

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Friends,

It was wonderful to return to the College on Monday after a number of weeks leave to see my family and take a break. I am most thankful to the Salesians of Don Bosco for allowing me this leave.

I am also very grateful to Mr Steve Casni and Mrs Alicia McMahon for most effectively and generously undertaking the roles of Acting Principal and Acting Deputy Principal during my absence. Thank you also to Mrs Bradi McGee for her good work in replacing Mrs McMahon as Acting K-6 REC. The College has been in very capable hands and we have commenced Term 2 with excellent focus and strong direction.



Chapel Memorial Wall

Several decades ago, a small Memorial Wall was established near the College Library to remember the lives of students and staff who had died while at Dominic College. With the sudden death of one our Teacher Assistants, Mrs Jenny Edwards at the end of 2016, the decision was made that we would redesign and relocate this more appropriately into the College Chapel.

The back wall of the Chapel has now been dedicated as the College's Memorial Wall. New plaques have been designed with a unique scriptural extract for each. The six precious students who passed away while students at Dominic College are:

- Steven Axtell (16 April 1971 – 23 February 1987) Beloved Year 11 Student
- Adam Coad (9 May 1979 – 11 October 1992) Beloved Year 7 Student
- Joed Kenneth de la Paz (28 November 1977 – 14 May 1992) Beloved Year 9 Student
- Andrew Donovan (8 July 1975 – 27 June 1992) Beloved Year 11 Student
- John Spink (13 June 1979 – 11 October 1992) Beloved Year 7 Student
- Luke Westcott (31 July 1973 – 2 March 1988) Beloved Year 9 Student

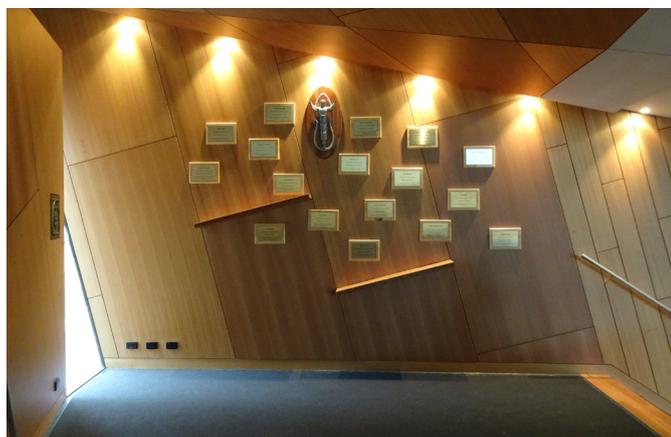
We never forget these young people and always pray for them and their families. When we host a visit by our Salesians in August we will bless and dedicate the Memorial Wall and it will be a special focus each November for our All Souls Day Mass from now on.

I would like to acknowledge Mrs Margaret Rootes and Mr Cameron Berry for their considered and excellent work on this project.

Best wishes for Mother's Day

This Sunday we observe Mother's Day and pay tribute to our mothers, female carers and the women who nurture us in our lives. Happy Mother's Day to all these women in the Dominic College community. May you continue to be blessed in your roles. We pray especially for those families whose mothers and grandmothers and special carers are no longer with them. Know that their spirit and love remains within you always.

Ms Beth Gilligan - Dominic College Principal



FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL



Dear Families,

Welcome back Ms Gilligan!

A very warm welcome back to Ms Gilligan after taking five weeks of annual leave for some rest and relaxation. It is great to have her back and it has been wonderful seeing students reconnect with her over the course of the week. We wish her all our very best for the remainder of 2021.

AGFEST 2021

We currently have members of our Animal Husbandry elective class attending AGFEST at Carrick with several of our staff. Congratulations to all who volunteered

to attend in this important community event. A full report can be read in next week's newsletter.

K-2 and 7-10 Assemblies

Well done our student leaders who led our K-2 and 7-10 Assemblies on Wednesday. It was great to see students in K-2 receive 'We are Respectful' certificates and reflect on Zones of Regulation as part of our Pastoral Care program. Over 85 students in Year 7-10 received Diamond Certificates to celebrate receiving 100% Expectations in their Term 1 reports. Well done to all students who were awarded these certificates and we encourage all students to strive to get 100% in Expectations as the year unfolds.

