

8 February 2018

Bethlehem
College
ASHFIELD



Dear Year 11 Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the commencement of the new academic year. We trust that your daughter has settled into her new Preliminary Courses and timetable for 2018. My name is Tania Toomey and I am very much looking forward to spending the year with you and your daughters. It should be a challenging and productive year. I wanted to give you some information below about some expectations that should assist in your daughter's /young person in your care's smooth transition throughout the Senior years.

All Year 11 students must have their College Planner/Diary signed by a parent each Friday night. This will help them maintain their organisation and it is an essential tool for parent and teacher communication. Do not hesitate to communicate with teachers via the College Planner/Diary. I ask that you please assist us in this process.

Additionally, on a Thursday afternoon Year 11 will remain at school for study skills sessions from 1.20 pm until 3.00 pm. This is compulsory for those who do not do an External Course or Sport on Thursday afternoons. This is an invaluable time for your daughters to develop mature, organised and self directed study habits while building their repertoire of study strategies to assist them as they progress through their Preliminary coursework and in 2019 as they commence their HSC journey.

Myself and other staff will be available to assist any student with their workload.

Below are some key dates for Year 11 for 2018.

Key dates for Term 1

Date	Event
Wednesday 14 February	Ash Wednesday Liturgy, College Hall
Friday 16 February	College Opening Mass, 9.15am, College Hall,
Tuesday 20 February	Parents & Friends Meeting, Drama Hall 6.30pm
Friday 23 February	College Swimming Carnival, Ashfield Pool
Friday 2 March	CSDA Public Speaking Round 1
Tuesday 6 March	College Open Day/Evening 3.00-7.00pm
Wednesday 14 March	Whole School Photos
Monday 19 - Friday 23 March	Year 11 Work Placement Business Services Gp 1
Thursday 22 March	Year 11 Mass
Thursday 29 March	Easter Liturgy Period 4
Sunday 1 April	Easter Sunday
Thursday 12 April	Term 1 Concludes
Friday 13 April	Staff Development Day (Pupil Free Day)

Key dates for Term 2

Date	Event
Wednesday 25 April	Anzac Day (Public Holiday)
Monday 30 April (Day 1)	Term 2 Commences (Winter Uniform) Anzac Day Assembly
Friday 4 May	CSDA Debating Round 1
Wednesday 2 May	CGSSSA Representative Football
Monday 7 - Friday 11 May	Year 11 Work Placement Business Services, Retail and Hosp

Monday 14 - Friday 18	Year 11 Work Placement Retail and Hospitality
Tuesday 15 May	Parents & Friends Meeting Drama Hall 6.30 pm
Thursday 10 May	Mother's Day Breakfast and Mass with DLS (from 8.00am)
Thursday 17 May	Year 11 Mass
Wednesday 23 May	Years 11-12 P/S/T Interviews 3.30pm-8.00pm College Hall
Wednesday 23 May	CGSSSA Representative Basketball
Monday 11 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Friday 8 June	College Athletics Carnival, Homebush
Thursday 14-Friday 15 June	DLS College Musical Oliver!
Friday 6 July	Bethlehem Day, Mass and Festivities Term 2 Concludes

Key Dates for Term 3

Monday 23 July	Term 3 Commences for Students (Winter Uniform)
Wednesday 25 July	CGSSSA Representative Netball (Meadowbank)
Friday 27 July	Sports/ Co-curricular Photos
Thursday 16 August	Year 9 Mass
Thursday 30 August	Father's Day Breakfast and Mass with De La Salle From 8am
Thursday 6 - Friday 7 September	Year 11 Leadership Camp
Monday 10 - Wednesday 19 September	Preliminary Course Examination Block
Saturday 15 September	100th Anniversary BCA Ex Students' Association Lunch
Friday 28 September	Term 3 Concludes

Key Dates for Term 4

Monday 15 October	Term 4 Commences for Students (Summer Uniform)
Monday 22 - Friday 26 October	Year 12 2018 Work Placement Business Servs and Retail
Tuesday 11 December 12.00pm	Final College Mass St Vincent's Church
Thursday 13 December	BCA Awards Night
Friday 14 December 9.00am-12.00pm)	Parent/Student/Teacher meetings

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at the College.

Yours faithfully,

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