

# DOMINIC COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

4 December 2025



From the Principal

## CELEBRATING OUR YEAR 10s

### Congratulations Year 10, Class of 2025!

During this term, we have come together as a community to prepare, celebrate, and say farewell to our Year 10 students as they complete their journey with us at Dominic College and look ahead to new opportunities. This is a significant milestone and we have marked it through events that reflect The Charter for Salesian Schools which is the heart of our school: A **HOME** that welcomes, A **PARISH** that evangelises, A **SCHOOL** that prepares for life and A **PLAYGROUND** where friends meet and enjoy themselves.

#### A Home that Welcomes

Our Morning Oratory Group and House Farewells followed by a BBQ brought students and staff together in a warm, informal setting to celebrate their contributions and wish them well for the journey ahead.

#### A Parish that Evangelises

The Graduation Mass provided a sacred moment to give thanks for the gifts and talents of our Year 10 cohort, entrusting their future to God's care as they move forward. Families joined us as part of this celebration, strengthening the sense of community and shared faith that underpins our College values.

#### A School that Prepares for Life

Our students completed their End of Year 10 Exams demonstrating their academic growth and readiness for senior secondary education. Student achievements were recognised and rewarded for their excellence and effort across all learning areas at the Year 6-10 Awards Ceremony. Family members attended and proudly supported their children in this shared celebration culminating years of academic achievements during their time at Dominic College.

#### A Playground Where Friends Meet

Finally, The Belling Out Ceremony and Graduation Dinner offered opportunities for laughter, reflection, and shared memories – moments that strengthen friendships and honour the bonds formed during their time together at the College.



*“Anchored in hope, pilgrims with young people.” - 2025 Strenna*



## From the Principal continued...

These events remind us that education is more than academics; it is about faith, friendship, and belonging. Congratulations on becoming Old Scholars of Dominic College. You now join a proud and growing family of alumni who carry the Salesian and Dominican spirit into the wider world. We look forward to hearing about your future achievements and the positive impact you will make on society.

Well done, Year 10! You leave behind a legacy to be proud of, and we send you forward with our prayers and best wishes. Go confidently, with faith and courage, into this next exciting chapter of your lives!

**Blessings and Congratulations,**

**Mr Stephen Casni**  
**Dominic College Principal**



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From the Principal continued...



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## A COMMUNITY OF FRIENDS

Dear Families,

This week has been emotional as we proudly belled our Year 10 cohort down the College driveway to honour them as they completed their formal education at Dominic College. We send them off with much love and appreciation for their contributions to the life of the College.

The class of 2025 sat their final exams last week and this week they have been participating in a range of activities, lessons and assemblies. Throughout their time at the College, they have immersed themselves in their learning and worked hard to achieve their potential across a vast range of activities and curriculum areas, whether it be on the sporting field, in the creative arts precinct, or through community outreach. Class of 2025, as you venture out in your various directions, we remind you that you will always hold a special place in our hearts and you will always belong to our community as Dominic Old Scholars. Best wishes to all of our Year 10 students in their future endeavours!

### Year 10 Report Collection Friday 12 December, 2025

Year 10 students are invited back to the College on Friday 12 December to collect their reports, Yearbooks and Statements of Achievement and Participation. Students can drop into the [Mackillop Learning Centre](#) between 9.00am-10.00 am to collect these items. If they are unable to make it at that time, the items will be available in the Business Office, Grantleigh, during office hours.

### Reminder for Year 10 Students Enrolled at GYC: Head Start Program

Don't forget, the Head Start Program kicks off soon! Head Start is GYC's Orientation Program for new students that turbocharges their transition to senior secondary education.

This year, Head Start will commence on **Monday 8 December**. Enrolled families should have now received communication from GYC about this. If this has not occurred, please ensure you contact GYC as soon as possible so they can assist you.



**Mrs Alicia McMahon - Deputy Principal - Primary**

**Mrs Jan Marcenko - Deputy Principal - Secondary**



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## YEAR 10 LEADERS 2025

We will be forever grateful for the opportunity to be the College Captain team of 2025. It has been a great privilege to represent Dominic College, while also having the chance to grow alongside our school community. Every day became an exciting opportunity, and we can't begin to believe that it is now time to continue our journey beyond these school grounds. We will always carry the lessons and memories we've made here, and are proud to say that Dominic is a chapter of our lives that we will never forget.

