

Year 10 2025



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Homeroom teacher

- Homeroom teachers are your first port of call for any issues your son is experiencing.

ROLE:

- To check in with your son everyday
- Homeroom is **not a formal classroom**. It is an opportunity to discuss, listen, and reflect on matters which concern your son's health and wellbeing.
- Attendance issues/concerns
- Academic issues/concerns
- Uniform



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Parent Support

Homeroom Teacher

- 10A – Louise Macquire
 - 10B – Peter Stonehouse
 - 10C – Dirk Stickland
 - 10D – Mark Emerson
 - 10E – Petro Angeli
 - 10F – Liam Brown
 - 10G – Jason Lappin
 - 10H – Nicholas Moll
 - 10I – Rachael Leighton
 - 10J – Maxine Harrison
- PAM access
 - Checking your son's academic progress/balancing pressures

Year 10 Coordinators

Ms. Rebekah Curtis Lester

Mr. Daniel Willey

Year level Coordinator

ROLE OF THE YLC:

- To resolve more serious issues/concerns
- To help with wellbeing issues/concerns your son
- Continued attendance issues/concerns
- Continued academic issues/concerns
- Continued uniform issues/concerns

Common classroom expectations this year

Uniform – Hair policy 2025

Please take note that ‘mulletts’ are not acceptable in 2025 at St Patrick’s. If a student presents with this type of style, then a parent/carer will be asked to pick them up and organise for it to be cut. Students may not return to school until their hairstyle meets the guidelines. Similarly, hair longer than collar length should always be tied back neatly.

If a haircut and/or colouring does not meet College’s expectations:

- A letter will be sent home and time given to rectify the problem (by Monday Week 2, February 6).
- If the haircut or style is not rectified within the prescribed time, **students will be sent home until the problem is rectified.**

School Uniform

	SUMMER UNIFORM Term 1 & 4		WINTER UNIFORM Term 2 & 3
Shoes	Plain black leather shoes. <i>Note: Suede shoes or black running/skate style shoes are not permitted.</i>	Shoes	Plain black leather shoes. <i>Note: Suede shoes or black running style/ skate shoes are not permitted.</i>
Shorts	Blue shorts to be worn. Students have the option of wearing school trousers (as per the winter uniform).	Trousers	Blue College trousers and black belt to be worn.
Shirt	White short sleeved shirt.	Long Sleeved Shirt	White long-sleeved shirt to be worn.
Socks	College long socks to be worn with shorts. Black or Navy socks to be worn with trousers.	Socks	Black or Navy socks to be worn.
Suit coat	College suitcoat to be worn to and from school. This will be checked during morning administration and in the afternoon upon departure.	Suit coat	College suitcoat to be worn to and from school. This will be checked during morning administration and in the afternoon upon departure.
Tie	College Tie to be worn (Year 7-11) Year 12 College Tie (Year 12)	Tie	College Tie to be worn (Year 7-11) Year 12 College Tie (Year 12)
		Jumper	College jumper can be worn during winter.
		Spray Jacket	To be worn in cold/wet weather over the top of the suitcoat. The spray jacket does not replace the suit coat. Spray jackets are not to be worn during class time.

Other General Rules – Direct from the student diary

- **Courtesy:**

- Students are expected to treat staff and fellow students with courtesy at all times and to consider the dignity and rights of others. This includes Canteen staff, visitors etc. This includes appropriate language, and willingness to assist others without being requested to do so.

- **Liquid Paper (e.g. 'White Out')**

- No student is permitted to have this type of correction fluid at school

- **Chewing gum**

- No student is permitted to have chewing gum at school

- **Litter**

- Dropping litter shows lack of concern for the rights of others. Papers and food scraps must be placed in the bins provided.

- **Plagiarism**

- The presentation of another's work as your own. It is considered a serious academic offence and will not be tolerated at St Patrick's College. Sources, printed and electronic, must be declared in your documentation. Any student who is discovered plagiarising any work from any type of resource will be notified and a letter sent to his parents. Any evidence of plagiarism will incur an 'N' result for the piece of work.

- **Punctuality**

- Students are expected to arrive punctually to all classes and move quickly between classes. Students will have 5 minutes to move between lesson

Mobile Phones policy for 2025

- Mobile phones and connected devices, including smart watches **should never be turned on or seen inside the College gates.**
- In 2025, phones will be confiscated **and can be collected from the student services after 3:25.**

FAQ on mobiles

What if I need to purchase food at the canteen?

You can use your card or cash. All canteen staff are aware you cannot use your mobile for purchases

Mum or Dad might need to contact me during the day about something important. What can I tell them?

They can contact the reception for the message to be relayed to the teacher. In an emergency staff from reception may visit the classroom

What if work needs to call me?

