



St Bishoy Coptic Orthodox College

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Dear Parents,

As the College reflects on the achievements of 2016, it is with great pleasure that we introduce some exciting changes for the 2017 academic year:

The High School New Structure

- From 2017, the College senior school will consist of Year 10, Year 11 and Year 12, whilst the junior school will be from Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9. This change will allow Year 10 to transition to the HSC curriculum and assist students to prepare earlier for the educational achievements necessary for exemplary academic performance.
- The Year 7, 8 and 9 Co-ordinator will be Ms Karina Macri. As you are all aware, Ms Macri is also our dedicated Sports and PDHPE Co-ordinator.
- The Year 10, 11 and 12 Co-ordinator will be Mrs Narouz.
- The new structure will require that all students in Years 10, 11 and 12 will be required to wear the Senior School uniform from the start of Term 1 2017. This means that the current Year 9 will need to purchase the Senior School uniform prior to the start of next year.
- Mrs Narouz, in addition to being the Senior School Co-ordinator, will run the after school support classes for Year 7, 8 and 9.
- We will aim to expand on the range support classes and co-curricular activities which will be run after period 6 of the Secondary Timetable.

The College's New time for start and Finish

- To support the students' academic learning through the inclusion of a literacy component to every class, school hours will be extended and will now be as follows:

Primary timetable

Primary New Bell Times		Primary Thursday	
Time	Description	Time	Description
8:25-8:35	Morning Assembly	8:25-8:35	Morning Assembly
8:35-10:35	English Block	8:35-10:35	English Block
	Period 1 - 8:35-9:35		Period 1 - 8:35-9:35
	Period 2 - 9:35-10:35		Period 2 - 9:35-10:35
10:35-10:55	Recess	10:35-10:55	Recess
10:55-11:55	Period 3 Numeracy Block	10:55-11:55	Period 3 Numeracy Block
11:55-12:40	Period 4	11:55-12:40	Period 4
12:40-1:20	Lunch	12:40-1:20	Period 5
1:20-2:10	Period 5	1:20-2:10	Lunch
2:10-3:00	Period 6	2:10-3:00	Period 6
3:00-3:05	End of day Packing up	3:00-3:05	End of day Packing up

Secondary timetable

Secondary New Bell Times		Secondary Thursday	
Time	Description	Time	Description
8:15-8:25	Home Room	8:15-8:25	Home Room
8:25-9:20	Period 1	8:25-9:20	Period 1
9:20-10:15	Period 2	9:20-10:15	Period 2
10:15-11:10	Period 3	10:15-11:10	Period 3
11:10-11:30	Recess	11:10-11:30	Recess
11:30-12:25	period 4	11:30-12:25	period 4
12:25-1:20	Period 5	12:25-1:20	Lunch
1:20-2:15	Lunch	1:20-2:15	Period 5
2:15-3:10	Period 6	2:15-3:10	period 6
3:10-4:05	Period 7	3:10-4:05	Period 7

Staff News:

Farewell

It is with sadness that we say goodbye and wish Dr Clarke, Mrs Aggelo, Miss Morkos and Miss Court all the very best, as they leave the College to pursue other interests.

Miss Court who started in the College in 2014, is leaving to pursue full-time further studies next year.

Dr Clarke has been with the College for the past two years as a support for our ESL and Special Needs classes and has run these with passion and attention. We wish him well.

Mrs Aggelo, who was on maternity leave during 2016, has informed me that she will not be able to return to the College; hence, she resigned. Mrs Aggelo is one of our long-standing staff members who has brought her own special touch of Christian care, love and warmth to the class-room whilst serving in our primary classes since 2008.

While we celebrated with Miss Morkos her Wedding in July this year, we were saddened as her knight in shining armour secured their castle in the Central Coast. Miss Morkos has worked so tirelessly in our Science Department and will be missed by students and staff alike.

I am most grateful to Miss Court, Mrs Aggelo and Dr Clark for their dedicated excellent work over the past years in our College. We wish them well for the next step in their careers and every blessing for the future.

Welcome to our New Staff Members

In 2017, the College welcomes new addition to its teaching family and community. 2017 will bring some changes to staffing in both the primary and secondary school. We welcome:

Mr Donald Black

Mr Donald Black comes to St Bishoy College with a wealth of knowledge and experience- both as a communication engineer for over a decade and as Maths/science teacher for several years in many outstanding Sydney schools.

Mrs Sharmela Fonseca

Mrs Fonseca is a solicitor who has been in private practice for several years and with qualifications in law and post-graduate qualifications in education, Mrs Fonseca will be our Legal Studies and Geography teacher in 2017.

Miss Nardin Hanna

Whilst Miss Hanna has been with St Bishoy College for a couple of years on a temporary basis covering several maternity leave positions, we now welcome her as a permanent member of St Bishoy College College.

ACTION REQUIRED BEFORE THE START OF 2017:

St Bishoy College will update parent and student details on our database annually.

At the start of 2017, parents will be post or send with their child, a print out of the Critical Information Form; namely, parent contact details (including emails) and student medical details, after families have checked them. These changes will then be made to the database by administration staff. Also, hard copies of Individual Health Care Plans must be included to the medical details provided by parents to administration.

This process will be repeated prior to school camps or overnight events to ensure that we maintain, at all times, the most up-to-date information about your child and their medical needs. so, prior to camps, you will be asked to review student medical and contact details. So that camp paperwork can be finalised in due time, this will usually be requested at least two weeks prior to the camp.

Furthermore, the Principal must be advised, in writing, of family restructures (including separation or long term travel.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Blessed Happy New Year

Yours in Christ,

Michael Atteya
Principal