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# Information for Year 10, 2021

## *Important Dates*

All boarders (full and weekly) return to school for Term 1 by **8:00 pm on 27 January**. Day students arrive by **8:00 am on 28 January** and sign in at the Year 10 dorms.

There are a number of compulsory events each year. We believe that attendance by all the boys at a variety of events throughout the year is one of the things that helps maintain the community spirit and sense of support that the boys enjoy here at Joeys. I would appreciate your support in ensuring that the boys attend each of the compulsory events. I have attached a list of the dates of compulsory events for the boys. You can also view or subscribe your calendar program to a list of these dates on the [Year 10 Blog](#).

Subject to any COVID-19 restrictions, there are two compulsory events in the first week. The first is on **Friday 29 January** when the boys remain at the College after classes for the **Academic Prize Giving**. The Prize Giving commences at 7:00pm and Day Students should be ready to be picked up around 9:00pm.

**Sunday 31 January** is the **Family Mass** which is also compulsory. Parents and families are invited to attend this Mass. Boys are to be seated in the hall by 9:45 am. The Mass normally concludes around 11:15 am at which time the boys are free to depart.

Changes may be required to College events depending on any COVID-19 restrictions which are in place at the time. Any changes will be communicated to you by the Headmaster via email.

## *Year 10 Parent Dinner*

Please save the date: **Friday 4 June**. It is a special night for the parents as well as the boys and if parents living outside of Sydney are planning weekends to come to Sydney during Term 2, this would be a good choice. It is a compulsory event for the boys and they would certainly love for you to be there with them. The Champagnat Family Mass is on the same weekend, Sunday 6 June.

## *Communication*

- Email ([mblair@joeys.org](mailto:mblair@joeys.org)) is the best form of communication with me as I try to maximise my time working face to face with the boys, so I'm not always in the office to answer the phone. Communications which are not of a personal nature can go to [year10@joeys.org](mailto:year10@joeys.org) which is monitored by the Administrative Assistant to the Boarding Coordinators, as well as me.

- The phone in the Year 10 dorm office and also my office in the classrooms during the school day is **9816 0826**. If I don't answer, please leave a voicemail message and I will call you back. Please note that it does quite a few rings before diverting to voicemail.
- If you need to contact me (or your son) in an emergency call the College reception (**9816 0900**) during business hours or the Health Centre (**9816 0808**) after hours and overnight. Staff in either of those places can track me down any time of the day or night in an emergency.
- The **Year 10 Blog** is <https://blogs.joey.org/2021year10/>. You can use the search menu to find useful information (such as this document), now and throughout the year. Much more importantly, this is where photos and videos of what the boys are up to will be posted once the boys are back at school.

### *Text books and Stationery*

A list of text book and stationery requirements for the boys this year would have been emailed to you last year. In case you misplaced this, both are available on the [Year 10 Blog](#). A reminder that the boys do not need to purchase a diary, they will all receive a College diary.

### *Name Tags*

Please ensure that **ALL** of your son's property is labelled with his name including all clothing, towels, school equipment, bags and especially valuables such as mobile phones. This should be the case for both boarding and day students as they share the same areas and are equally able to lose things. This is crucial for us to be able to return lost property and to reduce the cost to you of replacing lost items.

### *Cash and Valuables*

If boys have any cash or valuables they should bring them to me to lock in the office safe and I can dispense it to them when required. Boys should always keep their dorm press and their classroom locker secured with a College-supplied padlock. Boarding Students will require a third padlock for a lockable desk drawer where they can charge their phones. Boys can bring their own or I can supply a padlock which can be charged to your account.

Boarding Students may wish to keep some cash for weekends. Simply hand me the money on the first night of term in an envelope with your son's name on it and he can "withdraw" it when needed.

### *Mobile Phones*

All students are required to lock their phone in their dormitory press before school each day. They are not permitted to have it with them during the school day. Phones are also not to be used during meals, at sport, during evening study and after lights out at night.

Parents can support us in this area by only calling or messaging their sons during times when the boys are free to use their phones. There is more information on the [mobile phone policy here](#).

### *Haircuts*

Could I please ask for your assistance with ensuring that when your son returns to school this coming term that he does so with an appropriate haircut. All current students are very much aware of what is appropriate (ie nothing shorter than a number 2 blade etc).

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## Medication

All medication, prescription or otherwise, must be stored in the Health Centre for the safety of all students. This applies equally to both Day and Boarding Students. Your son can visit the Health Centre to take it whenever required. Non-prescription medications such as Panadol and cough medicine is available there to any boy who might need it.

