

# DOMINIC COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

1 March 2024



## From the Principal

Dear Families and Friends,

### Welcome to the Family Liverpool Football Club International Academy!

On Tuesday 27 February, Dominic College and Liverpool Football Club International Academy launched a community partnership that will offer a high-quality soccer training program to both Dominic students and young people in the wider community. Dominic College is the first school in Tasmania to offer this high-performance program, along with two of our Salesian schools in Victoria and Adelaide.

This program will provide opportunities for students, staff, coaches and the wider community to access this high-quality football program which focuses on both player and coach development. Through our Health and Physical Education Curriculum, students in Years 1-10 will be led through a high-quality training program aimed at not only instilling tactical skills in football, but building life skills such as perseverance, teamwork, self-confidence and leadership. Afterschool and holiday programs will be offered to both Dominic students as well as all children within the wider community commencing in Term 2.



As soon as we commenced conversations with Liverpool FC International Academy, we knew our values were aligned and this was an organisation that would boost and improve our education and sports programs at the College. The Academy's focus on the development of team, self-confidence and resilience neatly tied into other programs currently offered at Dominic College.

Our history as a College stems from the UK with our first students being our former British Child Migrants who commenced their education at Boys' Town over 75 years ago. It is a privilege to bring Liverpool here to Glenorchy to reconnect with our origins and to be able to share this amazing opportunity with the wider Glenorchy community.


We look forward to seeing the fruition of this vibrant sports program and invite you to join us for a **Community Taster Day** on **Saturday 16 March**. Information about the Taster Day and how to sign up your children for the free coaching clinics is available on the [College Website](#).

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



From the Principal continued...



**International Academy**  
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## DOMINIC COLLEGE HOBART

# FREE TASTER DAY

TRAIN UNDER LFC ACADEMY COACHES AND LEARN TO PLAY 'THE LIVERPOOL WAY' IN A FREE 30 MIN SESSION!

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### P&F and DOSA Committees Reconvene for 2024

I had the pleasure of reconnecting with our wonderful Parents and Friends committee and the dedicated Dominic Old Scholars Association committee recently. Congratulations to Fiona Laycock-Taylor who will continue as P&F President for 2024. At the meeting, we heard a summary of all the exciting projects they have in store for 2024 and a reflection on the success of the 2023 College Fair. We look forward to another **College Fair** this year on **Friday 15 November**. Moving forward, the College Fair will take place **every two years**.

At the DOSA committee meeting, our new Chairperson Matthew Taylor led the meeting with confidence and presented his vision for future projects for the group. I look forward to working with these two amazing committees and give thanks for their ongoing presence and support at Dominic College.

**Mr Steve Casni**  
**Dominic College Principal**



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## Deputy Principals

Dear Families,

We have had another couple of busy weeks at Dominic with students experiencing a range of learning opportunities. We would like to commend the students on the way they have settled into the new academic year with a strong commitment to their studies and upholding the College's high expectations.

### Year 7 Camp 4 – 8 March 2024

The Year 7 cohort has been settling into their new high school routines and timetables well. Staff and students are looking forward to the upcoming Year 7 Camp at Fortescue Bay. This is an important camp as it gives students the opportunity to forge new friendships and to begin their journey into the Oratory Program. This will be a two day/one night experience and will be organised through House Groups. During camp week, students who are onsite will experience an alternative program with a focus on a Salesian Immersion where they will learn more about Dominic College's history with a focus on the British Child Migrants.

### Secondary Athletics Carnival

The Domain was alive with activity and colour on Wednesday as Dominic's secondary students descended upon the venue to challenge themselves in track and field events. Congratulations to students for your wonderful participation, involvement and support for your classmates as you clapped and cheered them on throughout the day.



