

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE BULLETIN

Term One, Issue Two, 2024

"There is no better way to teach a child Christianity than to live it truly and from the heart. You cannot teach what you do not live." - Saint Silouan the Athonite

College Blessing and Welcome Assembly

On Thursday 1st February 2024, we cordially welcomed students, parents, and staff to the commencement of a new academic year at St John's College. The morning began with the Welcome Assembly recognising our high achievers of VCE in 2023. We congratulate Helena P, Paul K, Victoria D and Dion A on their success. Each student was presented with a special award and a \$5000 cheque from the Beniko Family Trust. We thank them for their generosity. Our College Dux of 2023, Helena P, was also honoured with a commemorative trophy for her outstanding achievements.

Following the formal assembly, the College Blessing was officiated by His Grace Bishop Evmenios of Kerasounta, accompanied by Fr. John Frangos (Chair of the College Board), Fr. Leo Ioannou (College Chaplain), and several other priests from the local district.

His Grace passed on the blessings and words of love from His Eminence Archbishop Makarios of Australia on the occasion of the commencement of the new academic year.

We are very thankful for this spiritual start to our new year and for the gathering of the entire school community.

Philotimo Festival



It was with great pride that the students of St John's College participated in the Inaugural Philotimo Festival on the 28th of January 2024, at Red Hill. An initiative of the Greek Orthodox Youth of the Melbourne District and the first of the youth conferences celebrating 100 years of the Archdiocese in Australia, this event was a great success.

With thousands of people in attendance, our students led the official party with flags and the sound of drumming. Along with Oakleigh Grammar, our schools raised money with "Guess how many lollies are in the jar", for GOyouth.

For our students and school community, Philotimo is deeply rooted in our College values mission and vision. Philotimo is a Greek word that is without meaning, but is very meaningful. The word Philotimo comes from the Greek word "filos", meaning friend and "timi", meaning honour. The word stretches far beyond this. Philotimo encompasses the concepts of pride in self, pride in family, pride in community, and doing the right thing. Philotimo is an all encompassing concept that gives meaning to life that stretches well beyond ourselves.



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Head of Junior School

Junior Schoolers both big and small have enjoyed the start of school, homework and all! We are learning routines and making new friends, from our very first prayer until our 3:05 end. Every school day we come home with stories to tell, lunchboxes to empty - we hope they don't smell! New learning & adventures we experience each day - we are SO very glad this is the St John's way!



Sports & Camp Info

Save the dates for these upcoming events:

South Melbourne Hellas Clinics

Commencing Monday 19th Feb (after school) pending adequate sign ups.

Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia National Sports Event (GOANSE) - Sydney

Tue 7th - Fri 10th May Week 4, Term 2

Year 9/10 Camp - The Summit

(Wed 31st Aug - Fri 2nd Sep) Week 2, Term 3

Year 7/8 Camp - Coolamatong Lake

(Mon 2nd - Fri 6th Dec) Week 9, Term 4

Further information to follow. Please direct any enquiries to Ms Natanya Thrift - natanya.thrift@stjohnspreston.vic.edu.au

Congratulations Class of 2023




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100%

First Round University Offers

83%

First Course Preference



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100% of our students that applied for University, received an offer in the first round, and 83% of these offers were for students' first course preferences

A big congratulations to the Class of 2023 as the College celebrates the remarkable success of our VCE students. In a testament to our commitment to academic excellence, 100% of students applying for university courses secured offers in the first round. Impressively, 83% received their first-choice course, showcasing the depth of achievement within our community. WELL DONE!

School Photo Day - Tuesday 13th February

SCHOOL PHOTOS 2024 - Important Registration Information

School Photographs will be taken at
St John's College
Tuesday 13th February 2024

There is no need to return any forms or payment to school before photo day

Flyers with Unique Image Codes will be issued to all students on or after photo day

When you receive your child's 2024 image code
Follow these 3 simple steps -

- 1 Go to arphphotos.com.au and enter your child's 2024 image code
- 2 Tap on "Add another child to enter the image codes of any siblings"
- 3 Fill in your contact details & "review before confirming your registration"

That's it!

It's important to register each year to link your child's NEW images to your contact details. When 2024 images are ready to view in our secure webshop you'll be notified by email and SMS

*Create photo packages with any layout & YOUR choice of images - Multiple image Downloads
- Order on any mobile device - Share the images with family & friends for FREE

** Please wait to receive notifications that new images are online BEFORE ordering for 2024**

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SCHOOL PHOTO DAY!

A friendly reminder that our annual school photos, will be taken by Arthur Reed Photos on **Tuesday 13th February.**

There is no need to return any forms or money to school.

Please ensure that your child/ren are in the correct summer uniform (as per the uniform policy).

Please refer to the SEQTA message sent on 6th Feb on how to register and order your child's photos.

Key Commencement Events and Dates

- 9th Feb 2024 - PA Family Picnic Day
- 13th Feb 2024 - Official School Photo Day
- 14th Feb 2024 - No School for Foundation Students
- 16th Feb 2024 - Year 5 & 6 Inter-school Sport
- 19th Feb 2024 - Year 7 & 8 Cyber Safety Incursion
- 20th Feb 2024 - Make Up Photo Day
- 21st Feb 2024 - No School for Foundation Students
- 22nd Feb 2024 - Whole School Divine Liturgy Service

St John's College Prep & Year 7 2025 Enrolments

Round 2 Applications for Prep and Year 7 Close March 28th 2024