positive risks and being curious.
- Link personal achievement to motivation, effort, and goal setting.
- Take advantage of available opportunities to learn and improve.
- Understand and discuss expectations for learning and reflecting on their progress.
- Be prepared to learn and aspire to do their best.
- Seek and use feedback for improvement and growth.

As Term 4 draws to a close, it is important for learning to continue until the very last day, and we look forward to seeing students engaged in a wide range of activities to continue to build their aspirations and skills as they take part in the learning process.

**Mr Stephen Casni - Dominic College Deputy Principal**





## Year 10 Final Chapel Mass

Last week our Year 10 students gathered as a cohort in the College Chapel for their final Year level Mass. The theme for the mass was Gratitude, looking back over their time at Dominic and reflecting on what they are grateful for. One student from each class gave a speech highlighting their gratitude moments.

## 2022 Leaders Induction Mass

On Friday afternoon we held a special Eucharist Mass to welcome and induct our new leaders for 2022 in the College Chapel. It was a lovely way to gather at the end of the day after the new leaders had been commissioned at Assembly, participated in various workshops, and then gathered in prayer. We wish our new leaders all the best for 2022.

## Year 5 Religious Education

During Term 4, Year 5 have been learning about Inspirational people in Religious Education. A major focus has been on the lives of Jesus, St Catherine of Siena, and St Dominic Guzman, throughout the unit of work. A feature of this unit is to invite in various guest speakers who could share their knowledge of an inspirational person of a Religious background. Fr Bernie, Ms Gilligan, Mr Casni and Mrs McMahon were invited to come and speak about inspirational people. Mrs McMahon spoke last week to Year 5 about one of our Patron Saints, Catherine of Siena. Year 5 were very engaged and had many interesting questions about the various inspirational people.

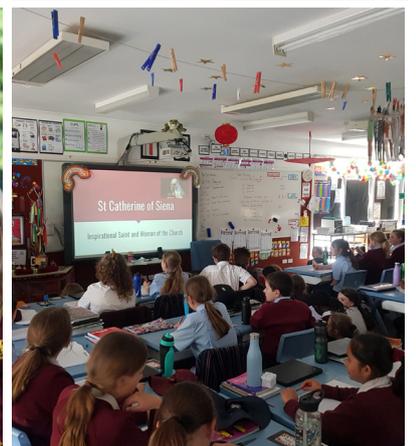
## St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal - Fill-A-Stocking Challenge

7-10 Vinnies and Mini Vinnies are working with Vinnies to collect items needed for the annual the Christmas Appeal.

This year for our Christmas Appeal we will be running Fill-A-Stocking Challenge. This year we are therefore focusing on providing families with a Christmas stocking full of small gifts that everyone can enjoy.

Gifts can be donated by sending to 7-10 Morning Pastoral Groups, or if you have a child in K-6, class teachers will collect these items. All items will be collected by Vinnies on 2 December.

## Mrs Alicia McMahon - Director of Faith and Mission K-10



# CREATIVE ARTS NEWS



## **Jenina's Dance Workshop Partnership**

2021 marks the 7th continuous year that the partnership between Jenina's Dance Workshop and the College has been running. In that time Dance as a subject has had healthy growth in numbers. This year there have been three elective Dance classes and a co-curricular weekly session for students in Years 3 and 4.

In 2015, the partnership began with one Year 8 elective class of 16 students. This class were plunged into the deep end performing a complex dance piece choreographed by Mrs Jenina Evans, which was an integral part of 'In Their Own Words', the highly successful production which was mounted to commemorate the Centenary of WW1. In subsequent years, the Dance class has participated in the Creative Arts Festival at the Salamanca Arts Centre, notably with another original piece choreographed by Mrs Evans, 'Stories form Suburban Road', which was performed in 2016.

The central learning experience each year for our students has been participating in the Southern Tasmania Dance Eisteddfod. In every year the school has entered the Eisteddfod, their results have been consistently impressive. For the past three years our school community has been able to see these large scale pieces presented at our annual Music and Dance Showcase at Guilford Young College.

'Miss Jenina', as she is known by our students, is much loved as a consummate teacher of Dance with a wealth of Dance knowledge and experience. In recent years, as classes have expanded, she has been ably assisted by Ms Virginia Kent, also from JDW and equally loved and respected by our students. It has been a highly successful partnership and has been a wonderful addition to the development of the Creative Arts at the College.

