



6 November 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

RE: Solemnity of St Albert the Great and Christmas Outreach

We will be celebrating the Solemnity of our Patron Saint, St Albert the Great on Thursday 15 November 2018. (Please be aware that **Friday 16 November** will be a **school closure day** in honour of St Albert the Great).

The Solemnity of St Albert the Great on Thursday 15 November is a vital aspect of your son's lifelong partnership with Blackfriars as we celebrate our core values and identity. Therefore attendance on the day is compulsory. The day will mirror our Four Pillars of Dominican Life commencing with a whole school Mass at 10:00am. Parents and friends are welcome to attend the Mass.

Student dress code on Thursday 15 November will be neat casual. To entitle your son to wear casual clothes, he will need to bring in a gold coin donation **or** a food gift for their class Christmas Hamper (see below). Gold-coin donations will go toward supporting efforts to stop human trafficking through the organisation ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans).

Clothing must be respectful of our school culture and therefore, must not offend in any manner. This includes the **exclusion** of any motifs, logos or slogans, which are not recognised trademarks of clothing manufacturers. Singlet tops are not permitted. Footwear is to comply with WHS regulations and therefore must be enclosed.

This term, a basket will be provided for pairs of classrooms for students to place donations of Christmas food items. Each hamper will be donated to a family in need for Christmas through St Vincent de Paul. In a few weeks, Vinnies will provide the profile of the family (eg. single mother, two boys aged 7 and 9 and a girl aged 3) and students will be asked to donate a present that would suit someone in the family. Information regarding the profile of the family your son's class is supporting will be sent home in about two weeks. For safety reasons, please do not wrap any gift or food item.

Christmas food items could include: wafer sticks, candy-canes, shortbread biscuits, mince pies, gingerbread biscuits, white-Christmas, Christmas cake or pudding.

There will also be a BBQ lunch available for all students. Money raised from the BBQ will also go to ACRATH.

Primary students will need to complete the BBQ order tear off slip below. Secondary students will purchase their sausages at the BBQ.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Matthew Crisanti
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FOR PRIMARY STUDENT USE ONLY: PRIMARY SCHOOL SAUSAGE ORDER

NAME: _____ CLASS: _____

NUMBER OF SAUSAGES: _____ @ \$2.00 each = TOTAL: _____