

Dear Families,

As 2021 comes to a close, I thank all members of the Mercy College community for their support over the course of the year. Together we have celebrated our learning, our gifts and our talents. Together, we have overcome challenges such as Covid restrictions, snap lockdowns and mask wearing. Together, as a faith filled community, we have supported those in need by giving generously to Mercy Works, Caritas and the Vinnies Christmas Appeal.

I wish each family a safe and enjoyable Christmas. Christmas is a special time in the life of the Church that celebrates the birth of Jesus. I hope that you can be together with your family and friends, and reflect on the peace, joy and hope that Christmas and the New Year brings.

END OF SEMESTER TWO

Students in Kindergarten – Year Nine will finish school on Friday 10 December 2021.

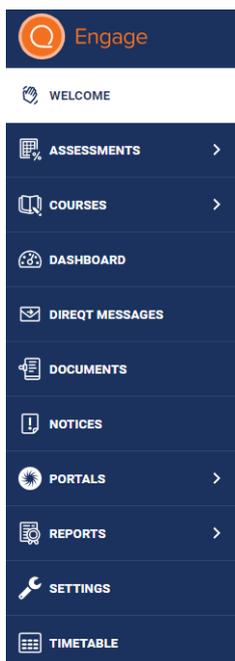
PRIMARY REPORTS

Student in Pre-Primary – Year Six will bring their reports home on Friday 10 December 2021. Included will be the guidelines for understanding and interpreting Primary reports.

SECONDARY REPORTS

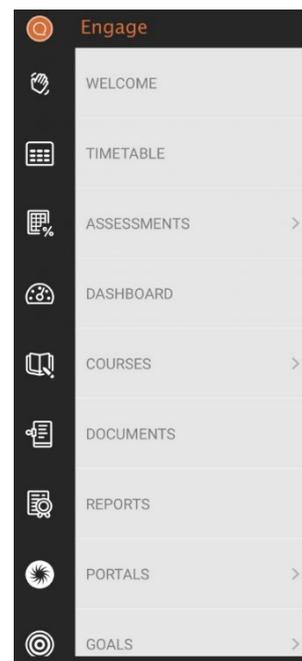
Students and families will be able to access their Report from SEQTA from 4:00pm Friday 10 December 2021. Guidelines for understanding and interpreting the Secondary reports can be found via these links – [Year Seven to Ten](#) and [Year Eleven](#).

Parents and guardians will need to log into SEQTA Engage and click on the Reports tab to view their child’s report.



← Desktop View

App View →



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Administration will open for 2022 on 20 January 2022, 8:00am – 4:00pm Monday to Friday.

MASS TIMES

Families can enjoy celebrating Mass with Father Sam this festive season at Our Lady of Mercy Church. Christmas Mass times are below. Carols by Candlelight will be sung after Mass on the 18th of December from 7:00pm.



UNIFORM AND PERSONAL PRESENTATION

Wearing a uniform ensures that the **dignity** of each student is upheld and that each student is **equal**. It helps to develop an **inclusive** environment and as such we value it and encourage students to take **pride** in their appearance.

All students are expected to comply with the Mercy College Uniform Policy, this includes whilst travelling to and from school.

For most of 2021 we have been in a transitional period with our College Uniform as we moved from our COVID period, where students were able to wear any item of Mercy College Uniform, to our period of transition to introducing the new College Jacket to replace the Blazer. The College Jumper will continue to be an item of uniform but Blazers will be phased out, although students may continue wearing them, if they already have them. However, no new Blazers will be available.

It is also expected that the standard of personal presentation to school is reflective of our values. The information below is a summary of the Uniform and Personal Presentation required of all students when they return for 2022.

GENERAL UNIFORM

- There are two main uniforms, the Academic Uniform and House Uniform.
- Students in Years Seven to Twelve are required to wear the Mercy College **Academic** Uniform **Monday – Thursday**.
- On **Fridays** students in Years Seven to Twelve are required to wear the Mercy College **House** Uniform and may wear the Mercy College Jacket, or Physical Education Track Suit top.
- In Winter students may wear the Mercy College Jacket, Jumper or Blazer with Academic Uniform.
- The Mercy College **Rain Jacket** is **only** to be worn by Outdoor Education students whilst participating in Outdoor Education.
- Students may wear the Mercy College Jacket in Summer if it is a cold or wet day.
- Physical Education or Soccer Jackets are **not** to be worn with Academic Uniforms.
- Skirt or dress length must be **on** or **below** the knee.
- **Shoes** worn with Academic Uniforms are to be black leather, lace up style with black soles. Runners are to be worn for Physical Education and with House Uniform.
- **Socks** can be Mercy College socks or plain white or grey socks. If wearing Non Mercy College socks, no logos or brands are to be visible.
- Plain white singlets, vests or other undergarments are permitted to be worn under Academic or sporting uniform but must not be visible, ie **no long sleeves under short sleeves**.
- Students must wear a Mercy College cap or bucket hat during outdoor activities when appropriate, this includes recess, lunch and other break times.
- Scarves may be worn in Winter months (Term 2 and 3) only.



UNIFORMS

Student Personal Presentation

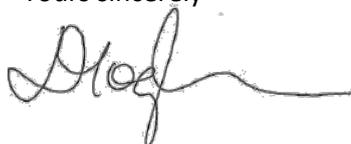
Hair	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• At all times, hair must be kept clean, neat and tidy.• Hair is to be your natural colour. (No artificial colouring.)• If hair is longer than the top of the collar it must be fully tied up.• Hair must be worn off the face.• The shortest any student should cut their hair is a number one blade.• The style is to be conservative, no strips or patterns shaved into the hair. No excessive contrast in length between sides, back and top.• Hair accessories should be non-obtrusive and colours that blend into the college uniform.
Facial Hair	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students should be clean shaven for school each day.• Eyebrows should not be shaven or partially shaven.• Eyelashes should be natural looking and not overly long.
Nails	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nail colour should be natural and nails trimmed to no longer than 5mm above the length of the finger or thumb.
Jewellery	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students may wear simple gold or silver studs or sleepers, one in the lower lobe of each ear only.• Studs may have small unobtrusive precious stones, no more than 5mm in diameter.• No multiple piercings.• No facial or visible body piercings.• A gold or silver necklace with or without religious symbols may be worn but is not to be visible.• Watches may be worn but smart watches may not be worn during examinations and tests.
Tattoos	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No tattoos of any kind are acceptable.
Personal Hygiene	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure your uniform is clean and ironed.• Use deodorant every day and after sport.

In exceptional circumstances if students are unable to meet the standards of personal presentation parents are required to contact the relevant Head of Year who will communicate this to all staff as required. Consistent issues with personal presentation or other uniform issues will be referred to one of the Deputy Principals.

2022 SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

The school year will commence on MONDAY 31 January 2022 for students in Years Pre-Primary – Year Six, Year Seven and Year Twelve. Students in Year Eight, Nine, Ten and Eleven commence school on TUESDAY 1 February 2022.

Yours sincerely



Lisa Fogliani
Principal