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Safety - Respect - Learning

29 January 2024

To Parents/Carers of Year 12 students 2024

Welcome to the final year of schooling for your child. It is our pleasure that we are once again heads of Year for this cohort.

Continuing in our roles from last year, we will continue to develop and maintain close links to your child through his/her Pastoral Care Group (PCG) teacher. Your child's **PCG** teacher is your first point of contact should you have any queries or news to share.

PCG teachers for 2024 are listed below.

12A – Jordi Scott	12F – Matt MacDonald
12B – Dave Natalier	12G – Louise Willson
12C – John Harman	12H – Kathleen Morris
12D – Marilyn Love	12I – Mike Clements
12E – Hayley Harman	12K – Christy Parker

As Heads of Year, we work closely with each other, PCG teachers, Diverse Learning and other staff to ensure that your son/ daughter is supported and successful at school.

Ms Hannant has joined our cohort as Deputy Principal whilst Mr Jonathan Andress is our Assistant Head of Year and is responsible for the Pastoral Care Program and many of the special events that Year 12 participate in throughout the year. The Pastoral Care whole school program is delivered, in conjunction with whole school parades, for the duration of the year.

Our focus for Year 12 pastoral care is about preparing students for life after school. Examples of activities include:

- University showcases (visits from different universities)
- Rental skills
- Defence Force recruiting
- RACQ docudrama
- Career planning
- RESPECT Program: Protective Behaviours (bystanding and upstanding and online self protection)

More information about the RESPECT Program can be found via the following link: <a href="https://education.gld.gov.au/curriculum/stages-of-schooling/respectful-relationships">https://education.gld.gov.au/curriculum/stages-of-schooling/respectful-relationships</a>

The expectations set by our school are at the forefront of our core business as Safety, Respect and Learning underpin all that we do. The Student Code of Conduct is available on the school website.

We look forward to working with you and your child this year. The following important information about key events in Year 12 is listed below.

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The Queensland Government has mandated that each Year 12 student is required to exit school with an accreditation in CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation). As a compliance, and one we highly value, we provide training for our Year 12 students. In 2024 there is no cost attached to this program and training will be conducted on 27 and 28 March.

Year 12 Graduation is held on the morning of Friday 15 November at the Hume Ridge Centre. Year 12 Formal is held on the evening of Friday 15 November at Picnic Point.

Participation in the Year 12 Formal is regarded as a privilege and one that is earned throughout the year by way of:

- Green or Gold behaviour level
  - o A combination of A, B and C for behaviour and effort
  - o Attendance rate above 85%
- Tracking toward completion of QCE

To this end, please note that student participation in the Formal is not automatic. It is by invitation only. Invitations will be issued by Friday 17 May 2024, Term 2, to those students who are eligible. A further round of invitations may be issued up to Friday 19 July 2024, Term 3, to students who have become eligible since the first round.

Where a concern may occur throughout 2024 with students whose performance does not reflect that best effort, our Heads of Year 12 will meet with each student and parent to indicate the situation, appropriately early, that the Formal is 'on hold' and to encourage and support a redirection to ensure participation in the Formal becomes a reality. The invitation to attend the Formal may be withdrawn at any time in term 3 should any one or more of the above eligibility criteria be breached. We will remain positive that all students who wish to enjoy the privilege are in a position to do so but we do not wish families to incur costs for Formal dress and tickets if that is not going to be the case.

We look forward to a positive and exciting year- celebrating student success and final schooling milestones.

Other key dates for Term 1:

- Senior Badging Ceremony: Tuesday 30 January
- School Photos (formal uniform):Thursday 8 February
- Interhouse Swimming Carnival: Tuesday 13 February
- Formal Uniform: Monday 4 March
- Unit 3 Assessment Block: Wednesday 20 March to Tuesday 26 March
- CPR Course: Wednesday 27 and Thursday 28 March
- Unit 3 Report Cards published: Friday 3 April (please note this is Term 2 due to assessments finishing in the last week)

Please check with the school calendar, QParents and your child for other key events throughout the year.

Sincerely,

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