### Year 3-6 Swimming Carnival

The day kicked off with enthusiastic cheers echoing across the poolside as students, dressed in vibrant house colours, gathered to showcase their swimming prowess. From seasoned athletes to first-time competitors, everyone embraced the spirit of friendly rivalry and camaraderie. A heartfelt thank you to all the staff, volunteers, and participants who contributed to the success of the Swimming Carnival. Your dedication and enthusiasm made this event a splashing success! Special congratulations to Guzman House on securing first place for the event for 2024.



## From Deputy Principals continued...



### NAPLAN 2024

Students will be sitting NAPLAN between 13-25 March 2024.

The National Assessment Program-Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are already learning at school. On its own, NAPLAN is not a test that can be studied for, and students are not expected to do so. NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process – it does not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance; however, students and parents may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.

This is the first year NAPLAN will be held in March, having previously taken place in May. This change was made so school systems would have access to results earlier in the school year, so they can be used to inform teaching and learning plans for the remainder of the year. We ask that students involved avoid making any outside appointments during the time of testing.

#### *Why NAPLAN is conducted online*

NAPLAN online provides a better assessment and more precise results. One of the main benefits of NAPLAN online is that it uses tailored (or adaptive) testing. This means that students receive questions better suited to their abilities, so they can show what they know and can do. Online testing also allows us to provide a wide range of accessibility options to support students with disabilities to access NAPLAN. Feedback from students is that they find the online test more engaging. Please note that students in Year 3 complete the Writing Test on paper.

Please find below a link to the official National Assessment Program (NAP) website.

[NAPLAN information brochure for parents and carers](#)

### **Eight Hours Day Holiday**

A public holiday for Eight Hours Day is coming up on Monday 11 March. Staff and students will return to school on Tuesday 12 March. We hope this extra day is relaxing and fun for all.

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





## Learning and Wellbeing - Kinder/Prep

### A positive start to school - how to reduce drop-off tears

The beginning of the school year can be a big adjustment for everyone. Following these simple guidelines can help make it a positive experience.

Prepare your child. Tell your child you'll be dropping him/her off in the mornings and be back at pick-up time. Give as many details as you can such as what activities they may do, the playground, snack time and a bathroom routine, and that you'll return in the afternoon. This way the story you tell them will play itself out and come true. Your child will trust that you've told them the truth.

Separate confidently and mind your language. In order for your child to feel confident, you have to be comfortable and convincing when saying goodbye. Saying something like "I love you. See you in the afternoon." is a lot more reassuring than "Don't worry my darling. Before you know it, mommy will be back to get you."

Don't expect it to be seamless. It's normal to have ups and downs. The most important thing is that you remain calm and stick with your decision while validating their feelings.

Avoid a daily struggle. The problem is when every day becomes a struggle, not just the first few. It's time then to evaluate if you are really doing the drop-off in a confident way. Having a long, drawn-out daily struggle to separate is not helpful at all for a child.

Let school be your child's territory. School is your child's place of work and play. Talk about school to your child as if it is their territory. Tell them about your day and what you plan to do at work or at home. Make them understand they are in control of their own experiences.

If you want to alleviate some fears and tears at drop-off time, be the model that your child learns from. The number one factor in having a positive drop-off experience is for YOU to be positive.

(Excerpt from [www.empoweredparents.co](http://www.empoweredparents.co))

### Ms Ruth Scanlon - Lead Teacher: LIL, Kindergarten and Prep



A HOME THAT WELCOMES





## Learning and Wellbeing - Secondary

Bosco House has been off to a flying start to the 2024 academic year. It amazes me more and more each school year, the ability our students have to make our College such a welcoming and family-like environment. It is something our community is very proud of.

On Wednesday we participated in our 7-10 Athletics Carnival. Bosco have had exceptional number of students participating and demonstrating great house spirit.

We have welcomed our Year 7 Bosco students into our house family, and they are fitting right in. Our Year 8-10 students have demonstrated outstanding skills in leadership and mentoring. We are blessed to have a wonderful team of House Leaders, SRC representatives and Year 10 students to demonstrate exceptional leadership skills to model to the rest of our community.

