



January 2015

Dear Year 12 Parent / Caregiver,

The Senior Team would like to warmly welcome you to the 2015 school year. Your son/daughter has made the choice to complete their schooling for a range of reasons. It could be to improve employment and further study possibilities; secure an education to enable entry to a job or vocational course; or to gain additional learning experiences. Whatever the reason may be, we are here to support you and your student achieve their goal.

For Year 12 students to be successful it is important that they are guided by the following simple expectations:

- Regular and punctual attendance to all classes and Home Group;
- Appropriate behaviour in and out of class;
- Wearing of full school uniform at all times;
- Appropriate use of time in lessons and study periods;
- Completion of summative assessments on time;

Outlined below are some detailed expectations and information about Year 12 calendar events.

Home Group

It is expected that **all** senior school students will attend Home Group promptly each morning (**8:45 am**) and remain there for its duration. The exception is Friday morning, as there is no Home Group or lesson 1 and 2 for senior students. During Home Group official records of attendance are recorded and if students do not attend it can affect those who are receiving Centrelink payments. Any exceptions for morning Home Group must be discussed and approved by Mr Cunningham.

Car Park

Students who intend to drive to school must fill out an application form (***Application for parking permit form***), which includes a section for permission from parents/caregivers. Once authorised, they must park in the student car park. All other parking areas are out of bounds. Students who drive are not permitted to transport other students in their cars without gaining permission from parents, and notifying the school (***Approval to travel as a passenger with a student driver form***).

It must also be noted that dangerous driving within and near the school grounds will not be tolerated. Swift action will be taken, including the removal of the student's car park permit and phoning the police.

Uniform

It is expected that all students will wear **full** school uniform each day. If students do not already have a school uniform, they can purchase them at the cashier's office. Student's who do not come to school in full uniform will be asked to change into one provided by the school or return home to change into the approved Wirreanda Secondary School uniform. Year 12 Students will have the opportunity to purchase Year 12 jumpers in the early weeks of term 1. The design of the jumper has been created by the Year 12 jumper committee. A note detailing the process for purchasing the jumper will be sent out early in term 1.

Study Periods

Year 12 students are allocated study periods in their school timetables. They are expected to spend their study time in the following ways: in the Learning Hub, the Year 12 study room, the Tute Room or seeking individual assistance from teachers. It is important to note, that students abusing study times by disrupting the learning of other students will not be accepted. Students with study periods at the end of the day are expected to leave for the remainder of the school day.

Pastoral Care

It is essential that each student attend the Pastoral Care Lesson on Tuesday mornings, as important information is discussed then. During this time students will be working with Home Group teachers and peers on the following:

- *Individual Learning Plans*
- *SACE Mapping*
- *Career exploration/Tertiary entry requirements*
- *Time management, planning & organisation*
- *Effective study habits*
- *Health and Wellbeing*
- *Stress and relaxation techniques*
- *Exam Preparation*
- *Drug and alcohol awareness / Safe partying*
- *Résumés*
- *Goal setting and motivation*
- *Community participation*

Year 12 Laptops

This year Wirreanda is introducing a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) model for all students. This will enable any student to utilise the school network with their own PC/Mac or non-Android based tablet. We realise that not all students are able to bring their own and will continue to offer the use a school Netbook. Any student who undertakes this option will have the sole use of this machine and will be expected to treat it as his or her own property for the duration of the school year. An **Acceptable Use Agreement** form will be issued with the Netbook and will need to be completed and returned to their Home Group teacher before the end of week 1. Please be warned that these devices are several years old and may not run as quickly as newer machines.

Year 12 Graduation

The Year 12 Graduation Ceremony will be held on Wednesday 18th November at 7.00 pm at the Noarlunga Theatre, Ramsay Place, Noarlunga Centre. More details will be provided in a separate letter later on in the year.

Year 12 Formal

The Year 12 Formal will be held on Thursday 26th November at the Stamford Grand Hotel, Glenelg from 6:30 pm to 11.30 pm. More details will be provided in a separate letter later on in the year. We look forward to working with all Year 12 students this year to ensure success for all. Should you have any concerns or issues throughout the year that you wish to discuss, please feel free to contact a member of the Senior School Team:

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The above can also be contacted by phone at: **8329 7200**.
Yours sincerely