



1st March 2024

Dear Parents, Staff, Friends, and Students of St Brigid's College,

Members of our College staff gather today for some professional development whilst our students from K to 12 enjoy a long weekend. The greatest impact on a child's learning is the teacher, and the continual commitment to building the capacity of staff will ensure that St Brigid's College offers an elite educational programme for all students.

Our priority at the College is to ensure that there are *high levels of learning, every lesson, every day*. Our students are encouraged to be active learners, ensuring that they are working as hard as our teachers in the classroom.

As the care and wellbeing of our students remains our highest priority, we ask that you update your personal details if these have changed. Similarly, please keep us informed of any changes to your child's medical needs by emailing us at sbc@stbrigids.wa.edu.au to make these important changes.

The Boarders Long Weekend enables our 91 Boarding students to venture home or spend time with family or friends in Perth.

The only students remaining on Campus this weekend are our 9 Brazilian students who are spending the day at the Perth Zoo, and have some other activities planned for the weekend. As advertised in last week's Newsletter, we are seeking homestays for the girls for one week of the April school holidays. The girls are currently attending Year 10 classes and range in age from 15 to 17 years.

Families who are able to care for a student for the week will be provided with an Allowance to assist in covering the additional expenses. Should you be able to assist, please contact our Registrar, Patty Majko, at the following email address: majko.patty@stbrigids.wa.edu.au



Stay home when you are not well!



Over the last few weeks, we have had students and staff who have been absent due to colds and flu. COVID also continues to be a presence within our community. Please be mindful and keep your child at home should they be displaying cold or flu-like symptoms. It is everyone's responsibility to keep our community safe and we all play a part in *keeping the bugs away!*

Please contact the College before 8.00a.m. if your child is unable to attend school. The dedicated **Absentee Line** is 9290 4256 or alternatively, email studentreception@stbrigids.wa.edu.au. If we don't hear from you, we send an SMS message on the morning of the day of the absence.

SEQTA Engage

SEQTA Engage is where you will locate all the information you require to find out about your child's learning programme and assessment schedule. It is also where you will find your child's Reports. At the end of this term, Interim Reports will be sent out to all families via SEQTA Engage. If you are new to St Brigid's College and need assistance setting up your account, please contact our IT Help Desk at helpdesk@stbrigids.wa.edu.au.

Parent Information Evenings

Thanks to all parents who attended our Secondary Parent Information Night on Tuesday, the 13th February.

Access to the slide decks from these presentations follow:

[Parent Information Evening - Year 7 2024.pptx](#)

[Parent Information Evening - Year 8 2024.pptx](#)

[Parent Information Evening - Year 9 2024.pdf](#)

[Parent Information Evening - Year 10 2024.pptx](#)

[Parent Information Evening - Years 11 and 12 2024.pptx](#)



THANK YOU
for joining us!

Year 7 Camp



The Year 7 Camp was held last week from Wednesday, 21st to Friday, 23rd February and I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the members of staff who supervised and cared for our students over the three days. From what I hear, our young people started their days with dancing to 'shake off the sleep' and spent the remaining hours participating in a great number of activities designed to encourage teamwork and to foster new friendships. I think there may have also been a few late nights!

Visit to Roy Hill

Last Friday, 23rd February, 24 Year 10 students visited Roy Hill's ROC-Ed Learning Centre where they learnt about mining processes and the career pathways that Roy Hill offer.

We are hoping to run a second excursion for Year 10's later this year.



Paul Dillon



This week, Paul Dillon, founder of the Drug and Alcohol Research and Training Australia and a former school teacher, visited the College and spoke to students in Years 10, 11 and 12 about the effects and dangers of alcohol and drugs, and more importantly how to navigate these influences. Paul also shared his signature statement with the girls ... "It's water time!"

St Brigid's College Advisory Council

Our College Advisory Council provides advice and support to the College Leadership Team. With members holding a broad range of expertise, the Council works through a diverse range of matters impacting the strategic direction of the College community. We are blessed with a wonderful group of Council members who, for 2024, are:

Mrs Siobhan Allen (Chair),
Sr Joanne Dickson RSM,
Mrs Peta Kennedy,
Mr Martino O'Brien,
Ms Sharron Patrick
Rev. Mark Powell,
Mr Peter Stewart,
Ms Chantal Boulter (Business Manager) and
Mrs Veronica Parker (Principal)

We value the members of the College Advisory Council for their wisdom and generosity in volunteering their time.

St Brigid's Parent Forum

The College Parent Forum met for the first-time last Monday evening, 19th February. Whilst every parent or carer within our community is a member of the Parent Forum, our Executive for 2024 is:

Mrs Tracy Gall, President,
Ms Jo Markovic, Vice President,
Mrs Amanda (Mandy) Wallace, Treasurer and
Mrs Peta Kennedy, Secretary

The Parent Forum discerns the best use of funds collected by the College through the Parent Forum Levy. This money is accessed through the distribution of Grants to the community upon application and then approved at scheduled meetings.

College Library

The College Library is open every afternoon for students in Years 6 to 12 from 3:30pm to 5pm. Students are required to sign in on arrival and sign out on departure. For further details contact Ms Hemmings at hemmings.harriet@stbrigids.wa.edu.au



NAPLAN Update for Families with children in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9



Below are listed the scheduled testing sessions, as per the College calendar for your reference. It would be appreciated if all non-urgent appointments are not scheduled at the same time as NAPLAN sessions. Please note that the writing assessment only is conducted on two days and students unable to sit on the 13th or 14th March (catch-up session) will not have further opportunities. For all other testing, a further testing date will be scheduled for absent students once NAPLAN has commenced.

