DOMINIC COLLEGE NEWSLETTER





From the Principal

Dear Families and Friends,

As Term 2 continues to unfold we are blessed as a faith community to have opportunities for reflection and celebration, it is essential to recognise two significant events in the Catholic community: Pentecost and the

Feast of Mary Help of Christians that are central to our life as a community.

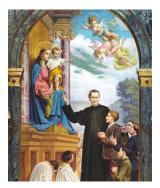
Pentecost Sunday is celebrated 50 days after Easter and marks the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles. This event, often considered the "birthday of the Church," empowered the apostles to preach the Gospel in different languages, symbolising the universal reach of Christ's message.

Pentecost reminds us of the Holy Spirit's role in guiding and uniting the Church, inspiring us to spread faith across diverse cultures and communities. The Holy Spirit's arrival empowered the apostles with the gifts of wisdom, courage, and understanding, fostering a spirit of mission within the Church.

I had the privilege of attending mass last Sunday with members of staff and several families at our local parish **St John the Baptist, Glenorchy** to take part in a Multilingual Mass to celebrate the many cultures and languages present in our community.

I invite you all to come along to mass as a family at our parish. Mass times and locations are listed on their website: http://cdtas.org.au/glenorchy/MassTimes.aspx

The Feast of Mary Help of Christians, celebrated on 24 May, has a special place in the hearts of the Salesians of Don Bosco St. John Bosco, the founder of the Salesian Order, had a profound devotion to Mary under this title, believing that she played a crucial role in his mission to educate and support the youth.



The Salesians honour Mary Help of Christians as their principal patron, seeking her guidance and protection in their educational and pastoral activities. We were fortunate to commence our day today with a lovely prayer service in Oratory classes to mark this special feast day.



Both these celebrations remind us of the enduring power of faith and community. Pentecost calls us to embrace the Holy Spirit's gifts and spread the Gospel, while the Feast of Mary Help of Christians inspires us to support and uplift one another,

especially the young, in our educational endeavours.

Year 7 Religious Education Retreat

Our Year 7 students took part in their annual retreat focused on the theme "We are Salesian". All students unpacked the Charter for Salesian Schools in Australia, identifying how the four pillars are lived at school. Students explored the Salesian Strenna for 2024, with an emphasis on putting "Loving-Kindness" into action through a range of activities: kindness chalk art, gratitude letters and Strenna reflection.

Well done to all students for their excellent focus and engagement throughout the day and for the reverence they displayed during prayer and reflective times.



From the Principal continued...

K-2 Cross Country

Congratulations to our amazing K-2 students for their enthusiastic participation in last week's Cross-Country event! Your energy and determination were truly inspiring. A big thank you to all the parents and families who came out to support and cheer on our young athletes. Your presence made the day even more special. Well done, everyone!



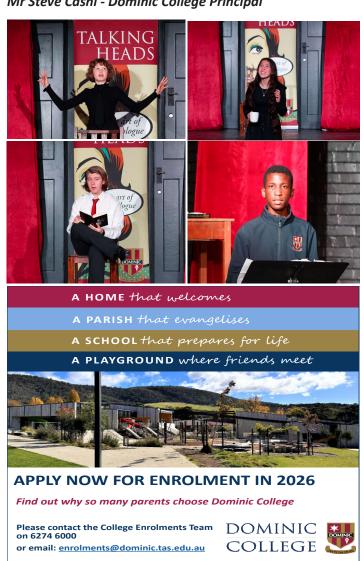
Talking Heads Drama Performance

I commend our Drama students for their outstanding performances during our recent Talking Heads evening. Each student brought their character to life with passion, skill, and dedication, captivating the audience and showcasing their incredible talent. Your hard work and creativity truly shone on stage, and we could not be prouder.

Congratulations to all our young thespians for a memorable and engaging evening!

A huge thank you to our P&F for their generous contribution towards the purchase of the new lighting rig as part of the upgrades to the Fr John Brennan Theatre.

Mr Steve Casni - Dominic College Principal







Deputy Principals

Dear Families,

Congratulations to all the students who presented their monologues in this year's "Talking Heads" production. This talented group of performers showcased their skills and ensured their audience had a wonderful evening of entertainment in the community. At Dominic, we are lucky to offer a wide range of creative arts opportunities and look forward to seeing more performances and showcases

from our wonderful students as the year unfolds.