## **Mr Mike O'Brien - Director of Creative Arts K-10**



# LEARNING IN FOCUS K-6



## Launch into Learning and Pre-Kinder News

It has been very busy in Launch into Learning (LIL) and Pre-Kinder. We have had three LIL sessions and Pre-kinder sessions each week offering children opportunities to be familiar with our College environment.

During these sessions parents and children have had many opportunities to play alongside their child, have fun, and learn together through experiences such as painting, playdough play, and craft activities. Children also loved visiting the College's Animal Husbandry area, cooking Japanese food, and playing out in the new playground. Children loved playing in our play environments and they developed many friendships which will help them to have a smooth transition into Kindergarten.

**Mrs Sharmalee Ekanayake - Kindergarten Teacher and LIL Coordinator**



# LEARNING IN FOCUS 7-10

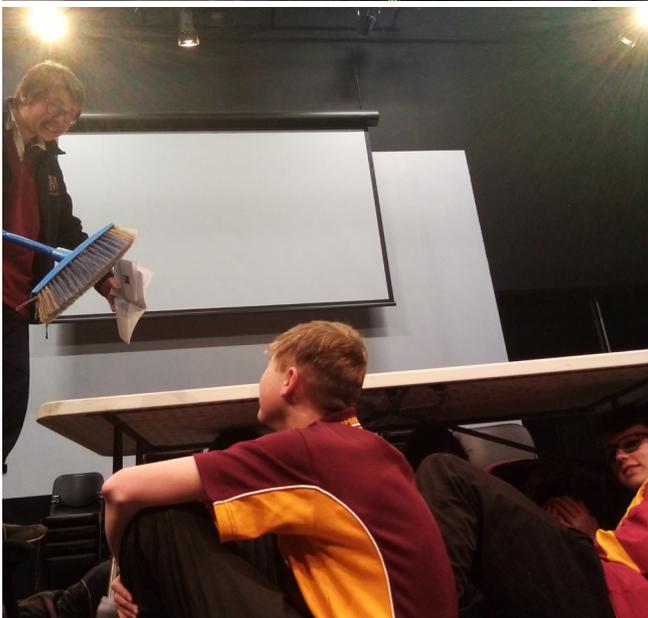


## Pop Up Theatre In The Classroom

Year 9 Drama are completing their work by participating in a Pop-Up Theatre Project. This Project requires students to engage with all the elements they have been studying in class across the whole year, and in a short space of time, apply the skills and knowledge gained through creating a script and developing a staged playreading. The whole process happens in a short time frame of 3-4 hours over two to three weeks. This is an ongoing Project. This script has been evolving over the past three years, with each class putting their own stamp on the material.

The central theme, theatrical metaphor and title of the project is 'The Dining Table'. Using the processes of Collage Playbuilding, students brainstorm ideas around events, family stories and anecdotes arising from their experiences around the family dinner table. The raw material is then improvised, refined, and developed into scenes, vignettes, soundscapes, and movement sequences, which are then collectively put together into a script. This script is then turned into a staged reading for an audience. The collage style allows for a mixture of dramatic styles and devices. Theatrical unity comes from the simple setting of just a table and a few chairs. Time, place, and action are fluid, and the accumulation of scenes contributes to the Mise-en-scene. It is a highly effective learning process that uses the student's authentic experiences as a base and requires everyone involved to explore the roles of writer, performer, and director.

### Mr Mike O'Brien - Director of Creative Arts



# PASTORAL CARE



## Physical Activity and Stress

As we move to the busiest time of the school year, we often find that many of our students become overwhelmed, tired and anxious for many reasons. We all know that exercise is good for us. Leading child Psychologist, Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, explains that regular physical activity and exercise leads to changes in the brain. It improves cognitive function, elevates mood, improves learning and reduces 'stress chemicals' like cortisol.

Children aged 5-17 should be physically active for at least sixty minutes a day. Physical activity doesn't mean structured sport. Physical activity relates to any activity that gets our students moving such as fast walking, running, riding bikes and scooters, playground play, organised sports, dance or any activity that makes them huff and puff. Your child can do the physical activity in small blocks of time throughout the day. The key is that they do enough physical activity overall, and have fun whilst doing it!

## New Playground

At Dominic we are so fortunate with the amazing oval spaces and play spaces that encourage and foster physical activity for our students. The unstructured play that occurs during recess and lunch is vital for our student development. It is amazing to watch as all of our students find the physical activities that they enjoy, and that also promote good mental and physical health. The new K-2 Playground has opened up a world of opportunity, discovery and fun for our students and it has been wonderful to watch as students of all ages have the chance to explore this space.

