

# DOMINIC COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

13 December 2024



## From the Principal

Dear Families,

As we reflect on the achievements of 2024, our community has truly embraced the Salesian Strenna *"The Dream that Makes You Dream"* - a vision of transformation inspired by Don Bosco's dream of turning 'wolves' into 'lambs.'

This year, we celebrated the 200th anniversary of that dream by living its message: fostering kindness, forgiveness and hope within our school. Through faith-filled learning, a commitment to the truth, and living out our College motto *"Live by the Truth,"* we've nurtured a culture where dreams take flight, and everyone is empowered to create a future filled with compassion, resilience and faith. Thank you to all who have journeyed with us in making 2024 a year to remember.



## Farewell and Thank You Fr Abilio

Sadly, we say farewell to Fr Abilio Guterres SDB who has been with us for the past three years and served as Acting College Rector. Fr Abilio has been a visible presence throughout our grounds whether it be in the chapel, larger mass gatherings, classrooms, staffrooms and of course in the playground. He has lived out the four pillars of the Charter for Salesian Schools to their fullest potential and we wish him all the very best as he commences his new ministry in Palmerston Darwin. Thank you Fr Billy!

We look forward to welcoming our new College Rector, Fr John Murphy SDB in the 2025 Academic Year who will join Fr Guy, Br Barry and Fr Bob in the Salesian community.



## Congratulations Fr Guy Riolo SDB – 25 Year Silver Jubilee

I would like to extend my congratulations to Fr Guy Riolo SDB, parish priest of St John's for the recent celebration of

his Silver Jubilee for his service as a priest for 25 years. We are grateful to Fr Guy for his ongoing presence at our College and for concelebrating at our masses and joining us at community events. We wish him well in his ongoing ministry as Parish Priest and look forward to working together even more in 2025 with the Sacramental Preparations.



## News from the Dominic College Board

As we approach the end of another successful year, the Board extends their sincere thanks and gratitude to all members of the Dominic community. We wish you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas. May the festive season bring you peace, happiness, and a well-deserved rest.

## BOARD UPDATE – MEETING HELD 4 DECEMBER 2024

The Board approved the following policies:

- Child Safe Policy (revised)
- Communication Policy (revised)
- Parent Code of Conduct (revised)
- Student Medication Policy (revised)

The Board also approved the 2025 Budget, the 2025 Business Plan and the 2025 Annual Plan. These documents were developed in line with the College Strategic Plan, *Learning and Flourishing at the Oratory*, and focus on the business and operational elements of the College that require particular attention or development to support the goals in the Strategic Plan.



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



## From the Principal continued...

### Thank our Volunteers

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the incredible volunteers who have given so generously of their time, energy and talents to enrich our Dominic College community. To our parents, coaches, tutors and Old Scholars, your support has been invaluable in shaping the experiences and opportunities available to our students. A special note of gratitude goes to our Parents & Friends members, the Dominic Old Scholars Association (DOSA), and the St John's Parish for their extraordinary contributions to our community this year, most importantly the highly successful College Fair. Your enthusiasm and hard work helped create a truly memorable event that brought our community together in joy and fellowship. We are so grateful for the spirit of service and collaboration you bring to our College, and we look forward to continuing this journey together in the year ahead. Thank you for being part of the Dominic story!



### Thank you to Leadership Staff completing roles...

On behalf of everyone in our community I would like to extend my thanks to the following members of staff who will be concluding their leadership roles at the end of 2024. Mr Adam Lapolla (Director of Faith, Mission and Identity and REC – Secondary) Mrs Bradi McGee (Acting REC – Primary), Mr Martin Kress (Lead Teacher – English), Ms Sunita Kumrai (Lead Teacher – Mathematics), Ms Jane Myers (Lead Teacher – Science), Ms Kiera Farr and Ms Kylie De Calmer (Lead Teachers – House). We are grateful to you all for your leadership and work with our students and families and look forward to seeing you take on new roles within the College in 2025.

### Thank you and Farewell to Departing Staff Members

It is also a time to express gratitude and bid farewell to members of our staff who will be leaving us at the end of the year. Their dedication, expertise and care have left an indelible mark on our students and the College as a whole.

I would like to especially acknowledge the service of long-time employees, Mrs Natalie Davey (15 years) and Mr Dylan Chivers (13 years), who have played vital roles within their areas of the College. Their commitment has enriched our school community, and they will be greatly missed.

We say thanks and farewell to Ms Megan Eddington and Ms Catherine Coventry as they continue their career pathways at other schools, while Ms Ellie Mathieson explores other opportunities in the early childhood sector. Mr Campbell Ship and Mr Ryan Baker are leaving Tasmania and returning to be closer to loved ones.





## From the Principal continued...

For those staff who have this year been on temporary contracts and have completed their work with us we say thanks and good luck; Mr Sam Young, Ms Ellie La, Ms Hawi Bowerman and Mr Jacob Welch.

