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Dear Year 8 Parents and Guardians

The whole school Early Commencement Program (ECP) is fast approaching, commencing on Monday 28 November. The primary goal of ECP is to engage all learners with key content for their selected course of study in preparation for 2023. Staff at the College are working hard to plan and prepare engaging lessons for students to set their learning on a positive path.

The two-week ECP timetable will feature all the subjects for their year level and chosen course of study. Where possible the teachers delivering the ECP program will be the students' subject teacher in 2023. Keep in mind this is not possible for new staff joining our community next year. Student timetables will be available on SEQTA Learn and Engage prior to ECP commencing.

Students' subjects have been confirmed and students have had a small window of opportunity to request a subject change up to 11 November.

Teachers have prepared engaging lessons and will continue to maintain Google Classrooms for students to access learning expectations and digital materials over the two-week period. For ECP, students require their stationery items as per booklist. In addition, students need to bring their school laptop and current planner. The Year 9 Booklist can be accessed on the Notre Dame College website in Quicklinks and should be completed by Monday 12 December. However, it is expected that students purchase their English text, *The Giver*, prior to this date as it is required during ECP. This can be purchased second hand. In addition, students will require writing material, their school laptop and current planner.

Booklists for each Year Level can be accessed through Quick links on the NDC Website. During ECP students may be required to complete home study and/or complete unfinished work during ECP classes. Additional holiday homework is not an expectation.

The College will maintain high expectations for ECP; it is expected that all students, in all years, attend every day of ECP in full and correct uniform. If a student is absent normal practice should be followed and the school contacted. Furthermore, if a student has an appointment, it would be preferred if these were outside school hours, however if this is not possible, the usual process for late arrival to school and leave passes should be followed. Students have a responsibility to ensure that their notebook computer is fully charged each day.

Throughout ECP, the Wellbeing Team will continue to be available to students who require support. The Wellbeing Team have worked together, alongside the Heads of House, Learning

Community Leaders, and Learning Diversity, to ensure relevant information has been shared that will assist students in their transition from one program to another.

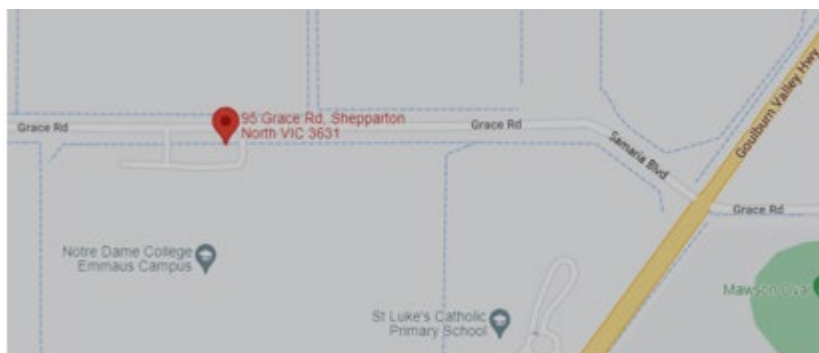
The following link from School TV on the College Website has helpful information pertinent to various transitional stages in schools - not only with a focus on beginning primary or secondary school. [School TV - Managing School Transitions](#)

The College website contains a copy of the calendar that outlines key events for the end of the year. Further information pertaining to specific arrangements for different year levels will be provided to students via SEQTA notices.

Pastoral groups for 2023, whilst in houses, will also be in year levels, which is a change from our practice of vertical pastoral groups. We have planned time on Monday, 28 November for students to meet with their new pastoral group and to have their 2023 lockers allocated.

On 14 November, entry into the Year 9 Programme at Notre Dame College, Emmaus Campus will be changing.

The access road you currently use (via St Luke's Primary School) which runs behind St Luke's and the football ovals, will be closed and entry into the Emmaus Campus will need to be done via Grace Road, as per the map below.



This entry is **only to be used** if your child is late to school and you are dropping them off, if they are leaving school early to attend an appointment or if you are attending an appointment at the College.

I would like to remind all parents/guardians that if you are dropping your student off at the start of the day, or collecting them at the end of the day, you are not to use this this drop off and you will need to collect your student by pulling into a carparking bay near the St Luke's stadium. These bays are located to the right of the roundabout as you enter the St Luke's/Emmaus site off the Goulburn Valley Highway. Students are to walk around the footpath in front of the St Luke's stadium and up the path that leads to the Emmaus Campus or use the pedestrian crossing near the roundabout and then walk up the path that leads to the Emmaus Campus. Students are not to walk through the car park or bus area.

Please note the following bus arrangements for Year 9 students during ECP.

DYSONS Public Transport: town students only (Shepparton)

Bus F - Kingfisher: arriving at Bay 7 Skene Street Bus Hub at 8:10am, leaving 8:14am for Emmaus

Bus Q - Kialla: arriving at Bay 9 Skene Street Bus Hub at 8:10am, leaving 8:18am for Emmaus

Bus S - Poplar: arriving at Bay 3 Skene Street Bus Hub at 8:10am, leaving 8:14am for Emmaus

Bus T - Gordon Drive: arriving at Bay 8 Skene Street Bus Hub at 8:15am, leaving 8:20am for Emmaus

JACOBSONS Public Transport: town students only (Mooroopna)

Bus C - Mooroopna: arriving at Mooroopna Interchange 8:16am, arriving at the Emmaus Campus at 8:31am

All current year 8 students who are eligible for either Conveyance or SBP will have a card provided by NDC which can be presented to your bus drivers when travelling to and from school.

School Bus Program students

Students using the School Bus Program (country bus travellers) will be advised of their travel details via email confirmation from the School Bus Coordinator.

Please Note: Students are to travel in the afternoon from the Emmaus Campus to the Skene Street Bus Hub/Mooroopna Interchange on the same bus that transported them in the morning.

Date	Year 8 in 2022 / Year 9 in 2023
Thursday 24 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lesson 1 to Lesson 5<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Normal Year 8 2022 classes• Lesson 6<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Pastoral Group/House assembly.○ Clean out lockers
Friday 25 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ECP Planning Day for Teaching Staff (Student Free Day)
Monday 28 November - (Day 1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 9 2023 Emmaus Campus Assistance with buses from Skene St Bus Stop• Lesson 1 and Lesson 2 Extended pastoral group for Year 9 assembly (show students Daborra Portal),

	<p>community assemblies, tour of campus, locker distribution, timetables, etc</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesson 3 - Classes begin
Tuesday 29 November - (Day 2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesson 1 to Lesson 4 Daborra Location information sessions by community and location selection • Lesson 5 and Lesson 6 Normal ECP classes
Wednesday 30 November - (Day 3) to Friday 9 December - (Day 10)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 9 2023 classes
Monday 12 December - (Day 1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pastoral Group to Lunch Time Normal day 1 classes at Emmaus • Lesson 5 and Lesson 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1.45 Start - Stadium ○ Bus to Knight St for Awards Presentation assembly
Tuesday 13 December – (Day 2) Year 7 Orientation Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Normal-timetabled ECP classes at Emmaus
Wednesday 14 December (Day 3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pastoral Group Meet at Mons Bones Hall • Lesson 1 Mass at St Brendan’s Church HOC & PGL attend with their PG • Lesson 2 to Lesson 6 Pool Day - Kyabram Pool

If you have any questions please contact David Cuzens – Director of Year 9 on 5822 8400.

Yours sincerely



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Principal