## Silent Disco

The recent silent disco run by the wonderful Parents and Friends was another amazing opportunity for our students to be physically active whilst having a wonderful time with their friends. All students danced the hour away and would have been quite exhausted by the end! The key to exercise is enjoyment and finding the right fit for your child!

The Australian Parenting Website <https://raisingchildren.net.au/school-age/nutrition-fitness> has some amazing ideas to help you encouraging your children to be active and making it fun for the whole family!

## Mrs Allison Lowe - Coordinator of Pastoral Care K-6





## **2022 Sport Captains**

On Friday, 12 November, the 2022 House Sport Captains were inducted. It is with great pleasure that I introduce the 2022 Sport Captains.

### **Bosco House – Caitlin Turner**

Hi, my name is Caitlin Turner, and I am the 2022 Bosco House Sports Captain. I have been at Dominic since Year 6 and have been an active member of our sporting community ever since. I have played many sports in my life, but my favourite is Netball. I also enjoy playing Footy, Volleyball and Badminton in PE. I have been a part of all of our schools sporting Carnivals, and I aim to get you all participating in these activities next year. I am very excited to be Sports Captain next year and I am looking forward to all the sporting opportunities in 2022 that will be offered to you.

### **Siena House – Ella Maw**

My name is Ella, and I got awarded the position of Siena's 2022 Sport Captain. I'm so excited to take on this position and give my best to Siena. I play Netball and I have had the opportunity the past three years to participate in the STNA Representative Carnivals, representing Hobart.

### **Guzman House – Brianna Gadd**

I am Brianna Gadd and I am the 2022 Guzman Sports Captain. I am really looking forward to working with my fellow Sports Captains and teachers. Growing up, I loved to dance, I danced at Centre Stage Dance Company for eight years. I also swam heaps as a kid and got a squad level. One sport many people might not know I played is Cricket. I played Cricket for Dominic a couple times in primary school, and I love to play some beach Cricket in the summer holidays. I hope to have a good year in 2022 within the Sports Department of Dominic.

### **Savio House – John Bracken**

My name is John Bracken and I was recently appointed as Savio 7-10 Sports Captain for 2022. Outside of school I play Under 17's Cricket for New Town Cricket Club and Mens 'C' Grade for the Longley Bunyips Cricket Club. I am extremely excited for what I can bring to Dominic College in 2022 and am looking forward to the year ahead. I have been lucky to compete in Inter-school Swimming and Cross Country Carnivals since the start of Year 7 and hope everyone else gets the same opportunity.

### **Prep & Year 1 Swimming**

The Prep and Year 1 students have been having a fantastic time this week in the annual Swimming Program at the Hobart Aquatic Centre.

Students have engaged in Learn to Swim and Water Safety awareness activities that have catered for all levels of students. Students have really enjoyed their week of swimming.

Unfortunately due to COVID-19 restrictions, Year 2 to Year 6 students were unable to participate in the Program this year. We hope that during 2022, we will be able to run our normal Program with all classes able to participate.

It has been excellent to see the progressions that have occurred with our Prep and Year 1 students this week; their swimming ability and confidence in the water has, more often than not, improved.

Thank you to Hobart Aquatic Centre for their commitment towards our students. We also extend our appreciation to all our teachers and learning support assistants for their wonderful involvement, patience and care.

Most importantly, a very big thank you to Mr Cameron Golding, this Program would not be possible without you.

### **Primary Regional Basketball Championships**

Next weekend, Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 November, the rescheduled Primary Regional Basketball Championships will take place at a range of venues across Hobart. Rosters and further information will be sent home once they have been received from Basketball Tasmania.

### **Miss Talia Stopp - Coordinator of Sport K-10**



## Reconciliation Action Plan Update

Our Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) Committee met this past week to monitor our progress in implementing our RAP. Of particular note is the way we have been able to bring a First Nations People focus to our Year 4, 5 and 9 Camps this year. An Aboriginal Acknowledgement of Land now commences each Camp and our staff have expressed and demonstrated a genuine commitment to integrate the Australian Curriculum's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Histories and Cultures priority into these teaching and learning experiences.

With the generous permission and support of the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre, who has been a wonderful partner with us, Dominic has been able to plan for using palawa kani, the language of Tasmanian Aborigines more extensively in our teaching and learning spaces in 2022.