Our House Leaders have been working very hard with their planning for 2024. This includes ways in which to build our house community including, Sports Carnivals, building community during feast days, Morning Oratory Group Competitions and much more.

### ***Ms Kiera Farr - Lead Teacher: Bosco House***



## College Vice Captains

### **Staff vs Student Games**

As we make our way towards the middle of our first term back, the student leadership team is very excited to share some of our goals for 2024. One of our primary aims for this year is to foster a collaborative environment by gathering ideas from students across the entirety of the school. To achieve this we will be working with S.R.C representatives during our Oratory Program classes in order to conduct surveys,

gather ideas and find out what is truly important to the student body and what we can implement across the school to create a positive impact on our school community.

Each student's voice is crucial in shaping the direction of our school and we encourage everyone to remember that if you have any ideas or initiatives you want to get off the ground, speak to your S.R.C representatives or one of your Year 10 Captains.

Another thing that we would like to highlight is our Oratory Program that this year has a key focus on Service Learning which involves students taking part in activities that will help the wider community. For our Year 9 students, this means dedicating time to cooking once a term for Loui's Van – an activity which they started last week and which has helped them to understand how their actions can positively contribute to the lives of others. Additionally, next week all students through Years 7-10 will participate in Clean Up Australia Day during their Oratory Program lessons. This will help us all to gain an understanding of how our small actions can contribute to making our College environment, and in turn, the environment of our planet, a better place.

Let's make 2024 a year defined by collaboration, innovation and positive change.

### ***Brooke Ackerly and Will Ackroyd - 7-10 College Vice Captains***

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## Faith, Mission and Identity

### Project Compassion

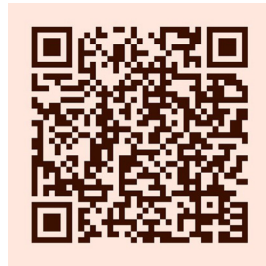
Project Compassion is the major annual fundraising appeal of the Catholic Church. Spanning across the six weeks of Lent each year, Project Compassion brings thousands of Australian schools, parishes and supporters together to raise funds for people living in some of the most vulnerable communities across the world.

Dominic College is once again excited to participate in Project Compassion and play our part to make a difference!

Our secondary Vinnies group and Mission Captains are currently hard at work planning numerous fundraisers for the coming weeks ahead.

This year Caritas have moved to an online system to donate funds directly to a 'team'. All members of our College community are welcome to donate to the Dominic College Project Compassion team via the following link:

[Dominic College- Caritas | Project Compassion Schools](#). Or using the QR code below:



### Secondary Recycling Bins

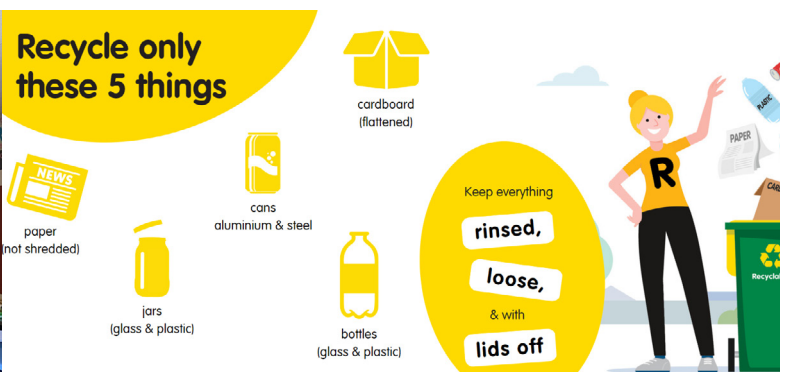
At the conclusion of 2023, the secondary Vinnies group held a BBQ and Zooper Dooper fundraiser. This raised over \$300! The Vinnies group decided that they wanted to use the money raised to buy recycling bins for all secondary Oratory Group classrooms.

