



SHALOM COLLEGE

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

I hope that the Christmas vacation period has been a blessing for every family and a time to rest and celebrate well. 2021 is upon us and all the potential that this holds. I hope that your child(ren) are looking forward to the start of the year at Shalom and to renewing friendships and making new ones as well as achieving their best academically.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming our Year 7 students along with quite a number of new students in Years 8 to 12. This will be an exciting, but daunting, time for all of those people. We will also be welcoming quite a number of new staff to Shalom as the College continues to grow.

Enrolments 2021: Please advise the office as soon as possible if your child will not be returning to Shalom this year.

Parent Lounge: The Parent Lounge is where you will find information such as the school calendar, daily notices, your child's assessments and school reports. The Parent Lounge will also be used to give permission for excursions and update any contact and medical details (see link below). For new parents and students you will be receiving an email from our IT Department with your Parent Lounge and Student login details.

[Parent Lounge login](#)

Confirmation of Enrolment for 2021 Fees: It is essential that this form be completed for our Finance Department as soon as possible to both confirm your student's place at Shalom College in 2021, to advise your method of payment and to ensure that you will receive discounts you are entitled to should you have more than one child at a Catholic School or College in the Diocese of Rockhampton.

Thank you to those families who have already completed this form at the end of 2020. To those new families joining us this year please click on the link below to complete the form. You will require your Parent Code from Parent Lounge to complete this form.

[Confirmation of Enrolment for 2021 Fees](#)

Parent Volunteers: We are enormously grateful for parents who are able to offer some time to support the Shalom Parents & Friends Association in their endeavours this year. It would be greatly appreciated if you could volunteer a small amount of your time in 2021, please see link to Google form below. A big thank you to those parents who have previously volunteered and we ask that you fill out the form below if you would like to continue to volunteer in 2021.

[P & F Volunteer Form](#)

SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT DATES

WEDNESDAY - 27 January 2021

First day of School for students in Year 7 and Year 12 only (and any new students in Years 8 to 11)

Year 7 and 12 Students (and other Year 10 and 11 Buddies)

- What to Wear - Sports Uniform
- What to Bring - Sports Bag, Sports Hat, Water Bottle, Notepad and Pen, Lunch and/or money for Tuckshop
- Arrive by 8.30 am at the undercover eating area (near the Tuckshop)
- House flags will be set up so please congregate near your house flag
- On first bell -

Year 7 Students - will go to the Performing Arts Precinct. Parents are welcome to attend.

Year 12 Students - will go to the Sports Centre

Year 12 House Leaders - will go to the Performing Arts Precinct

The Year 7 students spend the day with their Year 12 buddy. They will also meet and work with their Pastoral Care teacher; there will be no formal classes on Wednesday 28 January.

New Students Years 8 to 11

- What to Wear - Please wear conservative plain clothes with closed in shoes (no thongs)
- What to Bring - Sports Bag, Hat, Water Bottle, Morning Tea, Notepad and Pen
- Year 8 students will be issued with their Laptops. Year 9 students are requested to bring their iPads with all restrictions turned off. Year 10 and 11 students who have elected to partake in our Laptop Leasing Program will be issued with their laptop. Year 10 and 11 students who have chosen **BYO device**, please bring your devices on this day.
- Report to Loyola Centre by 9.00 am.
- This briefer Orientation will be over by 12.00 noon.

THURSDAY - 28 January 2021

All year levels attend

- What to wear - Formal Uniform (Boys are not required to wear a tie in Terms 1 and 4)
- On first bell, students are to move to their respective House blocks to put their College bags outside their PC rooms
- Students then move straight to the Sports Centre for College Assembly and sit in House areas in their respective PC groups
- 9.10 am - 10.10 am - Extended Pastoral Care class
- Normal classes for periods 2 - 4; bring relevant books for those classes only (Day 4 on Student Timetable)

Student Presentation: as the new school year rolls around can I thank parents in advance for the efforts you will go to in ensuring that your child is well presented as they start school. Hair, uniform, make-up and jewellery guidelines are clear and have been in place for a long period. Traditional black leather college shoes should be cleaned and ready to go. Again, I am very grateful to parents for their support of the standards we expect at Shalom. Please ensure that all items including uniforms and hats are clearly named.

Reminder - New Boys Formal Socks (grey with Shalom embroidered) will be compulsory as of Term 1 2021. These socks are available from the Uniform Shop. Please see link below.

[Online Uniform Shop](#)

After School Activities: you will soon receive an email from our Student Welfare Coordinator, Mr Peter Robinson, outlining this initiative open to Shalom families. We will offer a range of activities to students after school. This initiative is being financially supported by the Shalom Parents & Friends Association. There is a nominal cost but hopefully this will be strongly supported by families looking for some additional activities for their children.

Newsletter: The College Newsletter is the primary means of communication with parents and I encourage every parent to read the Newsletter each week to keep up to date with what is happening at the College.

Additionally, please follow the Shalom College social media pages listed below. The Shalom College website is also a valuable resource of information - you can find extra [2021 Information](#) under the "Latest News" tab.

- [Shalom College Instagram](#)
- [Shalom College Facebook](#)
- [Shalom College Sport Facebook](#)

I hope that 2021 will be a great year for all in this community and for those times when it is not, I hope that each individual will feel the love and care that has come to characterise Shalom.

Kind Regards



Dan McMahon
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