

DOMINIC COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

16 February 2024



From the Principal

**Dear Families and Friends,
Welcome to the 2024 School Year!**

Welcome to the 2024 school year to all students, families, staff and friends of our Dominic College community. It

has been great to see familiar and new faces joining us over the past two weeks. The College Leadership Team and I have had many opportunities to visit classrooms and playgrounds over the past fortnight and have been impressed with the positive engagement from students to learning and upholding of College expectations from Day 1. It was lovely to welcome our new Kindergarten students and their families last week along with new Year 7s and many other students joining us for the first time. This week we gathered as a school community for our Opening College Mass and Ash Wednesday service which marks the start of the Lenten season. I congratulate all students on their reverence and participation at the Mass and look forward to seeing our students thrive across the year.

We are RESPECTFUL of ALL

We are blessed at Dominic to have a diverse and supportive community and aim to live by our Charter for Salesian Schools to be a HOME that WELCOMES. During our Staff Preparation Week, our staff had the opportunity of taking part in a Cultural Awareness course led by John Kamara from KIGS – Kamara's Inclusion Gateway Services to raise our awareness of diversity, equity and fairness in our schools, workplaces and society. We look forward to this partnership for Dominic College as we continue to work with John to ensure that all members of our community are working together to become more culturally aware and create an environment of respect and welcome for all.

I took the opportunity in my Principal's Address at Wednesday's Mass to remind our students, staff and friends that often in schools, workplaces and in society we encounter people who think it is acceptable to discriminate because someone comes from a different country or faith background, or who think that it is acceptable to bully and antagonise in person or via online apps and emails in order to cause humiliation or hurt to others. I made it very clear that at Dominic College, **any form of racism, discrimination or bullying is not acceptable** and reminded students of the importance of being people who demonstrate kindness and welcome to all they encounter. I have asked everyone to call out any of these behaviours and to report incidents to staff so they can be addressed appropriately.



The dream that makes you dream. A heart that transforms "wolves" into "lambs". - 2024 Strenna

From the Principal



Child Safety and e-Safety is EVERYONE'S Responsibility

On January 1 this year new legislation was introduced in Tasmania to ensure that all organisations develop a culture with child safety and wellbeing at the centre of their work. Our staff have undertaken training and courses to prepare for these changes and the implementation of the 10 principles to guide us in this work.

In modern society, young people (and adults) are more frequently using online services to engage in their social circles and using technology to do many day-to-day activities. Sadly, there are many risks associated with this. As we commence the new school year, I would like to remind everyone of the importance of being safe online and for us to work together to ensure that our children are safe. The e-Safety Commissioner has wonderful resources to support young people, schools and parents to promote safe ways to use technology. As a College, we will continue to educate students on safe online practices through our Oratory and Technologies Programs and I encourage all families to use the resources below to continue these conversations at home and openly discuss your child's activities to help promote a culture of safety online. Together, we can achieve more to support our children.

Parent Support - <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>

Young People Support - <https://www.esafety.gov.au/young-people>

Kids Support - <https://www.esafety.gov.au/kids>

Community Support - <https://www.esafety.gov.au/communities>

First Nations Support - <https://www.esafety.gov.au/first-nations>





From the Principal

2024 STRENNA AND FOCUS

Each year as a Salesian school, we are given a gift, a strenna, to help guide us in our work and study for the new year. Our strenna this year is **“A dream that makes you dream – a heart that turns wolves into lambs.”**

Don Bosco’s “vision” for educating young people developed over time, as he came to understand the meaning of a symbolic dream which he had when he was just nine years of age. At the time the dream made no sense to himself or his family. But when, as a young priest, he began to work with poor, homeless, rough boys on the streets of Turin in Italy, his dream slowly began to reveal itself to him. This visionary dream and many others like it had a positive effect on him.

In his dream, he was visited by a man in white robes. When the young John Bosco raced to stop a crowd of children swearing and fighting by using his own angry words and his fists, the man in the white robe (Jesus) told him that these difficult children would not be won over with violence and harshness. The young Bosco didn’t understand this and asked the man to show him how to help them. The man said that a woman would come to him to explain. Then, in his dream, a beautiful lady in long robes (Mary) appeared to him and told him that these difficult children would only be won over by using kind words, compassion and love.

This year as a Salesian family, we celebrate the 200th anniversary of Don Bosco’s dream and throughout our classes, masses and retreat experiences this year, our students and staff will have the opportunity to learn more about Bosco’s dream and how this relates to each of us today, particularly in our work as members of the global Salesian family.

As we commence the 2024 school year, let us be inspired to reflect on the significance of Bosco’s dream and use it to guide our young people to live out their dreams.

‘Dreamers’ Prayer for Strenna 2024

O God, who inspire the old to dream and the young to see visions, grant us the grace to dare to dream, to dream big, to dream crazy, and to inspire others to dream.