Ms Kate Le Rossignol will take Maternity Leave in 2025 and we wish her well as she prepares for the birth of her second baby and look forward to her return in 2026.

We wish these friends and colleagues every success in their new journey and extend our gratitude to them for their fine work at Dominic. You will always be part of our College community, and we hope to hear about your future successes.

### Wishing you a Holy Christmas and Safe Holiday!

As we approach the end of another wonderful year, I extend my warmest wishes to all our families, students and staff for a joyous and holy Christmas. Congratulations to each and every one of you for your achievements and dedication throughout 2024. You have shown incredible resilience, compassion, and commitment, and you can be proud of all you have accomplished. As we look ahead to 2025, let us continue to aim high and strive to grow in faith, kindness and excellence in all that we do.

This Christmas, I encourage you to take time to reflect on the true meaning of the season. Remember to attend Mass at St John's Parish or your local parishes to celebrate the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. The season of Advent and Christmas reminds us of the hope, peace and love that Christ brings into our lives. As a Catholic Salesian family, we embrace these values and carry them forward, knowing that our hearts are called to transform the world with the light of Christ. May you all experience the joy of this holy season and the blessings of the year ahead. Return safely to us in 2025!



Merry Christmas,

**Mr Steve Casni**

**Dominic College Principal**



## Deputy Principals

Dear Families,

### Year 6 Thanksgiving Celebrations

On Wednesday 11 December, Year 6 students were congratulated on their wonderful achievements at the Upper Primary Final Assembly. The Year 6 students, along with their teachers, also participated in a Mass of Thanksgiving, on Thursday 12 December celebrated by Father Abilio Guterres. We look forward to seeing these wonderful young people in Year 7 at Dominic next year.



### Important Dates for 2025 Students Return

Prep-Year 10: will commence the 2025 academic year on **Tuesday 4 February**. Students in Years 5-10 will be required to wear their full school uniforms on this date. Please see below the start dates for our 2025 Kinder classes:

Kinder *tuminana* 1: **Tuesday 4 February 2025**

Kinder *tuminana* 2: **Tuesday 4 February 2025**

Kinder *tuminana* 3: **Wednesday 5 February 2025**

### Business Office

The Business Office (Grantleigh) will be closed from 4pm on Friday 20 December 2024 and re-open Monday 13 January 2025.

### 2025 Stationery Guide

The 2025 Stationery Guide was emailed to families last week. It is also available on our College website. Please follow this link to our website "Back to School" page to find all the handy links to Uniform, Stationery and Books, Fee information and all you need to prepare your child for school next year. <https://www.dominic.tas.edu.au/our-families/back-to-school>

### Encouraging Responsible Technology Use During the Holidays

With the holidays upon us, it's important to guide children in using technology responsibly. Encourage a healthy balance of online and offline activities, set clear screen time limits, and remind them about staying safe online. Open conversations about their online experiences can build trust and promote positive habits.

The eSafety Commissioner is an excellent resource for families, offering practical tips, guides, and tools to help children navigate the digital world safely. By supporting your child in making good choices online, we can help them enjoy a safe, balanced, and fulfilling holiday season.





From the Deputy Principal continued...

Save The Date -Sacraments Preparation 2025

The College and Parish will be holding a Sacramental Preparation Information Night for parents whose children have been Baptised Catholic and are in Year 3 or older and you wish for them to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation next year. This will be held on **Wednesday 2 April** at 6pm at Dominic College. More information will be shared at the beginning of the new school year in 2025 with families from both the College and Parish of St John’s Glenorchy.

Metro School Bus Service Commencement Date

As with previous years, the Department of State Growth has determined that Metro Tasmania will commence running school bus services from the first day of Term 1 for Tasmanian government schools. This means that for 2025, all Metro school services will commence on **Thursday 6 February** and **WILL NOT** run for the first two days of school in 2025.

Christmas Blessings

What a busy and productive year 2024 has been at Dominic College! Our sincerest thanks to all parents and staff at Dominic who have been thoroughly involved in supporting and nurturing our wonderful students and guiding them in being the best learners they can be.

We wish all students, parents and staff a very Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year. May your time with family and friends over the break be fun, rejuvenating and safe. God bless!



*Mrs Alicia McMahon - Deputy Principal - Primary*

*Mrs Jan Marcenko - Deputy Principal - Secondary*



2025 Captains’ Report

As the 2025 College Captains, alongside Cameron and Janelle, our Vice Captains, we would like to say a happy end of year to the Dominic College community. We would like to formally congratulate all students on completing another academic year. Over the final days, take the time to thank your teachers and all staff for the dedication they have put in, ensuring that our classes and school are the best they can be.

We have some exciting events that are happening next week in our college community. On Monday 16 December, Years 5-9 will have the inaugural Beach Day where there will be many exciting activities from the Iron event to a sandcastle building competition. So make sure to attend and not miss out on this day, getting involved, with heaps of fun to be had. Following that, we have our final day at school for the year. This will include our Annual Advent Mass, closing off what has been a terrific 2024!

