

## Stage 6 Leader of Learning NEED TO KNOW Term 2, 2022



### **Dear Parents, Carers, Students, Staff and Friends of Penola Catholic College**

Students have made a strong start to the year during Term One despite the many challenges faced due to COVID and also flooding in the local area. It is the most important year of schooling for our Year 11 and 12 students and we aim to support them in their journey with our culture of high expectations and evidence based learning practices. As part of this our Senior Study afternoons will return in Term 2, with the library open and available for students on Mondays and Thursdays from 3 - 4:30pm.

As you would be aware, the College has implemented the Senior Flexible Release program which allows students to do private study in the school Library or alternatively leave school to go home to study or complete other tasks that are required by signing out at the Student Foyer during study periods that are timetabled on Learning Session 1 or 3. This privilege will be dependent on each student's ability to apply themselves with diligence and sustained effort at Year 12 expectation levels. Should a classroom teacher feel that a student is underperforming in class, not completing set tasks or a pattern of less than 90% is emerging, their Student Flexible Release will be reviewed by the College Executive Leaders. Year 11 will be extended this privilege early in Term 2.

As always if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact myself or your child's homeroom teacher.

11.1 Mr Braeden Cuneo	11.2 Mr Martin Stein	11.3 Mr Conrad McDonald
12.1 Mrs Dannielle Hamilton	12.2 Mr Robert Mudge	12.3 Miss Lani Brookfield

### **Calendar of Key Dates**

Updated information will be provided if any of the following dates are changed regarding Staff Learning – Pupil Free Days for the remainder of 2022.

To assist with your planning, our next Staff Learning - Pupil Free Day is Friday 10 June.

The other Staff Learning-Pupil Free Days for this year are Monday 18 July, Friday 18 November and Tuesday 20 December.

Please contact the college a week before each Staff Learning-Pupil Free Day if you require supervision for your children on these days at school.

### **End of Term 1 and Term 2 Major Events**

**that affect parents/carers and students across Years 11 - 12**

<b>Wednesday 6 April</b>	LS2 - Year 12 Easter Liturgy LS3 - Year 11 Easter Liturgy
<b>Friday 8 April</b>	Yr 7-12 ANZAC Day Ceremony
<b>Friday 8 April</b>	Penola Cross Country
<b>Friday 8 April</b>	Last Day of Term 1

<b>Tuesday 19 May - Thursday 22 April</b>	HSC Holiday Study Tutorials
<b>Monday 25 April</b>	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
<b>Tuesday 26 April</b>	Term 2 Week 1 commences for all students. We commence with Week B of the timetable. Please refer to Compass for any timetable changes for Week 1B
<b>Monday 9 May</b>	Parramatta Secondary Diocesan Team Tennis Gala Day
<b>Tuesday 10 May &amp; Wednesday 11 May</b>	Year 12 Retreat at BXVI Conference Centre
<b>Friday 13 May</b>	Parramatta Secondary Diocesan Cross Country
<b>Wednesday 18 May</b>	Nepean Careers Market Year 10 and 12
<b>Friday 20 May</b>	Athletics Carnival
<b>Monday 30 May - Tuesday 14 June</b>	Tell Them From Me Student, Parents/Carers/Staff Surveys
<b>Tuesday 31 May</b>	College Photographs
<b>Tuesday 7 June</b>	Report for Semester 1 Released for Year 11
<b>Tuesday 7 June</b>	2023 Year 9,10 and 11 Pathways/Subject Information Evening (4:00pm - 6:00pm)
<b>Friday 10 June</b>	Staff Learning - Pupil Free Day
<b>Monday 13 June</b>	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
<b>Friday 17 June</b>	Student Learning Performance Grade (SLP) to promote learning and wellbeing released for Year 12
<b>Tuesday 28 June</b>	Parent/Carer/Student/ Teacher Interviews 7-12 (4:00pm - 6:30pm)
<b>Tuesday 28 June</b>	Year 7-11 Semester 1 Academic Award Ceremonies
<b>Friday 1 July</b>	Parent/Carer/Student/ Teacher Interviews 7-12 (9:00am - 3:00pm)
<b>Friday 1 July</b>	Last Day of Term 2

## HSC Dates, Graduation and Formal

Further information concerning these events will be sent to students and parents/carers during Term 2.

<b>Wednesday 12 October</b>	HSC written exams start
<b>Monday 7 November</b>	Written exams will finish no later than this date
<b>Tuesday 8 November</b>	Graduation Mass, 11am at Penola Catholic College
<b>Friday 11th of November</b>	Year 12 Formal, 5:30pm at Crowne Plaza, Windsor

## Winter Uniform

Students return to school for Term 2 on Tuesday 26 April, after the ANZAC Day Public Holiday. The changeover from summer to winter uniform for Term 2 is always difficult to determine with our changing weather patterns. However, we have decided that Week 1 and 2 being the changeover period when students can choose to wear winter or summer uniforms — not a mixture of them — depending on the weather, with the beginning of **Week 3 Monday 9 May** being the time all students should be in their Winter Uniform.

## Class of 2022 Commemorative jacket

The wearing of the jacket is a privilege afforded to students who consistently meet the College standards of learning, uniform and attendance rate of at least 90%. For the students who do meet the required standards, the jacket can only be worn as part of the uniform on Thursday of each week beginning in Term 2, 2022. This has been communicated in the diary and agreed upon by our college executive team and It is planned that students will take their jacket to Retreat and wear it for the traditional group photo. Preparations for the Class of 2023 Commemorative Jacket are underway!

God bless.

Yours sincerely,



*Mr Nathan Bryant*  
*Stage 6 Leader of Learning*



*Mr Jim Fanning*  
*Principal Leader*