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UNIFORM AND BUS MATTERS:

During this clip I will address some house keeping matters related to our uniform and bus travel.

Starting with uniform;

The College has different versions of uniform. We have a Summer uniform (worn in terms 1 and 4). Winter uniform (worn in terms 2 and 3) and PE uniform (summer and winter) worn on days when students have their double PE lesson.

Information regarding uniform can be found on the St Joseph's College website; Clicking on the WELLBEING menu, then the Uniform Standards link will take you to images of what correct uniform looks like and how to purchase the uniform items. Bellarine Uniforms are the uniform supplier, you should have received information regarding a uniform fitting time with them. If you haven't received this information please contact Bellarine Uniforms.

Importantly when wearing full summer or winter uniform the shoes to be worn are black leather lace ups. Black sports shoes or flat soled black skate shoes are not permitted. The College introduced a new sport jacket last year. Please be aware that this item cannot be purchased second hand if it is the old version.

Please label all uniform items. Lost items can be easily returned if they are clearly labelled with the student's full name. We are a big school lots of students have the same name so it is really important to write the students full name on all items.

Now for Bus travel;

One of the areas that cause the most stress for new students is bus travel. Most of our students catch buses to and from school. If your son is catching a bus to school next year then I would encourage him to do it from day 1. We have extra staff on duty to help student get to the correct bus at the end of the first day. Year 7s will also finish classes early during the first week to ensure that they can develop an efficient routine to get to the correct bus on time.

Details regarding bus travel can also be found on our Website; Clicking on the JOIN US/ENROLMENT menu, then the STUDENT TRANSPORT link will take you to the bus travel information. The College has included bus paperwork in your Letter of offer. Please ensure you have returned this paperwork to the College. Bus companies are able to provide information regarding bus routes

and times for school bus travel, their contact details are provided in the bus travel information.

Please send your son to school knowing what bus number he needs to catch in order to get home. That is, if he comes being able to state the bus number (EG. the N19, S1, N23 etc) we will get him on that bus. If he comes saying “I need to get to Highton”, there are 3 buses that go to different areas of Highton so he may not get on the bus that gets him closest to home. It is really important that he comes to school on the first day knowing what bus number he needs to catch to get home.

While the bus companies provide this service, we support them with the behaviour of the students. Students are expected to follow school rules and standards when travelling to and from school and must behave in a manner that allows the drivers to concentrate on getting them home safely. Students who behave inappropriately on the bus can face a bus suspension which means parents must then find an alternate way of getting their son to school. If students experience any poor behaviour or behaviour that makes them feel uncomfortable on the buses they are asked to report it to Homeroom teachers, Year Level Coordinators or the Head of Sub-School.

Once again thanks for your attention, please contact Bellarine Uniforms, the relevant bus company or the College if you require further information on Uniforms or Buses.