Year 10 Mid-Year Exams

All Year 10 students will be participating in Mid-Year Exams from 3 - 7 June. These aim to give Year 10 students the opportunity to prepare and sit an exam prior to the end of year exams in Term 4. Please see the schedule below:

	Monday 3 June	Tuesday 4 June	Wednesday 5 June	Thursday 6 June	Friday 7 June
LS1 – LS2 9am - 11am	English	RE			Science
LS3 - LS4 11:30am - 1:30pm		GYC Expo 12:15pm - 2:00pm	Hass	Math	

On Tuesday 4 June, Year 10 students will visit GYC for an introduction to the college and a chance to see the facilities. This is one of the many opportunities provided to facilitate the transition to their next stage of education.

Uniform Reminder

With the onset of colder weather in Term 2, there is often a need for students to wear more uniform layers. In order to avoid uniform items being lost, families are reminded to check that all items of the uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name, Year level and class/Oratory Group. Staff will ensure any labelled items handed into Lost Property are returned in a timely manner.

Mrs Alicia McMahon - Deputy Principal: Primary and Mrs Jan Marcenko - Deputy Principal: Secondary







College Vice Captains

At Dominic College, we are very fortunate to have the opportunity to take part in excursions through our coursework and as part of co-curricular activities. These excursions give us the chance to expand our knowledge base and learn in an environment outside of the classroom.

Last Thursday 16 May, students from Physical and Life Sciences, along with other selected students, participated in the UTAS Science & Engineering Challenge. This

science outreach program aims to broaden students' perceptions of science and engineering, encouraging us to consider careers in these fields by exposing us to aspects we wouldn't typically encounter in a school setting. During the event, we were engaged in a variety of practical group challenges, such as efficiently powering a small city, building an energy-generating wind turbine, and constructing a wooden plane to be launched across the room. All students thoroughly enjoyed their experience at this event, represented the College with pride, and demonstrated to others the benefits of taking part in one of the many co-curricular opportunities that the College has to offer.

On Friday 17 May, the 9/10 Media arts class attended an excursion to the Botanical Gardens. This excursion gave students the chance to expand their subject matter, and photograph things that would otherwise be unavailable to them. Focusing on composition and manual settings, it was another great opportunity for these students to learn practical skills with cameras that they will be able to build upon, both inside and outside of the classroom.

All students are encouraged to get involved in as many different co-curricular activities as they can throughout the year, and to make the most of excursions when the opportunities arise.

Brooke Ackerly and William Ackroyd - College Vice Captains

Tahlia's Journey

In March 2024, Tahlia Sulman was awarded the *National Scout Medallion* which is the peak award for Australian Scouting. It was earnt upon the completion of all competencies, including a series of extensive technical and physical tasks throughout 4 years of scouting with the Lindisfarne Scout Troop.

Tahlia gained many leadership, teamwork and life skills through activities including orienteering, camping, hiking for days in remote locations, first aid and problem solving. Over the 4 years she hiked 254 kilometres, many in rough terrain with a heavy pack and camped 26 nights in some of the most beautiful remote areas Tasmania has to offer. Tahlia and her patrol also won the *State Scout Clark Trophy* against all remaining Scout Troops in Tasmania, 4 years in a row. This Trophy is an annual event for all Tasmania Scout Troops over 3 days, in select remote locations. Tahlia was challenged, often in undesirable ground and weather conditions, where scout knowledge and preparation is key while a series of technical challenges were carried out, scored and tallied on the final day to determine the winners.

In March 2023, Tahlia also joined as an *Australian Army Cadet* and is currently working towards rank of Lance Corporal and hopes to earn the rank of Sergeant in the coming years. During ANZAC Day last month, she represented her unit and held the position of the Flag Bearer for the Dawn Service and then went to a second location and marched as a member of the Catafalque Party for the morning service.

Tahlia's achievements, her dedication and ability to teach, help and support others, is a credit to her leadership, initiative, and independence. She dedicates her accomplishments to great mentors in her Scout Troop Leaders, who taught her discipline, resilience, life skills and she hopes to now motivate and inspire younger students to follow in her footsteps.









