

FROM THE COLLEGE PRINCIPAL A WARM WELCOME TO 2024

Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

Already into week three for students, I am pleased to advise our approximately 2,600 students have in general terms presented extremely well and ready for work. Despite the state-wide shortage of Teachers, here at P-12 we will continue to confidently strategize our way forward in this space.

The shift to an extended Homeroom of 30 mins on a Tuesday morning last year continues to pay dividends for both students and staff. This additional time is proving most successful with students having additional opportunities to receive ongoing and necessary counselling in a host of curriculum, teaching and learning, study skills, wellbeing, and pathway support. Assisting Homeroom Teachers on a daily and weekly basis are our Principal Class Officers (see below) and their respective teams of Heads of Year, their Coordinators, Wellbeing Practitioners, Learning Specialists, Student Voice, our IT Team, and the College's Engagement Team. Regular reflective meetings with these wonderful staff and indeed my twice termly catch up with our College Student Captains (*Captains Table*) will ensure the level of support is monitored and if required adapted and indeed tailored to meet the needs of our students over the year.

Please note these staff will continue to focus on the timely attendance of all students each morning and in particular the adherence to our College Uniform. This expectation has been clearly delivered in all of the Year Assemblies to this point (*included in 2024 Student/Parent Handbooks*) as has the need for individual student recognition and embracement of our PRIDE values both in classrooms and the yard. Lunchtime activities and clubs continue to feature in our daily delivery and are now in full swing. These eclectic offerings are once again being delivered and coordinated by a dedicated and passionate group of individuals committed to ensuring our very large student body receive a holistic educational experience whilst attending at P-12.

2024 COLLEGE GOVERNANCE

COLLEGE PRINCIPAL – PETER THATCHER

HEAD OF PRIMARY – LAURA SAMMUT

HEAD OF SECONDARY – TORI MULLIGAN

HEAD OF P-12 WELLBEING & INCLUSION – CHRISTINA ADAMS

HEAD OF YEARS 10-12 – RYAN ROONEY

HEAD OF YEARS 7-9 – IAN BOWERS

HEAD OF VM/VET/VPS/PATHWAYS – STEPHEN MAHONEY

HEAD OF P-6 DISABILITY & INCLUSION – JESS HENRY

HEAD OF 7-12 DISABILITY & INCLUSION – PAULEEN CHURCHILL

HEAD OF INSTRUCTIONAL COACHING – LYNDA MELATUA

MANAGER OFFICE OF THE COLLEGE PRINCIPAL – KELLY SALIBA

MANAGER OF COLLEGE WELLBEING CENTRE – ANNETTE WILKINSON

FOR NEW FAMILIES, I provide an additional copy from my last correspondence to the Community on the 12th December 2023 which will provide you a snapshot of our most pleasing academic results which concluded 2023...

As I have outlined, the College is extremely well resourced and I would encourage families who may require at some point over the year, additional support, to please do not hesitate to contact the College as we are here to help.

In closing, I look forward to meeting with our student leaders at the 'Captains Table' for our first meeting of 2024 and do ask families to watch the Beleza Uniform space for information around the purchasing of our new Student 'Puffer Jackets and Vests' as the weather begins to cool. These welcome additions to our uniform profile have come directly from our students via significant feedback through surveys conducted in 2022/2023.

Kind regards,

Peter Thatcher
13 February 2024