We hope that everyone has a stress-free holiday and a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and we are looking forward to another positive year in 2025. Make sure to take the time to enjoy the holidays, looking after yourself while staying active and staying in touch with friends and family. The four of us are working on some exciting things and are looking forward to sharing these with the community next year.

Have a great holidays and enjoy some well-earned rest!



*Callum Kelly and Tess Stansfield - College Captains 2025*



## Parent and Student Support

It's hard to believe we have reached the end of Term 4, 2024. What a busy term and school year we have had!

We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank our students and families for your wonderful support again this year.

We have been able to reach out and support students through formal and informal check in's, counselling appointments and *The Seasons for Growth Program* as well as through numerous communications, parent meetings and liaison with peers and external services.

We are truly grateful to be a part of such a supportive environment here at the College. We value so much our incredible colleagues, especially in our wellbeing teams across each precinct, along with our terrific leaders who support us. We are really proud of the wellbeing support provided across the College again in 2024.

A special shout out to our school dog Annie and our friends in Animal Husbandry too. We are all so lucky to have you beside us here at school.

Please take good care of your health and wellbeing over the break, enjoying some warmer weather and the change in pace over the coming weeks.

There are many services available online, over the phone and face to face for students and families looking for support, please don't hesitate to reach out:

### Student Support –

[The Link](#) | [The Link](#)

[headspace Hobart](#) | [Youth Mental Health Centre & Services](#) | [headspace](#)

[Young people- City of Hobart, Tasmania Australia \(hobartcity.com.au\)](#)

[Pulse Glenorchy](#) - [Youth Health Services](#) | [Tasmanian Department of Health](#)

[Kids Helpline](#) - [Kids Helpline](#) | [Phone Counselling Service](#) | [1800 55 1800](#)

### Parent/Carers Support –

[Strong Families Safe Kids](#) - Call 1800 000 123

[Tasmania: parenting & family services](#) | [Raising Children Network](#)

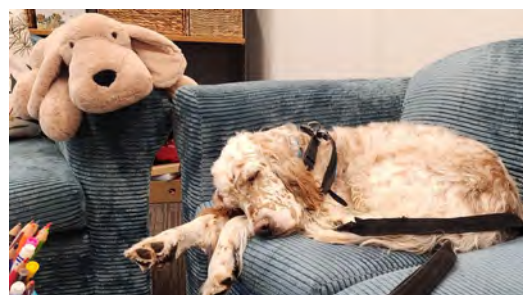
[Parent support networks: activity guide](#) | [Raising Children Network](#)

[A Safe Place to Chat Anonymously, Get Support & Feel Better](#) | [ReachOut Australia](#)

The Parent Line - 24 hour parenting support 1300 808 178 (Supported by Health Direct)

[Anglicare Tasmania - Children, Youth and Family Support \(anglicare-tas.org.au\)](#)

Our thanks and best wishes to the college community, we look forward to working with you all again in 2025.



**Mrs Belinda Dooley and Ms Emma Burns - College Counsellors**

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## Learning and Wellbeing - Early Primary

### A Playground Where Friends Meet And Enjoy Themselves

Friendships have continued to be a key part of our wellbeing focus in *pulana* this term. Friendships give children a sense of belonging, build self esteem and develop social skills. We have continued to utilise the *URStrong Program* to help support our students manage friendships, understand social cues and how to sort out a friendship fire or when teacher help is needed.

Friendship Week was celebrated during Week 7 in *pulana*.

Different lunchtime activities provided students the opportunity to meet new friends and spend time playing, drawing and dancing and having fun!

### Wellness Wagon

This term, the 'Wellness Wagon' was introduced into play time to support students in the playground. This replaced our '*luwutina* legends' inside play during Terms 2 and 3. The Wellness Wagon included a variety of games, bubbles, chalk and music in a pull along wagon that was taken out during break times to encourage a positive playtime for our students. The Wellness Wagon will be back in Term 1 2025!

### Rumbles Quest

This term our students in Years 1 and 2 completed the Rumbles Quest Wellbeing Survey which is presented as a fun and engaging online game. This data allows us as a College to look at the strengths of our students and to plan activities for 2025 in areas identified as opportunities of growth.

### Bravehearts

We were very fortunate again to have Bravehearts visit the College and perform '*Ditto's Keep Safe Adventure Show*' which is an interactive and lively show that offers personal safety education to our students. This annual performance supports work that is completed in both Oratory and Health as a part of the Australian Curriculum and The Early Years Framework.

### Athletics Fun

We were thrilled to be able to run our Kinder Athletics and reschedule and run our Prep – Year 2 Athletics fun carnivals. These events are amazing at building connection to the College and House Spirit. Participation, fun and fitness are the key components of these carnivals and we extend a huge thank you to our HPE staff who organise these events, as well as all our families and friends who are able to come and cheer on students on the day.