Faith Mission and Identity - Secondary

Year 7 Retreat

On Tuesday 21 May, Year 7 students experienced their first Retreat exploring the theme "We are Salesian". This was a very special occasion for our students as the Retreat program provides the opportunity for students to strengthen their faith and spirituality. The Year 7 Retreat was centred around our Salesian Charism and putting this into action.

Students unpacked the four pillars of the Charter for Salesian Schools in Australia and illustrated how we at Dominic College are:

- A HOME that welcomes...
- A PARISH that evangelises...
- A **SCHOOL** that prepares for life...
- A **PLAYGROUND** where friends meet and enjoy themselves...

Year 7s created Don Bosco's popular Biretta, designing and displaying the four pillars on each side. They were introduced to this year's Salesian Strenna:

The dream that makes you dream. A heart that transforms wolves into lambs.

A major theme from Don Bosco's dream is "Loving Kindness" and students explored ways they can put this into action within our school community.

The day was concluded with a lovely Liturgy in which all students were able to reflect on the experiences and opportunities of the day.

STEENIA 2004 THE DREAM THAT MAKES YOU DREAM A variety fire boxes.

Year 8 Retreat - Reminder

The Year 8 Retreat is Tuesday 28 May, onsite at school. Information has been sent out via **Consent2Go**. Students are asked to wear PE uniform. BBQ lunch is provided for all students.

Vinnies Winter Appeal

The annual Vinnies Winter Appeal has commenced! This year, Vinnies are grateful to have the following items donated:

- Nonperishable foods
- Hygiene and personal care product
- Winter woollies

All 7-10 students are encouraged to donate the above items. Please drop them off in the old 7-10 Student Services area.



Obtain for us, O Mary, Help of Christians, that having invoked you on earth we may love and eternally thank you in heaven.

Mr Adam Lapolla - Director of Faith, Mission and Identity - K-10











Faith Mission and Identity - Primary

Sacraments

Congratulations to a Year 3 student who is making his sacramental journey through St. John's Church. Please let your class teacher know if you are interested in making your sacraments.

Congratulations to the students who were baptised

earlier this year.

Mini Vinnies

This term we are collecting for St Vincent de Paul through the Winter Appeal. We are asking for winter woollies donations such as coats, beanies, scarves etc. We are also collecting food items such as canned goods (soup), toothbrushes, long life products etc.



The donations can be sent to school with your child as there will be tubs in the classroom for donations to be left. This will continue for the majority of the term and collected late June from the St Vincent de Paul volunteers.

Mother's Day Mass

Thank you to all of our community members who came to celebrate an early Mother's Day with our 7:45am Chapel service. Your presence is very much appreciated and we look forward to welcoming everyone at the Father's Day Mass later in the year.

Mrs Bradi McGee - Religious Education Coordinator: Primary



P&F Report

In three weeks, Friday 14 June, we are running our fabulous Kinder to Year 6 **Silent Disco**! Kombi Krew are back with their headphones and amazing mix of tunes and will have everyone dancing away in the Oratory Space. Kinder to Year 2 students will be from 4:30pm to 5:30pm, and Years 3 to 6 will be from 6pm to 7pm. The information on how to buy tickets will be sent out next week.

Our theme this year is *Hollywood*. There will be a red carpet for ticket holders to walk along, with the opportunity to have their photo taken by school paparazzi. We will have a canteen running with small

chocolates, bags of chips and water for sale. We do encourage all ticket holders to bring along a named water bottle for their session.

If parents are wanting to join their younger child during the Kinder to Year 2 session, we do ask that you purchase a ticket as well. There is a limit as to how many people can be in the Oratory Space and will not be able to let parents just wander in and out during the session. We look forward to dancing the evening away with our Kinder to Year 6 students.

With this being National Volunteer Week, I wish to say a huge thank you to all of our wonderful parents, grandparents and other family members who help us with our events. Without all of these volunteers, we would not be able to have any of these events or do all of the fabulous extra things for our College. I would also like to acknowledge all of the other volunteers who participate in College life. We are a richer community due to the selfless commitment all our volunteers make.

Ms Fiona Laycock-Taylor - Dominic P&F President







Learning and Curriculum - Year 1

Year 1 Students Illuminate the Sky with Art Inspired by the Southern Lights

On Saturday 11 May, many of our students were lucky enough to witness the beautiful display of our Southern Lights. This natural light display, also known as the Aurora Australis, dazzled the night sky with its vibrant colours. Inspired by this celestial spectacle, our Year 1 classes have been hard at work creating beautiful pieces of art that capture the essence of this natural wonder.