Uniform reminder

As we enter the cooler months, and the need to wear more layers for warmth, there is often an increase in lost property. I remind all families to check all items of uniform to ensure they are clearly labelled with their name, year and class/pastoral group. Staff always ensure that named items of clothing are returned to students as soon as possible. The wearing of hats is also optional during Term 2 and 3.

Although the Uniform Shop has received multiple deliveries over the last few weeks, they are still experiencing shortages of uniform in the smaller sizes. We thank families for their patience while the stocks are being replenished. Please keep in contact with Tracy on 03 6274 6031 or via email at dominic.uniforms@permapleat.com.au

Mother's Day

Thank you to our Parents and Friends for organising and assisting with the sale of gifts at the Mother's Day Stall on Wednesday. Students really enjoy this opportunity to browse and purchase gifts. I would like to wish all mothers, grandmothers, aunties and carers a very happy and blessed Mother's Day on Sunday.

This morning the College held a lovely Mother's Day Mass in our Chapel. It was nice to see families gather with students and staff to commemorate this special occasion.

For the mothers and other women who are no longer with us we remember through prayer their unconditional love, patience and self-giving.

Mr Stephen Casni - Dominic College Deputy Principal



MISSION NEWS



Mother's Day Mass

Today we held an early morning Mass to celebrate all the beautiful mother figures in our lives. We gave thanks for our mothers and remembered their loving care and their ceaseless love for us.

Thank you to all the mothers, students and staff who attended this special morning Mass.

A special thank you to Fr Bernie Graham SDB for celebrating the Mass and to Zoelle Lin who provided live music for the occasion. Also thank you to our Year 6 and Year 10 College Leaders who were able to attend.

Wishing all our mothers in the community a very happy Mother's Day.

Mary as a Mother

Christians honour Mary as the Virgin Mother of their Lord and a role model for all mothers. For every human being, a mother plays a vital role. For Jesus, it was no different. Just as a mother marvels in the birth of their child, Mary too was overcome with joy at the birth of her son. When Jesus was twelve, he became lost on the way home from Jerusalem. For three days, Mary and Joseph searched for their son, as any parent would search for their missing child. Imagine Mary's grief at witnessing the death of her son on the cross.

Christians honour Mary in many ways. They sing her praises and ask her to intercede or pray to God for them.

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

Tasmanian Catholic Youth Festival

On May 5, selected Year 9 students attended the Tasmanian Catholic Youth Festival at Guilford Young College, Glenorchy.

The Festival was a wonderful opportunity for Year 9-12 students to come together to meet students from other Catholic Colleges and to experience the energy, enthusiasm and evangelisation of a Catholic Youth Festival

Throughout the day we listened to different people speak on topics including becoming closer to God. A highlight was Fr Rob Galea who talked about the rough times he went through to get to where he is now. Fr Rob sang many songs and by the end of the day everyone was up singing and dancing. There was also an opportunity to attend two different workshops which were both inspiring and great fun.

Brianna Gadd and Alarna Waller - Year 9 Students



CREATIVE ARTS NEWS



Drama Intensive 2021

As part of the Masterclass Program in our upcoming Creative Arts Festival, selected students from Year 7 and Year 8 Drama will have the opportunity to participate in a Drama Intensive Workshop at the Salamanca Arts Centre with a Drama/Theatre practitioner. Approximately 30 students from each year who are proving to be gifted and talented in their drama and presentational skills will be invited to attend the workshops. This year, Andrew Casey, Dominic Old Scholar, actor, and proprietor of REACT Drama School will be taking the sessions. The workshop will focus upon improvisation, playbuilding and developing vocal agility voice and physicality clarity in devising drama.



Andrew has worked as an actor for over 23 years performing in Hobart, Sydney and Melbourne. Over his career he has worked with nearly every major theatre company in Tasmania, both as an actor and as a director. Notable productions include Hamlet, where he played the title role under the direction of former Head of NIDA John Clark, Reuben Guthrie, The Trade, Big Monkey's Treasure Island, RENT, Troilus, Cressida and many more. He directed Monty Python's Spamalot for the Tasmanian Theatre Unit Trust at the Theatre Royal. His film credits include First Fagin, Arctic Blast, and the upcoming All's Well that Ends Well. For Television he has worked with the ABC, Channel Seven, Blue Rocket and the Nine Network.