### Towards 2025...

There is a buzz of excitement and anticipation as we begin to look towards 2025. We know that students will be sad to leave their existing class, but we also know that they are ready to move to the next year level and embrace the challenges, new opportunities and excitement ahead. In preparation for next year, students have been supported with visits to their 2025 classroom.

It has been an absolute pleasure to work with all of our Kinder – Year 2 students and their families. We wish you all a wonderful holiday break and look forward to seeing you all next year.

**Mrs Allison Lowe - Director of Learning & Wellbeing - Early Primary**







## Learning and Wellbeing - Upper Primary

At the end of a year, it is tradition to reflect on how things went. We fondly remember the highlights, review areas that we could have done differently or better and begin to set goals for the new year. Our Upper Primary students have been engaging in a lot of reflection in these last weeks of the 2024 school year.

Some of these reflections have been guided by their teachers, other opportunities came when they looked through the Yearbooks or watched the photo montage of their grade group. There were certainly many highlights that have been recalled with lots of 'Remember when..', 'Remember how..', 'I loved it when..' drifting out of classrooms and on the playground.

Of course, everyone has their own highlights but some of the ones we shared in the second half of the year included the College Fair, the Athletics Carnival, Year 3's exploration of Mt. Field and the Salmon Ponds, Year 4's cruise on the Lady Nelson, Year 5's camp on the Tasman Peninsula and Year 6's trip to Canberra. There was also a trip to the Federation Concert Hall to hear a performance by the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra, a visit from the Terrapin Puppet Theatre and more! So many special memories are created in these important primary years.

And then there is the learning. Every year is filled with rich classroom experiences that provide our students with the chance to better understand and prepare for the next steps in their learning journey. It has been wonderful to see how engaged students have become in their own effort and progress this year through the introduction of the ongoing assessment and reporting with the sharing of Common Assessment Tasks with families.

After a busy year of highlights and opportunities for learning we are all ready for the summer break and the chance it offers us to recharge our batteries. The Upper Primary Team wish you all a terrific break that is filled with fun, family and friends. We look forward to seeing you all back in 2025 ready to set goals for the coming year of learning.

***Mrs Sue Cunningham - Director of Learning and Wellbeing - Upper Primary***



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## Learning and Wellbeing - Secondary

As the 2024 school year comes to a close, it is important to reflect on the lessons learned, to celebrate our successes, and to look for ways to improve in new year. Our students have demonstrated their ability to uphold the College's key expectations of being respectful, responsible, honest learners, and it is always wonderful to see the way that our students are able to go above and beyond in whatever they set their minds to.

The Don Bosco Oratory Program has continued to be a valuable resource for students and staff, providing the College with a space to address different needs and topics of conversation that are tailored to each year group. Year 7 students have gained a greater understanding of cybersafety, building resilience, and maintaining positive friendships, whilst Year 8 students have focused on the safe use of social media and looking ahead to their future careers. In Year 9, students took part in community service by cooking for Loui's Van, and have finished the year with the skills and knowledge required to be good leaders of the College. Our Year 10 students utilised these classes to further develop their study skills, to explore education options after high school, and to demonstrate gratitude for the College as they move onto the next phase of their lives.



As we look ahead to the 2025 school year, it is important that students use the summer break to rest, recharge, and prepare for another busy year at school. Students and their families are reminded that school attendance is a legal requirement for all school-aged children in Australia, and that documentation is required to explain student absences.

Families are reminded that our Code of Personal Appearance applies from the first day back next year, and that hair dye, inappropriate hairstyles (including mullets, and hair that is shorter than a Number 2 blade), false lashes and nail polish are not permitted. Dominic College's Code of Personal Appearance can be found on the College website should you have any questions.

We wish all of our families a safe and restful holiday break and a very Merry Christmas, and we look forward to seeing you back in 2025.

***Mr Thomas Kershaw - Director of Learning and Wellbeing - Secondary***



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## Faith Mission & Identity

Greetings all,

We have finally arrived at the conclusion of the 2024 school year. The year has been marked and blessed by numerous notable achievements in both academic excellence and extracurricular activities.

Throughout the whole year, Dominic College has proudly celebrated various liturgical celebrations, including the opening Mass of the School Year of 2024, Year Group Class Masses during each term, retreats, Easter liturgies, two school Feast Day Masses, Graduation Mass, Advent Mass, and many others. The College also has had various events such as camps, sports, music, different competitions, and others. Our prayer, reflection and activities have been seamlessly integrated into our academic curriculum, exploring diverse themes and units. These collective efforts demonstrate our identity as a Catholic School, firmly rooted and grounded in the Salesian and Dominican charisms. All these educational programs and activities lead and guide us to have a big dream for your future life, as this year's Strenna; *'The dream that makes you dream'* reminds us.

Two weeks ago, we had the pleasure of celebrating graduation with the Year 10 students. We extend our warmest congratulations and best wishes to them as they embark on the next phase of their lives and we pray that they may carry forward and live out the lessons they have learnt at Dominic College. May they be good human beings in this world to inspire and uplift those around them, and may God's blessings be with them always.