The Southern Lights served as a perfect bridge to our current science unit, which focuses on the changing sky. Our young artists have been exploring how natural phenomena like the auroras occur and the science behind these stunning displays. The children have learned about the interaction between solar wind and the Earth's magnetic field, which creates the luminous glow seen in the sky.

Under the guidance of their teachers, the Year 1 students used a variety of mediums to express their interpretations of the Southern Lights. The classroom has been filled with vibrant paintings, pastel drawings, crayons, each reflecting the unique

perspective and creativity of the young artists.

In addition to the art projects, students have been integrating their observations into science lessons. They have been learning about the causes of different types of weather and how various atmospheric conditions can change the sky's appearance. The excitement of seeing the Southern Lights has sparked a deeper interest in the natural world and how it functions.

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





Learning and Curriculum - Year 4

In Year 4, our students have been on an exciting journey through history, diving into the world of England in the 1700s. They've explored the establishment of the first British colony and the epic voyage of the First Fleet, learning about the ships, writing narratives from the perspective of child convicts and creating stunning watercolour paintings of the fleet.

But history isn't just about exploration—it's also about understanding. Our students have reflected on the impact of the First Fleet's arrival on First Nations Australians, fostering empathy and a deeper appreciation for reconciliation.

Through their research, writing and artwork our Year 4 scholars have brought history to life, inspiring us all to continue learning and understanding the world around us.

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





Learning and Curriculum - Mathematics

Mathematics education is a journey that equips students with essential analytical skills. This term we are teaching some key concepts such as Pythagoras' Theorem and Trigonometry, fractions and ratios, exponential functions and logarithmic functions in Year 7-10. Each of these topics plays a critical role in developing a comprehensive understanding of mathematics.

Pythagoras' Theorem and Trigonometry are vital for solving problems involving right-angled triangles. The applications of these two concepts is so vast and varied making them indispensable

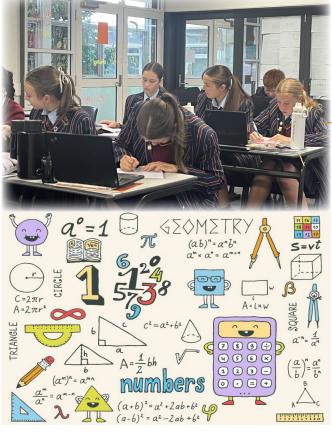
in both theoretical and practical realms. Their utility spans from the microscopic scale of engineering components to the astronomical scale of the universe, demonstrating their fundamental importance in our understanding and interaction with the world around us.

Fractions and Ratios are the building blocks of proportional reasoning. Teaching fractions involves helping students understand the concept of a part of a whole, equivalence and operations with fractions. Ratios, on the other hand, compare two quantities, showing how many times one value contains the other. Mastery of these concepts is crucial for advanced topics such as probability, scaling in geometry and algebraic expressions.

Exponential and logarithmic functions are key concepts in algebra and calculus. Exponential functions model real-world issues such as population growth, radioactive decay and compound interest. Understanding the properties and application of these functions is crucial for higher-level mathematics and sciences.

By building a strong foundation in these mathematical concepts we try to empower students to approach complex mathematical challenges with confidence and skill.

Ms Sunita Kumrai-Lead Teacher: Mathematics





Rediscover the joy of parenting as you learn evidence-based strategies that have worked for others and use it to help both you and your kids to grow together.' These parenting programs have been developed to help with the different stages of your child's growth.

6 session programs

Tuning in to Kids

Good for parents and carers of children aged 3-10 years to learn how to understand, connect with, and manage your child's emotions.

Tuning in to Teens

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Bookings are essential

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Learning and Curriculum - The Arts

The last week has been busy, as always in The Arts, with our Drama students performing in Talking Heads and the New Media Art students working on their photography skills at the Botanical Gardens. Thank you to Caitlin Love, New Media Art teacher and a Year 9 Drama Student for sharing their experiences below.

