

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to Term 4

I hope that everyone has been able to enjoy some relaxing time and the intermittent sunshine throughout the last two weeks. We are excited to be entering our traditional term of celebration where shortly we will also be able to welcome our students back onto campus to complete their year.

Off-Campus Learning

Term 4 begins with the continuation of our Off-Campus Learning Program and we commence with an extended Tutor Group session on Wednesday morning where important information will be delivered to students about the weeks ahead. In particular, students will hear details and will be provided with the necessary links to be able to enjoy International Day which takes place this Friday 8 October. The theme this year is *International at Home*. Students are encouraged to dress in their national colours or cultural outfits and to enjoy the day, activities and various workshops with their families.

Term 4 plans and organisation are already well underway, especially with respect to our HSC students and preparations for the examinations which commence in a few short weeks on November 9. Information pertaining to the HSC examinations, COVID protocols and Frequently Asked Questions was sent to our HSC students and their families last week by Deputy Principal Academic Operations Lisa Kelliher. Starting this week, HSC students will undertake opt-in revision classes and activities with their teachers in the lead up to the HSC examinations. Subject teachers will be in touch with their specific classes to finalise these arrangements.

Week 2 sees our first ever online High School Athletics Carnival. Head of PDHPE, Sport and Outdoor Education Simon Board and the PDHPE Department have been busily preparing events and activities to allow everyone to participate in a fun day on Friday 15 October. Students can proudly wear their House colours and put all of their great holiday and lockdown fitness activities to good use! Please see Mr Board's editorial in this Friday's edition of *Heads Up!* for specific details.

On Campus learning

Week 3 and Monday 18 October sees our HSC 2021 students begin our staggered return to campus with the continuation of their opt-in revision based activities at school. In Week 4, 25 October, our Year 12 2022 students will return to campus for face-to-face teaching and learning as they embark on their final year of school.

In Week 5, starting Monday 1 November, we welcome back all remaining High School students. At this point, our Tutor Groups will revert to the horizontal year group structure due to public Health Order requirements for year groups not to intermingle. Students will be familiar with this structure from earlier in the year. Further information about these Tutor Group sessions will be

provided to families, along with the staggered arrival and finish times for High School students and the designated exit points for the departure of students each day. We will be utilising all entry and exit points for students, including Mountain street each day, to alleviate congestion and crowding. Recess and lunch times will also be staggered where possible.

Canteen

The canteen will operate from Monday 18 October. All ordering is online and can be made through the [Flexischools](#) link.

Masks

A reminder that masks must be worn by staff and High School students both indoors and outdoors at school and also on public transport.

If updates are made to health advice, Public Health Orders or any of our arrangements, we will communicate these to you in the weeks ahead. Please refer to the weekly *Heads Up!* newsletters from the Heads of Year each Friday for updates and other year group specific information.

Finally, I would like to once again thank everyone for their commitment, dedication and support this year. It has been greatly appreciated. We are looking forward to finishing the year with some long awaited time together.

Kind regards,

Anthony Dennehy
Head of High School