We know that Christmas is around the corner, but we are still in the season of Advent. The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ whose anniversary (birthday) we celebrate at Christmas. Our Advent readings call us to stay alert, avoid foolish and non-life-giving behaviour. As we prepare to welcome the Christ Child at Christmas, may our hearts be open, our spirits be renewed, and our lives be transformed.

Last but not least, my heart is filled with gratitude for the past three years of experiencing, learning, growing, and overcoming challenges here in Tasmania, especially at Dominic College. It has been a privilege for me to experience, help and serve this wonderful College for the last three years. My pastoral experience in Tasmania was a great challenge, but it was also a chance to: learn your education system, make new friends, put my English skills to the test, be able to administer sacraments and be involved in other school activities throughout the College life. Being a part of the College Community, I have learnt so much, especially your culture, and how the school functions through its governance structure and the educational program and activities. I am grateful for those moments we have shared, and I will cherish those experiences as an important part of my journey. Special thanks to Mr Steve Casni, the Principal, and all the College Staff members for your excellent guidance and support. Also, special thanks to all students with whom I have interacted, because it is you young people who give meaning to my Salesian identity and mission. I will remember the joy, the laughter, the jokes, and other experiences that we have shared. Thank you very much indeed! I hope that what I shared with you has helped you deepen your spiritual life.

With Christmas approaching, I wish everyone a joyous and peaceful time with loved ones. May you have a wonderful Christmas and a restful holiday.

**Fr Abilio Guterres SDB - College Acting Rector**







## Learning and Curriculum - Early Primary

As the 2024 academic year draws to a close, it is a wonderful to take the opportunity to reflect back on the academic growth of our Kinder – Year 2 Students and the amazing learning opportunities that have been provided to them by all of our incredible school staff.

Our students have completed the traditional Whole College Academic Assessments which take place to monitor student and year level progress. This data is used to inform future focus for whole year levels and individual students in their learning. Teachers have been busily compiling the Semester 2 Academic Reports and ensuring families have been continuously updated on student progress through ongoing feedback.

Across our Prep – Year 2 classes, we were very excited to be able to ensure take home Decodable Readers were provided to support students in their home reading. Decodable Readers are a key component of the Science of Reading as they allow students to practice key phonics skills in a controlled manner so that sound-spellings can be reinforced and learned in connected text. We would like to extend a big thank you to our families for their support in our Home Reading Program and care of these readers.



### ***Mrs Allison Lowe - Director of Learning & Wellbeing - Early Primary***







## Learning and Curriculum - Secondary

It has been a fantastic year in the Secondary! We have amazing students and dedicated teachers who make our school special. Our programs in the Valdocco Precinct provided everyone with numerous opportunities to learn, grow, and have fun. Here are some highlights from 2024.

Our Year 7 students began high school with the Belling In ceremony, where older students welcomed them into the Valdocco precinct. They also went on a camp to Fortescue Bay, where they made new friends and faced exciting challenges. Back at school, they learned about Dominic College's history and how to transition smoothly into high school through the Salesian Immersion and Oratory Programs.

Year 8 students worked on a major project about natural disasters. They created reports, emergency kits, and designed technology to help during disasters. They showcased their work at the Exhibition of Learning at the end of Term 2 sharing their knowledge and understanding of the concepts learned in class.

In Term 3, Year 9 students visited Maria Island. They conducted fieldwork in Humanities, Social Science, and Science. They also hiked up Bishop and Clerk, enjoying stunning views and congratulating themselves for rising to the challenge. Back at school, they participated in activities focused on preparing for life.

Year 10 students explored future careers. They attended the Southern Catholic Schools Careers Expo and met teachers from Guilford Young College to discuss Year 11 and 12 pathways. Some students arranged work experience during the holidays, gaining valuable skills for future jobs.

Students had a number of excursions and incursions. Year 7 visited the Sustainability Centre and participated in gymnastics. Year 9 learned about food security at a local farm. Year 10 participated in the RYDER and PARTY programs, focusing on science and safe practices. Elective classes included trips to MONA, RSA courses, and outdoor activities like surfing and rock climbing.

Our Creative Arts Department shone this year. The Drama performance of *'Alice in Wonderland Pantomime'* was a hit with three full-house shows. The Music and Dance Showcase featured various performances, including the staff choir's debut. Well done to everyone involved!

Students excelled in academic competitions, winning prizes in state and national events like the Australian History and Geography Competitions, Japanese Calligraphy and Speech Competitions, AGFEST, ICAS, and the Australian Brain Bee Competition. These showcased the amazing talent we have in our student community.

There were many more events and activities throughout the year. We are proud of our students' achievements and grateful for our teachers' dedication.

