January 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As Term 1 approaches, it is timely to welcome new and existing students to a new academic year at Saint Kentigern College. We hope your child has had a refreshing holiday break and is looking forward to a challenging and fulfilling year ahead.

In preparation for the year ahead, we would like to remind you of some important dates in the first few weeks of the 2020 calendar:

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| **Date** | **Event** | **Information** |
| Wednesday 22 January  Thursday 23 January | Senior Students - Course Changes  **Year 11 to Year 13** | **3.30pm – 5pm, Year 13 Common Room.**  Further details on following page |
| Tuesday 28 January | New Senior Students Orientation  **Year 11 to Year 13** | **10am, Goodfellow Centre** (opposite the Chapel of Saint Kentigern) |
| Wednesday 29 January | Day 1, Middle School  **Year 7 to Year 10** | **Year 7 to Year 10 Students**   * Buses will run on their usual routes. The routes can be found on the Saint Kentigern website. * All students in Years 7-10 are to go to Gym 1 when they arrive. * Welcome Assembly will commence at 8:40am. * Full summer uniform on Day 1. * Bring PE gear (shirt and shorts) on Day 1. |
|  | Prefect Training Day | **7.00am -** **Prefects** report to the Year 13 Common Room |
|  | Year 13 Peer Support Leaders | **9.00am - Year 13 Peer Support Leaders** will be working with the Year 9 students on this day. Report to the Year 13 Common Room. |
| Thursday 30 January | Day 1, Senior School  **Year 11 to Year 13** | **8.40am Year 11 to Year 13 Students** report to Gym 1. |
|  |  | **8.40am Year 7 to Year 10** S**tudents** report to their Tutor Group room |
| Friday 31 January | Leadership Colours Assembly  Tutor Group and Individual Photos | **Formal Uniform** |
| Monday 3 February | Farewell to Mrs Suzanne Winthrop | **Normal Day Uniform** |
| Friday 7 February | Academic Colours/Honours Assembly | **Formal Uniform only for students receiving awards.** |

In addition please be reminded of the following:

**Pastoral Care**

Once school starts your child’s Tutor is the appropriate person to contact should you have any concerns or queries regarding your child. You are also welcome to contact their Head of House at any time.

**Head of Houses for Year 7 to Year 10, Middle School**

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| Mr David Sheehan | *Cargill* | Mr Joe Cunningham | *Stark* |
| Mr Tony Arrol | *Chalmers* | Mr Al Ronberg | *Wilson* |
| Mrs Ashleigh Misiloi | *Hamilton* | Mrs Mongelique Nee-Nee | *Wishart* |

Mr Kevin Taylor  *Head of Year 7*

**Heads of Houses for Year 11 to Year 13, Senior School**

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| Mr Paul Venter | *Cargill* | Miss Justine O’Dwyer | *Stark* |
| Miss Susie Rock | *Chalmers* | Mr Keith Taylor | *Wilson* |
| Mr Luke Oliver | *Hamilton* | Mrs Natalie Burridge | *Wishart* |

**Stationery**

It is important that Year 7 students have all their stationery on their first day at school. All other year levels can bring their laptop, a lined refill and pen as all students will be in classes and given homework. Teachers will inform students on the first day what stationery they need for the next day.

**College Policies**

Please take the time to familiarise yourselves with the College policies before the College year commences. They can be found on the Middle School OLE page and the Senior School OLE page, along with the Saint Kentigern College Parent’s Handbook 2020.

**Leave Approvals**

If your child needs to be away from school for 2 days or more for a pre-arranged event you need to place a request for leave well in advance of the event date. Go to the Middle School or Senior School OLE page, click on ‘Student Leave Request’ box and complete the online form. You will receive a formal notification by email. Absence for sickness, or unavoidable appointments during the school day, can be advised by Text: 021 172 6464 or email [skc\_absence@saintkentigern.com](mailto:skc_absence@saintkentigern.com). Provide the student’s full name, timeframe of absence, reason for absence.

**Uniform Reminder**

All students are to be in full summer uniform from their first day at school. Year 7 to Year 10 students should also bring their PE gear (shirt and shorts) on Day 1. Please read the uniform requirements attached. A reminder that **no** makeup is to be worn and that the only jewellery permitted for girls and boys is a wrist watch. Hair is to be of a **natural colour** **and style** and **off the collar, face and ears**. Boys need to wear garters with socks if not wearing sandals.

