WELCOME TO ST BEDE’S COLLEGE 2017

Dear Parents / Guardians,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your son to the 2017 school year. The College theme for this year is “Together We Learn”. This is very appropriate as the 21st Century world is constantly changing with new and exciting opportunities being presented to our students each day.

A few reminders to help families:

- The College office re-opens on 23 January 2017.

- The Uniform Shop is open for bookings from 23 January 2017.

- School commences for students in Years 7, 10, 11 and 12 on Thursday, 2 February whilst students in Years 8 and 9 commence on Friday, 3 February. (Please ensure that students are ready to start classes with all required text books, stationery and the correct school uniform by these dates.)

- Official school photos for students in Years 10, 11 and 12 will be taken on Monday, 6 February. Photos for Years 7, 8 and 9 will be taken on Tuesday, 7 February. Whilst students will be in summer uniform we do ask all students to bring in their tie and blazer for the official school photo. Parents will be able to order school photos of their son direct from Arthur Reed online at www.arphotos.com.au.

As you will be aware, all St Bede’s College information is available via the College website www.stbedes.catholic.edu.au. It has been designed to help all members of the College Community to keep in touch with the many events that occur during the school year.

In preparation for the 2017 school year we would also like to remind you and your son about some of the College’s expectations regarding participation, attendance, presentation and uniform. It is very important that families understand the commitment we require our students to make to their learning and to their engagement in College activities. Our students are expected to represent the College with pride whilst at school and whilst engaged in co-curricular activities. Students are expected to enthusiastically participate in excursions, camps, retreats and ACC Sport as these programs are important parts of the comprehensive package offered by St Bede’s College. Once committed to a sporting team or performance group students are reminded that each member is integral to the groups’ performance and ‘opting out’ has a detrimental effect on others.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

All students are expected to be at school by 8:40am each morning. Once at school, students are required to stay on the College property until they are dismissed at 3:15pm. Should a student need to leave early he must ‘sign out’ at Student Services. On occasions when students are not at school for a full day some form of parent notification is required.
Please note that under our new timetable for 2017, students on ‘Day 6’ are not timetabled for period 5 classes. Students will be dismissed at 1:50pm on these days as staff will be engaged in ongoing professional learning activities. The College Library will remain open until 3:15pm on Day 6 should your son wish to use this opportunity to complete homework or be part of supervised study.

**STUDENT APPEARANCE**

We remind all parents of their commitment to the uniform as a condition of enrolling their son. St Bede’s College expects every student to be in correct school uniform for the entire school year. It is not acceptable for students to wear a uniform that is torn, tattered or suffering from serious neglect. Non-uniform items such as hooded tops or jackets are not permitted. We also ask that visible t-shirts not be worn under the summer uniform shirt. A reminder that the College rain jacket may only be worn in Terms 2 and 3 or in the event of inclement weather.

**HAIR & JEWELLERY**

Hair-styles must conform to College standards. Students are expected to be clean shaven, beards and moustaches are not permitted. Hair length must not fall below the shoulder and more extreme fashions such as dreadlocks, plaits, bleached or dyed hair are not acceptable. Under no circumstances are students permitted to wear earrings, eyebrow rings or decorative facial piercing of any type whilst in the St Bede’s College uniform.

Finally, we would like to thank you for your continued support of the College. It is our aim to ensure that attending St Bede’s College is a factor that continues to benefit our students long after they complete their studies.

Yours sincerely

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