



ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE GEELONG

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RE: MT SION INFORMATION EVENING

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your son into the Mt Sion Senior School (Years 10-12) at St Joseph's College.

My name is Meleah Zanos and I am the Head of Mt Sion Wellbeing. Having worked as Year 7 Coordinator from 2018 to 2020, I am looking forward to reconnecting with many of you and supporting your son through his secondary school journey. In this role, I oversee the behaviour and wellbeing of Mt Sion students. Laura Gordon is the Acting Head of Mt Sion Learning in Term 1, and she coordinates all curriculum components in the senior years.

The vertical House structure in Mt Sion is led by four House Coordinators Matthew Walsh (Brophy), Pat Prendergast (Butler), Elley Heard (Foley), and Jackson Langhorne (Jordan). Each homeroom in Mt Sion has a mixture of Year 10, 11, and 12 students. Your son's homeroom teacher should be your first point of contact for most queries and concerns. Homerooms participate in House challenges and a Wellbeing lesson each Monday. Student wellbeing and pathways are also an integral component of the senior year's journey.

This week, your son has been reacquainted with senior school organisation strategies and general Mt Sion expectations. We expect all students to adhere to the Mt Sion Learning and Behavioural Norms (see attached), which requires students to work with their teachers to build respectful relationships with staff and peers. Adhering to these norms will enable your son to achieve academically and personally. Mt Sion students are also expected to lead by example, with particular attention to punctuality, appropriate language, preparedness for class, correct uniform including VET uniform requirements along with grooming standards.

[College uniform policy](#)

As students move into their senior years of learning their study demands increase. This requires greater organisation and allocating specific time each week to the completion of prescribed homework and dedicated study. Please see the included table for the weekly Mt Sion homework expectations. This may be completed during private study sessions at school, in the College library and at home and we would encourage you as parents/carers to support your son to develop effective study habits. Staff will be educating students on what study may entail through a range of sessions in the library and during wellbeing periods. Staff will begin publishing lessons and homework tasks and parents/carers will be able to access this through PAM. In addition to this, Elevate Education offer a free parent information session to further help parents and carers support their son;

<https://get.elevatecoaching.info/au/schoolwebinar>

The **Mt Sion Welcome Evening is scheduled for Monday 20 February**. Starting at 7pm in the Performing Arts Centre, the evening is an opportunity to hear from key Mt Sion staff, including House Coordinators, Clinical Lead Mel Dobson, Careers Coordinator Karen Shum, and VET Coordinator Claire Hugo. The evening will allow you to learn more about Mt Sion pathways, service learning, wellbeing structures, and support options available to your son. All Year 10 families are strongly encouraged to be in attendance as your son starts his journey in Mt Sion.





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If required, additional contact details of all Mt Sion leadership staff have been included below.

Welcome again to Mt Sion, and I thank you in advance for your ongoing support. If you have any queries, please feel free to call me on 5226 8100.

Kind regards,

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