



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to Term 3

Welcome to the commencement of Semester 2. As many of you may be aware, Mr Leigh Cottrill is taking leave for Term 3 and I will be replacing him in the role of Principal. Miss Kellie Ketteringham will be replacing me as the Deputy Principal – Years 10-12 for this term. We also welcome Mr Barry Smith into the role as permanent Deputy Principal – Systems and Operations and we welcome Mrs Jodie Fitzsimmons to the College as Deputy Principal – Years 7-9.

There are many exciting and important events occurring during this term, including parent information evenings, lighting carnivals, immunisations and a range of incursions and excursions. Please keep an eye out for notifications through SEQTA and through your child/s teachers.

Parent reporting day/night

Thank you for taking the time to speak with your child's teachers at the Parent reporting day/night at the end of Term 2. I trust that this was a very timely opportunity to discuss your child's progress and to encourage your child to continue to work to the best of their ability.

NAIDOC celebration

On Thursday, July 22, we celebrated NAIDOC day with a range of respectful and exciting events, including a smoking ceremony, Welcome to Country, a performance by the College didgeridoo band, unveiling of the family canvas, a great live band called the South Summit band and an opportunity to experience some cultural exhibits, artwork and cuisine. I would like to sincerely thank all students, staff, families and visitors to the College who participated in the event or assisted with organisation.

Year assemblies

Next week, Week 2, we will be running our Award assemblies, where we will be acknowledging students for their achievements during Semester 1. This is a wonderful opportunity to praise and celebrate student success and their achievements. Families of Award recipients will be notified via email.

Parent/Carer attendance SMS system

During Term 3, we will endeavour to launch our SMS text messaging attendance notification system. This system will automatically send an SMS text message to the mobile phone number registered as the primary contact. You will receive an SMS text message when our records indicate that your child is late to, or absent from Session 1 (9am to 10am). This is an important step for the College community to ensure that parents/carers are aware of their child's whereabouts and for the College is able to provide an accurate record of your child's attendance at school throughout the year.

We know that with any new and automated system, that there may be teething issues, so we hope that you will assist us in rectifying any anomalies or errors if and when they occur. I will write to you again, with a more specific outline of the details, later in the term.

Year 9 and 10 Elective selections for 2022

Year 8 and Year 9 students have been issued subject selection forms and booklets for their Elective choices for 2022. The booklets provide comprehensive information for courses being offered in the Arts, Technologies, Languages and Physical Education learning areas. We would appreciate you encouraging your child to discuss their choices with you and asking them to return the completed and signed forms to the Main Administration office by **Monday, August 3**.

COVID – 19 update

Schools in the Perth metropolitan and Peel regions have returned to pre-lockdown life. We are now adhering to the current Phase 5 operating guidelines, which include:

- no longer needing to adhere to the 2 square metre capacity rule for events
- continuing to apply physical distancing measures
- maintain good hygiene practices
- visitors, parents and students are encouraged not to attend school if they are unwell.

Schools have been encouraged to ensure they are best placed to continue the provision of education to students if we were to encounter the disruption of another COVID-19 community outbreak. To be equipped for this, the College is in the process of developing a COVID-19 response to support school preparedness.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend and I thank you for your ongoing support of the College

Yours sincerely,

Bruno Pileggi, Principal (Term 3, 2021)

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