Like Don Bosco, grant us the wisdom to discern your presence and your will in all our dreams. Grant us the determination to work tirelessly to see the fulfilment of our dreams. And grant us the patience to see your dreams for us unfold over time.

May we do all for the coming of your kingdom, and the glory of your name. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

I wish you all good health and a prosperous 2024 School Year.

Mr Steve Casni
Dominic College Principal



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From the Deputy Principals

Dear Families,

Congratulations to our students on a successful transition to the 2024 academic year, and to the parents, carers and staff who have supported them during the past fortnight.

Welcome to Our New Staff

We warmly welcome the following new staff, and we wish them every success as they undertake their new journey within our community.

- Bianca Cubit - Senior Student Support Officer K-10
- Angela Lawless - Student Services Manager
- Declan Martin – Secondary Teacher
- Jenny Hallyburton - Classroom Teacher - Primary
- Annie Peacock - Classroom Teacher - Primary
- Gihan Gunadasa - Classroom Teacher - Primary
- Ryan Baker - HPE Teacher
- Lucy Glidden - Learning Support Assistant
- Erin Graham - Classroom Teacher- Secondary
- Matthew Russell - E-Learning Support Officer
- Linda Douglas - Classroom Teacher - Primary
- Michael Voss - Classroom Teacher - Primary
- Anne Duigan - Lead Teacher - Learning Diversity - Primary
- Matthew Taylor - E-Learning Manager
- Jacob Welch - AFL Ready Trainee
- Ariarne Roberts - Learning Support Assistant
- Lyn Young - Learning Support Assistant



Year 7 Belling-In

The academic year started on Friday 2 February with Year 8-10 students and staff officially welcoming our Year 7 students into their secondary education through our traditional “Belling-In” procession. Our 2024 College Captains led the procession using four of our historic bells as well as our College flags. Students and staff formed a guard of honour to welcome students into our secondary family and to wish them the very best for their days at high school.



Student Leave During Term Time

Dominic College cannot support nor approve the taking of holidays during term time. This is a legal mandate in the 2016 Education Act and has been put in place to ensure that sound academic progress can take place with students being present at school in all classes. Schools have a legal responsibility to maintain accurate records of student attendance and as such, any holiday leave that is applied for will be recorded as unapproved.

We ask that you plan carefully in advance to schedule holidays during term breaks.



From time to time there will be students who are involved in interstate competitions or extraordinary circumstances that may warrant the need to take more than three days leave. Applications for such leave can be lodged to Deputy Principal Primary or Secondary, via the leave request form which can be obtained through our Student Services Office. Once an application for leave has been received, you will receive either an email response or a formal letter from the Deputy Principal's office informing you of the status of the application. We thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Sick Leave

To ensure the health and safety of the school community we remind you that students and adults who are sick should stay at home until well. Colds, flu, and COVID-19 with active symptoms can spread easily and impact the teaching and learning of the whole class.

Anyone with vomiting or diarrhoea should remain at home for 24 to 48 hours. Good hand hygiene and covering coughs and sneezes help stop the spread of germs, mask wearing is supported for those with underlying illnesses. Please advise the Student Services Office when your child is absent.

School Photos

Students will be required to be in their full formal uniforms for their photo day. Just a reminder that the summer dress is not part of the formal uniforms for photos.

Wednesday 21 February to Friday 23 February: Kinder & Family Photos

Wednesday 21 February: Early Primary Student Photos

Thursday 22 February: Upper Primary Student Photos

Friday 23 February: Secondary Student Photos



Changes to the Newsletter

As part of our ongoing commitment to providing a safe and secure learning environment for all students, we are implementing a significant change to our newsletter content in alignment with the National Child Safety Standards for Australia.

Effective immediately, we will no longer include students' names and birthdays in our newsletters. This decision is driven by our dedication to safeguarding the privacy and protection of each child in our school community.

The National Child Safety Standards emphasise the importance of creating child-safe environments and promoting the well-being of all students. By removing individual students' names and birthdays from our newsletters, we aim to reduce the potential risks associated with sharing personal information in a public domain.

Animals Onsite

As we continue to foster a safe and productive learning environment at Dominic College, we would like to bring your attention to our school policy regarding pets on school grounds. While we understand the positive impact that pets, particularly dogs, can have on individuals and families, we must prioritise the safety and well-being of all our students, staff, and visitors. Therefore, we would like to remind everyone that, according to our school policy, pets are not permitted on school grounds unless they are registered to the College or formally recognised as assistance dogs.

