



## IMPORTANT DATES

### NOVEMBER

- Mon 4 - Year 12 Exams
- Fri 15
- Wed 13 - Year 11 Exams
- Wed 19
- Wed 13 - Year 10 Exams
- Tue 20
- Thu 14 Year 6/7 Girls SACSA Basketball @ Port Adelaide
- Fri 15 Year 6/7 Boys SACSA Basketball @ Port Adelaide
- Mon 18 Foundation Orientation Day 2
- Tue 19 Year 8 Orientation Day
- Wed 20 Year 7 Orientation Day
- Years 1-6 Orientation Day
- Year 11 to 12 Experience Day
- Year 11 Dulcies Bus of Opportunity
- Thu 21 - Year 10 ABW
- Wed 27
- Sun 24 Celebration Day at Brooklyn Park Campus 2pm - 4.30pm
- Mon 25 - Middle School Exams
- Fri 29
- Mon 25 Foundation Orientation Day 3
- Wed 27 Year 9 The Rite Journey Homecoming & Graduation
- Year 10 Final Day
- Thu 28 Senior School Speech Night @ Edwardstown Baptist Church 7pm - 9pm
- Fri 29 Junior School Performance Assembly in EPAC 9am - 10am & 2pm - 3pm
- Year 5/6 Social in EPAC 6pm - 8pm
- Whole School Casual Day

**COFFEE CONNECT WILL NOT BE RUNNING FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2019.**

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO RECOMMENCING COFFEE CONNECT AGAIN IN 2020.**

Weekly Coffee Connect

**Postponed until 2020**

Weekly Prayer Connect  
Thursday Morning  
8.45am - 9.15am

## From the Head of Middle School

### Dear Families and Friends

How easy it is to set challenges for others. It is a whole 'nother thing to face them yourself! Standing at the edge of a rocky gorge, teachers of the Rite Journey from all over Australia and New Zealand were faced with this view...

It was 'Challenge Day' at the Rite Journey Conference and Ben Squire, Melissa Keen, Paul Mills, Heather Edwards and myself had the words of Andrew Lines (creator and director of The Rite Journey) still fresh in their minds, *"if we expect our students to be pushed outside of their comfort zone, we need to be willing to do the same!"* So one after the other we took on and completed the challenge.



Though it was one small component of an involved conference, it was, just like our solo night for our Year 9's, a significant one. The Rite Journey program has been running for 3 years now at Emmaus and it was a great opportunity to meet with other professionals to learn, share and improve our knowledge, skills and further develop our programs. It was also great to become more aware of the amazing work God is doing in the lives of young people through this initiative beyond our College. I was so proud of our team and the work all our staff do in challenging and supporting the young people in our care to grow into the unique and connected people our loving and faithful Father has created them to be.



I wonder what step of trust God is calling you into and the growth this will bring for you and your family?

*"Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."* **Lamentations 3:22-23**

Blessings,  
**Jonathan Carpenter**  
Head of Middle School

## Junior School

### Class placements for 2020

#### Orientation Day visits for Foundation 2020 students

On Monday 11 November our new 2020 Foundation students visited Emmaus for their first Orientation morning. It was a delight to welcome them into our community and an equal joy to invite their parents to join us for an information session and morning tea in the EPAC.

#### Orientation Days Years 1-6 in 2020

On Wednesday 20 November (Week 6) all Foundation to Year 5 children will take part in an Orientation Morning where they will spend time with new teacher for next year and meet the children who will be in their class. We also look forward to meeting ten new students from other schools who will be joining the Emmaus Junior School community in 2020. All parents will receive a letter home that day advising them of their child's teacher and class 2020.

The process of class placement is an extremely complex task. I want to share with you that teachers in the Junior School have wrestled over these decisions for quite a number of hours and held multiple meetings trying to achieve the best possible outcome for all. Classes have now been set.

All children have been given the opportunity to identify three friends they would be happy to be in a class with, so teachers can, where possible, ensure they are with at least one of their chosen friends. Teachers consider behaviour, social and emotional needs as well as an equitable distribution of academic needs across the class. Further to this, unless there are special educational circumstances, it has been the practice of the College for siblings to be in different classes, and for students not to have the same teacher two years in row. Embracing that many criteria when trying to split 84 children across three classes is a complex and time consuming task!