The 9/10 Media Art class visited the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens for a photography excursion on Friday. The rain stayed away for a fantastic afternoon, where students had the opportunity to

put their photography skills into practice. The excursion allowed students to test out their ideas, explore different ways of looking at their surroundings and test out different camera settings to respond to the varying light and subject matter of the gardens. Tim Nicholls, our UTAS pre-service teacher, worked with many students to refine their work and present new ways of photographing their subjects. We are grateful to have Tim with us, sharing his vast Photography knowledge with our students!

Our Media Art class is full of incredibly creative and dedicated students and the quality of their work truly speaks for itself. We will be able to share some of their photographic artworks in the coming weeks.

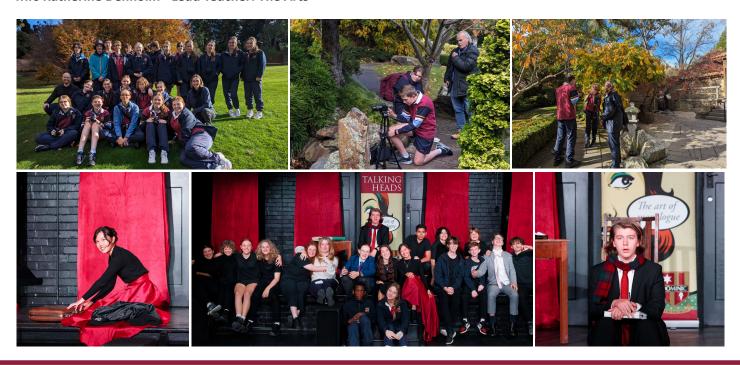
Last Thursday, the Senior Drama Class and Drama Club held the annual Talking Heads production and our first performance in the newly refurbished Father John Brennan Theatre.

The night was filled with talent as the students showcased Monologues and Solo Voice performances. We are all so proud of all the effort that we and the team behind us put into it. We spent weeks in class and during break times perfecting our lines, physicality and finding ourselves within our character. Dr Crerar not only supported, but encouraged us, as we learnt to gain confidence in ourselves and our roles. It was an incredible experience for me as I was able to express a character that isn't at all like myself, and to build my confidence with voice and movements.

The most memorable part of the whole journey was to work alongside my peers. As it came closer to the night - we too became closer as we watched and motivated each other, and enjoyed ourselves. We would have speed runs of our monologues at the same time to see who could finish first and I could not finish at all because I kept laughing. We learnt that the show was not about individuals performing, but a whole team coming together for one performance.

Thank you Dr Crerar and Mr O'Brien for all the effort you put into the makings of this production, and thank you especially to the students for an unforgettable night.

Mrs Katherine Denholm - Lead Teacher: The Arts







MacKillop Learning Centre - College Library

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Dominic College!

Families and friends of the College are invited to visit the K-6 Library to purchase books, stationery, and posters during the following times:

Tuesday 11 June – Friday 21 June

• Before school: 8.30am-9am

• After school: 3pm-4pm

Every purchase you make goes to support our school to buy more books for our library!

We will be accepting cash or online credit card payments.

Please note: no EFTPOS, Square or Tap and Go facilities.

National Simultaneous Storytime 2024

On Wednesday 22 May, Dominic College students participated in the National Simultaneous Storytime along with over 2.3 million other children in 21,000 locations around Australia, New Zealand and parts of Asia!

Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and

illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. Now in its 24th successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book that explores age-appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Foundation to Year 6.

Students joined together in their classrooms, Year groups, and with their buddy classes to read or watch a reading of the beautiful picture book 'Bowerbird Blues' by Aura Parker. Students then had the opportunity to participate in bowerbird inspired activities!

Mrs Sarah Bromfield - College Librarian







Sport K-10

Term 2 sport is well underway, with all teams having a fantastic start to their rosters.

With 7 Secondary Netball Teams this term, our Division 1 Teams are playing sensationally.

Our Representative Team have started strong winning their opening games comfortably, our year 8 team have played their hearts out against some very strong opponents, and our Year 7 team have had an even start to their roster. It's so good to see a solid contribution amongst all year levels. The future of netball at Dominic College is strong.

Dominic College has entered our first Year 7-8 boys AFL Team into a SSATIS roster in many years. Their opening game was a very convincing win against St Virgil's. This team will play all their games at Dominic at *4.15pm every Wednesday until 5 June* if you wish to come along and watch.

