

10th of May, 2018

Dear Year 11 Parent / Caregiver,

The Year 11 Team would like to welcome you and your young person back to Term 2. This letter is outlining some key dates and important information.

Key Dates

- June 8th - Pupil Free Day (Partnership PD Day for Teachers)
- June 12th - Pupil Free Day (STEM PD Day for Teachers)
- Wk 8, commencing Wednesday 20th of June - Exams and final lessons for non-examinable subjects
- Wk 9, commencing Monday 25th of June - Start of Semester 2

Compulsory Subjects

SACE completion requires that students acquire 200 SACE credits. Students must demonstrate satisfactory achievement of a C grade or better in Stage 1 English (20 credits), Stage 1 Maths (10 credits) and Research Project (10 credits). All 3 of these are completed during Year 11 to ensure that students can focus on their Stage 2 subjects during Year 12. Students are strongly encouraged to seek support from their teachers during lessons and Study Lessons to ensure they meet this expectation. Further support can be arranged if required, and we ask that you make contact with your child's subject teacher should you have any concerns.

Study Periods

All Senior Students **must** be present at school for their timetabled study periods. They should first sign in to their study in the Senior Space before moving to other approved areas of the school. During this time, students are to be completing assessment tasks and other set work from their lessons, seeing their teachers for support and revising material presented in class. The work and behaviour expectations of study lessons is the same as any other subject.

Uniform

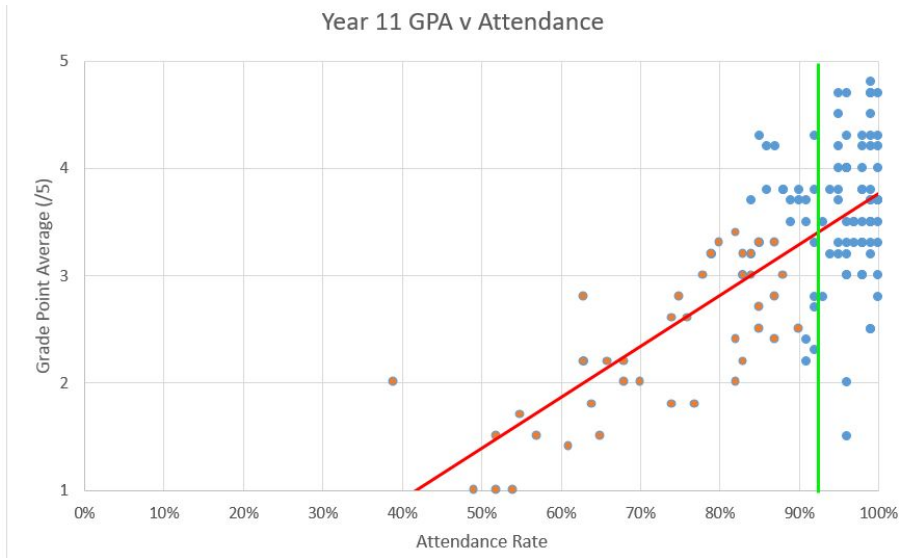
It is expected that all students wear **full** school uniform each day. Students who do not come to school in full uniform will be asked to change into the approved Wirreanda uniform either provided from home, or loaned from the school. Students who do not comply with this request will be sent home for the day. If you have concerns about accessing school uniform please contact your child's Home Group Teacher.

Year 11 into 12 Transition Program

At Wirreanda, we take great care in designing transition programs to ensure that our students move into their next educational milestone with as little stress as possible. In Term 4, our Year 11s will undertake a transition program which educates them on strategies for success, give them time to meet their Year 12 teachers and develop stronger positive relationships between the students. To facilitate this, we are taking all Year 11's on camp **Thursday 29th of November to Friday 30th of November** at *Nunyarra Conference Centre, Belair*. More details will be provided to you this term, however we wanted to alert you to this as there will be a cost of **\$100 per student**. This includes all transport, food, accommodation and team building exercises run over the two days.

Attendance

Research shows that poor school attendance and/or engagement has many adverse outcomes for students; including lower academic achievement, reduced post-school opportunities, substance use, poverty, and unemployment. Missing just one lesson a week equates to 7 weeks a year, putting your child over half a term behind in their learning compared to their peers. Our Year 11 Term 1 data shows that students with higher attendance are obtaining a higher Grade Point Average (GPA), and will have more post-school opportunities as a result.



Student attendance should be above 94% (represented by the green line)

Student achievement (Grade Point Average) increases as their attendance increases (average represented by the red line)

We legally require communication from yourself for any late arrivals, early departures or full day absences. If your child is missing whole or part of a school day, please notify the school via **phone** (8329 7242) or **SMS** (0427 016 253). Students who are absent without a valid reason will receive lunchtime community service in accordance with our Behaviour Management policy.

Contact information for key staff members:

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All staff members can be contacted by **phone** on: **8329 7200**.

Yours sincerely,

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