Middle Years

A belated welcome back to Term 2 from the Middle Years' Teaching Team. This week we congratulate those students who were presented with Diligence Awards during assembly on Monday. Students who demonstrated that they consistently applied themselves to their academic studies, across all subject areas, received these awards based on their effort during Term 1 (please see the criteria for Diligence Awards later in this Newsletter).

Term 2 is an academically rigorous term for our students. Please find information below about academic matters pertaining to Middle Years. Some reminders…

Assessment Calendars - Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 were issued with an assessment calendar for this semester (both Term 1 and Term 2) at the beginning of last term. Mrs Knight has spare copies should your child have misplaced theirs. A digital copy of the assessment calendar is also available on the College website under the Curriculum and Assessment tabs, or [http://dalby.catholic.edu.au/assessment.htm](http://dalby.catholic.edu.au/assessment.htm). Students should be referring regularly to these calendars to help manage their time and workload throughout this term.

NAPLAN Testing - NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy) testing for the Year 7 and Year 9 students will take place in Week 5 of this term (Tuesday, 10 May – Thursday, 12 May). All students will require a 2B pencil, rubber and sharpener for these days. They will also need a calculator for the Numeracy tests. Please organise equipment for the testing in advance. It is useful if students keep these items in a clear, ziplock bag as they are unable to bring pencil cases into the testing rooms. Please be aware that NAPLAN testing is not a test that students can study for; however, we will prepare students for the testing by familiarising them with testing conditions and requirements. This assists in easing stress on the days of testing. Testing will commence on the designated days at 8.45am. It is essential that students are at school before 8.30am and are organised in advance for testing. Any major concerns regarding NAPLAN testing should be directed towards Mrs Melissa Hobson (Assistant Principal Teaching and Learning).

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