***Ms Megan Eddington - Director of Learning & Curriculum - Secondary***







## Learning and Curriculum - Year 6

### Year 6's Excursion to Woodbridge Marine Discovery Centre

Highlights included:

- Touch tank where many students faced their fears and touched a range of interesting creatures.
- Driving the underwater remotely operated vehicle (ROV) around the bay.
- VR headsets where students watched footage from around the area reaching high in the sky to below the water level.
- Feeding the fish to finish the day. After this excursion, a few students may consider a career as a marine biologist.

**Ms Jane Myers - Lead Teacher: Science and Mr Ben Crick - Year 6 Teacher**







## Sport K-10

As 2024 winds up, I would like to congratulate all students on a year well done. This year has been outstanding for the Sports Program with history making wins, inter-school participation at an all-time high, and many students representing Tasmania at a National level in their chosen sport.

To finish off the year on a high in student achievements, I would like to congratulate our Year 7 Girls Basketball Team on a Sensational State Championship over the weekend of 31 November and 1 December.

Congratulations to our Year 7 Boys Team who also qualified, though were unable to attend. Congratulations to our End of Year Sports Award recipients as well.

### All Schools Athletics

Congratulations to our three students who recently competed to the Australian All Schools Athletics Carnival in Brisbane.

### Prep-2 Athletics Carnival

Monday 2 December, the weather was kind enough for us to hold the Prep – Year 2 Athletics Carnival. What an absolute sensational day had by our students. Smiling faces, giggles, and a kindness was seen throughout the carnival.

Thank you to all staff for supporting the day, and a special thank you to all family members that were present to watch.

### 2025 Sports Calendar (Dates Are Subject To Change)

Tuesday 18 February – Year 7-10 Athletics Carnival at Domain Athletics Centre

Thursday 28 February – Year 3-6 Swimming Carnival at Clarence YMCA Aquatic Centre

Tuesday 11 March – SSATIS Athletics Carnival at Domain Athletics Centre

Thursday 20 March – Year 3-6 JSSATIS Swimming Carnival at Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre

Tuesday 25 March – SATIS Athletics Carnival at Domain Athletics Centre

Friday 28 March – Year 3-6 STCPSSA Swimming Carnival at Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre

Friday 9 May – Year 3-10 Cross Country – held on College grounds

Wednesday 21 May – 7-10 SSATIS Cross Country at Domain Crossroads

Wednesday 14 May – K-2 Cross Country – held on College grounds

Thursday 5 June – Year 3-6 STCPSSA Cross Country at Bayview High School

Wednesday 11 June – Year 3-6 JSSATIS Cross Country at Rokeby Police Academy

Tuesday 28 August - SSATIS Swimming Carnival at Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre

Tuesday 16 September – SATIS Swimming Carnival at Doone Kennedy Hobart Aquatic Centre

Friday 17 October – Year 2-6 Athletics Carnival held on College grounds

Friday 31 October – Year 3-6 STPCSSA Athletics Carnival at Domain Athletics Centre

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







## Sport K-10 continued...

### Term 1 Sport

#### Primary

Year 5-6 Mixed Tennis – Played on a Tuesday

Year 1-6 Girls Soccer – Played on a Thursday

Year 1-2 Boys Soccer – Played on a Thursday

Year 3-4 Boys Cricket – Played on a Monday

Prep - 3 Introduction to AFL – Tuesday.

#### Secondary

Year 7-10 Girls Volleyball – Played on a Monday

Year 9-10 Girls Soccer – Played on a Tuesday

Year 7-8 Girls Soccer – Played on a Wednesday

Year 7-10 Girls Cricket – Played on a Thursday

Year 7-8 Boys Basketball – Played on a Thursday

Year 9-10 Boys Basketball – Played on a Wednesday

Year 9-10 Boys Tennis- Played on a Wednesday

Registrations for Term 1 Sport will be emailed through *Consent2Go* in January.

Please note, expression of interest to trial for the below teams will come out in the same *C2G link*:

- Year 5-6 Regional Basketball (boys and girls)
- Year 3-4 Regional Basketball (boys and girls)
- Representative Girls Netball

Primary Regional Basketball has now been moved to Term 1, with the possibility of Basketball Tasmania reintroducing State Championships for the Year 5-6 cohort in Term 4.

Expression of Interest for any coaches and managers will open in the new year.

From the Sports Department, we wish you a festive Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you all in 2025.

### Ms Kylee Chivers - Sport Administrator



A PLAYGROUND WHERE FRIENDS MEET





## Launch into Learning

As the end of the school year fast approaches, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their continued support of the Launch into Learning (LIL) Program this year. For those of you who may not be aware, LIL is a free of charge, educationally rich play-based program, open to all families within the community who have a child aged between birth and five years. The program is designed to assist parents and carers to support their child's learning in all areas of development; aspiring to empower children's learning through the endless learning opportunities each week.

LIL offers families an insight into play-based learning, assisting families to continue to support their child's early years learning in their home settings. The program nurtures and enriches the learning and development of each child and their family, in a safe, welcoming, and caring environment, where children can play and learn simultaneously. The program fosters connections between families in the community and supports the holistic development of each child, ensuring each child has a strong foundation to succeed and reach their full potential upon commencement to their formal schooling.

