

DOMINIC COLLEGE

A Catholic School in the Salesian Tradition



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YEAR 9 EMPOWER PROGRAM – THE RITE JOURNEY

Dear Parents/Guardians

In 2013, we launched a detailed pastoral education program (Empower) from Year 7 to Year 10. This program was specifically designed to address identified social and emotional needs within our student body. As part of this program we introduced 'The Rite Journey' for our Year 9 students.

The Rite Journey is based around the traditional rite of passage of moving from childhood towards adulthood. It has been specifically designed for Year 9 students with the help of numerous specialist educators and child psychologists. This program is gender specific, and taught by staff specially selected and trained.

We are launching 'The Rite Journey' program for 2016 on *Thursday 11 February at 7pm in the Savio Centre (Gymnasium)*. All Year 9 students and one or both of their parents/guardians will need to attend.

This program requires significant cooperation between teachers and parents and will test and challenge our students on a regular basis. The extent of success depends on students and parents being active participants.

We look forward to seeing you on the night as we launch this program for 2016.

Yours sincerely

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Andrew Pritchard
Director of Pastoral Care K-10
Dominic College

Please sign and return the form below by Wednesday 10 February 2016 to your EMPOWER Teacher.

I/we, parents/guardians of _____ (student name/pastoral group) WILL/WILL NOT (please circle) be attending the Rite Journey Parent Information Night on 11 February 2016.

Signed: _____