Class teachers will facilitate a practice assessment on one of the scheduled dates below. For students who are absent or who would like additional practice, tests are available to access at <https://nap.edu.au/naplan/public-demonstration-site>

A reminder that all students need headphones that have a cord to plug into the machines. Air pods etc cannot be used for NAPLAN.

DATE	PERIOD	CLASS GROUPING	TEST
Tuesday, 5 th March	1 and 2	Year 5	PRACTICE
Tuesday, 5 th March	3 and 4	Year 3	PRACTICE

Wednesday, 13 th March	1 and 2	Year 7	WRITING
Wednesday, 13 th March	3 and 4	Year 9	WRITING
Wednesday, 13 th March	5 and 6	Year 3	WRITING
Wednesday, 13 th March	5 and 6	Year 5	WRITING

Thursday, 14 th March	1 and 2	Year 9	READING
Thursday, 14 th March	1 and 2	Year 9	READING
Thursday, 14 th March	3 and 4	Year 7	READING

Friday, 16 th March	1 and 2	Year 7	LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS
Friday, 16 th March	3 and 4	Year 3	READING
Friday, 16 th March	3 and 4	Year 5	READING

Monday, 18 th March	1 and 2	Year 7	NUMERACY
Monday, 18 th March	5 and 6	Year 9	LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS

Tuesday, 19 th March	1 and 2	Year 9	NUMERACY
Tuesday, 19 th March	3 and 4	Year 3	LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS
Tuesday, 19 th March	3 and 4	Year 5	LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS

Wednesday, 20 th March	3 and 4	Year 3	NUMERACY
Wednesday, 20 th March	3 and 4	Year 5	NUMERACY

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Walsh, the Director of Academics, at walsh.janine@stbrigids.wa.edu.au



The St Brigid's College Footy Tipping Competition was a great success last year. This year the cost to enter is \$20, and dependent on the number of people in the competition, prizes will be determined at the end of the season.

Please note that the competition will conclude at the end of Round 24 this year.

If you would like to enter the competition, please register using the following link:

https://www.footytips.com.au/comps/St_Brigids_College_Footy_tipping_Competition_Parent_Forum?p=SBC1929

Payment needs to be made by Wednesday, 20th March by following the link -

<https://www.trybooking.com/CPMJZ> or by contacting Chelsea in Student Reception on 9290 4204.

No Pay, No Play!!

Driving and Parking around St Brigid's College

Please be vigilant when driving around the Campus. As a community, we all have a duty to care for each other, to follow the road rules and act responsibly. I am continuing to work with the City of Kalamunda for the improvement of the design and use of the Catherine Place and Glen Road areas.



The following times should enable families to collect their children efficiently. Parents of students in Years 1 to 12 arriving too early at the College create congestion as they do not allow parents of the children in the Early Years to access parking. Please be mindful that our older students can wait to be collected from the College.

Dismissal times are as follows:

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten	3.00p.m.
Pre-Primary	3.05p.m.
Year 1 to 6	3.15p.m.
Years 7 to 12	3.20p.m.

The staggered finish times are designed to alleviate traffic congestion. If you have children across the Year Levels, encourage them to wait under the trees near the main entrance in the afternoon, and arrive a little later.

The City of Kalamunda Rangers are friends of St Brigid's College and they are working hard to keep our community safe. Please follow the signage and rules regarding parking restrictions.

If you have any ideas to support the traffic flow across the College, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Right to Disconnect

To assist us in enabling our teachers to disconnect from work and technology at the end of their working days, there is no expectation that they will respond to calls, emails, texts, or other communications outside of school hours.

2025 Academic Scholarships

St Brigid's College awards Scholarships for entry to Years 7 and 10 with the intention of assisting students to maximize their potential. Applications for our 2025 Scholarship Program will open on Monday, 11th March 2024 at which time an Information Sheet and Application Form will be available for download from the College's website. Please note that applications will close at 4.00p.m. on Thursday, 28th March 2024. Examinations will be held on Monday, 15th April 2024.



Edith Cowan School of Engineering – STEM One Day Workshops

Following successful programs held in previous school holidays, ECU is pleased to announce that their School of Engineering STEM Holiday Program – CREATE will be offered in April 2024. The one-day workshops will be held on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th April 2024 and are offered at no cost to participating students.

CREATE is designed to support the teaching and learning of STEM subjects for students interested in STEM studies and is suitable for students who will be enrolled in Years 9 to 12 in 2024.

Please [click here](#) for a flyer outlining the program details along with the link to TryBooking. Places are still available, and registration closes on the 28th March 2024.

More information about the program can be obtained from the High School Engagement Team, School of Engineering, by email at se-create@ecu.edu.au or by telephone on 6304 5009.

In conclusion, I have attached a copy of our flyer, 'This Week at the College' that will provide you with an overview of events for the second week of Term 1. I hope you enjoy these snippets of life at the College.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Veronica Parker'.

Veronica Parker
Principal

Attachment

The St Brigid's College community acknowledges the Whadjuk people of the Noongar nation, the traditional owners who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.



ST. BRIGID'S
COLLEGE

THIS WEEK AT THE COLLEGE

<p>Monday, 4th March</p>	<p>Labour Day Public Holiday</p>
<p>Tuesday, 5th March</p>	<p>Year 10 Mass Secondary 'Laps for Life' month commences</p>
<p>Wednesday, 6th March</p>	<p>Years 11 and 12 OLNA Numeracy Years 7 to 9 DSG Netball Carnival University of Notre Dame Visit at lunchtime SBC vs Mazenod College Swim Meet (after school)</p>
<p>Thursday, 7th March</p>	<p>Mural Painting Session 1.30p.m. Years 11 and 12 OLNA Reading</p>
<p>Friday, 8th March</p>	<p>Year 12 International Women's Day Breakfast Wagin Woolorama Years 3 to 6 Inter-house Swimming Carnival</p>