Throughout the year, we have had the chance to reintroduce old traditions and build off existing events. For the first time since 2017, we sold pancakes to celebrate Shrove Tuesday, the final day before Lent. We made around 500 pancakes to kick-start fundraising for Project Compassion, raising important funds to unite against poverty. Then on the shortest day of the year, we took part in the SpeakUp! StayChatTY Shorts Day to raise awareness about mental health, an initiative introduced to our school last year. Students from Kinder through to Year 10 were encouraged to wear their brightest pair of shorts to brave the cold and brave the conversation, and spend time together during breaks where music and games were available.

From the beginning, our hope was always to strengthen our community spirit, and as we reflect upon this year, we find this has been achieved through events and activities that have grown our connections. We could not have done this alone, with our friends, the House Captains and SRC members, non-stop planning and taking charge in their roles. Thank you to the Creative Arts Captains, for their commitment to the busy year with the Cabaret, the Visual Arts Exhibition, and the Music and Dance Showcase. Thank you to the Sport Captains who worked hard to lead our HPE week, House vs House Competitions, and for their encouragement during our Cross-Country and Athletics Carnivals. Thank you to the Academic Captains, for their efforts in Science Week and support throughout the year, and for their role in leading the Primary Passport Club. And thank you to the Mission Captains for their involvement in fundraising, retreats, and feast day celebrations. All these events are highlights of the year for us, because of how they brought us together as a school community. These activities were chances to build connections with friends, as well as make new ones, and we hope this school spirit is continued to be built upon.

In August, we all got the chance to go to OzBosco, a Salesian youth camp that was held at Safety Beach, Victoria. We made friends with people from different Salesian schools across Australia, and participated in activities from gaga ball, to reflecting on the teachings of Don Bosco as we explored this year's stenna, "*Anchored in hope, pilgrims with young people.*"

We have made a start on bringing more connection between the precincts, and hope that this can be developed in the future. A joint SRC Meeting was held between the 7-10 Student Leaders and Year 6 Captains, which meant everyone was able to bring their ideas together and collaborate about more opportunities to explore, with Passport Club providing the chance for student leaders to head down to the 3-6 and help out. In Taiko, the Japanese Drumming Group that we have all been a part of, the Secondary and Primary School Students combined to perform a piece together for the Music and Dance Showcase, which was a valuable experience.

We are thankful for the opportunity to present this Captain's Report as a team of four. Over the past year, we have collaborated in all areas possible, choosing to deliver our Captain's Addresses together during events and assemblies.





## Year 10 Leaders continued...

Achieving goals can be difficult with how quickly the school year goes by in leadership, so for us, this ability to be a more united front has been something we are proud to have done. We are hopeful that this further collaboration continues to develop and inspire many.

None of this would have been possible without the incredible support and encouragement from so many people.

Firstly, to Mr Casni, thank you for your outstanding leadership and faith in us. You have been an amazing role model to all of us and we are grateful for your continued support and encouragement. You always listen to our ideas and concerns and we know the work that we have done this year would not be possible without your support. To Mrs Marcenko and Mrs McMahon, we appreciate the work you put in and the positive effect you have on our school. We greatly appreciate you all checking in with us and offering us support since the end of last year.



To Ms Kumrai and Ms Lomi, you have both stepped into new positions this year with grace and leadership. Both of you have been an amazing help through the various challenges we've faced and your support and words of encouragement have been greatly appreciated. We wish you both the best of luck in your positions and know that you will both continue to have a positive impact on the school.

To Mr Kershaw, thank you for everything you have done for us. From the moment we arrived in Year 7, to your ongoing guidance this year, you have never failed to support us in all that we do. You always give your full self, whether it may be in class or sorting out everything in your immense amount of duties, and we will be forever grateful to you. Thank you for looking after all of us in Japan, for encouraging us in every assembly and article, for helping us out whenever we had maths problems, and for always believing in every single one of us. We truly could not imagine how we could function in these leadership roles without you, and appreciate you for making our time as leaders all the better.

