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Important information about Term 2 commencement date, winter uniform and Staff Development days for 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Term 1 continues to be a very busy term for our College and for all Christians as we continue to journey through the most important liturgical season of our Church - Lent.

With just over two weeks before the conclusion of Term 1 on **Friday, April 7** I wanted to write to you all with some important reminders for Terms 2 and 3.

1) Term 2 commencement date

- Parents are reminded that staff and students will return for Term 2 on **Monday, April 24**.
- The school will close for the ANZAC Day public holiday on **Tuesday, April 25**.
- The school will reopen on **Wednesday, April 26**. There will be a special ANZAC Day assembly during Homeroom Circles.

2) Winter Uniform

Students from Years 7-12 will return in **winter uniform** which they will wear for Terms 2 and 3. **The College blazer must be worn to and from school**. Please see the winter uniform requirements below or in the College planner to ensure your daughter's compliance with College uniform requirements.

Parents are reminded to purchase the winter uniform from the uniform shop before the end of Term 1. Please let your daughter's Year Coordinator or Ms. Moodey know if you cannot purchase the winter uniform by the end of Term 1.

Winter uniform requirements

Winter Uniform Years 7-10

- Navy Poly/Wool tunic (covering the knee)
- Navy Poly / Wool blazer- **This must be worn to and from school during Terms 2 and 3**.
- Lilac Long Sleeved poly/cotton blouse
- Navy School Jumper with College Crest (optional)
- Ink navy stockings (NOT knee high socks)
- Black Lace-up school shoes
- College Scarf or plain black, navy or lilac scarf (optional)

Winter sports uniform Years 7-10

- Regulation navy/lilac polo shirt
- Regulation dark navy blue school shorts
- School Tracksuit- Jacket and pants.
- White folded plain ankle socks
- Sports shoes which are predominantly one colour. Fluorescent coloured or street shoes such as converse/Vans or Volleys are not permitted.
- Bethlehem sports Cap



Winter Uniform Years 11 and 12

- Poly/wool skirt (mid -calf length)
- Navy Poly/wool blazer- **This must be worn to and from school during Terms 2 and 3.**
- Lilac Long sleeved poly/cotton blouse
- Navy School Jumper with College Crest (optional)
- Ink Navy stockings
- Black lace-up school shoes
- College Scarf or plain black, navy or lilac scarf (optional)

3) Staff Development Days for Terms 2-4

As you would be aware Bethlehem College has commenced a major building program this term. The College has worked closely with the Project managers Crown Projects Services, Gledhill Constructions and Sydney Catholic Schools to ensure the smooth operation of the project. Work on the new building (on the old basketball courts) has been slow because of interruptions caused by the rain but we are hopeful that the rain will cease and the next stage of the construction will recommence.

Project managers Crown Projects Services and Gledhill Constructions are keen to minimise the impact of the project on teaching and learning and to ensure the safety and wellbeing of staff and students, so they are scheduling much of the noisy, dusty and dirty work for the school holidays between now and the completion of the project in August 2018.

Following discussions with the Inner West office of Sydney Catholic schools, a decision has been made that **Staff development days scheduled for Terms 2, 3 and 4 will be combined into four days of Staff Development at the end of Term 3.** This means that all students will commence their Term 3 holidays on **Tuesday September 19.** I hope that this provides sufficient time for parents to make alternate arrangements for the care of your daughters/ young people in your care.

Please contact the College office or your daughter's Year Coordinator if you need any further explanation of any of the matters raised in this letter.

Thank you in advance for your support of the College in these matters.

Yours sincerely,

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