Mrs Alicia McMahon - Deputy Principal: Primary & Mrs Janet Marcenko - Deputy Principal: Secondary



College Captain's Report

To Year 7 Students

Welcome to your first days as members of our secondary campus. We welcome all current Dominic students transitioning from primary school to secondary school, and all new students coming from other schools. Our names are Millie and Michael, and we are your College Captains for 2024. As well as ourselves, we have our College Vice Captains, Brooke and Will. As leaders, we are here to support you as you enter the new school year as a young adult. We will always be available to provide support or answer any questions you have over the next coming months.

We understand that transitioning from primary school to high school can seem intimidating or unnerving. You could be feeling anxious or apprehensive, excited or eager. However you're feeling we want you to know that you're not alone, and this is normal when entering high school. There are other students who feel the exact same way you do. The Year 8's, 9's and 10's are all here to support you as you start your journey in high school. We have all experienced what you're feeling before and can understand, and most likely offer some advice. Don't hesitate to ask someone for help. Whether you need assistance with your timetable, locating classrooms, using your lock, or needing someone to talk to, you will easily be able to find someone to support you.

Our theme for the year is 'A Call to Action'. This isn't just a motto; it's a call to each and every one of you to participate, contribute, and create positive change. We encourage you to make the most of every opportunity, put yourself outside of your comfort zone, and make as many new friends as you can. Together, we can turn ideas and thoughts into reality, and leave the school a better place.

Although you might be feeling nervous now, Year 7 is just the first incredible year of many that you'll have at Dominic. One of our biggest recommendations as a student at Dominic would be to participate in as many things as you can. Put your hand up, join clubs and co-curricular activities, and really put yourself out there. By doing this and finding things you enjoy you can find your place among the Dominic community, enrich your learning journey, and potentially make some lifelong friends.

We hope you all have an amazing first day and we look forward to getting to know all of you and seeing your smiling faces around the school. We have exciting plans for 2024 and we hope to make your first year of high school truly memorable.

Millie Ackerley and Michael King - College Captains



A HOME THAT WELCOMES



Learning and Wellbeing - Early Primary

Welcome to the pulana Precinct

A Home that Welcomes

The pulana Precinct has been a buzz with excitement as students begin the 2024 academic year. It has been wonderful to welcome our new Kindergarten students to the College. They have settled in extremely well, becoming familiar with their spaces and new routines and developing a sense of belonging. Our students in Prep – Year 2 have transitioned well into their new year level and have been engaged in the exciting and rich learning opportunities designed by their teachers. It has been wonderful to meet many of our families at morning drop off or afternoon pick up.

The pulana playground has been alive with voices of chatter, laughter and squeals of delight as students explore the playground and reconnect with old friends and welcome and play with new friends. The Year 2 students were very excited to be able to play on the oval during their break time exploring a much larger space with plenty of room to run. The playground and swings on the oval are dedicated to Year 2 students during Break 1 so they are able to swing, spin and climb.

Last week, World Read Aloud Day was a wonderful opportunity for our Kinder – Year 2 students to meet with their buddy classes to share the love of reading. There will be many more opportunities throughout the year where buddy classes connect to share learning experiences and play.



The pulana Precinct

The Kinder – Year 2 classrooms are referred to as the pulana Precinct. With the support and permission of the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre in 2019, the College began naming its Early Year classrooms using palawa kani, the language of the Tasmanian Aboriginals. We are very excited that the luwutina Centre has been completed and will be utilised this year by Discovery for before and after school care and holiday care. Our spaces are named as follows:

Space	palawa kani word	palawa kani word for
Kinder – Year 2 Precinct	pulana	Star
Kinder Classrooms	tuminana	Little Fairy Penguin
Prep Classrooms	larila	Platypus
Year 1 Classrooms	timita	Possum
Year 2 Classrooms	tuti	Sand crab
New K-2 Centre	luwutina	child

Mrs Allison Lowe - Director of Learning and Wellbeing: Early Primary



A HOME THAT WELCOMES



Learning and Wellbeing - Upper Primary

Easing Back into the School Routine (3 – 6)

The return to school usually comes with a burst of excitement. The opportunity to catch up with friends, new classes, new teachers and being a whole year older are major drivers in the first weeks. Now that we have come to the end of Week 2 that newness is starting to fade. Normal routines are back in place and work expectations have been established.

For some children these routines provide stability and comfort but for others this can prove challenging. For those who are finding it a little tricky, a good way to help maintain the joy and enthusiasm of those early days is by having solid structures in place so everyone knows exactly what to expect.

Consider your morning and afternoon routines. Ensure there are clear plans in place for things like lunch boxes, bags and uniform. Also define how and where homework will happen.

Encourage your child to reflect on the day with some positive conversation starters. For younger children you might ask, 'What was the funniest thing that happened today'. Older children might like to tell you about something they enjoyed doing during the day or how they made someone's day better.