To all the teachers and staff, thank you for all your hard work and support over the years. Your care for every student and the work you do does not go unnoticed. We are grateful for your continued support throughout the year and being understanding of our commitments.

Furthermore, we all want to congratulate the incoming College Captains and Vice-Captains of 2026. Lucy Martin, Jujhaar Jhaggi, Tanishka Kumrai, and Kane Tran, we wish you all the best in your final year at Dominic, and are comforted to know that we are passing our roles to a bright team of leaders. Remember to always stick by each other and make the most of every moment, as we know first-hand how quick it can all go by. We know that you will all do a wonderful job, as you are all determined and compassionate individuals, and we hope you enjoy this journey as much as we have.

And finally, to the Class of 2025, we could never be more grateful that we could enjoy these four years of school with you. We started Year 7 having to get to know each other while wearing our face masks, and looking back at those pictures of us at 12 and 13 years old, it is unbelievable how far we've come. Over the years, we've all dreamed of the day we graduate, thinking that it was so long away, and now, it is time to embark on our own paths wherever it may be. The memories that we have created here are unforgettable, and we cannot possibly manage to say thank you in one short paragraph. Know that each one of you are able to achieve anything, from seeing everyone's accomplishments just at school we know there is no doubt that everyone is extremely talented. Because of all of you, our experience here is forever memorable, and we will always be thankful for you.

As we move forward to the next stage of our schooling, we are proud of our achievements, and the memories we have shared together are ones we will never forget. It has been an honour to be your College Captains, and we are so grateful to be able to leave a mark on Dominic, a place we call home.



***Tess Stansfield, Callum Kelly, Janelle Vizcarra, and Cameron Moase - 2025 College Captains and Vice Captains***

# A HOME THAT WELCOMES





Year 10 Leaders continued...



A HOME THAT WELCOMES





## A MOTIVATED COMMUNITY

It seems like it was only yesterday that we welcomed a group of nervous, excited and bright-eyed Year 7 students into Dominic College during the Belling In Ceremony of 2022. Those same students, some of whom have been at Dominic College for the majority of their lives, are now preparing to embark on the next stage of their life journey as they graduate from Dominic College as the Year 10 Class of 2025.

Our Year 10 students have grown into a cohesive, honest and fun-loving group of young adults, and it has been a joy to see them overcome challenges and grow into the mature and well-rounded individuals that we know and love. Whether it be in their efforts on the sporting field, their dedication to their studies, their flair for creativity and art, or the kindness they show to others, our Year 10 students are departing from Dominic College leaving behind a legacy to be proud of.

It has been a privilege to work with the Student Leadership Team this year, and see all that they have been able to achieve together. Our Captains and Vice Captains, Tess Stansfield, Callum Kelly, Janelle Vizcarra and Cameron Moase, have been a formidable team. Whether it be Tess' willingness to give everything a go and her drive to see things through; Callum's approachability and commitment to everything he does; Janelle's ever-present smile and hardworking attitude; or Cameron's sense of humour and willingness to help, these four students have truly exemplified what it means to be a proud Dominic College student. I am so grateful to have had the opportunities to accompany the Year 10 students to Japan and their Year 10 Retreat. I am proud of the way that they have led the student body this year, and I cannot wait to see all that their bright futures have in store for them.

To the rest of the Year 10 cohort: on behalf of the staff at Dominic College, thank you all for enriching our lives, for the laughs, for the challenges, and for the memories we will all hold dear. As you embark on the next chapter of your lives, remember that the Dominic College community will always be here to support you and celebrate the successes you see in life. Don't be strangers, please come back to visit in the years to come, and always sing our College song with pride and dignity.



At the entry of the school is a quote of Don Bosco's, *'If we are one in heart, we can do ten times as much'*. Year 10, you have shown that this is true in the way that you have rallied around each other in both times of sadness and in celebration, and we send you off with our blessings and best wishes. Congratulations Year 10! We are so proud of you all.