It may be that your child does not end up with their ideal mix of peers in their 2020 class, however this is part of life for your children. Managing these emotions and growing through the circumstance is part of helping children grow in resilience – a significant life skill to success in life. We would be so grateful if you could partner with us to explain to your children that teachers have worked very hard to try and look after everyone. Teachers would also appreciate your personal support and team approach in partnering with us to embrace the new look classes. Because of the significant hours spent crafting this process, unless there are special educational considerations, we wish to advise that classes are now set and there is no room for a reshuffle of students.

#### Year 6 into Year 7

Year 6 students will look forward to a full day of orientation on Wednesday 20 November (Week 6). They will meet many new incoming Year 6 students from other schools. May the Lord bless students and teachers during all Orientation Days.

*"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28*

**Helen Vonow**  
Head of Junior School

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## Senior School

### Dulcie's Bus of Opportunity

On Wednesday 20 November we have organised for Dulcie's Bus to visit our Secondary Campus from 10am – 4pm. Dulcie's Bus raises funds for the Hutt Street Centre by selling high quality vintage clothing at markets and community events around Adelaide. Not only does the service raise money for a worthy cause, it also encourages sustainable fashion, an antidote to the 'fast fashion' trend.

Dulcie's Bus is keen to offer sustainable options for school formals and graduation events, so will be visiting Emmaus Christian College as part of their school program. Dresses are priced between \$45 – \$100, with most on the lower end of this price range and the average dress price sitting at \$65. They will also have accessories and other items, including some suits, shirts and bow ties. We expect lunch and recess to be very popular, but encourage Senior students to utilise their study periods, as it is our Year 11 to Year 12 experience day. The bus will be around after school until 4pm to enable parents to browse too. Parents are welcome to drop in at any point during the day.

Both cash and card facilities are available. Dulcie's Bus does not usually offer layby but could organise this because they are doing a few markets before Christmas. Please speak to them if this is the case.

We look forward to Dulcie's Bus visiting us in Week 6 to provide our students with plenty of sustainable formal fashion options! For more information on Dulcie's, click [here](#).

**Andrea Grear**  
Head of Senior School

# Emmaus Christian College Celebration Day

## Celebrating our 40 year anniversary and the new Brooklyn Park Campus opening in 2020

You are invited to come along to this fun-filled, open house event at our brand new Brooklyn Park Campus.

Sunday, 24 November, 2pm – 4.30pm  
34 Lipsett Terrace, Brooklyn Park

Opening ceremony – 2pm in the adjoining Adelaide West Uniting Church auditorium  
Celebration begins - 2.30pm

- Explore the new ELC and Junior School
- Meet the Principal, staff and students
- Live music and dance performed by our students
- Sausage sizzle
- Children's activities
- Face painting
- Guided tours
- Brand new nature playgrounds
- Bouncy castle

Parking available from Beverley Avenue, via Sir Donald Bradman Drive.

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## Student Wellbeing Coordinator

### An Important Reminder: Technology Boundaries

Sometimes it can be difficult to know where your boundaries should be surrounding the use of technology at home. There is a lot of information out there and this can be hard and confusing to get on top of. So, in this article I have collated some general minimum guidelines that are endorsed by SAPOL and the eSafety Commissioner of Australia. These are based on child psychology, brain development science and best-practices in child protection.

#### Social Media

The minimum age for registration with Instagram, Facebook and Snapchat is 13. It is illegal to allow your child to lie about their age when registering for an account. If your child is under 13, all social media accounts should be closed.

Current research shows that it is not just simply use of 'screens' that is causing devastating effects on the mental health and physical wellbeing of children, but the specific use of social media sites. This is likely due to their inability to separate what is real from what is not until their brains are more developed. Therefore, even if your child is over 13 and you allow them to access social media, it is important to discuss time limits and boundaries with your child.

#### Video Games

There is more and more research to suggest that video games carry a high risk of addiction. Children as young as 7 are becoming addicted to games such as Minecraft, causing developmental delays, decreased brain function and higher risk of behavioural issues. Like with social media, it is important that you check the minimum age for any video games your child plays and that you set up clear boundaries around screen time. It is also important to discuss whether the use of Discord, a social chat platform used by most online gamers, is safe for your child.

#### Websites

Many websites and apps that seem harmless have led to dangerous online experiences for children and adolescents. The Australian eSafety Commissioner suggests that it is best practice to eliminate or supervise the use of Omegle, Tik Tok, Kik, Spot-a-Friend, YOLO, Yubo, Qooh.me, WeChat, Melon and many more. Please visit their [website](#) for information on these websites/apps and suggestions on how to protect your children in their online world.