Our Year 3-6 Primary School Teams have 6 teams across netball and soccer this term. Watching these students, I am very proud of how they have conducted themselves and willing to play alongside their friends in a cheerful environment. Keep up the Dominic spirit.

This week, 22 May our SSATIS Cross Country Team competed at the Soldiers Memorial grounds with a very courageous school spirit. Full results: <u>SSATIS Cross Country 2024 (racetecresults.com)</u>.

The K-2 Cross Country was held on Wednesday 15 May with the football oval a sea of blue, green, red, and yellow. This day is a favourite day amongst staff and is great to see our students run their little hearts out with a smile on their face. The day could not have happened without the help of Ms. Millikan, Mr. Binning, Mrs. Davey and our VET Hospitality students. A big thank you to all parents/guardians, grandparents and family members who came along to support.

Friendly reminder the *Tas All Schools Cross Country* will be held at Symmons Plains on 13 June (Secondary) and 18 June (Primary). Dominic does not send teams to these events, and parents/guardians must register and supervise their child/ren on the day.

Upcoming carnivals

Friday 7 June – Year 3-6 STCPSSA (Catholic) Cross Country.

Wednesday 12 June – Year 3-6 JSSATIS (Independent) Cross Country.

Both Primary Cross-Country Carnivals will be held at the Police Academy, Rokeby. Students invited are encouraged to take an extra layer of clothing, a spare pair of socks and shoes and enough food to get them through the day. These days can often get quite chilly. In case of bad weather causing either of the events to be cancelled or postponed, a text message will go to parents and a post will be placed on our Facebook page as soon as possible.



Student Acknowledgement.

We have two students heading to Queensland this week to represent Tasmania in gymnastics. We wish you all the best, we can't wait to hear how you go.

Dominic College had a total of 22 students representing their local football club, in the recent Inaugural Devils Development Training. These students from under 13, through to under 15 were selected by their club to play in the development games. From here, 7 students were then selected into the Inaugural Devils Academy.

These students were the first 300 players in the state to start the next generation of AFL and AFLW pathways.

Congratulations to the winners. We really are excited to see what the future holds for you.

Mrs Kylee Chivers - Sports Administrator









Dominic Old Scholars News

Upcoming Reunions

THE GRAND SAVIO COLLEGE REUNION is being planned for the weekend of 18-20 October 2024, with events for exiting Savio students between 1947-1972 inclusive.

The Savio Reunion Planning Group includes Geoffrey Abel, Denis Bergman, John Stefankowski, Tony Webb and Paul Williams. 'Already, we are in contact with over 80 ex-students, a number of them from

the mainland and overseas,' said Tony. 'The dates are firmed with specific events still being finalised, allowing mainlanders to make flight bookings.'

How to register for attendance will be advised both by direct email and in social media channels. To be placed on the email contact list, please advise Tony Webb at tonywebb2001@gmail.com who will confirm your listing and send updates as they occur.

Other reunions are being planned for the Year 10 Classes of 1974, 1984, 1994, 2004 and 2014. Please visit www.dominic.tas.edu.au/community/dominic-old-scholars-association/reunions for links to Facebook groups and updated information. Or email oldscholars@dominic.tas.edu.au to stay in touch.

Donations to the Dominic College Archives

Thank you to old scholar Leesa O'Keefe (1983) who recently donated a box of bits and pieces from her father, esteemed teacher, Mr Graham O'Keefe, who passed away last year. Mr O'Keefe was a teacher at Holy Name then Dominic College and taught for over 40 years. Donations of memorabilia to Dominic College from old scholars are very much appreciated.

Mr Mark Dillon - Old Scholars Coordinator









Upcoming Events

27 May - 3 June National Reconciliation Week

28 May Year 8 Retreat 31 May - 2 June Oz Bosco 2024

3 - 7 June Year 10 Mid Year Exam Week
7 June STCPSSA Cross Country

0 June King's Birthday Public Holida

12 June P & F Meeting

12 June Year 3-6 Independent Cross Country

12 - 21 June Scholastic Book Fair 14 June P & F K-6 Silent Disco

25 June Assessment & Reporting - Parent Workshop
28 June St Dominic Savio & St John Bosco Feast Day
4 July K-10 Term 2 Progress Reports Available
5 July P & F K-10 Pyjama Day; Term 2 Ends

