



Salesian College
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Parents letter

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Student Absences

Parents Association Meeting Tuesday 18th January 2022 at 8 pm

Board of Management Parents Representative

Zeeko Internet Safety on-line Information Presentation for all Parents & Guardians Tuesday 18th January 2022 at 7pm on-line via Zoom

Dear Parents & Guardians,

At present the school is experiencing large student absences and teacher absences. So far, we have managed really well covering classes and I thank everyone for their assistance, and we congratulate the students for their excellent cooperation and good spirits.

I thank all parents for writing notes in their son's journal so we can account for absences.

The school must report all absences of 20 days to TUSLA.

TUSLA may then investigate any issues of concern such absences as required.

Given the high number of students who may be self- isolating due to Covid-19 or who are absent due to Covid-19 the school could count up to 10 days absence from Covid unnecessarily and an inaccurate picture of a student's absence would be reported.

When writing a note explaining an absence in the school journal, please note any absence that may be Covid-19 related so that we can record this correctly on a student's file. This will be recorded as a Covid- Related Absence (CRA)

Parents Representative on the Board of Management

The Parents Association posted a letter on the school website last week with information on the election of a new parent's representative on the Board of Management from this February onwards until the school year 2024.

Any parent who is interested in taking on this role is invited to contact the Parents Association.

The election of the new representative will take place at the next Parents Association meeting on 18th January 2022 at 8pm on-line via Zoom. The link for this meeting will be shared in advance with those interested in attending as new members of the Parents Association.

Nominations must be made to the Parents Association before Monday 17th January 2022 through the formal email address salesianparentsassociation@gmail.com.

The nominations must be formally proposed and seconded on the night and if required an election will be organised.

New members are always welcome to join.

Zeeko On-line Safety Presentation

We invite all our parents to an online presentation via Zoom on Tuesday January 18th at 7pm for a Parent Internet Safety Seminar delivered by Zeeko Education.

Our first and second year students will also be attending workshops during the school day on January 18th and 19th on Internet Safety and Awareness.

This evening presentation is open to all parents/guardians with a son in the school as this is an issue that impacts all age groups.

Safe and responsible social media and internet use is so important for all of us but as technology moves so fast it can be very difficult to keep up with changes and in particular to understand how young people use the internet and social media in their lives.

The seminar will address issues such as cyberbullying, online relationships, appropriate content and the legal implications for inappropriate internet use.

We know that this is a topic of interest to all of us as educators, parents and guardians so we hope that you can attend and will find this helpful as you as you navigate this issue with your son.

To attend on the night, simply click on the Zoom Link posted on your sons Year Group Teams account. You may need assistance from your son with this.

- It will ask you for your name and email address to register.
- You will then be sent a Zoom link with a User ID and password.
- In order to avoid any issues joining on the night it would be helpful to register in advance so we can assist with any technical queries you may have.
- You will also need to have Zoom downloaded onto your device in order to attend.

- Please contact the school in advance if you have any difficulties with this.

We encourage all parents to attend as we believe this presentation will be very current and of interest to all parents to ensure the on-line safety of our students.

Mock Fees

3rd and 6th year students are reminded to pay their mock fees on our Easypayments system on-line.

We hope all our students and staff stay safe over the next few weeks.

Thank you for your continued support.

Ms. B Kearns,
Principal.