Dear Year 11 Parent / Caregiver,

The Year 11 Team would like to warmly welcome you to the 2017 school year. Year 11 is a crucial year for students to continue their senior years of schooling and developing future pathways. We are committed to developing positive relationships with you and your child and we are passionate about supporting students to achieve their personal best throughout the year.

For Year 11 students to be successful it is important that they are guided by the following expectations:

- Regular and punctual attendance to all classes and Home Group
- Appropriate behaviour in and out of class
- Wearing full school uniform at all times
- Appropriate use of time in lessons and study periods
- Timely and comprehensive completion of summative assessment tasks

Outlined below are some detailed expectations and information about Year 11 in 2017:

**Attendance**
The school expects that all students will attend school every day. If a student is unable to attend due to illness or other valid reason, please notify the school via phone (8329 7242) or SMS (0427 016 253).

As a school we are required to monitor student attendance and follow up on any unsatisfactory or unexplained absences. It is important to keep in mind that repeated absences and lateness are not in the best interests of any student. Research shows that poor school attendance and/or engagement has many negative impacts, including lower academic achievement and reduced post-school opportunities. Students require a consistent, supportive and united approach from the school and home to promote regular attendance and engagement at school. If you have concerns with your child’s attendance, please make contact using the details provided at the end of this letter.

**New Timetable**
In 2017, our school day starts at 9:00am with the first lesson. It is expected that all students will be punctual to their first lesson, and will require a note or contact to be made with the school for any late attendance. Students who are late without a valid reason will be required to make up the lost time during lunchtime detentions in accordance with our Behaviour Management policy.

**Uniform**
In 2017 we have a new uniform supplier and have made changes to the uniform to better suit student needs. Year 11 students are still able to wear their old school uniform, however they can purchase new school uniform items through our Uniform Shop. It is expected that all students will wear full school uniform each day. Students who do not come to school in full uniform will be asked to change into the approved Wirreanda Secondary School uniform either provided from home, or loaned from the school. Failure to meet these expectations could result in an internal suspension. This includes appropriate footwear. Students wearing thongs, Ugg boots or similar will be removed from class until an alternative can be sourced, completing missed content during lunchtime detentions. This is in accordance with the Uniform and WHS policies, which all school staff and students must adhere to.
**Study Periods**
In 2017, Year 11 students will have one line of studies (2 lessons a week). All Senior Students must spend their study periods at school, and are encouraged to utilise the Senior Space to access the academic support provided by the Senior School Leadership Team. Year 11 students who are allocated additional study periods (e.g. due to VET) on their school timetables must be at school during these periods, and will spend their study time supervised in the Senior Space. A Senior Space Agreement will be sent home with your child, we ask that you please read through this information with your child and sign off on the agreement, which is to be returned to Home Group Teachers or Year Level Leader as soon as possible.

**Work Experience Program and Additional Support**
In 2017 all Year 11’s undergo a week of Work Experience in Term 2. Combined with the preparatory work required for Work Experience, and a group assignment, students who successfully complete this program will obtain an additional 10 Stage 1 SACE Credits, assisting students to accumulate the 200 credits required to obtain their SACE. It is an expectation that all students participate in this program in full, with students receiving a grade for this program on their Term 4 report.

In 2017 we aim to support students in developing skills and knowledge outside of their subject areas to ensure they are prepared for Year 12 and beyond. To achieve this, we will host spotlight sessions and provide access to support people for a range of areas, including (but not limited to):

- Individual Education Plans and Goal Setting
- Information on how to complete their SACE
- Career exploration through Work Experience
- Effective study habits and time management
- Information Technology Support
- Road Awareness Program
- Résumés and Interview Techniques
- Career Options, University and TAFE talks

We look forward to working with all Year 11 students this year to ensure their success. Should you have any concerns or issues throughout the year, please feel free to contact a member of the Year 11 Team:

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Yours sincerely,

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