**Mr Thomas Kershaw**

**Director of Learning and Wellbeing - Secondary**



## A HOME THAT WELCOMES





## A FAITHFUL COMMUNITY

Your days at Dominic are now coming to a close. I dare say as the final day draws closer and you are ceremoniously walked to the front gate with the bells tolling there will be a mixture of feelings.

**Joy;** exams over and 12 years of study, hard work and perseverance have culminated in “You”. Young men and young women the pride and joy of your parents having grown in wisdom, resilience and character.

**Gratitude;** your parents and family have supported you all the way. Your teachers and all the staff at Dominic have given of themselves – their knowledge, their patience, their kindness, their friendship endlessly. Supported you, challenged you, encouraged you and been there for you. Don’t forget to say thank you.

**Sadness;** friendships created, routines that bring security and comfort and people that have been there since you started at Dominic and as you wave goodbye a feeling of ill-will will rise in your hearts. But remember life always calls us into something more, something new. Life is forever a letting go so that we can begin to live a new and “wonder” fill identity.

**Hope;** graduation is not the end but just the beginning. You now have much to do, much to explore, much to achieve. Carry with you the values and lessons you have received and learnt at Dominic. Like Savio, live joyfully be cheerful. Like Don Bosco be a friend to all. Live gently and love kindly. Like Guzman and Siena build your lives on truth.

Go well, the Lord be with you. Hold lovingly and gently in your hearts all and particularly yourselves. Your futures will be hope filled and assured.

**Fr John Murphy SDB – College Rector**



A PARISH THAT EVANGELISES





## A CARING COMMUNITY

### Year 10 Retreat – “Unwrapping Our Gifts”

As part of their final year at Dominic College, our Year 10 students gathered earlier in the term for a very special retreat themed “*Unwrapping Our Gifts*.” This retreat was a time of deep reflection, heartfelt emotion, and joyful celebration.

Throughout the three day experience, students were invited to pause and consider the unique gifts God has given them, gifts that have shaped their journey so far and will guide them into the future. It was a moving experience, with many tears shed as students reflected on their time at Dominic College, the friendships formed, and the lessons learned. There were also moments of laughter and fun, reminding us that joy is one of the greatest gifts we share together. The retreat encouraged students to look ahead with hope and confidence, embracing the call to use their talents to make a positive difference in the world.

We thank the dedicated staff who attended and supported this retreat. Your presence and care made this experience truly memorable for our students. Thank you to Fr John Murphy SDB, Br Barry Parker SDB, Mr Steve Casni, Mr Thomas Kershaw, Mr Mark Glidden, Ms Erin Graham, Ms Nicole Millikan, Mr Liam Ward, Ms Kylie De Calmer and Ms Katie-Lee Crawford.

As we farewell our Year 10 cohort, we wish each of you peace and every blessing. May you carry forward all that you have learned and experienced at Dominic College, using your gifts to create a brighter future for yourselves and for others.

Go in peace, Year 10! You will always be part of the Dominic family.

### A Prayer for Our Year 10 Students

*Loving God,*

*We thank You for the gift of our Year 10 students—their talents, their friendships, and the joy they have brought to our community. Bless them as they step into the next chapter of their lives. May they use their gifts to bring hope, kindness, and light to the world. Guide them always in Your love and keep them safe in Your care. Amen.*

*St John Bosco.*

*Pray for us.*

**Ms Cecilia Lomi**

**Director of Mission and Religious Education**



## A PARISH THAT EVANGELISES





A Caring Community continued...



A PARISH THAT EVANGELISES





## A LEARNING COMMUNITY

Today, we gather at a moment that is both uplifting and deeply meaningful. On behalf of the entire staff at Dominic College, I offer my heartfelt congratulations to our Year 10 students as they reach this significant point in their educational journey. Each of them has worked with determination, embraced new challenges, and shown remarkable growth throughout their time with us.

When we look back to their beginnings in Year 7 in 2022, it is incredible to see just how far they have come. I had the privilege of teaching Mathematics to some of these students, and it has truly been a joy getting to know them and watching them develop into confident, capable young people. From the very first day, they committed themselves to our College values, always striving to improve and meet challenges head-on.