## Vaping

Vaping (using e-cigarettes) has unfortunately become more common amongst young Australians recently. Students who were at the College last year had a number of opportunities, including guest speakers, to learn about vaping to hopefully assist them to make good choices. You can [see a summary here](#) and education about vaping will continue again this year. Students must not return to school with vapes or e-cigarettes. Students using or being in possession of them while in our care can expect to be suspended from the College.

## Evening program and Day Student departure times

I encourage Day Students to take advantage of the evening study program, particularly as we start to transition the boys during the year towards the Year 11 and 12 patterns of study. If you are not familiar with what is involved in the evening program, there is [more information here](#).

Day Students must nominate their departure times each week and in Year 10 can choose to leave at 5:00pm, 8:00pm or 9:00pm. Talk to your son and agree with him what nights he will stay in the following week and complete the portal accordingly. The boys benefit from a regular routine. We also try very hard to instil the attitude that evening study is more than just completing the homework set in class that day. In addition to completing homework, the boys should be started on assessments ahead of time, making study notes and revising, etc.

For the reasons above, please avoid changing times just because your son tells you that he has finished all his homework (or similar). However I do understand that sometimes there are family circumstances where the boys need to change their departure times, so if you need to change:

Boys can always stay **LATER** than their nominated departure time – this is not a problem, there is no need for you to do anything, the boys just stay.

Boys leaving **EARLIER** than their nominated departure time:

- **Before 9:00pm Sunday night of the week before (preferred):** log onto <http://ilearn.joey.org> and edit the departure times
- **After 9:00pm Sunday night of the week before:** enter a “Day student time change” leave in Boardingware before 4:30pm on the day or earlier if possible.
- Please avoid emailing or calling on the phone unless there is no other option.

Instructions for entering departure times on the portal are [available here on the Year 10 blog](#).

## Leave

To ensure adequate supervision of your son it is essential that we are aware if your son is absent from school for any reason. This includes both Day Students and Boarding Students. Please use the following types of leave requests in **Boardingware**:

**SICK AT HOME:** parents should log their son as Sick at Home preferably by 8:00am on the day that they are sick. Set return time as 8:00 am on the day you expect them to be back.

**MEDICAL APPOINTMENT:** should be communicated through Boardingware so that the information can then be disseminated to various staff appropriately. Medical appointments should be communicated as soon as they are known – even days or weeks ahead.

**DAY STUDENT TIME CHANGE:** in the rare case that you need to change your son's departure time from what was entered in iLearn by Sunday night, please use this leave request.

**DINNER LEAVE:** a dinner leave can be requested occasionally and for special occasions such as a family birthday. This should be requested as soon as it is known – even days ahead. If your son is inviting friends, each of those boys must also complete a dinner leave request and have it approved by their parents and then by me before they leave.

**OVERNIGHT LEAVE:** mid-week overnights (including Friday nights) are rare and for special occasions only. It is expected that all boarders sleep at the College Monday – Friday nights inclusive. Any weeknight requests require a clear reason for request in the Comment section. Please do not expect that approval is given.

Only full boarders are required to complete an overnight request for a weekend. These should be submitted by Thursday evening. They can of course be submitted as early as you like – even weeks in advance.

All boarders must return from weekend overnight leave by 8:00pm on Sunday night in time to attend Sunday night Mass, or otherwise 8:00am Monday morning.

**WEEKEND DAY LEAVE:** Boys in Year 10 are allowed to take Sunday Leave with friends to the beach, movies, city, Chatswood, or Macquarie Centre with parent permission. They should enter themselves as the host with the names of friends that they are going with into the comments box of this request. They must be back at the College by 5:00pm.

**INTERVIEW/MEETING/EXAMINATION/OTHER:** This leave is for anything not covered by a specific leave type. A leave where a boy is absent overnight **MUST** use Overnight or Sick at Home leaves.

**LUNCH LEAVE:** lunch leaves are occasional and are intended for special occasions. They must be within College grounds at all times and accompanied by a parent or a parent of another boy. The boys must enter the leave into Boardingware. Importantly, the boys must be on time to their Period 5 after lunch. **Note: Lunch leaves are not currently possible under COVID-19 restrictions. This is for your information whenever Lunch leaves are permitted in the future.**

Any leave request where students would miss one or more full school days (Monday to Friday) requires the approval of the Headmaster. Please enter the leave into Boardingware but you also need to seek permission by emailing the Headmaster at [headmaster@joeys.org](mailto:headmaster@joeys.org) to apply for this leave.