

Friday 18th December 2015

Dear Parents,

MIDDLE SCHOOL

It has been a wonderful year of TRANSFORMATION within our Middle School and we look forward to the continuing changes and growth throughout 2016, beginning by the move into the new Middle School Learning Centre. God has truly blessed us. For the first time, we will be offering 3 Elective Blocks across Years 7-9 and making deliberate timetabling allocations to suit the learning needs of this adolescent age group.

The Middle School will continue to be supported by Mrs Margaret Furlong - Head of Learning Support, Mrs Amy Horneman - The Inspire program, Mrs Fiona Dumitrache our Student Welfare Officer and Mr Jared Stocks our School Chaplain.

The 2016 Homeroom teachers will be:

Year 7 - Mr Phil Waters

Year 8 - Mrs Amy Horneman

Year 9 - Miss Jo Westland

We have also established a core teacher team to be working within the Middle School, including Mr Wayne Barker - Deputy Principal, Mrs Lyn Fishwick, Mrs Susan Varghese, Ms Teresa Connelly, Mr Coenraad Schoo, Mr Phil Waters, Mrs Amy Horneman and Miss Jo Westland. Added to this will also be Mr Andrew Leslie - Head of PE, and the various Elective teachers from across the Secondary School.

In 2016 we are introducing a new system of individually purchased school stationery. This will provide students with the opportunity for more responsibility and ownership but it will also allow for more autonomy and choice. An Essential Items list has been established as well as the individual Electives program requirements. If families already have these items, they will not need to re-purchase them. The school has been working with OfficeMax, which will offer online or in store purchase and delivery options. These items will be from their basics range and can be substituted or eliminated, as you need.

Please ensure that all items are named and ready for the first day back at school. Attached with this letter are the confirmed Semester One Electives Class allocations and your Stationery list.

Finally, I would like to wish you and your family a blessed Christmas and a safe and restful holiday.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Jo Westland
Director of Middle School Learning