Ms Sue Cunningham - Director of Learning and Wellbeing: Upper Primary



Learning and Wellbeing - Secondary

What a great start to the 2024 academic year for our Year 7 to 10 students!

Our new Year 7 cohort have spent the last week settling into the new routines of high school, and were very appreciative of the advice and mentorship provided to them by their Year 10 buddies, Oratory Group teachers and House Lead Teachers.

It has also been great to see students showing pride in their appearance by wearing their uniforms correctly and in their entirety. A reminder to all families that it is vital that students are wearing their full College uniform to and from school. For clarification on any of the school's uniform expectations, please see the [Uniform Style Guide](#) on the Dominic College website.



The start of the school year can be unnerving for students across the high school, however this is also the time of the year to start building good habits and developing efficient systems to get organised for the days and weeks ahead. Students are encouraged to reach out to their teachers if they have questions or concerns, as the staff at Dominic College are always happy to assist in helping to set students up for a successful year.

Mr Thomas Kershaw - Director of Learning and Wellbeing: Secondary



Student and Parent Support

Welcome back everyone!

It's hard to believe we are here in 2024, ready for a new year of adventures.

It can be a roller coaster of emotions as students and families find their feet with routine and changes that a new school year brings.

Whilst at times, this may be refreshing and welcome after a busy school holidays, it can also be stressful and unsettling and can take us out of our comfort zone.

The Raising Children Network have a terrific page of back to school tips with different tabs for different age groups to make for easy reading. Starting school: preparing your child | Raising Children Network Starting secondary school or high school | Raising Children Network

Another useful resource offered by the Raising Children Network is around problem solving. It provides some terrific tips and processes to help with building a skill that we all depend upon through life. The more we practice it, the more resilience we build and the better we get at it! Problem-solving with teens: steps & tips | Raising Children Network

And lastly, I wanted to share the wonderful work of 2023 Australian of the year Taryn Brumfitt . Taryn continues to work tirelessly in her promotion of positive body image through The Embrace Collective. Taryn has produced a holiday guide which provides supportive information for families. It notes the importance of creating lifelong memories with children, how to help with positive language and being a positive role model. It also addresses some of the body image concerns that may impact our young people, particularly during their return to school.

Please check out the links if you have some time. Along with Taryn's website, they are terrific resources for us all. TheEmbraceCollective The Embrace Kids Summer Holidays Survival Guide (theembracehub.com)

The very best of wishes from College Counsellor Emma and I to all of our students, colleagues and families. We look forward to an exciting year ahead.

Mrs Belinda Dooley - College Counsellor



A HOME THAT WELCOMES



Faith, Mission and Identity

Greetings all

Welcome to the 2024 school year. I would like to extend my special warm welcome to all new students and staff at Dominic College. I am Fr Abilio Guterres- Acting Rector in the College. Hopefully, this year will be a fruitful year for everyone: as a school community, as an individual, as a student, as a teacher and a staff.

We have just started our school year of 2024. Probably at the start of this school year, you have many promises and resolutions that you make to yourselves, but as many people do, usually as the end of the year approaches, people feel that the year ended very quickly and they achieved very little of what they had thought of. Therefore, so as not to have regrets, you need to begin working on your resolutions as soon as possible. Utilise every moment, take every opportunity, make a move and try your best. And by the end of the year, I am 100% sure that you will have achieved what you thought of.



The theme of this year's Salesian Strenna is: "The dream that makes you dream': A heart that transforms 'wolves' into 'lambs'." This theme was chosen to dedicate and celebrate the bicentenary of Don Bosco's dream at the age of nine which is very familiar to the whole Salesian family. The dream of Don Bosco at the age of nine became like a GPS that guided and led his way of life and motivated him to become a priest, and later on, a great educator of young people.

Each one of you has a dream. No matter what you dream about, make it happen. Make a plan, get started, go slowly but surely, learn as you go, improve yourself day after day, and never lose hope. Don't let your dream fade away, but give your dream a chance to become reality in the future. Because your dream that becomes reality not only changes your life but also changes other people's lives. My wish for you all is that do not be lazy at the beginning of the year, but be full of hope and make time to learn as much as you can, because your million steps at the end of the year (your success) starts from now. So, be active, be creative, be imaginative, be enthusiastic, be energetic, and be involved.



We are now in the season of Lent. On Ash Wednesday we were marked by blessed Ashes on our foreheads as a sign of repentance and conversion. We are asked to change our direction of life by almsgiving, prayer, and fasting. Jesus also warns that these three penitential acts must not be done to attract attention to oneself or to show off, but they must be done in private so only GOD is aware of the deeds.

Lent is a time to reflect on where we have been in our spiritual journey and what we must do to better prepare ourselves for the rest of the journey to the house of God the Father, led by Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

Lent is a time of dying with Christ, putting to death anything that is not helping us draw closer to GOD. It is a time of spiritual renewal, so that we will be able to celebrate the new life of the Risen Lord at Easter.

