

22 October 2020

Dear Students, Parents/Guardians

We warmly welcome our Year 7 students and families for 2021.

Hopefully by now you have or are in the process of organising the College uniform through the Uniform Shop. An SMS was sent previously regarding this. There have been changes to items of the uniform over the past two years. All 2021 Year 7 students are required to wear the current style of the uniform. Notre Dame College backpacks are also compulsory for students in all Year levels in 2021. The Year 7 2021 booklist and materials list will be available via our website from Monday 9 November for you to access and place your order.

We are also finalising House allocations and class lists in line with the transition information provided to us from the Primary Schools. Allocation to Houses is determined by a number of factors including siblings, academic abilities and the specific learning needs of the students. We also take into consideration gender balance and faith backgrounds. Towards the latter part of November, you will receive a letter informing you of your child's House.

In a year unlike any we have ever had before, we have had to make several changes to our regular transition programme. To adhere to the current COVID19 restrictions and the Operations Guide from the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria, our Year 7 Orientation Day will not proceed this year. Our parent Information Evening will also not proceed in its usual format. We are in the process of filming videos to show our new students what a day in the life of a Year 7 will look like and we are also planning a virtual Information Evening – more details will become available later in the term.

Our Heads of House will also be conducting virtual transition meetings with Grade 6 students at their Primary School. The objective of these virtual visits is to say welcome and to give the students an opportunity to ask any questions they have about starting at Notre Dame College.

An important part of the transition to is the completion of the Year 7 Passport [CLICK HERE](#). The Passport gives Heads of House and Pastoral Group Leaders lots of information about your child – what their hobbies are, what they are looking forward to, what they are a bit worried about etc. The Passport document can be found on the College website under the Year 7, 2021 Quicklink and can be emailed back as an attachment to the College at enrolments@notredame.vic.edu.au. These are due back to the College by Tuesday 1 December.

As more information becomes available, it will be placed on our website under Quicklinks - Year 7 2021. To help support your child and the transition process please join our Facebook page, read our Newsletter, (our College Newsletter is available on the website if you are not already receiving it by email), visit our website and even perhaps take a walk around the perimeter of the College if you have the chance, but please do not enter the College grounds.

If restrictions change, we will of course change our plans – we are getting very adaptable and flexible these days.

Please do not hesitate to contact the College if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely



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2020 College Theme – *'Hear the cry of the earth'*