



Dear Parents/Guardians,

St Norbert College has the unique opportunity of welcoming a Guide Dog on College grounds to support one of our students. The certified Assistance Dog is a Guide Dog that has been trained by Guide Dogs WA and holds public access rights. The student is Legally Blind and the Guide Dog will assist with guiding the student around St Norbert College campus on a daily basis. The Guide Dog will accompany the student at all times, within classes and will be working and on duty during school hours.

The Guide Dog will be an important support to the student and we are working closely with the staff and students at the College to ensure that everyone is supported. Staff have attended a Guide Dog information session. Students will also be provided information sessions during House and Year level assemblies to help integrate the Guide Dog. Students will be informed that the Guide Dog is a working dog at the College and not a pet, as well as being educated on the correct protocol of ignoring and not distracting the dog. Students will have the opportunity to ask questions about the Guide Dog during these sessions.

The Guide Dog will be a significant benefit to the student around St Norbert College and Guide Dogs WA looks forward to integrating the partnership into the College.









We also wish to inform parents that St Norbert College has also received the vaccination certificate of the Guide Dog. We ask parents to please inform us if your children have any severe dog allergies so that supportive measures can be put in place.

St Norbert College also ask for the support of our parents in welcoming the Guide Dog. We would greatly appreciate if parents could have a conversation with their children about the presence of the Guide Dog at the College. It is important to emphasise that the Guide Dog is a working dog and not a pet. Students should admire the Guide Dog from afar and must not interact with the Guide Dog such as feeding the Guide Dog or giving commands to the Guide Dog as it will distract the Guide Dog and impact on the relationship between the student and the Guide Dog.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding this please contact Mr Hawke or Mr Ah Fong at St Norbert College.

Thank you, your support is much appreciated.

Mr Peter Hawke Deputy Principal

Mr Ah Fong

Magdeburg Head of House