Letters will be sent home in the next few weeks with invitations to attend the workshops. Students who will be taking Drama as an Elective choice for 2022 will be given first offers to participate in this extension opportunity.

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



Extra Curricular News

The Year 5 and 6 Debate Team had their very first interschool debate last night. The two teams did a great job. There were some nerves for the Year 5 girls in their debate with Hutchins but all members displayed a solid effort. Georgia spoke slowly and clearly, Afsana had an excellent argument that she stepped out really well and Isabella gathered all her nerve and summed up the case for the affirmative.

The Year 6 boys were SENSATIONAL in their debate against Mt Carmel. Zac F, Declan and Jack all spoke confidently, with great expression and lots of eye contact. They stepped out their arguments, showed terrific team work and successfully rebutted the other team – they won! No mean feat for their very first debate.

I would also like to thank Ashton and Sally, who were reserves this week, for coming along to support the team. It was so great to have them there so they could see how things worked and to cheer on their peers.

Ms Sue Cunningham - Coordinator of Teaching and Learning 3-6



There were lots of very enthusiastic participants on Thursday for the first Year 2-6 Chess Club for 2021. It's on every Thursday at lunch in Ms Attuoni's classroom. Join us next week and check the moves!



TEACHING & LEARNING



NAPLAN Online 2021 for Year 3, 5, 7 & 9

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, language conventions spelling, grammar and punctuation and numeracy. The NAPLAN testing window will

be from 11-21 May. Most tests are scheduled for 11-17 May with catch-up tests to be completed by 21 May.

NAPLAN Online Information Brochure for Parents

Please use the link below to access a brochure on our website which was developed by ACARA (Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority) to provide parents with information about NAPLAN testing in 2021. We have also sent a paper copy of this home with the students.

[NAPLAN Online 2021 Parent Information Brochure](#)

Attendance during NAPLAN

It is very important that students attend each day of the testing and we ask that parents avoid, where possible, organising medical appointments for children in Year 3, 5, 7 & 9 during 11-17 May testing. If appointments must occur on those days, then please schedule them after lunch to avoid clashes with the testing sessions. The tests take about 45 minutes to an hour each day and a schedule of testing sessions will be communicated to students by their teachers for Year 3 and 5 and via SEQTA notices for Year 7 and 9.

Preparing for NAPLAN Online

Students will need to have a fully charged laptop and a set of earphones or headphones ready for the testing next week. They will also need to have a pen/pencil and will be provided with blank paper for making notes and doing calculations. Year 3 students will be completing the Writing test on paper, but their other tests will be online. Year 5, 7 and 9 students will complete all tests online.

Students are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the online environment and the types of questions they might encounter by going to the NAPLAN website and trying the public demonstration site at www.nap.edu.au



We do encourage students to become familiar with the online platform and to try out the practice questions on the demonstration site. We would remind parents that this is one test on one day for each of the areas tested and provides just one piece of the picture when we are gathering evidence about how students are progressing with their learning across all the subjects they study. We do not want this to be a stressful experience for students. The learning they have engaged in this year and in previous years will be the best preparation for NAPLAN.

How we use NAPLAN data at Dominic College

NAPLAN assessment data is usually available to the College by September. Teachers use the data from the testing to look at the overall achievement of the whole class as well as individual achievement. We can gain insight into areas of strength and areas for focus for a whole year level and for individual students. Teachers can see how students answered questions and tailor their programs to support students in developing their skill and understanding of key literacy and numeracy skills. The Teaching and Learning leaders also look at how the students as a group performed against benchmarks across the nation and compared to other similar schools. This can be useful for supporting decisions made about literacy and numeracy programs that are implemented across the school.

While we do take the time to analyse our results, it is important to note that we have other standardized assessments that we use at the College such as the PAT (Progressive Achievement Test) and class-based assessments. All of this, together with the teacher's own observations of the students and how they are progressing in literacy and numeracy across the range of subjects they study, gives us a full picture of how students are achieving.

Parents will receive a NAPLAN report later in the year, so they have a record of their achievement in these assessments. Parents are also encouraged to access SEQTA to see feedback provided by teachers on assessments completed, spend time discussing the formal reports made visible in SEQTA at the end of each Term and be in regular contact with teachers to gain a more detailed understanding of how students are progressing in their learning. Teachers are always happy to discuss progress and review learning goals to ensure students can achieve their best at each stage of their educational journey.

