Dear St Martins family,

Welcome to 2017! We are looking forward to the beginning of another great year at St Martins.

Our Year 12 results in 2016 were outstanding. We congratulate our College Dux, Anne Zwijnenburg, who achieved an ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Ranking) of 98.15. We also extend our congratulations to the following students who achieved an ATAR above 90 - Nathanael Walther 94.95, Lizzie Doyle 93.50, Zoe Fulton 92.40 and Zachary Gabriel 91.65. This is an exceptional effort and reflects the hard work of both students and teachers and the excellent commitment to study shown by our senior students.

This letter contains important information. Please read it carefully and if there is anything you are not sure about please contact the office between 8:30am-3:00pm from Monday 16th January.

The following dates are particularly important:

- **Mon January 16th**: Uniform shop open 9:00am-3:00pm (closed 11:30am-12:15pm)
- **Tues January 17th**: Uniform shop open 9:00am-3:00pm (closed 11:30am-12:15pm)
- **Wed January 18th**: Uniform shop open 9:00am-3:00pm (closed 11:30am-12:15pm)
- **Thurs January 19th**: Uniform shop open 9:00am-3:00pm (closed 11:30am-12:15pm)
- **Fri January 20th**: Uniform shop open 9:00am-3:00pm (closed 11:30am-12:15pm)
- **Mon January 23rd**: Uniform shop open 9:00am-3:00pm (closed 11:30-12:15pm)
- **Tues January 24th**: Uniform shop open 9:00am-3:00pm (closed 11:30am-12:15pm)
- **Wed January 25th**: Uniform shop open 9:00am-3:00pm (closed 11:30am-12:15pm)
- **Thurs January 26th**: **Australia Day (Public Holiday)** - Office and Uniform shop CLOSED
  - All Foundation students - orientation 11:00am-12noon in class (if your child is unable to attend, please let us know)
  - Book pack collection 12noon-2:00pm (from student’s classrooms – room numbers for secondary book collection can be found on the class lists)
- **Fri January 27th**: Uniform shop CLOSED (only collection of phone & email orders)

- **Mon January 30th**: **Pupil Free Day** – Uniform Shop Open 9:00am-3:00pm (closed 11:30am-12:15pm)
- **Tues January 31st**: All students commence. School begins at 8:40am
  - Opening worship service in the gym at 9:00am
  - **New staff and College Captains will be installed at this service**

**Uniform:**
Summer uniform is required for Term 1. All students must wear a hat to participate in outdoor activities. Please note that appropriate shoes must be worn. Slip on shoes are not suitable for school wear as they do not give adequate protection or support. Please refer to the uniform guidelines on our website if you are not sure of appropriate requirements. Please note that students in Years 7-12 must wear fully enclosed lace up black school shoes for safety in the various specialist facilities.

**NAPLAN Dates:** The NAPLAN (basic skills) test dates for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are May 9th, 10th and 11th 2017.
Student Free Days: Staff will be undertaking professional development programs on these days. We do hope that the early notification of these dates will be helpful to parental planning.
In 2017 the following dates will be student free days:
Mon 30th January (Professional Development) - First day of Term 1
Thurs 13th April (Professional Development-Assessment for Educators) Maundy Thursday
Mon 1st May (Professional Development-SEQTA Training)
Tues 13th June (Report Writing)
Mon 24th July (Professional Development-Program Achieve) - First day of Term 3
Fri 20th October (Professional Development-Assessment for Educators) MtG Show
Fri 24th November (Report Writing)

Upcoming Special Dates:

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<td>Tues 7th Feb 7:00pm</td>
<td>Compulsory Year 12 Parent Information Session</td>
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Term Dates 2017:

- Easter: 14th April - 17th April
- Term 1: Tues 31st January - Wed 12th April 3:15 dismissal (11 week term)
- Term 2: Tues 2nd May - Friday 7th July 2:15 dismissal (10 week term)
- Term 3: Tues 25th July - Fri 29th September 2:15 dismissal (10 week term)
- Term 4: Mon 16th October - Wed 13th Dec 3:15 dismissal (9 week term)

Along with this letter please find the 2017 Class Lists (First name & initial of surname)

The following documents will be available with your book packs on book collection day. Please assist us by ensuring forms are returned on the first day of school.

- Health & information form for completion/alteration (highlight changes) – please sign both pages
- Transfer Authority (if you are transferring from another school – please sign at the bottom of page 1 only)
- Internet Users Agreement (Year 2 - Year 12)
- NAPLAN parent/student data collection form (Years 3, 5, 7 & 9)
- School Card Application (if you were approved in 2016). Application forms can be downloaded from our website, if you didn’t receive one or your circumstances have changed, under ‘For Parents’ > ‘Forms’.
- Canteen menu & Canteen assistance request
- Bus Travel Application / Code of Conduct (SMLC bus users)

I hope you all enjoy the remaining holiday time as we look forward to the new school year.

Dianne Eckermann
Principal
As a guide for purchasing book covering, please find a list below of the approximate amount of books your child will receive on book pick-up day (Friday 27th January between 12 noon & 2:00pm). Book covering may be contact, slip on covers, plain paper, wrapping paper, or even photos you took on holidays! Please do not use offensive, rude or violence related book covering. (Scrapbook size is 335mm x 245mm).

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**Foundation Orientation**

Dear Foundation Students,
You are invited to a brief re-orientation on Friday 27th January at 11:00am-12noon in your classroom at the College. You can wear your uniform or come in casual clothes. This is a chance to familiarise yourself with your teacher and the College grounds before starting on Tuesday 31st January. We do hope to see you there - book collection will follow.

Mrs Bigg & Mrs Gryn

**Year 12 Study Skills – Getting off on the Right Foot**

Year 12 Retreat Thursday February 2nd - Friday February 3rd

All Year 12 students are required to attend these study skills sessions and retreat at Tarooki, Robe.

**Installation of New Staff and College Captains for 2017**

Dear Parents and Friends of the College,
You are invited to join us at the opening service of 2017 for the installation of new College staff and our new College Captains, both Primary and Secondary.

Tuesday 31st January
9:00am in the gym