May God bless you all and wishing you all the best for a great year.

Fr Abilio Guterres SDB - Acting College Rector





Faith, Mission and Identity

Opening College Mass

We celebrated the beginning of our 2024 academic school year with our annual College Opening Mass on Wednesday in the Savio Centre. We gathered as Year 3-10, to ask God's blessing on the school year and on all our activities, to grow in the love and knowledge of God and in the service of others, in the spirit of Don Bosco, and in the tradition of our College.



In Mass, we also celebrated Ash Wednesday, which marked the beginning of the Church's season of Lent. The marking of the ashes on our foreheads today is a public expression of our faith, it is a sign of turning back to God. Lent is traditionally a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving and Christians throughout the centuries have prayed, fasted (which means going without food) and given alms (or donated to charity) to reconnect with God during the 40 days of Lent.

Staff Spirituality Day – Don Bosco's Dream

Dominic College held its annual Staff Spirituality Day on Thursday 1 February, centred around the theme – Don Bosco's Dream. This theme is significant as it relates directly to the Salesian Strenna for 2024 – "The dream that makes you dream. A heart that transforms wolves into lambs."

The "dream" in reference is the dream that Don Bosco had when he was nine years old, that inspired his life's work. This year is the 200th anniversary of this dream. Thus, the Rector Major (Don Bosco's successor) Fr Ángel Fernández Artime SDB, has chosen to honour the dream and further guide the Salesian family, as the Salesian Strenna for 2024.

In the dream, a young John Bosco witnessed a chaotic playground where boys were engaged in aggressive behaviour. John tried to stop them, but using aggression and violence himself. Amidst the chaos, he saw a radiant figure, who encouraged him to use a blend of reason, religion, and loving kindness to lead the boys onto a path of virtue and education. A central theme was the transformation of aggressive "wolves" into gentle "lambs." This powerful vision became the driving force behind Don Bosco's commitment to establishing a supportive and transformative educational environment for the young, known as the "Oratory".

Throughout the day, all staff (teachers, learning support assistants, administration) engaged in rich discussions and reflections about Don Bosco's Dream and its relevance in shaping our College's ethos and charism. The Strenna for 2024 served as a focal point, encouraging all staff to explore ways to incorporate its principles into their professional pedagogy and daily interactions with students. Three key aspects of the dreams were explored in depth: Mission and Method; Young People and Key Characters; and A Clear Vocational Call.



Staff had the opportunity to reflect on the day and "go forth" with creating their own "dream" for 2024 at Dominic College, which are displayed in pulana, Prouille, Valdocco, and Grantleigh precincts.

To conclude our day, we gathered in the Mary Help of Christians Chapel for mass to celebrate the Feast of Don Bosco (31 January). Eucharist was celebrated by Fr Abilio Guterres SDB and Fr Guy Riolo SDB.

Mr Adam Lapolla - Director of Faith, Mission and Identity



Learning and Curriculum - Prep

On Friday the 2 February, we joyfully welcomed our students and families to the Prep community. From day one, students quickly settled into the new environment engaging in various activities to find out about their routines and get to know their classmates. We all are excited to have a wonderful learning journey, laying a strong foundation for primary years.

Here are some of the highlights from their first day of Prep.

My favourite thing in Prep

larila 1:

"I like going outside because I get to play with my friends. We love to play Seabeast!"

"I like drawing, because it's fun to do drawings with our friends."

larila 2:

"My favourite thing about Prep is coming to school; we eat, we have Japanese, buddies, PE and Music."

"Making new friends."

"I like to come to school."

larila 3:

"I like Prep because I like playing with my friend."

"I like playing in the reading nook and doing PE."



Ms Allison Cooley, Mrs Sharmalee Ekanayake and Ms Kylee Terry - Prep Teachers





Learning and Curriculum - Year 3



Welcome to Year 3

For our Year 3 students, the start of the 2024 school year marks the beginning of an exciting chapter in their academic journey. Stepping into

the world of upper primary, they are met with new challenges, opportunities, and adventures awaiting them. One of the biggest changes saw students wearing the formal uniform for the first time. A true sense of pride flooded the Year 3 classrooms as students arrived wearing their new blazers and ties. New black leather school shoes seemed to be the talk of the town!

With a change of uniform came a change of scenery for our Year 3s.

Making the jump from the pulana precinct to the Prouille precinct saw students exploring new learning spaces and play areas with friends. The sandpit and basketball court got the thumbs-up from students.

For de Paul 1 and 2, the last week consisted of reconnecting with friends, getting organised, learning new classroom routines, attending Drama for the first time, and starting new topics. Students were particularly excited to meet new Year 3 teacher, Mrs Annie Peacock.

