



# ST. DOMINIC'S COLLEGE

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Dear Parents

## **ARRANGEMENTS 2023: NEW BOARDER PUPILS**

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our new parents into the St Dominic's College family. We trust that your child will thrive in his/her first year in our school, and in the St Agnes Boarding house.

This letter serves to inform you of the arrangements for the first 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**

Mrs 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.

Mrs Reneé Monaghan is the first and foremost contact with regard to the welfare of your child. Mrs Monaghan resides at the Boarding House, so is available to your child before and after school. 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](mailto: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](mailto:nmarinovich@dominic.co.za) or cell number 082 401 4514 from 07h00 until 15h00.

### **BOARDING HOUSE WELCOME**

All boarders must please arrive on Monday, 9 January 2023 between 11h00 and 14h00, in order to book into their residences and unpack their luggage. Please bring along copies of passports and Study Visa's, as well as proof of payment of the first term's boarding fees and hand it to Miss Nadia Marinovich.

### **NEW PUPILS DAY**

On Tuesday 10 January 2023, your child will join all the new children in the school for the "New Pupils Day", which takes place at the High School/Primary School. Parents are welcome to attend this function as well. However, due to the amount of travelling involved, we do understand if you are not able to make it.

### **SPECIAL FEES PAYABLE ON FIRST DAY**

On arrival, all boarders are required to pay **R350** for their St Agnes House shirt, and an additional **R70** for a laundry bag. Please bring extra cash along with you for these two items, as they are not billed through your school account.

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## IMMIGRANT STATUS

Please see the attached document on immigrant status. If your child qualifies for immigrant status, please ensure that all the required accompanying documentation is sent to school on the first day, together with the attached form. These documents must be handed to Mrs Ndina Kamenos/ High School Deputy Head: Academics.

## TEXTBOOKS

School begins on Wednesday, 11 January 2023. Please ensure that you have purchased your child's textbooks in time for start of term 1.

Attached is a list of textbook requirements for 2023. These textbooks will be available through the following suppliers:

- Protea Books Bloemfontein Tel: 051 444 1212
- Van Schalk Books Welkom Pick 'n Pay Centre Tel: 087 106 4332
- Online from Takealot ([www.takealot.co.za](http://www.takealot.co.za))
- Online from Loot ([www.loot.co.za](http://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. Please ensure this is completed before you arrive, as we cannot be held responsible for purchasing and collecting textbooks.

## 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 from 14h00 to 15h00. The last opportunity to purchase clothing before the school holidays will be on **Thursday, 24 November, from 16h00 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:

- **Sunday, 8 January 2023, from 12h00 to 14h00**
- **Monday, 9 January 2023 from 14h00 to 17h00**
- **Tuesday, 10 January 2023 from 14h00 to 17h00**

## 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.

## CLOTHING: WHAT TO BUY

Please note that the following clothing items are not supplied by the clothing shop, and need to be purchased either at a shop such as Woolworths, Edgars, Jet or Pep, or any other school clothing supplier:

- Girls short white socks (5 pairs)
- Boys grey school shorts (at least 2 pairs – Primary School)
- Boys grey school trousers (at least 2 pairs – High School)
- Belt (for boys)
- School shoes
- Sport shoes (takkies, togs, etc)
- Sports equipment (e.g. tennis rackets, cricket bats, etc)
- Long white sleeve school shirts (at least 3)

Remember that you will also need to purchase extra-mural uniforms for your child as certain sport disciplines require specific socks, skirts or shirts. Mrs Dimmick, in the clothing shop, will be able to advise as to what these purchases should be.

Golf shirt, PT shorts and school tracksuit must also be purchased as your child will need these in the first week of school and for inter-house and sports events. The coloured House shirt is a required extra, but as children are only allocated into Houses once school starts, they can only purchase these shirts after they have been placed. Please budget an additional R77 for the Sport House shirt. Children will be divided into houses once school has started. Please ensure that your child's clothing/belongings are clearly marked with name and surname.

## CLOTHING ADJUSTMENTS

The Boarding house provides a limited service in terms of adjustments to skirt and trouser hems, as well as sewing on of pocket badges, but this is only for additional items purchased later in the year. The Boarding house cannot accommodate sewing for all new children at the beginning of the term. Please ensure that you do your own adjustments before the time as far as possible

## 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 14h30 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. Please Note that some parents are not adhering to this and delay the trip. 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 email from the Head of the Boarding 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](mailto: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](mailto: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. As soon as you reserve a place, your account will be charged. Failure to honour your booking will not result in a refund.

**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 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 Monday, 9 January 2023, between 11h00 and 14h00, when you settle your children into the Boarding House.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Deena Naidoo', with a circled 'D' at the start of the first name.

**Deena Naidoo**

**EXECUTIVE HEADMASTER**