**Formal Uniform**

The first day when Formal Uniform is to be worn is on **Friday 31 January** when we hold our special **Leadership Colours Assembly** and the **Tutor Group and Individual photos** will be taken. Girls are not expected to wear tights with their Formal Uniform in Term One. On Friday 3 February only students receiving Academic Colours and Honours need to be in Formal Uniform.

**Academic Structure Year 7 to Year 10**

In Year 7 all form classes are of a mixed range of abilities. In Year 8, we have one boys and one girls Extension form group and three boys and three girls classes of a mixed range of abilities. In Year 9 and 10, form classes are in Extension, Mainstream or Enrichment bands. Significant care and attention is made when placing students in form classes to ensure student learning needs are met. For more detailed information on our banding structure, please visit the Learning Areas section of the Middle School OLE page.

**Option Subject Changes Year 7 to Year 10**

Any requests to change an option subject must be made by a parent on behalf of their child before the end of Friday 14 February. Please complete the online [Option Change Request Form](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ZEDIeFldIEKdDz5oTSna-EMa-jBbKgtOhlnL_WVKUgNUN1NQTktDNkhQRDVDSzRYR084SjZaOVozMC4u) on the [Middle School OLE page](https://parents.saintkentigern.com/homepage/27735). If you have any queries regarding academic matters, please contact your childs’ Head of House.

**Class Groupings – Year 11**

With the movement into Year 11, former Year 10 students will no longer be in the same class groupings they have been in previously. This is because their subject choices determine their classes.

**Course Change Afternoons Year 11 to Year 13, in January – further to the letter in December 2019**

Over the summer break, your child may have had second thoughts about their subject selection for 2020. There may also be some students, who after receiving their NCEA examination results, do not meet the pre-requisites for a chosen subject. As soon as Year 12 and 13 students receive their results from NZQA **it isessential that** **they check to see if they have met the entry criteria for their 2020 subject choices**. The entry criteria can be found in the 2020 Senior College Course Handbook available on the College OLE under the Curriculum tab.

For the reasons above, we are holding two Course Change Afternoons for Year 11 to Year 13, **Wednesday 22 January 3:30pm - 5pm and Thursday 23 January 3:30pm - 5pm** in the **Year 13 Common Room.** We ask that students attend on one of these days if they know they would like to, or need to, change their subjects. **Students** **are** **required to wear school uniform on these afternoons**. If students want to make a change they are required to **bring their NCEA results with them. They will meet with the Heads of Departments, who will determine if they are able to take their subject of choice.** If your child is not sure about their subject choice, please ensure they also attend one of these afternoons. A decision to change a subject at a later date will be subject to availability. It will also mean your child will miss out on the beginning of the course and the crucial information given at that stage.

If you have any queries regarding Year 11 to Year 13 Academic matters, please contact your child’s Head of House or one of the following people:

Deputy Principal Mrs Angee Robertson 577 0705

IB Coordinator Mr Philip Lee 577 0748 ext 9309

NCEA Coordinator Mrs Joanne MacDonald 577 0748 ext 9305

Head of Senior School Enhanced Learning Mrs Catherine Watts 577 0748 ext 9162

We look forward to seeing all College students on their starting day and trust this information will help your child begin the year smoothly.

