



25th June, 2020

Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

Re: Term Three general information

STAFFING

Firstly, on behalf of Fr Michael Grace it gives me great pleasure to announce that Bev Thorp was the successful candidate for the position of Deputy Principal - Learning and Professional Practice. Please join me in congratulating Bev and we wish her well in leading the learning of our students and enhancing our practices into the future.

After a false start earlier in the year due to COVID-19, my hip replacement is scheduled to take place in the first week of next term. As per previous arrangements, Chris Dainton will act in the role of Principal from the beginning of Term Three until Friday 28th August. This will provide for the appropriate time of recovery and then rehabilitation. Carmel Mills, current Religious Education Learning Area Leader, has accepted the position of Acting Deputy Principal - Catholic Identity. I wish both Chris and Carmel well as they tackle these senior leadership roles.

Sadly, I also inform the community that Michelle McCracken will continue her leave for the remainder of 2020. Michelle is recovering from an auto-immune disease and we look forward to her return at the beginning of 2021. Brendan Ginnivan has accepted the replacement position working in Year 8 and Year 10 science and Chris Barnard will continue teaching the Year 12 Biology class. Best wishes to Michelle, who is in good spirits as she continues along the road to recovery.

Thank you to Stephanie Hargreaves who is expecting her second child and begins Maternity Leave and Mick Dowlan who has completed a six month short term role at the College. Next term we welcome back Nicole Brown and Amelia Stanbrook from maternity leave and Julie Jones who has accepted a short term teaching role.

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

The decision has been made that the current status quo regarding the COVID-19 health and safety guidelines will remain in place until 31st July. However, the College has eased some restrictions in particular circumstances. Please note the following:

Until 31st July:

- Camps, excursions and incursions will not resume
- Whole College liturgies, assemblies and celebratory events will not resume
- External sporting events and competitions will not resume
- PE Change rooms to remain closed
- Staff briefing and staff meetings will remain on the Google Meet platform
- The second staff room and staff work spaces will remain in place
- The increased cleaning regime of the College and the Bus Services will continue

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In regard to easing of restrictions, the following will start at the beginning of Term three:

- Homework Club
- Franciscan Student Leadership Program
- Alumni Production rehearsals
- The Wednesday late bus
- Nathalia based activities that do not have community involvement or participation. For example, collecting a water sample from the creek or the VCAL students maintaining the RSL facility.

As further information comes to hand from both the CECV or Catholic Education Sandhurst we will remain agile in the hope that further restrictions will ease as the term rolls through.

UNIFORM

As of day one Term three all students are expected to be in full winter uniform. The full winter uniform guidelines must be strictly adhered to and will be closely monitored. Thank you to those students and families who have already transitioned into the winter uniform.

It is also important to make you aware of some adjustments made with regard to Physical Education and PE uniform. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, students will not have access to the College change room facilities. As a result, on your child's Practical PE days, they will be required to attend the College in FULL PE UNIFORM. No variations of uniform will be permitted (NO Leggings/Skins etc.).

If there are any issues regarding this, please contact the College directly to make appropriate arrangements. Students will attend the College in regular uniform for all other classes, including Health (theory) classes.

Note: A student found in breach of the uniform expectations, may be required to be collected and return home to change.

The mid-year break is upon us after completing a term that contained a myriad of unprecedented challenges. However, with plenty of grit and determination from all concerned we got there!

Thank you one and all for your work, perseverance and resilience. I am quite humbled and extremely grateful to our students, staff and families for persevering and getting through the term. Please enjoy a well earned break and we look forward to the second half of the year with joy and optimism.

With Peace and Goodwill,



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