



## **Kildare and Mater Dei Catholic Colleges - Wagga Wagga**

Week ending 14th February 2020

Dear Boarding Parents/ Guardians,

The boarding students have now started to settle into routine and are working well during their study sessions each night.

**Reminder: Mt Erin Meet and Greet 3.30pm to 4.00pm at Mt Erin. Drinks and Nibbles Present will be the Principals of Kildare and Mater Dei and senior staff.**

**We would love to see you there!**

### **REACH**

*There has been a number of queries regarding the use of REACH from new and existing users. With regards to pin numbers, REACH Managing Director Garry Jowett has explained that the App has a user pin which the user manages.*

*PIN issues are mobile phone/user related - remembering the PIN is important.*

*When users first log into the mobile app they are asked to set a PIN for their device to access REACH. This is a number of their choosing and not related to REACH at all, other than it is used to tell our app that the person is known to the device and pre-authenticated on our app.*

*If a parent forgets the PIN that they set then they need to select LOGOUT and re-authenticate with their username and password. They will then be asked to set a PIN on the way in again.*

*Using a PIN means that they do not have to remember their username and password each time they log into REACH on their mobile app.*

***NOTE: Please cc all support request to [support@reach.cloud](mailto:support@reach.cloud)***

### **KCC SWIMMING EVENT**

With the Kildare Swimming Carnival being held next Thursday (Feb 20) please make sure arrangements are made for your son/daughter with the knowledge that there will be no lessons taught at Kildare on Friday February 21 (i.e No classes). Please advise your child's Boarding Supervisor by email or REACH. KCC students in Boarding will be supervised in the KCC Resources Centre during the day by a teacher. Lunch will be provided and they can wear casual clothes.

## **Tutors**

Applications for Tutors will be advertised this week. It is planned to have one teacher on per night - e.g. English (Monday) , Maths (Tuesday), Science (Wednesday) and Humanities (Thursday) to cater for the needs of the Senior Boarding students.

## **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

Mt Erin like all boarding schools exist to provide support to students who wish to attend a school of their choice to pursue their academic studies whilst living away from their home. We also encourage students to participate in extracurricular activities and sport to develop a balanced life-style. To support our students in this process, we do need written requests from parents stating the following:

- Name of Activity:
- Address/ Venue:
- Adult supervision Contact details:
- Days:
- Times:
- Duration: Term, Year

This information helps us establish and manage our transport system. Our Driver, Mr. James Mortensen relies on a list prepared in advance to map out the most efficient route. Transport is provided from 3.45pm to 7.45pm (7.30pm last return) Monday to Thursday during the school term.

Written requests are best done for these activities via email. The Boarding Supervisors can enter the details in REACH so that the student can simply sign out on leaving for the activity and sign in, on return. A master list of students/ activities is produced.

## **LEAVE**

Parents requesting LEAVE including leave with parents, approved hosts, overnight leave, medical leave etc should do so via the REACH app. The Boarding Supervisor can approve the leave. Any concerns can be addressed to the Leader of Boarding. Once a parent request for leave comes in to the Boarding Supervisor, they will approve it on REACH. If a host is involved, we ask that the host, parent and Boarding Supervisor are all involved in order to safeguard the student. Again, pick up time, host vehicle and contact details are all necessary for permission to be granted. A parent can have access to their child at any time but we ask that there is prior notice provided.

## **Sunday Night returning students**

May we ask parents of students returning Sunday evenings to email details of transport to Amanda so that we can confirm with the bus companies. We would also like to confirm students who are returning by other means as well - private car.

The Boarding House does not open until 7.15pm. Boarders returning to Mt Erin on Sunday evening are expected to return between 7.15pm and 8.00pm.

Have a great weekend coming up.

Kind regards

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