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Dear Parents

ARRANGEMENTS 2022: BOARDERS RETURNING TO SCHOOL

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our existing boarder pupils and parents back to St Dominic's College family. We trust that 2022 will continue to bring new developments in the Boarding House, for the benefit of our children.

This letter serves to inform you of the arrangements for next term and we trust you will find it informative and useful. Please ensure you read it carefully as it contains vital instructions that should not be missed. We have also included additional information with regard to school matters.

Boarding Staff

Ms Reneé Monaghan is our Head of House and Miss Nadia Marinovich is our Boarding House Matron. They form part of the St Agnes Boarding House staff.

Boarding House Welcome

Our theme for 2022 is "The Year of the Family." All boarders and families are invited to a braai at the St Dominic's Swimming Pool, which commences at 12h00 on Sunday, 9 January 2022.

Textbooks

School begins on Wednesday 12 January 2022. Please ensure that you have purchased your child's textbooks in time for start of term.

Attached is a list of textbook requirements for 2022. These textbooks will be available through the following suppliers:

- Protea Books Bloemfontein Tel: 051 444 1212
- Van Schaik Books Welkom Pick 'n Pay Centre Tel: 087 106 4332
- Online from Takealot (www.takealot.co.za)
- Online from Loot (www.loot.co.za)
- Subject Matter Books.com

When purchasing online, please ensure that the correct ISBN number is used as per the textbook lists. These online providers are available for you to purchase the necessary text books at the most affordable prices, at your own convenience. In the Boarding house, your child will be given the opportunity to cover his/her own books in the first week of school, if they are not able to do so during the holidays, but then parents are requested to send enough covering paper, DC-fix/cellophane and cello tape, as well as labels, with your child. Book purchases are parents' responsibility and the College will not be able to facilitate this.

Stationery

Primary School: If your child is entering primary school, please follow the instructions on the attached documentation regarding stationery and workbooks and instructions for covering books.

High School parents, please ensure that you do not purchase everything on the list – check which subjects are applicable to your child and make your purchases accordingly. In the high school, we do not specify writing materials, however, your child should have a basic pencil box together with essential stationery items which will be needed for classwork as well as for projects and posters. *Covering of books:* Any paper can be used to cover the exercise books, with plastic covers and clearly marked with name, grade and subject. Textbooks should preferably be covered with DC fix to prevent wear and tear, and marked with your child's name.



Clothing Shop

The clothing shop is situated on the Primary School campus, close to the tennis courts. It is open every week on Mondays and Thursdays from 16h00 to 17h00 and Tuesdays 14h00 to 15h00. The last opportunity to purchase clothing before the school holidays will be on **Monday, 22 and Tuesday, 23 November 2021 from 14h00 to 17h00. Please Note: The clothing shop will remain closed for the duration of the holidays.**

The clothing shop will also be open on the following dates for all new/existing parents before the start of the new term:

- **Saturday, 8 January 2022 from 12h00 to 16h00**
- **Sunday, 9 January 2022 from 12h00 to 16h00**
- **Monday, 10 January 2022 from 14h00 to 17h00**
- **Tuesday, 11 January 2022 from 14h00 to 17h00**

Please keep in mind that due to any Covid-19 regulations that may be in place, social distancing and sanitising procedures will be adhered to, which might affect your time spent at the clothing shop.

Payment for clothing shop items

The clothing shop is a business that is run independently from the school. Clothing may not be purchased via your school fee account. The clothing shop has a credit card facility for your convenience.

Transport arrangements

On the first school day of the year and the last school day of the year, no transport to and from the border post/Johannesburg will be provided. For the rest of the year, the following arrangements apply unless otherwise advised:

Going home at the end of a term:

Lesotho : Transport leaves at 12h00. ETA is 14h00 at **Maseru border post.**
Johannesburg : Transport leaves at 12h00. ETA is 14h30 at **the BP Oasis on Beyers Naudé off-ramp (North bound side)**

Returning to school at the beginning of a term

All children must be at their respective border posts/BP Oasis by 10h00 to facilitate time delays. All transport will leave the border posts/BP Oasis **strictly** at **12h00** on the day before school opens. The driver will not wait for latecomers. The driver will not make stops for tuck. Parents are to pack lunches and refreshments for their children for the trip.

