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Dear families,

We would like to share some information about our transition activities that will support our students as they progress into their new year level but also as they transition to our new campus.

Our School Leadership and Wellbeing team have designed a transition program that will familiarize them with their new school facilities, help them to begin forming relationships with their key supports next year, and will establish our expectations for the beginning of 2022.



Unfortunately due to the impacts of COVID and delays to completion to the site, we will not be able to take students through the new site before the end of the year. As a result, we will be providing some transition opportunities in the last week of the school holidays and at the beginning of Term 1 – you will find more information below.

Orientation Afternoons

All students within Years 7 to 9 will have an orientation afternoon, where they will spend the afternoon with their 2022 Home Group Teacher and 2022 House Leader at their **current** campus. They will participate in fun and engaging activities with their Home Group and House classmates and key staff, and becoming familiar with the new facilities, routines and expectations.

Both their Home Group teacher and House Leader will be key supports for our students in 2022 and we wanted to prioritise them having time together this year. In 2022, we will be returning to a morning Home Group program and our students will also have regular sessions with their House Leader.

Schedule

Current Year 9s	Current Year 7s	Current Year 8s
Monday 6 December	Wednesday 8 December	Thursday 9 December

Tour for Learning Mentor representatives

While the work on the new campus means we can take large groups of students, we will be running a tour with two representatives from each Year 7-9 Learning Mentor class. These representatives were chosen due to receiving the most positive chronicles in their Learning Mentor group.

These students will have a tour of the new site on Friday 3 December. They will then report back to their group on the orientation afternoon and share some videos and photos.

Family Tours

We are pleased to announce that in the final week of the school holidays – the week of January 24 – we will be able to provide a number of tours for families and students. There will be a booking system and we will provide more details on this shortly.

So that we can take as many families and students through as possible, we will be limiting the tour to current students and their parents/carers.

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Students requiring additional support with transition

Our School Leadership and Wellbeing staff have identified students who would benefit from some additional transition support. This includes parent meetings and other 'getting to know you' activities with key staff. These activities will also commence.

Our support staff will also be contacting the families of students with disabilities and offering an individual tour in the week of January 24th.

Changes to Learning Mentor Groups

As part of the change from our current Learning Mentor program to our 2022 Home Group program, we have also reviewed our current form groups. The majority of students will remain in their current form group in 2022. Some students have shifted due to changing numbers and to support the dynamics of each group. Where possible, we have also looked siblings being placed in the same Neighbourhood.

Our Year 7-9 students will spend their Orientation Afternoon in their 2022 Home Group. If you have any questions about your student's Home Group, we encourage you to contact your Campus Principal or Assistant Principals following this afternoon.


Return to School – Term 1 2022

We are in the process of finalizing our plans for the return to school in 2022. There will be a staggered return, with particular year levels returning on particular days, commencing Monday January 31. We will be preparing a program that welcomes all students onto our new campus, supports them to feel familiar with the new facilities and establishes key expectations.

We will be sharing more details about the program, and the date each year level returns, in the next two weeks.

We are very excited for our students to experience the state-of-the-art facilities of our new school – they are sure to impress and inspire our students. We also really look forward to welcoming our families very soon.

Yours sincerely,



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