With teamwork, perseverance, and growth mindsets, we are confident that our Year 3 students will shine brightly and make this year one to remember.

Miss Molly Baker and Mrs Annie Peacock – Year 3 Teachers

YEAR THREE



A SCHOOL THAT PREPARES FOR LIFE



Learning and Curriculum - English

It is with much excitement and anticipation that the English Department welcomes the 2024 academic year and the cohort of students that will fill our classes.

This year our department welcomes Miss Graham to Dominic College. Miss Graham is a long-time teacher of English and spent the last 11 years at St. Aloysius College. All of the college's teachers in the department have been working hard to develop a challenging and exciting curriculum for the students to study and enjoy.

We also have a number of incursions and excursions planned. After the cessation of Covid lockdowns and travel restrictions, this will provide an extra dimension to the experience of language learning, communication studies, critical thinking and textual analysis students encounter as an English student. We are hoping to enjoy a visit by the Bell Shakespeare Company who will enthral us with their insights into the works of The Bard. There are possibilities for visits by poets and writers and various other opportunities to bring the learning of English to life.

There has also been a rearranging of parts of the library to allow students to more easily find books they find appealing and allow them to travel and take adventures, the way that good books always facilitate. Reading is such a beneficial way to develop one's understanding of the world around, outside and within us. It builds our comprehension, self-esteem and awareness and allows us the pleasure we find in an encounter with an old friend or a new landscape.

Have a wonder filled 2024.



Mr Martin Kress - Lead Teacher: English



Learning and Curriculum - Languages

Japanese at Dominic College

Teaching Staff

We have a fantastic team teaching Japanese language and culture at Dominic College in 2024.

Mr Joshua Durno (Durno sensei) is teaching Kindergarten to

Year 4 and Year 5C.

Miss Alison Lowe (Lowe sensei) is teaching Year 5A and B, Year 6, half of Year 7 and 8, and Year 9.

Ms Belinda Kumashiro (Kumashiro sensei) is teaching the other half of Year 7 and Year 8, and Year 10.





We also are very grateful for the support of the Japan Foundation (Founded by the Japanese Government to promote Japanese studies). They provide a Japanese Language Consultant (JLC) to Tasmanian schools teaching Japanese, and Dominic is lucky enough to be hosting JLC Mr Mao Iizuka (Iizuka sensei) for most of Term 1. Welcome to Dominic Mao!

Programs

Japanese lessons are held once a week in Kindergarten to Year 2. In Years 3 to 8, students have three lessons per fortnight. In Year 9 and 10, this increases to five lessons per fortnight.

Japanese lessons cover a wide range of topics and skills. They encompass language learning strategies, intercultural understanding, empathy and diversity, numeracy, literacy, information technology, food, dance, music and more!



Exciting events in Term 1

The Japanese faculty has a busy start to the year!

In March we will host thirty one Year 8 students from our sister school, Shizuoka Salesio School. Many thanks to those wonderful families who have volunteered to host students during their 3 night stay.

In April, twenty five Year 10 students will head to Japan on the 2024 Japan Study Tour. This exciting opportunity will include visiting Hiroshima, Osaka, Kyoto, Shizuoka and Tokyo. Students will visit sites of historical and cultural significance, as well as stay with host families whilst at our sister school. We look forward to sharing photos and short stories with the school community via our Facebook page and in our Term 2 newsletter article.

We wish all students involved in these exciting events all the best as they prepare!

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2024, Year of the Dragon

Lastly, we wish to invite any interested students to participate in the Tasmania-wide Japanese poster competition. Posters must be hand-drawn by the student, and up to A3 in size. The theme is Year of the Dragon, and the poster must contain the word for dragon (tatsu, たつ, 辰). Posters are due to your teacher of Japanese before Wednesday 27 March (no late entries accepted, sorry!).

Wishing all Dominic families a healthy and prosperous Year of the Dragon!

Ms Belinda Kumashiro - Lead Teacher: Languages





MacKillop Centre College Library News

A warm welcome to the Dominic College Library for 2024. We are looking forward to another fun year in the library with all our students.

Here is some information about how students can use the library in 2024:

K-6 Library

All K-6 classes receive a fortnightly, timetabled Library class. Library class times will include reading a story and/or information skills development session, book borrowing and quiet reading. Students can borrow 2 books every library time but must return their books before borrowing again and they must have a waterproof library bag. The K-6 Library is open for Year 3-6 students during Break 2 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for quiet activities, games and reading.

7-10 Library

The 7-10 Library is open between 8.15am and 3.30pm daily, including Breaks 1 and 2. Students can use this space to complete homework, play games, have some quiet time, or hang out with friends. Year 7-10 students can borrow up to 5 books at a time.