Arrangements may vary from term to term and parents will be notified by e-mail from the Head of House (Mrs Reneé Monaghan's) office regarding details at the end of every term. Parents are welcome to contact the House Matron (Ms Nadia Marinovich) directly for any queries regarding transport arrangements (nmarinovich@dominic.co.za). **Johannesburg children returning to school, will be collected on the opposite side of Beyers Naudé, at the BP OASIS on the N1 South bound.**

Please book a seat well in advance via email (nmarinovich@dominic.co.za) and please do so by no later than two weeks before the date of departure or date of collection. Failure to book timeously will result in you having to make alternative arrangements. Since we have limited seats, these will be reserved on a "first come, first served" basis.

Mid-term breaks for all pupils

We have introduced a "shuttle" service for Johannesburg and Lesotho pupils, arranging a weekend per term for children to go home. However, we require bookings for at least 4 children in order to make it viable to run. We would like to continue to provide this service in 2022, provided we have at least four children booked on the given weekend. An additional fee is charged for the shuttle service.

Note the following please:

- **Please Note: Boarding and school fees are payable in advance and should be paid in full before the start of Term 1 for 2022.** No boarder will be allowed into the Boarding House unless **the first term's boarding fee and deposit and first month's school fees have been paid.** Please bring along proof of payment in case of a query on your account.

Medical Consent Form

The submission of completed Medical Consent Forms and Medicine Dispensing Forms are compulsory. These forms must be updated annually and must be accompanied by a copy of the Main Members ID and a copy of both sides of the Medical Aid Card. Given the challenges that we face in securing quality Medical Care from State Hospitals, it is compulsory that all parents carry Medical Aid or, at the very least, Medical Insurance (Hospital Plan) so as to ensure that should the need arise, suitable Medical Care will be accessible for your child.

Medical aid

A valid South African Medical Aid cover is compulsory for all boarders.

Grade 8 Orientation: High School

During the second week of school, the Grade 8s will have an Orientation Week, co-ordinated and supervised by the Grade 8 Head. During this time they will get to know the Grade 12s, who in turn, will teach them all about the "ins and outs" of high school life. The programme is aimed at developing relationships and helping the children to settle into the high school quickly in a friendly and entertaining way.

The orientation programme begins with an orientation day on 13 January – see schedule below:

- 12 January : First Day of School. Bring suitcases, all writing books (no text books), etc. to school.
- 13 January : Bring notebook & pen only. Wear PE clothes (tracksuit, golf shirt & shorts with tackies) and bring your lunchbox/tuck money.
- 14 January : Orientation for Grade 8s (Information to follow)
- Week of 17-21 January : Orientation week – you will receive instructions during the first week of school on what to wear etc.
- **All others (Gr 9-12)** : ***Pupils will commence with the academic programme from the first day of school and thus are to bring all textbooks, writing books, stationery and school bags to school.***

Communication

Communication is always a matter of priority, so please note the following:

Newsletter

News is distributed via the weekly newsletter, via an email link which is forwarded to the entire school and can also be accessed from our website: www.stdominicscollege.com

Boarding House Handbook and Code of Conduct

Before being allowed into the Boarding house, all parents are required to have signed the Code of Conduct.

Your Child's Welfare

The Head of House (Mrs Reneé Monaghan) is the first and foremost contact with regard to the welfare of your child. Please do not hesitate to contact her with any queries regarding your child in the year ahead. Email messages will be answered as swiftly as possible (rmonaghan@dominic.co.za). Alternatively, her cell phone number is 066 033 5752. If your call is not answered immediately, please leave a message for her to get back to you. Ms Nadia Marinovich, is available on email, nmarinovich@dominic.co.za or cell number 082 401 4514.

The welfare of your child is our priority and we assure you of our commitment to providing a quality educational experience across all aspects of your child's care at St Dominic's. We look forward to a productive and happy relationship with you for many years.

We look forward to seeing all of you on Wednesday, 12 January 2022.

Yours sincerely



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EXECUTIVE HEADMASTER