This is in alignment with our commitment to environmental stewardship and supports Laudato Si – an encyclical written by Pope Francis. The encyclical calls for responsible stewardship and care of our common home, emphasising the interconnectedness of humanity and the environment.

Furthermore, the student initiative aligns with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). We hope that this is a step to further enhancing a culture of recycling and stewardship.

This week the recycling bins were presented to each Oratory Group to use. It is so pleasing to see our students taking a bold step towards sustainability.

### Mr Adam Lapolla - Director of Faith, Mission and Identity







## Faith, Mission and Identity

Welcome.

It has been wonderful seeing the students gather together in prayer each morning to welcome each new day and talk to God. This is one of the many ways we come together and build on our relationships with each other and God. Each class has a special sacred prayer table where they share prayerful experiences and opportunities, including an acknowledgment of country.

The Mini Vinnies group has started up again and has had two meetings in Magone B. The Mini Vinnies are a small group of students from Years 3-6 that gather fortnightly. During this time they participate in outreach experiences, raising an awareness for those in need such as St. Vincent de Paul and Caritas. Students are also at the centre of fundraising campaigns, advertising, collecting money and the running of fundraising events such as selling icy poles or hot chocolates. All students are encouraged to join and be a part of the innovation and comradeship that comes with joining this amazing Mini Vinnies committee. New members are always welcome.

We have started our first fundraiser, raising funds for Caritas with a lolly jar guessing competition. The Mini Vinnies crew have been collecting guesses over a two-week period and we will announce a winner soon. Our next fundraiser will be an icy pole drive where each student is invited to purchase one Zooper Dooper. Please see class notes for the day.

Ash Wednesday (14 February) was the start of Lent, a time to prepare and reflect on Holy Week, culminating with Easter Sunday. During Lent we are reminded to be generous and giving to others, fast and spend time in prayer. The children have come up with something they can give up or sacrifice during this time and encouraged to give their time to others in need.

If your child is interested in continuing their sacramental journey this year, information will be communicated in the coming weeks as timetables are being organised and set up within the local parishes. This program is suited for students in Year 3-6.

***Mrs Bradi McGee - Religious Education Coordinator: Primary***







## Learning and Curriculum - Year 1

### Buddy fun in Year One!

The Year One (timita) classes had the opportunity last week to get to know their Year 5 buddies during World Read Aloud Day. Our buddies joined us in the great outdoors for a shared session of reading and conversation. Observing older peers enjoying and engaging with books is a great motivator in encouraging younger students who are just beginning their reading journey. Stories in books are magical, no matter how young or old we are!

***Ms Carly Hodgkinson, Ms Amanda Brown, Mrs Bridget Taylor and Mrs Allison Lowe - Year 1 Teachers***







## Learning and Curriculum - Year 4

What a great start Year 4 has had to the new school year!

As the new year and term has begun – Year 4 kicked it off with a celebration of World Read Aloud Day! This global celebration of literacy not only enhances a love of reading but also provided the fantastic opportunity for Year 4s to connect

with their buddy classes.

Year 4 eagerly met with their Prep buddies for the first time and bonded over their love of reading. The Year 4s were able to foster new friendships and reinforce old connections as they settled down with familiar and unfamiliar stories from the adventures of the Very Hungry Caterpillar to the colourful tale of Tiny Wonders! The joy of reading aloud has set the tone for a year filled with shared adventures in learning!

Stepping into Year 4, the students not only have embraced the academic challenges, but also the resistibility of being role models. The Year 4s have shown exemplary efforts these first few weeks by upholding and demonstrating our College values and through wearing their school uniforms with pride.

A great new year of amazing learning adventures lie ahead for these Year 4 students, one of fostering old and new connections as they continue to help make the College a Playground Where Friends Meet.

***Mrs Bethany Cooper, Mr Gihan Gunadasa and Ms Jenna Sheppard - Year 4 Teachers***







## Learning and Curriculum - The Arts

### Enriching Opportunities in The Arts

We are thrilled to announce the continuation of private instrumental lessons for the academic year. If your child has a passion for music and wishes to explore their talents further, we encourage you to sign them up for private instrumental lessons. Further details and the enrolment form can be found on the College website [here](#).