If you have any questions about NAPLAN please do not hesitate to contact me via email at skinne@dominic.tas.edu.au

Mrs Selina Kinne - Director of Teaching and Learning K-10

LEARNING IN FOCUS



Kinder timita News

What a fantastic start for Term 2! Kinder children settled well in Term 2 and have had a rapid start to their learning activities.

For literacy, Kinders have been focusing on short vowel sounds. Understanding vowels is the foundation for reading and writing the English language. It is essential for young children to be exposed to the power of vowels from the earliest stages of their reading development. Children have been enjoying singing songs to make short vowel sounds and doing art and craft activities to represent symbols.

They also started journal writing this term. Children have been enjoying expressing their experiences during morning messages and with the use of drawing and writing throughout the day. The children have had a great opportunity to improve their writing skills when Child Studies students visited Kinder.

We provide many opportunities for children to develop their writing skills and encourage them to express their ideas using letters and letter-like symbols as writing experiences provide endless opportunities for children to flourish in the future.

You are invited to assist your child to communicate their ideas and thoughts about family experiences with pictures and words. To begin with they will make marks on the page that represent letters and then move onto letter strings making meaningful sentences.

Mrs Sharmalee Ekanayake - Kinder timita Teacher



LEARNING IN FOCUS



Active Engagement in Music K-4

Active Engagement is an important part of teaching and learning at our College. In K-6 Music, our specialist teachers – Mrs Katherine Denholm, Mr Martin Smith, and Ms Kylie DeCalmer – are constantly working to ensure high levels of teacher and student engagement across all Music classes.

To ensure that lessons are consistently engaging, students in Years K-6 experience a wide range of learning activities which aim to sequentially develop their knowledge and understanding of the musical elements. They create, perform and listen to music in a variety of ways.

In Kinder and Prep, activities are predominantly hands-on, requiring students to participate in keeping the beat, playing rhythms, singing melodies and moving to music. The structure of lessons means that activities are relatively short but intensely focused on developing a specific skill or knowledge. This lesson layout ensures that students are consistently engaged with the learning activities.

In Years 1, 2, and 3, students continue to develop their understanding of Music by playing instruments such as xylophones, glockenspiels and boomwhackers, as well as continuing with untuned percussion (drums, shakers, wood blocks and the like). Listening and singing activities ensure that students develop a strong understanding of and ability to demonstrate pitch, melody and rhythmic elements when performing, while also providing strong foundations for reading music.

In Year 4, students learn the recorder in each of their weekly Music lessons. This is an important stepping stone instrument prior to the College's Band Program in Years 5 and 6. Year 4 students increase their ability to read musical notation and the varied repertoire that they progress through activates all parts of their brain. The carefully-planned, sequential program teaches a range of musical concepts, while also developing fine-motor muscle skills. Students work individually and in groups, developing ensemble skills such as listening and responding.

Ms Kylie DeCalmer - Creative Arts Teacher



Kinder students using shakers to play a steady beat while they move to music



Year 3 students read musical notation and play Boomwhackers



Year 4 playing recorder

PASTORAL CARE NEWS



The Kids Helpline

The Kids Helpline provide support for children and young people, as well as resources for parents/carers and schools.

As part of the EMPOWER program in K-6 some classes have been participating in the Kids Helpline@school sessions. These interactive sessions are conducted in a virtual classroom run by Kids Helpline counsellors on a range of topics. Our Year 6 students recently participated in sessions on friendship and cyber safety.

Kids Helpline@school provide free sessions available to all primary schools Australia-wide. Kids Helpline counsellors encourage safe, open and inclusive discussions about a range of topics relevant to students' lives. Sessions are all evidence-informed, contain fun, interactive components and may also include scenarios or videos to engage students in problem solving.

Kids Helpline @ School topics are curriculum aligned and will help students:

- Improve emotional intelligence
- Enhance coping strategies and overall wellbeing
- Develop resilience strategies
- Improve communication skills in interpersonal relationships
- Safe and responsible technology use
- Critical thinking about mass media
- Digital footprint/online reputation
- Online respect, empathy and resilience



How can Kids Helpline can help your child?

Parenting your child through each age and stage can bring some challenges. You don't have to handle everything alone, especially things you haven't experienced before.