Along with our books there are a number of electronic resources available to help students with their assessment tasks. They can be found on SEQTA and the Library Catalogue page - <https://au.accessit.online/DMN02/>

Upcoming Events

Get ready for the following events that we will be celebrating during 2024, more information will be provided closer to the dates:

- National Simultaneous Storytime, 22 May
- Scholastic Book Fair, 11-21 June
- CBCA Book Week, 19-23 August

Mrs Sarah Bromfield - College Librarian K-10

Feel connected with a book

1 in 4 readers say that a book has helped them realise that other people have gone through the same thing and therefore feel better about their situation.



AUSTRALIA
READS+

Share special time with a book

86% of children said they loved being read books aloud at home or liked it a lot – the main reason being because it is a special time with parents.



AUSTRALIA
READS+

Bond at bedtime with a book

Three in four (74%) Australian parents believe that reading to their child provides them with an important bonding experience and helps them to connect.



See the world with a book

74% of children agree that reading fiction and nonfiction is a way to help them understand the world.



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Sport K-10

Welcome back to another jam-packed year of sport.

I extend a warm welcome to all the school community, and I am looking forward to meeting our new families. I hope the summer break has been an enjoyable and refreshing time for you all.

2024 will be a year full of success, friendly competition, and memory making. There have been a few changes to co-curricular sport this year. As Sport at Dominic moves into a more structured faculty, some changes will be made to what is offered from 2024. Only SATIS sports will be on offer for students from this year. Flippa Ball, Water Polo, Badminton, and Hockey will no longer be offered by the College. Parents and Carers can still create and enter teams, though any associated costs will not be paid by the College and will not be organised/ran by the Sports Department. Any team entered into a non-SATIS roster cannot have the College's name incorporated into the team's name.

DOSA soccer will also be fully transitioned away from Dominic College, and fully run by DOSA.

Dominic Sport is looking to improve their success in soccer, basketball, netball, and AFL. To provide students with the correct support, and with the rise in costs associated with non-SATIS sports, this was a decision made by the school.

This year, we welcome Mr Jacob Welch as the new Sports Trainee. Jacob has a wealth of knowledge in soccer and enjoys all sports.

SPORT CALENDAR

Term 1 rosters have started, or about to start. Over the entire college, we have 15 teams in Volleyball, Soccer, and Basketball. Don't forget, Year 5-6 girls, and all Year 3-6 students have additional co-curricular options this term:

5-6 Girls AFL Gala afternoon	6 March 2024	Dominic Oval
3-6 Afterschool Jack Jumper Clinics	20 Feb – 26 March 2024	3.20pm-4.20pm in the Savio Centre

2024 CARNIVALS (dates may change prior to the event)

Kinder - Year 6

Thursday 29 February – Year 3-6 Swimming Carnival at Clarence Aquatic Centre

Monday 25 March – Year 3-6 JSSATIS Swimming Carnival at Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre

Friday 5 April – Year 3-6 STCPSSA Swimming Carnival at Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre

Wednesday 1 May – Year 3-10 Cross Country – Tolosa Street Reserve

Wednesday 15 May – K-2 Cross Country – held on College grounds

Friday 7 June – Year 3-6 STCPSSA Cross Country at Rokeby Police Academy

Thursday 13 June – Year 3-6 JSSATIS Cross Country at Rokeby Police Academy

Wednesday 23 October – Year K-6 Athletics Carnival held on College grounds

Friday 1 November – Year 3-6 STPCSSA Athletics Carnival at Domain Athletics

Thursday 7 November – Year 3-6 JSSATIS Athletics Carnival at Domain Athletics Centre

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Year 7-10

Wednesday 28 February – Year 7-10 Athletics Carnival at Domain Athletics Centre

Tuesday 12 March – SSATIS Athletics Carnival at Domain Athletics Centre

Friday 22 March – SATIS Athletics Carnival at Domain Athletics Centre

Wednesday 22nd May – 7-10 SSATIS Cross Country at Domain Crossroads

Thursday 29 August – SSATIS Swimming Carnival at Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre

Wednesday 18 September – SATIS Swimming Carnival at Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre

***Year 7-10 School swimming trails- TBC

HOLIDAY SPORTING CHAMPIONS

A number of students participated in a variety of competitions during the holidays, including:

- o representing Tasmania at the Australian Country Junior Basketball Cup in Albury Wadonga January 16- 20;
- o representing Tasmania in the under 15 Indoor Hockey state team in Canberra January 21-25;
- o travelling to the Gold Coast for the Showcase National Dance Championships, placing 4th in contemporary solo, 3rd in song and dance and finished in Australia's top 10 in the petit Diamon division.

Ms Kylee Chivers - Sports Administrator





Launch into Learning

Launch into Learning is back! This year Launch into Learning (LIL) is being run by Dominic College Old Scholar, Miss Amelia Hill-Mundy. For those who may not be aware, the Launch into Learning program is a free of charge, play based program for children from birth to five years of age and their families.

