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HARP OF THE SPIRIT

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

Dear Parents, Students and friends of the College,

I extend a very warm welcome back to all our students and their families to an exciting new school year in 2020. I also would like to welcome the new Year 7 cohort as well as all other new students and their families to the St. Narsai College community. I pray that all our students enjoy and experience success and make tangible progress towards their personal goals in 2020 and beyond.

Students are already settling in our beautiful school environment and are enjoying the fantastic spaces and each other's company. It is also great to see students very much engaged with their studies at this early stage of the year. I take this opportunity to thank you- our wonderful parents for the support you continue to offer your children as they commence another school year.

College staff have started the year with a strong focus on student's wellbeing and academic skills through our Pastoral Care program. Academic skills include time management, reading proficiency, effective study habits, good note taking, organizational skills and completion of assignments as well as other relevant skills. We have also emphasized behaviours associated with effective learners. We continue to work with our learners about the SNACC Learning Dispositions and we aim for all our learners to demonstrate aspects of these dispositions as often as possible.

This year marks the third and final year of our three-year College Strategic Plan 2018-2020 and staff will continue implementing this year's identified priorities of the College's strategic plan.

This year again, all students have been asked to fully use their newly designed student diaries to plan their day and organise homework, home learning and to facilitate parent- teacher communication. I cannot over emphasize the importance of good communication between us- the staff and you, the parents. To this end, teachers have asked students to show their diary to their parents daily or every few days a week to enable communication between us and to give parents a glimpse into their child's daily routines and learning progress. As I mentioned in my address to our students in the last two weeks, studying and working at home is crucial to student success and achievement long term. I again emphasize to parents the importance of their role in supporting their children during their study time at home every day of the week, irrespective if they had set homework or not.

As we start this new school year, I would like to welcome the following new staff to the college: Mr. Swid (HSIE), Mrs. Yousif (HSIE), Mrs. Chhabra (Mathematics). I also welcome back Mrs. Neesan (Assyrian) and Mrs. Younan (English) from their maternity leave.

I again wish all our students and parents a safe, successful and productive year in 2020.

Note: To the parents who drive to the college, I ask for your support, assistance and patience when dropping and picking up your children at the college to ensure the safety of all members of the college community. I am sure that you would all agree that the safety for our children is more important than getting to your destination few minutes early. Staff are doing their best to manage traffic inside school grounds, and I ask that everyone always follows their directions.

Thank you,
Mr. E. Dinkha



A LOOK AT WHAT'S INSIDE THE ISSUE:

Message from the Deputy Principal
Science Faculty
English Faculty

School Uniform (pg. 28 of the student diary)

Many thanks to all the parents and carers who have ensured their child has returned to school or commenced their time at the College in perfect uniform. Reminder about uniform expectations;

Boys:

Facial hair: clean shaven hair is to be neatly cut.

Definitely no line/design cut into the hair. Also, hair needs to be blended in (not have a big difference between the top and sides of the head). Please refer to the student diary for guidelines and images about appropriate haircuts.

Girls:

No make-up is permitted.

Nails are to be short and acrylic/coloured nails are to be removed before starting school.

Skirts are at or below the knee.

Multiple piercings are not allowed. The one pair of piercings on each ear is only allowed and positioned on the lower lobe.

Hair is to be the natural colour and tied up at all times.

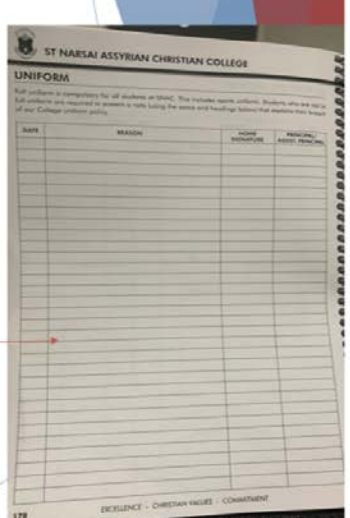
All families are asked to ensure that their child's uniform meets our expectations details of which can be found in the student's diary. The school uniform is available for purchase at The School Locker (2/20 Orange Grove Road, Liverpool Mega Centre, Liverpool)

Uniform


Directly to the office

Dealt with in class

- ▶ Beards, nails and extreme haircuts are to be sent to the office immediately.
- ▶ Severe breaches of the uniform policy regarding hairstyles, beards and nails will result in immediate suspension and parents contacted.
- ▶ **1st offence:** record in the diary and edumate student is out of uniform
- if a note is supplied please include the details of the letter in the edumate description for the breach to be rectified the next day
- ▶ **2nd offence:** record in diary (page 178), edumate and SMS parents that it is the second time their child is out of uniform and warning the next is an afternoon detention.
- ▶ **3rd offence:** afternoon detention and warning of suspension (refer to Year Adviser)
- ▶ **4th offence:** suspension for defiance- conditions apply.