#### Boundaries to Implement Today

- No internet connected devices (including phone, x-box, TV etc) in the bedroom. Helpful hint: your young person can use a real alarm clock—they do not need their phone for this.  
- *Important for all ages, but especially Primary and Middle school students*
- Supervised use of social media websites and apps.  
- *Important for Middle school students (Primary school students should not have access to these sites)*
- No social media use before school. Research shows that this has a detrimental effect on mood and concentration for both children and teenagers.  
- *Important for all ages*

Blessings

**Kat Clark**  
Student Wellbeing Coordinator

## First Aid

We would like to say thank you to parents for working together with us in regards to the care and wellbeing of the students throughout this year. Your understanding and support with school requirements and policies helps us ensure that students' needs are met to the highest possible standard.

### COLLECTION OF MEDICATIONS

As the conclusion of the 2019 school year is rapidly approaching we would like to advise parents that we DO NOT store student medications here at school over the long school holiday period. Could all medications please be collected from the First Aid Room before or on the final day of school? This is particularly relevant to Senior School Students at this point in time as they complete their school year before the official end of Term.

### UPDATING CARE PLANS

Medication Plans, Asthma Care Plans and other Health Care Plans need to be updated annually or whenever there is a change in the care needs for a student. If your child's Health Care Plan is due to be updated, the school holidays are an ideal time to get this in order ready for the 2020 school year. Medication Plans and Asthma Care Plans can be downloaded from the College [website](#) or you can collect a blank form from the First Aid Officers. If you have any questions please contact the First Aid Officers.

### RETURNING BORROWED CLOTHES

If your child has borrowed clothes from the First Aid Room recently can you please ensure that they have been returned?

Thank you

**Ros Argent and Maria McIver**  
First Aid Officers

## Uniform Shop

### Junior School

Mary Jane shoes will no longer be part of the school uniform. We understand some students will have Mary Jane shoes that still fit, they can continue to wear them in 2020. A more consistent look across all the year levels is required, therefore the expectation is Mary Jane shoes will no longer be worn in 2021.

### 2019 Normal Opening Hours

Monday	8.30am - 10.00am 3.00pm - 5.00pm	Thursday	8.30am - 10.00am 1.00pm - 1.30pm 3.00pm - 5.00pm
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### Additional Times 2019

December 5 Thu	8.30am - 10.00am and 3.00pm - 5.00pm
December 9 Mon	9.00am - 1.00pm

### Additional Times 2020

January 9 Thu	9.00am - 1.00pm
January 10 Fri	9.00am - 1.00pm
January 13 Mon	10.30am - 5.00pm
January 14 Tue	10.30am - 5.00pm
January 15 Wed	9.00am - 4.00pm
January 16 Thu	9.00am - 4.00pm
January 17 Fri	9.00am - 4.00pm
January 20 Mon	8.30am - 5.00pm
January 21 Tue	8.30am - 5.00pm
January 22 Wed	Closed
January 23 Thu	8.30am - 5.00pm
January 24 Fri	8.30am - 1.00pm
January 27 Mon	Closed
January 28 Tue	8.30am - 10.00am 3.00pm - 5.00pm

**Christine Blom-Cursaro**  
Uniform Shop Manager

# Canteen Roster

**Week 5 T4**

Thu 14 No help needed  
 Fri 15 Karen Baker

**Week 7 T4**

Mon 25 No help needed  
 Tue 26 No help needed  
 Wed 27 **HELP NEEDED**  
 Thu 28 No help needed  
 Fri 29 **HELP NEEDED**

**Week 6 T4**

Mon 18 No help needed  
 Tue 19 No help needed  
 Wed 20 **HELP NEEDED**  
 Thu 21 No help needed  
 Fri 22 **HELP NEEDED**

**Week 8 T4**

Mon 2 December No help needed  
 Tue 3 No help needed  
 Wed 4 No help needed

Thank you for the time you volunteer in the canteen, it is very much appreciated. The hours are from 9.30am to approximately 1.30pm. Due to Occupational Health and Safety, please wear enclosed shoes and ensure long hair is tied back. Please also remember to sign in at the Front Office and collect a visitors badge before you commence in the canteen. This is a legal requirement in case of fire evacuation/lock down. Thank you for your assistance with this important matter.

**Sharon Hughes**  
**Canteen Manager**