Yours sincerely

David Hodge

**ACTING PRINCIPAL**

**HEAD OF SAINT KENTIGERN**

### **Saint Kentigern College Boys Uniform**

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| **FORMAL UNIFORM** | |
| **Senior School**  **(Years 11-13)** | Dark grey trousers, white shirt, tie, blazer, dark grey dress socks, black leather belt, plain black dress loafers. |
| **Middle School**  **(Years 7-10)** | Dark grey trousers, white shirt, tie, blazer, grey dress socks, black leather belt, black lace up school shoes. |
| **DAY UNIFORM** | |
| **Senior School** | |
| **Summer** | Dark grey shorts or trousers and navy summer striped shirt, navy jersey. McKinley black sandals, black roman sandals or plain black dress loafers, long dark grey (with navy stripe) socks and garters. When wearing jersey, shirt must be tucked in. |
| **Winter** | Dark grey trousers or shorts and navy striped winter shirt, navy jersey, blazer, long dark grey (with navy stripe) socks and garters, plain black dress loafers. When wearing jersey, shirt must be tucked in. |
| **Middle School** | |
| **Summer** | Dark grey shorts and grey striped summer shirt, royal blue jersey. McKinley black sandals, black roman sandals or plain black leather lace up school shoes, long grey socks (with royal blue stripe) and garters. When wearing jersey, shirt must be tucked in. |
| **Winter** | Dark grey shorts or trousers and grey striped winter shirt, royal blue jersey, blazer, long grey socks (with royal blue stripe) and garters, plain black leather lace up school shoes. When wearing jersey, shirt must be tucked in. |
| **PE UNIFORM** | |
| **Summer** | Short sleeved blue and white top and blue shorts with swim liner, Saint Kentigern blue cap or hat (compulsory for Years 7 and 8). |
| **Winter** | Short sleeved blue and white top and blue shorts. Saint Kentigern tracksuit. |
| **OTHER REQUIREMENTS** | |
| **House competitions** | PE shorts, House t-shirt. |
| **Hair** | Hair must be kept neat, tidy and groomed. Hair must be sufficiently short that it is off the collar, face, and ears when it falls naturally. Shaved heads, partially shaved heads (including mohawks) or hair styles likely to cause offence are not permitted. Hair must be of a natural colour. Facial hair is not permitted. |
| **Sun Protection** | Sunscreen is encouraged in summer. School caps or hats are strongly recommended for all students during Term 1 and 4. (Caps and sunscreen available at Mungo’s Uniform Shop). |
| **Optional Items** | Saint Kentigern gloves.  Scarf - navy for Senior School  - royal for Middle School  Saint Kentigern rainjacket. |
| **Note** | No **jewellery** of any kind is to be worn apart from a watch. No visible body piercing or tattoos allowed.  No t-shirts to be showing under shirts. No caps worn indoors or with Formals. |

**Saint Kentigern College Girls Uniform**

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| **FORMAL UNIFORM** | |
| **Senior School**  **(Years 11-13)** | Long navy skirt, white blouse, tie, blazer, black opaque tights (terms 2 and 3) sockettes (term 1 and 4), black leather loafers. |
| **Middle School**  **(Years 7-10)** | Blue tartan skirt worn on the waist and below the knee, white blouse, tie, blazer, black opaquetights, (white socks in Terms 1 and 4) plain black College leather lace up school shoes. |
| **DAY UNIFORM** | |
| **Senior School** | |
| **Summer** | Summer skirt worn on the waist and below the knee, short sleeved oxford blue blouse, navy slip on vest (optional). McKinley black dress sandals or black leather loafers and sockettes. |
| **Winter** | Long or knee length navy skirt worn on the waist with a long sleeved oxford blue blouse, navy jersey, blazer, black opaque tights, black leather loafers. When wearing jersey, shirt must be tucked in. |
| **Middle School** | |
| **Summer** | Summer knee length skirt worn on the waist and below the knee with matching tunic. McKinley black dress sandals or plain black leather lace up school shoes and white ankle socks. Royal blue jersey or cardigan can also be worn. When wearing jersey, shirt must be tucked in. |
| **Winter** | Tartan skirt worn on the waist and below the knee, long sleeved silveroxfordblouse, royal blue cardigan or royal blue jersey, blazer. Black opaque tights, plain black leather lace up school shoes. When wearing jersey, shirt must be tucked in. |
| **PE UNIFORM** | |
| **Summer** | Short sleeved blue and white shirt and blue shorts, Saint Kentigern blue cap or hat (compulsory in year 7 and 8). Saint Kentigern swimsuit and swim cap (optional). PE shorts can be worn over swimsuit. |
| **Winter** | Short sleeved white and blue shirt and blue shorts. Saint Kentigern tracksuit, Saint Kentigern blue cap (compulsory Years 7 and 8). |
| **House Competitions** | PE shorts, House t-shirt. |
| **Hair** | Hair must be neat, tidy and groomed. Hair must either be sufficiently short that it is off the collar and face when it falls naturally, or be kept restrained by hair ties. Hair bands or clips may be worn and must be navy, royal blue, black or white in colour. Shaved heads, partially shaved heads or hair styles likely to cause offence are not permitted. Hair must be of the student’s natural colour. |
| **Sun Protection** | Sunscreen is encouraged in summer. School caps or hats are strongly recommended for all students during Term 1 and 4. (Caps and sunscreen are available at Mungo’s Uniform Shop). |
| **Optional Items** | Saint Kentigern gloves.  Scarf - navy for Senior School  - royal for Middle School  Saint Kentigern rain jacket. |
| **NOTE** | No **makeup** is to be worn. No **jewellery** of any kind is to be worn apart from a watch. No earrings (including plastic) or other visible body piercing or tattoos allowed. No undergarments to be showing under uniform. |