Knowing what kind of help is available from Kids Helpline means you have the option of getting your child extra support when they need it.

Kids Helpline is always open- 24 hours a day, every day of the year. They can help children and young people with any issue, anytime, 1800 55 1800 or online.

To explore these resources further please visit the Kids Helpline website: <https://kidshelpline.com.au/>

Miss Emma Burns - Dominic College Counsellor



Captain's Corner

Although winter is on its way, and it is becoming increasingly cold there are still many ways that we can stay active. Staying active is not only important for your health but it maintains

mental health. Regular physical activity is important for everyone, especially as we get older. Regular physical activity can help you to stay fit and independent as long as possible. Physical activity for teens recommends that they get one hour or more of moderate to strong physical activity daily. In addition, most of the physical activity should be aerobic, where they use large muscles and continue for a period of time. Examples of aerobic activity are running, swimming, and dancing. Physical activity is great for helping with your school life such as:

- Breaking up long periods of sitting and studying
- Improving concentration and memory
- Learning new skills
- Increasing self-confidence
- Reducing stress and improving sleep
- Making and keeping friendships.

Hawi Bowerman and Tomas Murray - Siena and Guzman House Sports Captains 2021



K-10 SPORTS NEWS



Student Achievement – Horse Riding

On Sunday, 2 May, Halle Green (Year 10) and Jemima Ellis-Maguire (Year 7), along with their horses Mooney and Wellbrook Superstar, represented Dominic at the Schools One Day Event held at Huntingfield Pony Club.

The two girls participated in dressage, cross country and show jumping events throughout the day. Their team came away with a 2nd place in dressage, 2nd place in cross country and 4th overall.

Thank you to Ms Kirilee Beveridge for organising and supporting the girls on the day.

Well done to Halle and Jemima for these wonderful achievements!



Student Achievement – Netball

A number of our students attended tryouts for Southern Tasmanian Netball Association's (STNA) 2021 representative netball teams. These students will compete in four statewide carnivals this year representing both their respective clubs, along with STNA.

We extend our congratulations to the following students:

Year 4

- Olivia Riseley

Year 6

- Sophie Clay
- Lindsay Stevanovich
- Ava Lawler
- Ellie Sproule

Year 8

- Caitlin Stevanovich

Year 9

- Caitlin Turner
- Jessica Weeding
- Iszaebella Zielinski
- Ella Maw



Commitment to Sport

A reminder to all parents and students to check emails regularly as all sport information is emailed directly to you. It is important that you communicate as soon as possible if your child will not be attending a game as a one-off or ongoing. This allows us to plan accordingly and ensure all students are being provided with the best opportunities possible in their sporting endeavours.

Commencement of Saturday Soccer & Hockey

We had a total of twenty Kinder to Year 6 teams playing across both soccer and hockey on Saturday 1 May. Hockey commenced at Cornelian Bay with a number of students playing their first ever game of hockey. Students were all smiles while getting a feel for the game.

Soccer was played at a number of locations with a number of students taking to the pitch for the first time, while a number of others were returning after a break last year. It is wonderful to see such a large number of students take up Saturday sports. We would like to extend our sincerest thank you to all parents coaching and supporting their children in these wonderful sporting opportunities.