### K-2 Class Names

Within the K-2 pulana Precinct, in 2022 each year group will be called by a palawa kani name, the language of Tasmanian Aborigines.



All Kindergarten classes will be called **tuminana** (pronounced Too Mee nah nah) which is palawa kani for Little Fairy Penguin.

Prep classes will be called **larila** (pronounced Lah ree lah) which is palawa kani for Platypus.

Year 1 classes will be called **timita** (pronounced tee Mee tah) which is palawa kani for Possum.

Year 2 classes will be called **tuti** (pronounced tu tee) which is palawa kani for Sand Crab.



### luwutina Centre

Within the pulana Precinct is a special multi-purpose centre which will be called the luwutina Centre (pronounced lu wu tee nah). luwutina is palawa kani for Child.



The luwutina Centre which is the large building currently being constructed, will be used for student gatherings, specialist teaching classes and group workshops. It will also serve as the College's space to conduct Before and After School Care and the Vacation Care Program.

Thus, we will be able continue to heighten the significance of palawa kani, the language of Tasmanian Aborigines for Tasmania and our entire College community and celebrate one of the world's oldest existing cultures, belonging to our First Nation Peoples and its continuation despite invasion and genocide.

### Acknowledgement of Land

For many years now we have ensured that we express our Acknowledgment of Land at our major student gatherings, especially Assemblies and Masses. We also want to specifically recognise the original inhabitants of the lands on which the College is built – the muwinina people.

As a College community, we need to mourn the loss of the muwinina people who did not ultimately survive the invasion. We are also creating a commemorative installation that acknowledges and remembers the muwinina people which will be located in the pulana precinct.

**Ms Beth Gilligan - Principal and Member of the College RAP Committee**

## CELEBRATING 75 YEARS SINCE THE ARRIVAL OF THE SALESIANS IN GLENORCHY. 1946-2021



This week we celebrated 75 years since the Salesians of Don Bosco arrived in Tasmania to establish a school.

These historical photos from our Archives give a glimpse of the beginnings of Dominic College, including photos of the commencement of building works in 1948.

More photos from this week's Mass, Commemorative Assembly, and the Evening event will be shared in our upcoming Newsletters and social media.



### UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Appointments are only available to be made during the month of January 2022, times and dates can be viewed at [dominiccollege.permapleat.com.au/schoolbookings](http://dominiccollege.permapleat.com.au/schoolbookings)

For the remainder of Term 4 families are welcome to visit the shop during our normal trading hours, no appointment necessary.  
Please allow ample time for your visit as COVID-19 restrictions apply and wait times do vary.

Our trading hours during school terms:

**Monday 8:00am-12:30pm**  
**Wednesday 12:30pm-4:30pm**  
**Friday 12:30pm-4:30pm**

***Last day of trade for 2021 is Wednesday 15 December 2021.***

For all uniform enquires please contact:  
Tracy Reid

Uniform shop manager [dominic.uniforms@permapleat.com.au](mailto:dominic.uniforms@permapleat.com.au)



**The Uniform Shop has received a delivery of the following items:  
Jumpers, Rugby Tops, Skirts, Unisex Polo Tops, Soccer Socks**

# BIRTHDAYS

Isaac Percey  
Jye Wheatley  
Yakin Bhatti  
Mollie Garland  
Willow King  
Blake Thompson  
Logan Beveridge  
Matilda Johnson

Quoc Dang  
Xavier Galgoci  
Greyson King  
Ivy Cotton  
Teliah Laverick  
Ayessa Rose Llamosa  
Joel Ring  
George Garland

Courtenay Triffitt  
Juditte Uwineza  
Lueth Ateny  
Elena Nye

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 24 November	Year 6-10 Award Ceremony
Thursday 25 November	Year 10 Graduation Mass & Supper
Friday 26 November	Year 10 Graduation Dinner
Monday - Friday 29 November-3 December	Year 8 Camp
Monday - Friday 6-10 December	Year 6 Camp
Friday 10 December	LIL Christmas Celebrations
Monday 13 December	Year 6 Thanksgiving Mass & Celebrations
Thursday 16 December	Last day of Term 4.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE - CHANGE TO STUDENT ABSENTEE CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS:

**Kindergarten to Year 6 - 6274 6082**

**Years 7-10 - 6274 6083**

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*'It is to those who have the most need of us that we ought to show our love more especially.'* - St. Francis de Sales.