Their contributions to our community have been wide-ranging. Through their involvement in sports teams, school carnivals, and co-curricular activities, they have helped shape a vibrant and spirited Dominic College. Academically, they have been guided to think deeply, question boldly, and engage with complex ideas. Whether it was navigating Human Geography, exploring the wonders of genetics, analysing *Lord of the Flies*, or applying their knowledge of indicial equations, they have built academic foundations that will serve them long into the future.

Their commitment to learning has been clear, finishing strongly with their exams and embracing opportunities to excel. Many have excelled in competitions such as ICAS, the History and Geography competitions, the Japanese Speech Competition, Science and Engineering Challenge and the Brain Bee Challenge, demonstrating both talent and tenacity. Others have expressed their creativity through music, dance, drama, and art, taking the stage and showcasing their confidence and imagination. Our VET Hospitality students have stepped up time and again, preparing breakfast for Parent Volunteers, catering for the Visual Arts opening, and supporting Music and Dance events, always eager to learn and grow.

As the Year 10 students prepare for the next chapter, we encourage them to carry forward the enthusiasm, resilience, and passion that have defined their time at Dominic College. Whether they move into senior secondary education, apprenticeships, or traineeships, this is the moment where they begin to shape their own path.

To our Year 10 students: look ahead with courage and optimism. Your future holds countless opportunities, and the skills you have gained here will continue to guide you. Remember, today is not an ending, but the beginning of a new journey. You now have everything you need to forge your own way and discover possibilities you may never have imagined.

**Ms Sunita Kumrai**

**Director of Learning and Curriculum - Secondary**



A SCHOOL THAT PREPARES FOR LIFE





## A CREATIVE COMMUNITY

As we farewell the graduating Year 10 cohort, we pause to celebrate an extraordinary group of young creatives who have left an enduring mark on Dominic College. This year's Creative Arts students have been nothing short of inspiring, demonstrating passion, talent, and commitment across every discipline.

From the vibrant Music and Dance Showcase to the stunning Visual Art Exhibition at Moonah Arts Centre, their creativity has shone brightly. One of the most memorable contributions is the incredible mural now proudly displayed above the Middle Lawn, a lasting testament to their vision and collaboration.

Their energy extended beyond the classroom, with outstanding involvement in the cabaret production *"Out of the Shadows and Into the Light"*, and unforgettable performances in the drama play *"The Day the Internet Died."* In dance, they achieved remarkable success, earning second place at the Southern Tasmanian Dance Eisteddfod, while music lovers were treated to countless lunchtime concerts that brought joy to our campus. Our Media and Visual Art students also achieved great success at the Royal Hobart Show, showcasing their exceptional creativity and professionalism to the wider community. This was yet another highlight in a year filled with artistic triumphs.

This cohort has been the backbone of our ensembles and drama co-curricular groups, enriching the cultural life of Dominic College. Leading the way were our enthusiastic Creative Arts Captains, whose drive and dedication have inspired peers and younger students alike. We extend our heartfelt thanks for their leadership and passion.

The Arts Department will undoubtedly feel quieter without this vibrant group, but their legacy will live on. They have set a high standard and sparked creativity that will continue to flourish in the years ahead.

Congratulations, Year 10 Creative Arts graduates, you have made Dominic College proud!



**Ms Katherine Denholm - Lead Teacher: The Arts K-10**



A SCHOOL THAT PREPARES FOR LIFE





# A SPORTING COMMUNITY

Class of 2025, what an absolute pleasure and honour it has been to watch your journey through your secondary years at Dominic College.

Over the past four years, you have grown into impressive, respectful young adults, each of you bringing your own quirks, personality, and flair. I cannot wait to see how your future unfolds.

When you started in Year 7, the College was still transitioning into the new uniform, the world was navigating the aftermath of a global pandemic, and Queen Elizabeth II had just passed away. It feels like only yesterday, and yet here you stand, ready to take your next steps. How quickly the years go by.

To all 116 of you; congratulations. You have thrown yourselves into every opportunity possible: Athletics, Swimming, and Cross-Country Carnivals. Southern, State, and All-School events; and countless co-curricular sporting teams. Your enthusiasm, commitment, and school spirit have never gone unnoticed.