You need to inform your employer that you can only take calls about your shifts or other matters afterschool (i.e. 3:30 onwards).

Subject changes -12/2/25



St Patrick's College –Subject Change Request Form

Name: _____ Homeroom: _____

Subject/s leaving: _____

Subject/s moving into: _____

Head of Senior School signature: _____

Parent/guardian name: _____

Parent/guardian signature: _____

Please note – there are multiple reasons why a subject change cannot occur, such as timetabling clashes and existing class sizes. In some cases, your requests may not be successful.

Laptops

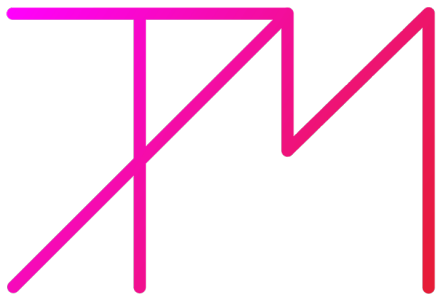


Year 10 Work Experience



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- Monday, September 16 – Friday, September 21
- Your son will need to arrange his own work experience. Please discuss this with your son and encourage him to organize the experience as early as possible. It is a very valuable experience and can lead to employment opportunities.
- Your son will need to see Career Counsellor for forms and more details at some point before September.



Tomorrow Man



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TOMORROW
MAN

- The Tomorrow Man program will introduce students to the skills to empower men to re-define a healthier version of masculinity for themselves that will positively impact them and those they love the most.
- Throughout the year we hope to introduce the students to three presentations with various focus point
 - **Module one:** Breaking the Man Code – Exploring the impact of masculine gender stereotypes and expectations. Learning how to build stronger connection. **1/04/25**
 - **Module two:** The History of Man – Identify the positive and negative traits of men. **1/07/25**
 - **Module three:** Man + the Mask – Explore how fear of judgement and excessive ‘banter’ affects individuals and the culture of a cohort. **13/08/25**

One Night of Homelessness



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The One Night of Homelessness on the **29th May** gives students an opportunity to engage with a social justice activity in which they develop empathy for the marginalized.

- The night involves the students experiencing what it might be like for those who sleep-rough (homelessness)
- The OnTrack foundation will present to the students and deliver soup to the boys utilizing their community bus.
- Student donations are given to St Vincent De Paul's (Vinnies) and their winter appeal



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Key dates

1. House Swimming Carnival – 6th of March
2. Labour day holiday – Monday - March 11th
3. St Patrick's Day (mass) – Friday March 15^h
4. Athletics Carnival – 17th of Feb

Retreat- June 12

	Activity Description
Big Issue	The Big Issue run an interactive online program about the Homeless magazine and ways we can involve ourselves.
Team Building	Mr Jamie Bobrowski will run a series of activities to encourage teamwork and mental growth.
Edmund Rice Camps	Edmund Rice camps representatives will be teaching about the program and running us through activities that are part of the Edmund Rice camp programs.
Cor Ad Cor	A spiritual mix of well-being and self-care.
Bullying and cyber-bullying	Flying Bookworm Theatre company present a range of real-life scenarios on bullying and cyber-bullying.

- **Meningococcal ACWY vaccine for teens**
- Meningococcal disease is serious, but you can be protected. Young people aged 14-16 years can get the free meningococcal ACWY vaccine at school in year 10 and other health services including pharmacies.
- 28th of August

Host Family Request

- St Patrick's College will be participating in the annual cultural exchange programme with Shibuya High School, Japan from Tuesday, March 11 to Sunday March 23, 2025
- The students from Shibuya High School are in Year 10 and have sound English language skills.
- In the past they have been extremely enthusiastic visitors and fitted very well into the family environment.
- They will attend school each day with St Patrick's students, completing English language classes and doing a wide range of activities with our Japanese classes.
- Host families will be paid \$600 for the 12 days to assist with the costs of hosting. To further reduce the cost for families, we will be taking the students to the Ballarat Wildlife Park during school time.
- If your family is able to assist in hosting a Japanese student for 12 days, please email RLeighton@stpats.vic.edu.au for an application form.

Parent Support - Homework



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- This is a process at home where you try to consolidate the knowledge and skills acquired at school.
- Preparation – Distractions, Non-negotiables and Plan.
- Application – putting your plan into action
- Plan
 - Study timetable –
 - Basketball: Mondays, 6pm - 7:30pm and Sundays 2pm - 4pm
 - XBOX: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7pm - 8pm, Weekends 3pm - 6pm
 - Seeing friends: Weekends, 11am - 6pm
 - Netflix: Mondays and Wednesdays, 7:30pm - 9:00pm
 - Social media: Daily, 5pm - 6pm
 - Work shift: Saturdays, 10am - 2pm