Moreover, we are delighted to see the resurgence of our Creative Arts Co-curricular groups. The enthusiasm from students has been incredible, and it's not too late to join in the fun! Please refer to the notices for more information on how to get involved. The timetable of co-curricular activities is available below for your convenience.

In the spirit of celebrating our students' talents, we've already had two remarkable performances by our Senior Choir and Stage Band. The Senior Choir graced us with their harmonious voices at the College Opening Mass, while the Stage Band rocked the stage at Relay for Life at the Domain last Saturday.

We commend all our students who have participated and encourage others to explore the exciting opportunities available within The Arts at Dominic College.

### The Arts Co-Curricular Timetable – Term 1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School		Senior Choir			
Break 1	Junior Choir (Year 3-6)				
Break 2	Beginners Drama Club: Valdocco	Taiko (Advanced Year 8-10)	Taiko (Beginner Years 6-7)	Drama Club Junior Band	Improv Club Week 1 (Year 5/6) Week 2 (Year 7-10)
After School	Primary After School Drama	Stage Band	After School Art	Senior Concert Band	

***Mrs Katherine Denholm - Lead Teacher: The Arts***







## P&F Report

This year has begun with a flying start, with Easter Raffle preparations already happening. Ticket books have started to go home, with more available at the Business Office, or online through the QR code on the ticket book cover, and at <https://www.trybooking.com/CPJYG>. With tickets only being \$1, you can purchase 1, 5, 10, or 20 at a time. We are asking everyone in our wonderful community to donate something towards the raffle prizes; be it Easter chocolate, soft toys, books, or baskets, to help us create as many prizes as possible. All raffle tickets, money, and donations can be handed into your child's primary class teacher, secondary Oratory teacher, or straight to the Business Office. **Please**

*ensure that anything edible is not free and in date.*

We have started looking towards planning our **Community Fair**, which will be on 15 November this year. Our first meeting will be happening in the next two weeks, so if you would like to help us, please email us at [parentsandfriends@dominic.tas.edu.au](mailto:parentsandfriends@dominic.tas.edu.au) and we will send you the details. Our next general committee meeting is on 20 March where we will be planning the theme and details for the Kinder to Year 6 Disco happening next term. Please feel free to come along to have a say.

Thank you for your donations.

**Ms Fiona Laycock-Taylor - Dominic P&F President**

**Easter Raffle 2024**  
**Tickets are \$1 each**

Tickets can be bought as a single  
or in books of 5, 10, and 20

To purchase tickets scan the QR code or visit  
<https://www.trybooking.com/CPJYG>

Prizes Drawn Wednesday March 27

Donations of Easter eggs and bunnies, candies,  
Easter themed toys and mugs, stuffed toys,  
and baskets are very welcome  
**Please ensure they are not free and within date**

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## 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](http://www.dominic.tas.edu.au/enrolment)

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## Upcoming Events

4-8 March

8 March

11 March

12 March

16 March

20 March

21 March

21 March

22 March

25 March

26 March

28 March

29 March

1 April

1 April

2 April

11 April

12 April

Year 7 Camp

International Women's Day

Eight Hour Day Holiday

Year 7-10 SSATIS Athletics Carnival

Liverpool International Academy Community Taster Day

P&F Meeting (Tweedy Room at 6.30pm)

Harmony Day

Shizuoka Salesio School Visit

Year 7-10 SATIS Athletics Carnival

Year 3-6 Independent Swimming Carnival

Year 7 2026 Twilight Tour Parent and Student Information Evening

K-10 Morning Tea Tour

Good Friday

Year 10 Japan Study Tour

Easter Monday

Easter Tuesday

K-10 Term 1 Expectation Reports Available

Term 1 Ends

