

16 December 2011

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Starting dates and times term 1 2012

Tuesday 31 January Y7, 8, 9 & 13 students start at 8.40am
Year 7, 8 & 9 are to assemble in the gym when the bell rings
Year 13 are to assemble in the cafeteria
All students will have a pastoral care programme for the remainder of the day. School finishes at 3.15pm.

Wednesday 1 February All students start at 8.40am and finish at 3.15pm.
Year 7, 8, 9, and 13 to form classes.
Year 10 assemble in the gym.
Year 11 assemble in the cafeteria.
Year 12 assemble on the hardseal or in the library if it is wet.
9.45am Powhiri and welcome to new members of the St Bernard's College community. Parents most welcome.
All students will have a pastoral care programme for the remainder of the day.

Thursday 2 February All students start at 8.40am finish 3.15pm. Subject timetable begins

Confirmation of courses Y12 & 13

Wednesday 25 January 9.00-2.30pm Thursday 26 January 9.00-2.30pm It is essential that all Y12-13 students attend on either of these days to meet with their dean and confirm their course for the year. Come early to beat the queues. All students must bring their NZQA results slip for course confirmation.

Inaugural Mass

The Inaugural College Mass for St Bernard's College, with the installation of senior student leaders and special ministers for the year, will take place on Friday 17 February at 1.45 pm. We warmly invite families and friends of the College to attend.

Other key dates for term 1 are:

Monday 6 February	Waitangi Day. Public holiday.
Thursday 9 February	Y13 Retreat until Friday 10 February.
Tuesday 14 February	Y7-9 Parents' Evening 7.00pm
Tuesday 21 February	Athletic Sports.
Wednesday 22 February	Ash Wednesday.
Tuesday 20 March	Parent interview evening. Progress reports available at interviews.
Thursday 22 March	Parent interview evening. Progress reports available at interviews.
Thursday 5 April	Break for end of term 1. Easter Liturgy
Sunday 8 April	Easter Sunday

Term dates for 2012

Term 1	31 January to 5 April
Term 2	23 April to 29 June
Term 3	16 July to 28 September
Term 4	15 October to 7 December (note this is changed from earlier notifications)

Uniform shop open times

Tuesday 24 January	10am – 2pm
Wednesday 25 January	10am – 2pm
Thursday 26 January	10am – 2pm and 4pm – 7pm
Friday 27 January	10am – 2pm
Monday 30 January	CLOSED
Tuesday 31 January	8am – 9am and 12.30pm – 1.30pm
Wednesday 1 February	8am – 9am and 12.30pm – 1.30pm
Thursday 2 February	8am – 9am and 12.30pm – 1.30pm

Normal hours from 9 February:

Mondays	8.15am – 9.00am
Thursdays	12.30pm – 1.30pm

Additional Information

Each year we have issues with a small number of our students regarding hair dyes, facial piercing and black sneakers. Below is some information to ensure all students and their families are clear on our policy regarding these issues. I hope the information is helpful.

Hair dyes: Students may only dye their hair a colour that imitates a natural hair colour. Hair must be dyed all over. We do not accept hair dyed in stripes or patches. Highlights are only acceptable if they appear natural.

Facial piercing: No student is permitted to wear facial piercing jewellery or plastic substitutes while in school uniform.

Black sneakers, running shoes, sports shoes, cloth shoes: sneakers of any type are **NOT** acceptable as school shoes. Students are to wear lace up black leather school shoes or dress shoes.

Newsletters

A newsletter will be sent out twice a term, starting from 24 February, with further information of events. These newsletters will be published on our website www.sbc.school.nz. Attached is important information regarding fees, stationery, uniform, and school rules. Should you have any further queries please phone the College and we will be happy to assist.

Yours sincerely

D. Sefton
Director of Curriculum