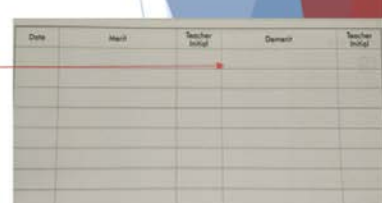


Chewing Gum



- ▶ **1st time:** asked to throw it out and demerit (edumate)
- ▶ **2nd time:** demerit and lunch clean up duty SMS parents warning of afternoon detention and fine (edumate)
- ▶ **3rd time:** demerit, afternoon detention and fine (edumate)

*a letter will be sent informing the parent they must pay a fine which will be used towards cleaning the College



Attendance

At SNACC everyday counts!

Students are requested to be at school before 8:20am. Roll call begins at 8.30 every morning. Students are expected to attend and be punctual to all classes and activities. Students are required to have a minimum of 90% attendance to satisfactorily fulfil the requirements of any course they are studying.

Consistent attendance also helps your child:

- achieve academic success in their Key Learning Areas.
- develop the skills and knowledge needed to be productive citizens in the real world
- learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- maintain friendships and a connection to the College.)

Late to Class

Date	Hour	Teacher Initial	Demerit	Teacher Initial

- ▶ Complete the table on page 180.
- ▶ **1st time:** Give a demerit point
- ▶ **2nd time:** demerit and lunch detention - refer to KLA head
- ▶ **3rd time:** demerit, referred to Year Adviser and afternoon detention

*parents will be contacted if being late to class is an ongoing issue in one class or across multiple classes.

Late to School

- ▶ Student fills out the form at Admin office and completes the 'late to school' table on page 179 of their diary.
- ▶ Student receives a late slip.
- ▶ Class teacher is to sign the back of the diary acknowledging the student arrived to their class.
- ▶ Students who are late to school 3 times receive an afternoon detention. The next 3 times is a parent interview and warning of suspension. The next 3 times results in a suspension

Mobile phones

St Narsai has banned mobile phones from the college. Students are not to have a mobile phone on their person at any time during school hours. Students may have the phone on them before entering school grounds and after leaving school grounds. However, during school hours, the phone is to be turned off and locked away. Anyone seen with a mobile phone, the phone will be confiscated.

1st offence: mobile confiscated, given to the Admin office and picked up at the end of the day with a warning.

2nd offence: mobile phone confiscated and kept in the Admin office for 24 hours unless picked up by a parent.

3rd offence: mobile phone will not be permitted into the school and if brought to school, must be kept at the front office. Continual disobedience will result in harsher consequences.

SCIENCE FACULTY

Written by Ornilla Shamon
Science Coordinator

Dear parents/guardians,

Welcome to the 2020 school year. The Science department is raring to go and looking forward to the amazing teaching and learning that will take place. We welcome our new Year 7 students to St Narsai! They have started the year on a positive note, learning about Science, its branches and its applications. Teachers will concentrate on up skilling students in their working scientifically skills in preparation for their first assessment task – a practical investigation. We wish our new students a wonderful year and pray they adjust seamlessly to life as a secondary student.

Year 8 Science has started their year with a unit titled Nature's factories. Students will be exposed to the workings of the human body, from the cell all the way to the organ. Year 9 students have started by engaging in a unit of Chemistry and the use of chemicals in the production of new materials. Year 10 has begun the year looking at the basics of life – DNA.

Year 11 students are officially seniors; with their new blue shirts they look very mature and ready to tackle the Sciences head on. We are excited about the motivation they have been displaying but remind them that the stage 6 Science courses can be challenging and effort needs to be put in at home in order to keep up and meet the course outcomes. This also applies for our current Year 12 students. They are encouraged to make use of the afterschool classes provided to them to aid their understanding.

Finally, I encourage students to learn and love science by cultivating an attitude of curiosity. It is a new beginning and they are in the hands of teachers who believe they can and will do well as we work together.

