



**ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S
COLLEGE**
Hamilton

KEEPING CONNECTED

UPDATES AS WE TRANSITION
TO YEARS 7 TO 12
TERM 4, 2023



A message from the Principal



Dear Year 6 parents,
carers and students,

Welcome to the final
instalment of our Year
7 2024 Newsletter -
Keeping Connected.
We have had an
exciting adventure this
year in preparation for
our Year 7 students to

join us in 2024, and we would like to thank you
for sharing the journey with us.

As we prepare to take a break to celebrate the joy of the
Christmas season, it is wonderful to reflect on how much
has been achieved in the last twelve months. Curriculum
plans are ready for implementation, learning spaces are
nearing completion, new play spaces are taking shape,
and the student timetables are in readiness.

We have enjoyed meeting your children in 2023, and
are anticipating fantastic opportunities to share, learn and
grow in the years ahead.

Merry Christmas – see you in 2024!

Kind regards,

Greg Ptolemy

Principal – St Francis Xavier's College Hamilton



An update from Wellbeing and Engagement

Ms Johnstone
Assistant Principal Wellbeing and Engagement



It was great to meet many of our 2024 Year 7 students and families as part of the recent Orientation Day/Parent Information Evening. (Mr Dan will go into more detail)

Please see below an outline for the start of Term 1.

Note – students will **NOT** need to bring their laptops to school until Monday 5 February.



Assistant Principal Leader Wellbeing and Engagement Kathryn Johnstone, Principal Greg Ptolemy, Assistant Principal Teaching and Learning Colin Mulhearn.

DAY 1 THURSDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2024

Formal School Uniform to be worn

8.30am	Staff to welcome students in the Plaza upon arrival
8.40am	Students to collect name tags from tables outside of the Hall
9.00 - 9.50am	Welcome Liturgy and Assembly in Hall (Parents welcome)
9.50 - 11.00am	Year 7 students move to Tutor Group Rooms
11.00 - 11.30am	Recess
11.30 - 12.00pm	Period 1
12.00 - 12.30pm	Period 2
12.30 - 1.00pm	Period 3
1.00 - 1.45pm	Lunch
1.45 - 2.20pm	Period 4
2.20 - 2.55pm	Icebreakers in A Block
2.55 - 3.10pm	Return to the Hall with Year 11 for dismissal

DAY 2 FRIDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2024

Sports Uniform to be worn

9.05am	Tutor Group in the Hall
9.45 - 11.30am	Move to the Cathedral for College Mass & Lunch
11.30 - 12.05pm	ID photos to be taken in the hall for Compass Cards
12.05 - 12.40pm	Period 2
12.40 - 1.15pm	Period 3
1.15 - 3.00pm	Recess and Sport
3.00-3.10pm	Students return to A Block for roll marking and dismissal.

WEEK 2 MONDAY AND TUESDAY

Extended TG 9.05 – 9.20am

Monday Period 1	Year 7 BYOD Set Up.
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Learning update

Mr Mulhearn

Assistant Principal Teaching and Learning

Our team has been working hard to ensure a smooth and successful transition for our incoming students, setting the stage for a safe, happy, and academically enriching start to the school year.



Year 7 Lead Teachers have developed engaging and comprehensive programs to meet the diverse needs of our incoming Year 7 students. All of the courses contribute to providing a well-rounded education that fosters both academic excellence and personal growth.

The teachers have invested significant time and effort into detailed lesson planning, incorporating innovative teaching strategies to create an interactive learning environment. This will ensure lessons are engaging, informative, and tailored to the specific needs of our students.

The physical environment plays a crucial role in the learning experience. The refurbished dedicated classrooms for Year 7 are close to completion and will allow teachers to prepare lessons in a space that is aimed at creating modern, comfortable, and technology-equipped spaces for our students.

Recognising the importance of a well-rounded education, our team has carefully planned a diverse range of extra-curricular activities. These activities will not only complement the academic curriculum but also provide opportunities for students to explore their interests, develop new skills, and build lasting friendships.

Our goal is to create a welcoming and nurturing atmosphere that fosters happiness, allowing our incoming Year 7 students to feel comfortable, supported, and excited about their educational journey.

As we eagerly anticipate the arrival of our new high school students, we look forward to the collective efforts of our dedicated staff, supportive parents, and enthusiastic students, all coming together to make the upcoming academic year a very successful one.



Hi everyone!

Where did Term 4 go? Wow! I trust that your parties and ceremonies to celebrate finishing primary education have been a blast. On behalf of all of your teachers here at St Francis Xavier's College, we want to congratulate you and your families. You deserve to be so proud of finishing in the manner you have, and I am certain that your primary school teachers and communities are equally as proud of each of you. Congratulations!



In November we were so thrilled to host you all for our very first 'Year 7 Orientation Day' and welcome you to our College. What a fun-filled, energetic and exciting day it was. You need to know that we were so impressed with your enthusiasm, kindness to one-another, and willingness to participate in every activity. Your teachers and peer support leaders had such a great time introducing to you a variety of different aspects of our College including; assemblies, liturgies, sacred spaces, bell times, PDHPE, Religion/English/ Languages, Hospitality/ Mathematics, Science, TAS and CAPA. The list could go on and on... haha. In each of these activities it was clear from the laughter and energy that we as a Year 7 group for 2024 were mixing nicely, and for this, we would like to congratulate you and thank you all. It was a really wonderful day, and you once again should be so proud of how you behaved and cared for one-another. Well done!

Our next opportunity to continue building this culture and camaraderie will occur when we officially start our time at our College in February next year. This time will come around quickly and it might be wise to remember that in Week 3, we will be heading on Year 7 Camp to Point Wolstoncroft. On Camp we will aim to further strengthen our friendships and bonds, through a myriad of different outdoor activities. We will also learn more fully about how we at St Francis Xavier's College aim to welcome you into our 'Family'. We can't wait!

Thank you to all parents for attending to the Camp Registration so quickly.

Finally, congratulations Year 6! You are wonderful examples of extremely effective and functioning primary schools, for which we as secondary teachers are always grateful. I am privileged to speak on behalf of all your teachers here in wishing you and your families a very merry Christmas and happy New Year! Stay safe, we can't wait to see you in 2024.

Thank you very much

Mr Dan

Leader of Learning – Wellbeing and Engagement (LoWE)

Alinta Uniform Shop

SFX will be open during the January school holidays for parents to collect their child's new College uniform:

Thursday 18 Jan 8am-2pm

Tuesday 23 Jan 8am-2pm

Thursday 25 Jan 8am-2pm

Tuesday 30 Jan 8:30am-12:30pm

Thursday 1 Feb 8am-12pm



What to expect

TERM 1 2024

Thursday 1 February

First Day for Year 7 Students (Formal College Uniform to be worn)

Friday 2 February

Year 7 Orientation Program continues (College Sport Uniform to be worn)

Wednesday 7 February

Year 7 Parent Information Evening 7pm – Focus is on preparation for Year 7 Camp

Wednesday 14 February

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday 14 February – Friday 16 February

Year 7 Camp to Point Wolstoncroft

Tuesday 27 February

SFX Swimming Carnival

Friday 15 March

SFX Cross Country

Friday 29 March

GOOD FRIDAY

Monday 1 April

EASTER MONDAY

Tuesday 2 April

Pupil Free Day

Friday 12 April

Term 1 Concludes



St Francis Xavier's Hamilton will be on Facebook in the new year. Keep up to date with news and events from Term 1, 2024.