



Loreto Secondary School

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Dear First Year Parent/Guardian,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you and your daughter to Loreto Secondary School, Bray. A school that has been educating young women in Bray since 1850 rooted in the Mary Ward values of justice, joy, sincerity, truth and freedom.

Your daughter will become a member of the Loreto school community where she will be cared for by our dedicated staff, form teachers, year leaders and a vibrant pastoral care team. Our excellent orientation programme for incoming First Years will assist your daughter's transition into post primary education. This orientation programme takes place on **Friday August 27th from 9am to 3.30pm**. She will need a pen, a notebook and a lunch snack for this day. Full school uniform is also expected. Our mobile phone policy is such that she will not need the use of a mobile phone from 8.45am to 3.45pm on any school day, should your daughter need to contact home, this can be done so through the school office.

During the day, your daughter will participate in a programme of activities that are designed to welcome and assist her. We will also be conducting the postponed Entrance Assessments during the day. As mentioned in my previous correspondence (dated 14 May), this is not something to be nervous about and no study or preparation is required in advance. The assessments will assist in getting to know your daughters' strengths and how we might support her learning.

We offer a broad and diverse curriculum with many opportunities for extra curricular activities. We actively encourage your daughter to take part in some or all of these extra curricular activities when she starts with us in September. This summer we are delighted to offer hockey and soccer coaching for our incoming first years. We strongly encourage your daughter to participate in this unique programme as it gives an opportunity to exercise, have fun and it is a great way to allow the girls to get to know each other before school term commences.

In accordance with public health guidance, **places must be reserved in advance** by clicking on the link (<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeINpG5-TiRYr03A7powCtMZ2U6oVgomPndrWViV0pAac-w/viewform>) and in accordance with Covid19 protocols. Places may be limited due to the size of *training pods* that are permitted under Covid19 safety measures. The times and dates of the training sessions are listed overleaf. If you have any queries, please email Leah at hockey@loretobray.com

DATE	FIRST YEAR
TUESDAY JULY 6TH	12 NOON TO 1.30PM
THURSDAY JULY 8TH	10 AM TO 11.30AM
TUESDAY JULY 13TH	12 NOON TO 1.30PM
THURSDAY JULY 15TH	10 AM TO 11.30AM
TUESDAY JULY 27TH	12 NOON TO 1.30PM
THURSDAY JULY 29TH	10 AM TO 11.30AM
TUESDAY 3RD AUGUST	12 NOON TO 1.30PM
THURSDAY 5TH AUGUST	10 AM TO 11.30AM
<p><u>Soccer</u> will take place for all year groups on the above dates on <u>Tuesdays</u> from 12noon - 130pm <u>Hockey</u> training will take place on the above dates on <u>Thursdays</u> from 10am - 11.30am for incoming First Years</p>	

Unfortunately, Covid19 is still prevalent in our society therefore all public health guidelines must be adhered to in order to ensure the safety of all our students. This includes the wearing of face-coverings, physical distancing, cough/sneeze etiquette and regular hand washing which will continue to be part of our school life upon our return to school in late August.

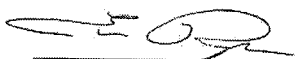
In addition to our continued use of G-Suite (including Google Classroom) to support student learning, we are delighted this September to launch our new education management tool and app called *Compass*. Information and training on the use of this app will be included for parents and guardians at our Information Night for First Year Parents (Tuesday 14th Sept 7.00pm). All first year students will also receive training on the use of the Compass school app as well as the G-Suite applications.

In preparation for the start of your daughter's journey in Loreto Bray I would like to direct you to our school website www.loreto Bray.com in the *Video Diary* where we have produced a welcome video where our head girls take you on a *virtual tour of Loreto Bray*. This video along with the *Loreto Ethos video* will give your daughter a short sample of what it means to be a student in Loreto Bray. Enjoy.

The booklists for 2021-22 are now posted on our website and we are currently finalising our calendar for 2021-22 and this will be posted on the website in the coming days.

On behalf of the Loreto school community here in Bray, I would like to wish you and your family a safe and joyful summer.

Yours sincerely,



Emma Raughter
Principal