



# St Euphemia College

School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 1

## Principal's Report



### Upcoming Events

**5 - 7 February**  
Year 7 Camp

**3 February**  
Term 1 Begins  
for Prep

**3 & 4 February**  
Kindergarten  
*Best Start*

**5 February**  
Kindergarten  
Commences

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Welcome back to another exciting school year! We hope all our families had a restful and enjoyable break. This morning we were thrilled to see our students return, ready for a year filled with learning, growth, and community engagement.

The College academic year began with a heartfelt Opening Blessing, led by our Very Reverend Father Peter Mavrommatis, Very Reverend Panayioti Protopsaltis and Deacon Meliton Haridemos. It was a truly moving service, with our students chanting and participating in the prayers.

Father Panayioti gave a beautiful sermon welcoming new staff and students to our community, reminding students to care for one another and always act with kindness. He shared Archbishop Makarios' wish, before getting out of bed and checking our phones first, we take a moment to pause and make the Sign of the Cross. By doing so, we begin the day with God at the forefront of our minds, preparing us to face whatever challenges may come our way.

#### **Extended Leave - Travel**

At St Euphemia College, we place a strong emphasis on regular attendance, as it is key to academic success, personal development, and social connections. It is also a requirement under the Education Act 1990.



While we understand that there may be occasions when students require leave, we kindly remind families of our Student Leave for Travel Policy.

Under this policy:

- Parents may request leave of up to seven school days, with approval for longer absences granted only in exceptional circumstances.
- Leave for general family holidays during term time is not approved unless there is a significant reason.
- Major school events—including assessment periods, Divine Liturgies, Speech Day, and sports carnivals—should be prioritised, and leave should not conflict with these.
- Requests for extended leave must be submitted at least five weeks in advance and will be considered based on factors such as attendance, previous leave, academic impact, and behaviour.
- Unapproved absences may be marked as unjustified and could impact enrolment.

We encourage families to review the full Student Leave for Travel Policy, available on our [website](#), and to reach out if you have any questions.

Let's make this a fantastic year of learning and achievement together!

Penny Pachos



## Key Dates

**31 January** - School begins All Year 1-12 Students

**31 January** - Blessing for New School Year (Blazer Required)

**3 February** - Preparatory School commences

**4 February** - Kindergarten Assessments

**5 February** - Kindergarten commences

**5 - 7 February** - Year 7 Camp

**12 February** - High Achievers Assembly - 'HSC Class of 2024' Year 11 Information Evening

**18 February** - Archbishop 2024 HSC Awards Presentation Ceremony

**19 February** - Year 7 - 10 Information Evening

**20 February** - Year 3 - 6 Swimming Carnival

**22 February** - St Euphemia Taverna Night

**24 February** - Years 4 & 6 Introductory Parent/Teacher Meetings

**25 February** - Years 3 & 5 Introductory Parent/Teacher Meetings

**26 February** - Years K-2 Introductory Parent/Teacher Meetings

**28 February** - Secondary School Swimming Carnival (compulsory)

**5 March** - 7 March Year 9 Camp 7 March Term 1 Fees Due

**10 March** - Senior School Photos (Summer Uniform Blazer Required)

**11 March** - Primary School Photos and Siblings

**12 March** - 24 March NAPLAN Testing (Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 Timetable to Follow)

**21 March** - Harmony Day (Primary School)

**23 March** - Greek Independence Day March

**25 March** - Annunciation of Our Most Holy Theotokos School Closed

**31 March** - Year 3 – 6 Combined Greek Orthodox Swimming Carnival

**2 April** - Year 11 and 12 Parent Teacher Interviews

**8 April** - Primary School Parent Teacher Interviews

**11 April** - Term 1 Ends for Students



## ST EUPHEMIA COLLEGE- 2025 TERM DATES

### Term 1: 11 weeks

Friday 31 January	Term 1 begins Year 1 – 12; Kindergarten Assessments
Monday 3 February	Term 1 begins Prep; Kindergarten Assessments
Tuesday 4 February	Kindergarten Assessments
Wednesday 5 February	Kindergarten Commence
<b>Tuesday 25 March</b>	<b>Feast of the Annunciation - School closed</b>
Friday 11 April	Term 1 ends

Student Holidays: Monday 14 April to Friday 25 April 2025

### Term 2: 9 weeks

Tuesday 29 April	Term 2 Students Commence
<b>Monday 9 June</b>	<b>King's Birthday - Public Holiday - School closed</b>
Friday 27 June	Term 2 ends

Student Holidays: Monday 30 June to Friday 18 July 2025

### Term 3: 10 weeks

Monday 21 July	Term 3 Students Commence
<b>Friday 15 August</b>	<b>Dormition of Theotokos – School Closed</b>
<b>Tuesday 16 September</b>	<b>St Euphemia Day</b>
Thursday 25 September	Term 3 ends for students

Student Holidays: Monday 29 September to Friday 10 October 2025

### Term 4: 9 weeks

Monday 13 October	Term 4 Students Commence
Wednesday 10 December	Speech Day. Term 4 ends for students