As in previous years of LIL, there were incursions held throughout the year, including visits to the College's Library, Animal Husbandry and the oval for our very own LIL Athletics Day. Highlights from this year include celebrating National Science Week, Book Week, Teddy Bears Picnic Day, and Grandparent's Day. This year at LIL we have enjoyed reading stories together, singing and dancing, building together, getting creative doing arts and crafts, exploring in nature, and much more!

It has been an honour to meet all the families involved in the program this year and a true pleasure to watch children's confidence grow throughout the year as they have mastered new skills and challenged themselves, exploring new types of play and different learning activities each week. All children a part of the program this year are commended for their passion and dedication to learn, and their willingness to try new things with an open mindset.

We are excited to announce that next year LIL sessions will be offered on **Monday** and **Friday** each week in the *luwutina* Centre. The session times for next year are as follows:

- **Monday 9.15am-10.30am and 11.15am-12.30pm**
- **Friday 9.15am-10.30am**

We hope to see many new and existing families join us for another exciting year of learning and building friendships at LIL in 2025. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.



**Miss Amelia Hill-Mundy - Launch into Learning Facilitator**



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Launch into Learning continued...







## P & F News

### Fair News

The Dominic College Community Fair was held on Friday 15 November and it was a wonderful afternoon of food, fun, community and entertainment. The College was abuzz with excitement and positive energy and it was definitely the place to be!

Popular stalls included Ring A Bottle, Snow Cones, Lucky Jars, Toffee Apples, Emily's Jams and a wonderful array of VET Food. Xtreme Rides brought along three different rides to thrill fair goers, Tommy Choo Choo and Pony Rides were back again this year and the Glenorchy Magpies and Little Athletics donated their time to run skills clinics with the kids.

Fair goers also enjoyed dunking teachers, painting portraits of each other, winning blocks of chocolate and hanging out with the school animals.

We are extremely grateful for the involvement from St John's Parish, DOSA and Glenorchy Rotary this year. Without their wonderful support we would not have had our Christmas Stall, BBQ and the Chocolate Wheel all of which were very successful.

Our Silent Auction, Major Raffle and Chocolate Wheel are always well supported and this year was no exception. All prize winners were ecstatic with the amount and range of prizes so thank you to all businesses who donated. All winners have been contacted and results are available on our Fair Facebook page.

### Winners of the Major Raffle

<b>1st Prize</b>	Kings Trailer filled with goodies	Kerry Ware
<b>2nd Prize</b>	Pennicott Cruise Voucher	Shaun Pakkathusoriachen
<b>3rd Prize</b>	Rydgcs Bed and Brekkie Package	Jenny McGuire
<b>4th Prize</b>	Blundstone Boots Voucher	Jenna Sheppard
<b>5th Prize</b>	Wine, Tote and Book Package	Simon Bolto



Congratulations to all our winners - we hope you enjoy your prizes!! Thank you to our major sponsors and to everyone who purchased tickets - we value your support!

Due to everyone's amazing effort on Fair Day, the P&F is on track to make a profit of over \$20K which is an incredible effort.

### Thank You's

Thank you to our incredible Fair Committee members, especially Bec, Cass, Amanda and Renee for the hours of work you poured into this fair, and for your unwavering support and dedication in the months leading up to Fair Day. It is down to your hard work, resilience and positive attitude that this year's Fair was so successful.

Thanks also to all teachers, students and staff members who were amazing running their popular classroom stalls, volunteering on food stalls and generally helping out when needed - you all did a fantastic job.

Massive shout out to the Maintenance and Compliance Team - without your support, calm presence, fair expertise and willingness to lend a hand anywhere, the 2024 Fair would not have gone ahead.

We would also like to thank the amazing number of volunteers who turned up to support us on the day - without your help the Fair would not be set up, packed down or stalls run.

Congratulations to Amberley Harrex as our Winner of the Volunteer Draw!!- She has won \$300 off next year's School Fees.





## P & F continued...

We excitedly look to 2025 and look forward to some fresh ideas and funding some new areas. Please keep an eye on the college's Facebook page for upcoming events, and volunteer opportunities. If you would like to be involved in the P&F or have ideas that your child or children may benefit from, please come along to the AGM which will be held in February, we appreciate feedback and input from all members of our community - [parentsandfriends@dominic.tas.edu.au](mailto:parentsandfriends@dominic.tas.edu.au).

We wish you and your friends and family a safe and Merry Christmas as we close out 2024, from all of us on the Dominic Parents and Friends Committee.



### *Ms Amberley Harrex - P&F President 2024*



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## Back to School 2025

Please follow these links to some helpful resources to prepare for the new school year.