The program is a great way for families to connect with other families in the greater community and highlights the College's philosophy of the significant role parents play in their child's educational journey. The Launch into Learning program provides a welcoming, supportive, nurturing and inclusive environment, where parents, carers and children are able to actively engage together in a variety of learning experiences.

Each week there is a different focus area to provide children's inquisitive minds to be continuously exposed to a vast variety of learning activities and opportunities. All activities included in the program are designed to encourage children to use their problem solving and critical thinking skills, stimulating their creativity and curiosity.

Launch into Learning supports children's learning with opportunities which aid them to gain an early understanding of important life skills including sharing, socialisation and communication skills, all of which are of great importance for the commencement of Kindergarten.

Imbedded into the program each week are a variety of fine and gross motor skill activities, including matching, sequencing, sensory, arts and crafts, imaginative play, outdoor play, and the introduction of literacy and numeracy activities.

During this year's Launch into Learning sessions we will be going on incursions to visit the College's facilities, explore and learn about the different programs on offer at the College, and meet many of the College's teaching staff.

Come and join in on the fun every Thursday and Friday during term time!

The session days and times for LIL this year are as follows:

- o **Thursday's 9.15am-10.30am**
- o **Friday's 9.15am-10.30am and 11.15am-12.30pm**

We look forward to seeing many new and existing families involved in the program, for another exciting, enriching year, of learning and building friendships.

Miss Amelia Hill-Mundy

Launch into Learning Facilitator



A PLAYGROUND WHERE FRIENDS MEET



Parents and Friends (P&F) Report

We have another fabulous year of events coming up to look forward to. On Wednesday evening we held our Annual General Meeting where a lot of decisions were made and we got a preview of some of the exciting changes happening this year. It was also a chance to look back at our Community Fair from November last year, and we are happy to announce that we made **\$19,238.25** profit, making it the best ever! This meant that we were able to use that money to help purchase the new ovens and stove tops needed for the 7-10 kitchen, and to update the stage lights and lighting desk in the John Brennan Theatre.

With Easter being at the end of next month, we are launching our annual Easter Raffle next week. We are asking our wonderful school community to donate what they are able towards this, making sure that all donations are nut free and within date if edible. Kinder to Year 6 students can bring their donations into their classroom teacher, and Year 7-10 students can drop their donations off at Grantleigh. Raffle books will go out within the next fortnight, and online tickets will be available through the online link that will be in the next newsletter. Tickets will continue to only be \$1 each.

If you have any questions, please email us at parentsandfriends@dominic.tas.edu.au and we will get back to you.

Ms Fiona Laycock-Taylor - P&F President



IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR CURRENT FAMILIES WISHING TO ENROL SIBLINGS

It is important for current Dominic
College families who intend to
enrol a sibling to
[contact the College Enrolments Team](#)

as early as possible

to avoid disappointment

This applies for all Year levels.

Email: enrolments@dominic.tas.edu.au

Dominic College Canteen Orders Notice

CANCELLING A QKR ORDER

Please note: the cut off time for orders is 8.00am, and therefore any cancellations **MUST** be done before 8:00am. Sushi Order cancellations must be done before 5.00pm the day before the order.

The canteen cannot provide refunds or cancel via the Qkr! system – it must be done by the account holder.

To cancel part of or a complete order, follow these steps via the Qkr! App.

- Go into your 'My Receipts' in the top left menu.
- Click on the order you wish to cancel.
- Select the red 'cancel' circle/icon
- Check which item or order you'd like to cancel
- Confirm by clicking 'OK'

Qkr! will then add credit to your Qkr! account the amount of the orders/items you have cancelled. This amount of the credit note can be deducted from your next order.

Please let us know if you have any questions about this process via email (admin@customcatering.com.au) and someone will respond as soon as possible.



Kinder-Year 10 Morning Tea Tours

Thursday 28 March - 9.30am - 11.30am

Please register for this event online:

www.dominic.tas.edu.au/enrolment

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Upcoming Events

28 February	Year 7-10 Athletics Carnival
29 February	Year 3-6 Athletics Carnival
4 March	Year 7 Camp
8 March	International Women's Day
11 March	Eight Hour Day
21 March	Harmony Day
21 March	Shizuoka Salesio School Visit
22 March	Year 7-10 SSATIS Athletics Carnival
25 March	Year 3-6 Independent Swimming Carnival
26 March	Year 7 2026 Twilight Tour Parent and Student Information Evening
28 March	K-10 Morning Tea Tour
29 March	Good Friday
1 April	Year 10 Japan Study Tour
1 April	Easter Monday
2 April	Easter Tuesday
12 April	Term 1 Ends