Miss Talia Stopp - Coordinator of Sport K-10

AGFEST 2021 - ANIMAL HUSBANDRY



WHOLE COLLEGE NEWS

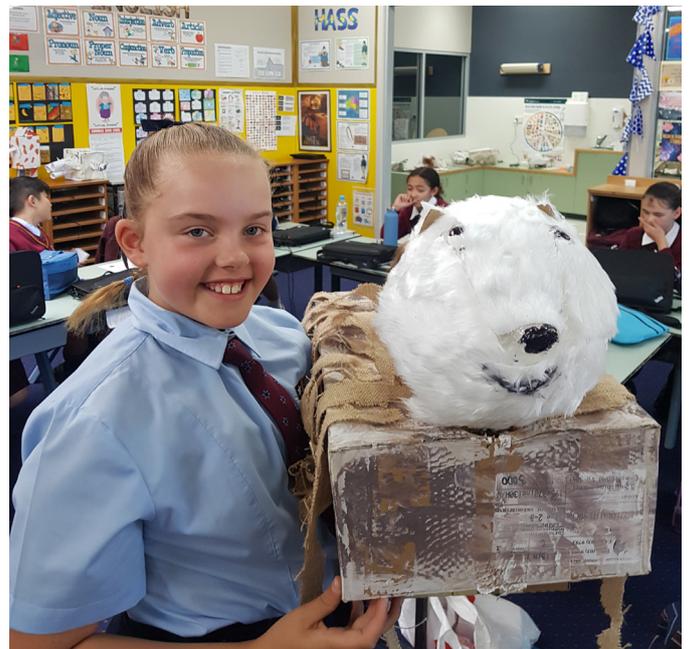


Science Fun in Year 5

In a recent Science assessment task, student's were provided with a region (rainforest, ocean, mountain, arctic) and had to create an animal that would thrive in this environment as well as designed specific behaviour, structural and physiological adaptations.

Check out some of their creations!

Mr Benjamin Crick - Year 5A Teacher



MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS



Read & Relax After School Program

What?

An informal library and reading program for families facilitated by Library staff. The program will include a group story, activities, and opportunities for families to use the Library space and read together. Library staff will be available for parents and carers to speak with regarding the College Library, reading and literacy.

When?

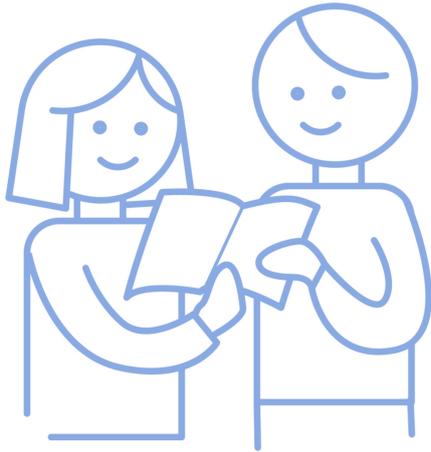
Fortnightly on Tuesday's 3.10-3.45pm, commencing Tuesday 4 May.

Where?

K-6 Library

Additional Information

Students must be accompanied by a parent or carer.

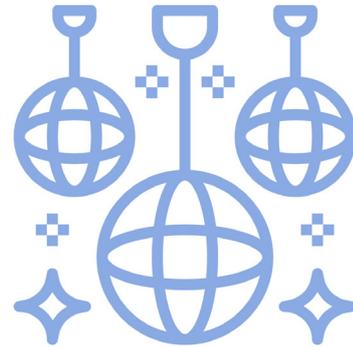


POSTPONED – K-6 DISCO FRIDAY 14 MAY

Unfortunately the P&F have had to postponed the upcoming K-6 Disco scheduled for Friday 14 May.

We are working towards holding the Disco later in the year so students will not miss out on this fantastic event.

When we have finalised a venue and a new date for the Disco, we will let parents know.



A Mother's Day Prayer

Dear Lord,

Please watch over and support all mothers on Earth and in Heaven ...

And help them to know how much they are loved and appreciated on Mother's Day and every day.

Amen.



Teddy Bear Picnic

Monday 10 and Friday 14 May

Come and have a Teddy Bears Picnic with us!

This week will be full of cute teddy bear craft activities, decorating teddy bear biscuits and the session will finish with a Teddy Bear Picnic.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Lillie Burdon
Yiannis Nikitaras
Oliver Nicolle
Hamish Wareing
Sophie Johansen
Sheldon Kipkemboi
Ekam Sandhu

Hannah Lane MacDonald
Mia O'Keefe
Isabelle Kadisha
Tania Youssef
Jacob Hargreaves
Ellie Sproule
Joaquin Taylor

Shaun White
Lucy Engel
Mia Mackie
Ella Oakley
Janelle Vizcarra
Jordan McCallum

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 11 - Friday 21 May

Thursday 13 May

Friday 14 May

Monday 24 - Thursday 27 May

Tuesday 25 May

Monday 31 May

Wednesday 9 June

NAPLAN Online

Rite Journey - The Departure

Walk Safely to School Day

Year 9/10 Biology Camp

Year 7 Retreat

Year 8 Retreat

Year 9 Retreat



Guilford Young College Campus Tours

Hobart

Mondays from 3pm

Glenorchy

Wednesdays from 3pm

To book a tour, head to our website
or call us on **6238 4300**

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

'Life with Christ is a wonderful adventure.'

- St John Paul II