



3 July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As Term 2 concludes today, I would like to sincerely thank all the parents, carers, students and staff for all their achievements throughout the term. Although it has been a challenging term in many ways we have worked very hard together to make sure that everyone was safe and able to continue with their learning in a positive manner.

Thanks to the parents and carers for engaging in the Family Learning Conferences. The rich learning conversations will allow students and teachers to commence Term 3 with set goals and clear strategies to be able to work towards and achieve individual goals.

Q & A with Jessica Fox and Kurt Fearnley

This week the students and staff had the opportunity to engage in an exciting Q & A video conferencing session with Kurt Fearnley and Jessica Fox who are both world champions and inspiring athletes. The main message that Jessica and Kurt shared with us all was to be kind to one another, dream big and set goals. This is a powerful message for the students to be able to think and reflect upon during the holidays. It would be a great opportunity for you to ask your children about the Q & A session and ask them what they learned.

On behalf of the staff of St Thomas Aquinas, we wish you a wonderful school holiday and hope that everyone remains safe and well. We look forward to seeing you all return in Term 3.

Kind regards

Marina Hardy
Principal

Enrolments 2021

We are now accepting **Kindergarten Enrolments for 2021**. If you have a child who is starting school in 2021 please contact the school office for an enrolment pack as soon as possible.



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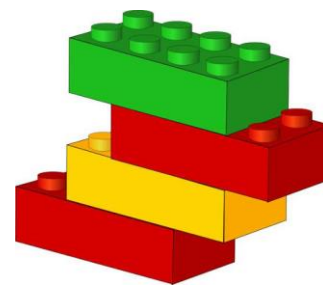
Enrolment forms are
now being accepted

LEGO Drive

Do you have any unwanted or unused LEGO at Home? We would love to take it off your hands.

To complement our learning spaces we are looking to enhance our collection of multi-use resources such as Lego? All donated Lego will be used to support the many learning projects our students will be involved in across the school.

*Simply drop off any unwanted Lego to the school office **after the school holidays.***



Uniforms

At St Thomas Aquinas we expect that all students wear the correct uniform with pride and follow our school uniform and grooming agreements. We are extremely pleased that the majority of our students wear the correct uniform each day. However, recently it has become apparent that some students are not wearing the correct school uniform. **In particular, we have noticed some students with unusual styles of haircuts, coloured hair, excessive jewellery, various coloured socks and nail polish.**

We ask that all families **read the school Uniform and Grooming policy (attached)** and reinforce these expectations with their children. We do understand that some items of the uniform are not yet available through The School Locker. If a student is unable to wear an element of the correct school uniform a note from the parent indicating the reason needs to be presented to the teacher.





UNIFORMS & GROOMING

School Uniform

Our school uniform makes an unambiguous statement of who we are and what we stand for as a school. At St Thomas Aquinas we expect our students to wear their uniforms correctly at all times. We believe that by encouraging students to take pride in themselves and their appearance we are promoting school spirit, self-esteem and a sense of belonging to our school community. Our expectations are that:

- Students wear the correct school uniform every day.
- Black leather shoes are worn on non-sport days and polished regularly.
- Shirts are tucked in at all times (except when at sport or at play).
- **School hats** are worn each day whilst outdoors and all year round – (*this is in keeping with the school's Sun Safety Procedures*). Hats can be purchased from the School Office.
- **Summer uniforms** are worn in Terms 1 and 4.
- **Winter uniforms** are worn in Terms 2 and 3.
- **School fleecy jacket (optional)** can be purchased from the uniform supplier (*see next page*) and may be worn with all uniforms.
- **Sport uniforms** are worn only on designated sports days.
- In winter any extra jackets should be in school colours.
- **Polo shirts, jackets and 'hoodies'** acquired through CEDP sporting events may only be worn when representing the school at Diocesan sports events or on designated mufti days.

We ask that parents reinforce these expectations with their children when they leave home for school.

All articles of clothing and belongings must be clearly marked with your child's name.

Lapses in Wearing Correct Uniform

If a student is unable to wear an element of the correct school uniform a note from the parent indicating the reason needs to be presented to the teacher. Such lapses from the correct uniform must only be temporary.

Hair and Grooming

Students should wear neat and tidy hair styles to complement our school uniform. Hair is to be kept off the collar or tied back securely. No hair should be in the way of the eyes. Hair is not to be coloured or tinted. Unusual styles or cuts are not allowed. These guidelines apply both to girls and boys and may assist in preventing the spread of head lice. Ribbons, scrunchies, hair slides etc. if worn, should be in the St Thomas Aquinas uniform colours of dark and/or light blue.

Students who consistently lapse in wearing the correct uniform and following the grooming policy will be referred to the Assistant Principal and a note sent home.

Jewellery & Accessories

Apart from one pair of sleepers or small plain studs and wristwatch, excessive jewellery is not permitted, for safety reasons. A chain with a cross or religious medallion may be worn under shirt or dress lines. Nails should be unvarnished, kept clean and neatly trimmed. No make-up is to be worn. No leather or bead necklaces are to be worn.

Uniform Supplier

The **School Locker (TSL)** is an online shop which supplies our school uniform directly to families. Information and pricing can be found on TSL website at theschoollocker.com.au. Families are to purchase all uniform items from this shop only to ensure consistency. Parents wishing to make selections in person can do so at TSL Liverpool Superstore, The Grove Homemaker Centre, 2-18 Orange Grove Road, Liverpool. **Phone: (02) 8796 2100.**

School hats are available for purchase at the school office at any time.

Clothing Pool

The school Clothing Pool operates each Tuesday and Friday morning from 9.00am-9.30am and Wednesday afternoon from 3.00pm-3.30pm, subject to volunteer availability.

School Uniform List

NB. School hats are worn outdoors each day all year 'round.

Girls

Summer

Blue check dress or
STA Pale blue short-sleeved blouse and
STA Navy blue tailored culottes
School hat/cap
Short pale blue socks
Black leather school shoes

Winter

Blue Tartan Tunic or STA Navy school slacks
STA Pale blue long-sleeved blouse or
Pale blue polo-neck skivvy
Navy blue tie for blouse
STA fleecy jumper
School hat/cap
Navy stockings or pale blue socks
Black leather school shoes
STA fleecy jacket (*optional*)

Sports (Unisex)

STA Navy shorts
STA Two-tone sky/navy collared polo shirt
STA Navy microfibre track pants
STA Two-tone sky/navy microfibre sports jacket
School hat/cap
Short white socks
Sports shoes (*predominantly white*) with white laces

Boys

Summer

STA Grey shorts
STA short-sleeved blue shirt
School hat/cap
Short grey socks
Black leather school shoes

Winter

STA Grey school trousers
STA long-sleeved blue shirt or
Pale blue polo-neck skivvy
STA fleecy jumper
School hat/cap
Grey socks
Black leather school shoes
STA fleecy jacket (*optional*)

Sports (Unisex)

STA Navy shorts
STA Two-tone sky/navy collared polo shirt
STA Navy microfibre track pants
STA Two-tone sky/navy microfibre sports jacket
School hat/cap
Short White socks
Sports shoes (*predominantly white*) with white laces

NB. 'STA' indicates item displays St Thomas Aquinas (STA) school logo.