Thank you for guiding one another, for your leadership, and for the way you have contributed to the life of Dominic College. I wish each of you the very best in your future endeavors. May you continue to grow, achieve, and shine in everything you pursue.

Congratulations to our Leaders, and award winners.



***Ms Kylee Chivers - Sports Administrator***



# A PLAYGROUND WHERE FRIENDS MEET





# YEAR 10 SUBJECT AWARDS

**Year 10 Religious Education**  
**Claudia Wright**

**Year 10 English**  
**Annika Trembath**

**Year 9/10 Communications**  
**Theresa Stansfield**

**Year 10 Mathematics**  
**Theresa Stansfield**

**Year 10 Science**  
**Theresa Stansfield**

**Year 10 Humanities and Social Sciences**  
**Theresa Stansfield**

**Year 9/10 Business Enterprise**  
**Theresa Stansfield**

**Year 9/10 Japanese**  
**Will Godfrey**

**Year 9/10 Health & Human Development**  
**Janelle Vizcarra**

**Year 10 Health & Physical Education**  
**Theresa Stansfield**

**Year 9/10 Biology**  
**Nabina Thapa**

**Year 9/10 Animal Husbandry**  
**Holly Dean**

**Year 9/10 Agriculture**  
**Ethan Lacy**

**Year 9/10 Sport & Recreation**  
**Hayley Moy**

**Year 9/10 Athletic Development**  
**Noah Hamilton**

**Year 9/10 Outdoor Education**  
**Noah Hamilton**

**Year 9/10 Visual Art**  
**Catherine Lenthall**

**Year 9/10 Music**  
**Theresa Stansfield**

**Year 9/10 Drama**  
**Claudia Wright**

**Year 9/10 Dance**  
**Charlotte Geeves**

**Year 9/10 Media Arts**  
**Cameron Moase**

**Year 9/10 Projects Course**  
**Annika Trembath**

**Introduction to Hospitality (VET)**  
**Bella Kamaric**

**Introduction to Construction (VET)**  
**Emily Whelan**

**Introduction to Engineering Pathways (VET)**  
**Toby Sutcliffe**





# YEAR 10 MAJOR AWARDS

**The Guilford Young College Bursary**  
**Olivia Rayner**

**The Australian Defence Force: Long Tan Leadership  
& Teamwork Award**  
**Noah Hamilton**

**The Australian Defence Force: Future Innovators  
Award**  
**Nabina Thapa**

**The Rectors Award for AFL**  
**Bailee Smith**

**Ampol Best All Rounder Award**  
**Theresa Stansfield**  
**Keith Jansen**

**Rector's Award for Leadership in the Salesian  
Tradition 2025**  
**Henry Vautin, Janelle Vizcarra, Charlotte Geeves,  
Nicholas Hay, Zaia Tarrant, Claudia Wright, Jack  
Jordan, Ethan Lacy**

**Fr Kevin O'Mara SDB Sporting Commitment 2025**  
**Ava Lawler**  
**Noah Hamilton**

**Sr Pamela Davis OP Outstanding Achievement in  
Creative Arts 2025**  
**Zaia Tarrant**

**Fr Kevin O'Leary SDB Outstanding Achievement in  
Creative Arts 2025**  
**Zac Forey**

**Caroline Chisholm Distinguished Community Service  
Award 2025**  
**Lucy Miller**

**St John Bosco Distinguished Community Service Award  
2025**  
**Cameron Moase**

**St Catherine of Siena Academic Student of the Year  
Award 2025**  
**Theresa Stansfield**

**St Dominic Guzman Academic Student of the Year  
Award 2025**  
**Cameron Moase**

**St Mary MacKillop Outstanding Leadership Award 2025**  
**Theresa Stansfield**

**St Dominic Savio Outstanding Leadership Award 2025**  
**Callum Kelly**

**Ng Lavelle Family Academic Achievement Award**  
**Sydney Excell**

**The College Principal's Award for Excellence 2025**  
**Iestyn Cowley**

**Br Peter Dezani SDB Best All-round Student Award 2025**  
**Theresa Stansfield**