On a practical note, all Science students are required to have purchased a textbook and activity book as per the textbook list. Please ensure your son/daughter acquires the required texts as soon as possible, if they do not already.



Reminders

- Remember to ensure your child has an umbrella during wet weather conditions.
- Please slow down when entering the school premises. Your child's safety is our number one priority.
- Interested in joining the P&F Team? Contact our school office on (02) 8818 1300.



ENGLISH FACULTY

Written by Michael Cunningham
English Coordinator

As we welcome in the New Year our English faculty is so proud of the fantastic start each student has had thus far!

The English team are eager to continue building upon the framework laid in 2019. 2020 will see a continuation of the Harvard Visible Critical Thinking Routines across all English classes after seeing great success. Additionally, the team will start the implementation of the specialised learning programme and interactive tool, known as 'Reading Renaissance Program.'

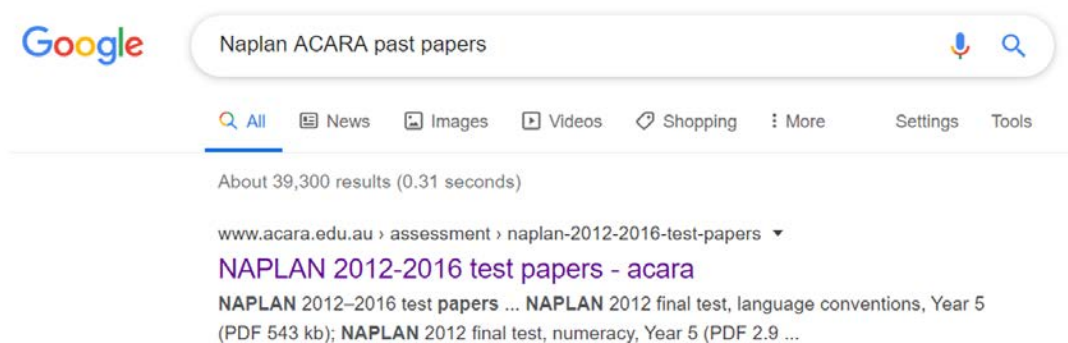
Important Message:

A friendly reminder for all Year 7 and Year 9 students to continue developing their skills in preparation for their NAPLAN examination in May this year.

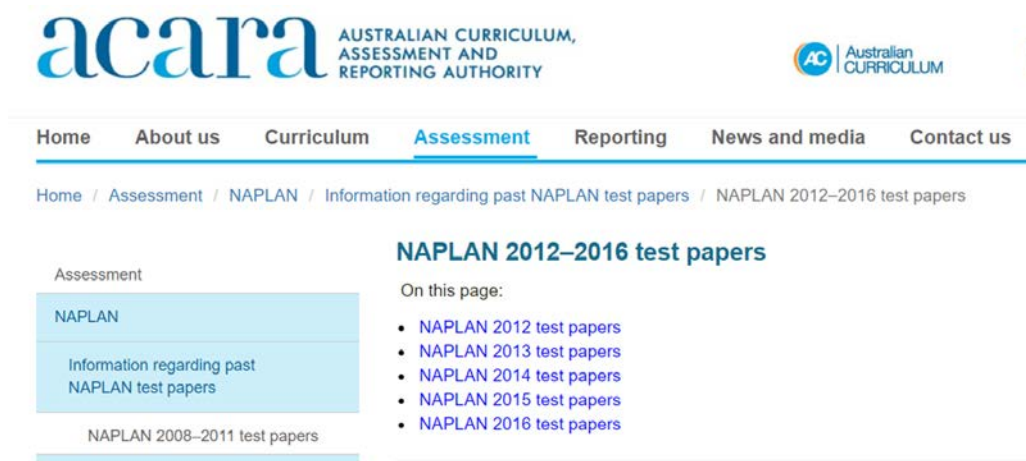
We urge all students to visit the ACARA (NAPLAN) website in order to access past student samples, as it is a great form of practice.

Please see the steps below:

STEP 1:



STEP 2:



Finally we encourage all learners to:

- Be well prepared for each English lesson
- Read a book that they are interested in
- Attend the Thursday morning Writing Workshop at 7:45 am in the bottom of building B
- Try their best and never give up!

Thank you

We thank you for all your support with these matters, and we will pray that we have a successful year ahead!

*"The more that you read,
the more things you will know.
The more that you know,
the more places you will go."*