[Stationery and Booklists for 2025](#)

[Term Dates 2025](#)

[Payment Arrangements 2025](#)

[2025 Fee Schedule](#)

[Uniform Shop Opening Times](#)



*Best wishes for a happy Christmas and  
a safe and relaxing new year from the  
Enrolments Team.*

Our next Morning Tea Enrolment Tour is scheduled for Tuesday 8 April 2025.

To register please go to <https://www.dominic.tas.edu.au/enrolment/>

For enquiries, please contact the Dominic Enrolments Team on 6274 6000.

The Dominic College Enrolments Office will be staffed following the Christmas Break from Monday 13 January 2025.

## K-6 FAMILIES - DROP IN AND SAY HI!

**We invite you for a quick 'drop-in' anytime  
between 3.30pm - 5.30pm  
on Friday 31 January 2025**

An informal opportunity to drop off books and stationery,  
see classrooms, and say a quick hello to teachers for 2025.

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# DOMINIC COLLEGE



## UNIFORM SHOP TRADING HOURS – TERM 4 2024 AND 2025

The Dominic College Uniform Shop will close for business on Friday 20 December 2024 at 5:00pm and will reopen on Friday 17 January 2025 at 9:00am. Listed below are the extended trading hours for Term 4 2024 and the back-to-school trading hours for 2025.

### 2024 – TERM 4 EXTENDED TRADING HOURS

#### Walk-Ins – No Appointment Necessary

Friday 6 December: 9:00am – 5:00pm  
Monday 9 December to Friday 13 December: normal trading hours  
Monday 16 December: 8:00am – 4:00pm  
Tuesday 17 December: 8:00am – 4:00pm  
Wednesday 18 December: 9:00am – 4:00pm

#### By Appointment Only

Thursday 19 December: 9:00am – 4:00pm  
Friday 20 December: 1:00pm – 5:00pm

### 2025 – BACK TO SCHOOL TRADING HOURS

#### By Appointment Only

Saturday 18 January: 9:00am – 4:00pm  
Monday 20 January: 9:00am – 4:00pm  
Tuesday 21 January: 9:00am – 4:00pm  
Wednesday 22 January: 9:00am – 4:00pm  
Thursday 23 January: 9:00am – 4:00pm  
Friday 24 January: 9:00am – 4:00pm

#### Walk-Ins – No Appointment Necessary

Friday 17 January: 9:00am – 4:00pm  
Tuesday 28 January: 9:00am – 4:00pm  
Wednesday 29 January: 9:00am – 4:00pm  
Thursday 30 January: 9:00am – 4:00pm  
Friday 31 January: 1:00pm – 6:00pm  
Saturday 1 February: 9:00am – 4:00pm  
Monday 3 February: 9:00am – 1:00pm  
Tuesday 4 February: 8:00am – 1:00pm  
Wednesday 5 February: 12:30pm – 5:30pm  
Friday 7 February: 12:30pm – 4:30pm

### Normal Trading Hours from Monday 10 February

Mondays: 8:00am – 12:30pm  
Wednesdays: 12:30pm – 6:00pm (trialing extended trading hours on Wednesdays in Term 1)  
Fridays: 12:30pm – 4:30pm

Appointment only bookings are generally for new students or students requiring full formal and sport uniform fittings. To make a booking or view the dates and times, register at the following link: [dominiccollege.permapleat.com.au/schoolbookings](https://dominiccollege.permapleat.com.au/schoolbookings)

**Please note** that families must book a separate appointment for each child attending. If unable to attend your scheduled appointment, please login to the online calendar to cancel or reschedule the booking. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated to enable other families to book. We strongly recommend and encourage parents to make an appointment to ensure a personalised and efficient fitting service and to avoid long queues. You can also get in early by calling into the Uniform Shop before the end of Term 4 on one of our extended trading days – no appointment necessary.

For any uniform enquiries please contact Rachael Pullen, Uniform Shop Manager, at [dominic.uniforms@permapleat.com.au](mailto:dominic.uniforms@permapleat.com.au) or **03 6165 1539**.



# College News

A HOME *that welcomes*

A PARISH *that evangelises*

A SCHOOL *that prepares for life*

A PLAYGROUND *where friends meet*



Unfortunately, this year's traditional Old Scholars Christmas Eve Mass and supper has been cancelled due to a lack of an available priest. We hope to return in 2025.

## APPLY NOW FOR ENROLMENT IN 2026

*Find out why so many parents choose Dominican College*

Please contact the College Enrolments Team  
on 6274 6000

or email: [enrolments@dominic.tas.edu.au](mailto:enrolments@dominic.tas.edu.au)

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## Upcoming Events



16 December

17 December

24 December

25 December

1 January

13 January

4 February

5 February

K-9 Academic Reports Available; Year 10 Report Collection; Year 5-9 Beach Day

K-9 Advent Mass; Term 4 Ends

Christmas Eve

Christmas Day

New Year's Day

College Business Office Re-opening

Prep-Y10 Commences; Kinder *tuminana* 1 & 2 Commence

Kinder *tuminana* 3 Commences