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Respect Responsibility Honesty Achievement

14 February 2019

Dear Parents/Caregivers

The Senior School Team would like to warmly welcome you to the 2019 school year. As of 2019, students in the Senior School comprise Years 10 to 12. This structure prepares and supports students in completing their SACE (South Australian Certificate of Education) and developing their post-school pathways. We are committed to developing positive relationships with you and your child and we are passionate about supporting all students to achieve their personal best throughout the year.

For Senior School 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
  - Students require a consistent, supportive and united approach from the school and home to promote regular attendance and engagement at school. Regular attendance at school is strongly related to improved job choice, financial independence and higher overall wellbeing. If a student is unable to attend due to illness or another valid reason, please notify the school via **phone** (8329 7241) or **SMS** (0427 016 253).
- Wearing full school **uniform** at all times
  - We are incredibly pleased that the vast majority of our students demonstrate pride, respect and responsibility by consistently wearing our school uniform. There are a number of processes and procedures in place for 2019 for students who do not abide by this expectation or who may need extra support. Please discuss any issues or concerns with your relevant home group teacher.
- Positive **use of time** in lessons and study periods to ensure students put their best effort into assignments.
  - The SACE has always had a degree of flexibility for students, and it currently provides students with non-scheduled lesson times in which to undertake deeper learning and study in Years 11 and 12. Wirreanda Secondary School provides a specific study area for senior students to use in their non-scheduled lessons to undertake quiet, private study. We encourage students to access the academic support provided by the Senior School Leadership Team, their peers and their teachers during these times.
  - Study Lessons:
    - **Year 10:** Students in Year 10 do not have access to study lines and should be undertaking 7 classes.
    - **Year 11:** Students will have one line of study (2 lessons a week), which occurs at school in the Senior Space. Year 11 students who are allocated additional study periods (e.g. due to VET or extra SACE credits) must also be at school during these periods in the Senior Space.
    - **Year 12:** Students in Year 12 are enrolled in 4 subjects unless they are completing a VET course or previous learning allows for a decrease in time. Year 12 students are provided with the privilege of negotiated **home studies** (for a total of 2 lesson blocks per week). Students must have parental permission; consent forms are attached for Year 12 students.
- Demonstrating our school values of Respect, Responsibility, Honesty and Achievement



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Additionally, we are excited to offer our Senior Students a range of targeted programs, opportunities and supports throughout the course of the year, both optional and compulsory. Some of these include:

- Individual Education Plans and goal setting
- Information on how to complete their SACE
- Work Experience
- Effective study habits and time management
- Camp (Year 11) and team building events
- Road Safety/ Awareness Programs
- Career exploration and interview techniques
- University and TAFE visits

We look forward to working with all Senior School 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 Senior Team via email or **phone on 8329 7200**:

SS GREEN - Zoe Finch	SS YELLOW – Gabrielle Rinaldi	SS RED – Sol Naidu
Briony BRYANT	Nick MOSCHETTA	Rebecca MILNE
Chris JENKINSON	Leanne BELL	Paul GRAUZE
Kirk DIXON	Ben WOODHOUSE	Tamara MARTIN
Christine KUSZNIR	Skye TAMLIN	Libby MAXWELL
Jayne WHITE	Adrian TAMLIN	Caroline REDDING

Yours sincerely,

**Ingrid Lees**  
Senior Leader- Year 11/12

**Sarah Bradbury**  
Senior Leader- Years 10

**Sol Naidu**  
Red House Leader

**Zoe Finch**  
Green House Leader

**Gabrielle Rinaldi**  
Yellow House Leader

