



Teaching and Learning Updates

From The Head of Learning & Music / PYP Coordinator - Mrs Melinda Richardson

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, may I celebrate with you that we have successfully made it through a rather tricky term. Thank you for your partnership with off campus learning. We are incredibly proud of our students, for their growth, commitment and engagement throughout this term. It has been a privilege to be welcomed into your homes each week. We have loved how generous sharing has enabled us to see elements of life that we would not normally be privy to.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our teachers for their dedication in ensuring quality education has remained a priority. I have been amazed by the creative delivery method of learning experiences and the collation of resources our teachers have organised. Thank you also to our professional staff who have all assisted the capacity of off campus learning provided this term.



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Off Campus Learning Resources - TERM FOUR

Families are advised that OCL resource packs will be available on Friday, 1 October, between 11am - 1pm, to support the organisation of the term ahead. We will utilise drive through and ask that families abide by COVID requirements to ensure the safety of all involved.

Families are also encouraged to return any school resources or student work at this time.

Please contain any items for return in a folder / plastic sleeve / envelope with your child's name and class, so we can ensure it is returned to the appropriate teacher.

Return to school

We are very much looking forward to welcoming our students back on site throughout Term 4. Teachers will predominantly develop learning experiences that promote connection, wellbeing and relationships, as well as key learning within English and Mathematics to intentionally prepare students moving forward into 2022. Further details will be provided next term.

For the commencement of Term 4, we will continue to provide OCL as we have in Term 3. A weekly overview will be scheduled for 4pm Monday, 4 October, to commence Week 1. Teachers will continue to highlight mandatory tasks for completion and intentional feedback, with a desire that all additional tasks are attempted, whilst recognising personal circumstances.

NAPLAN - Years 3 & 5

Families of students in Years 3 & 5 will receive an email offering two options for receiving student results. Please keep an eye on your email for this, and return by Friday, 17 September.

ICAS 2021

Participating families are advised that the testing window has been postponed until November, to support students being onsite for the completion of assessments. Further details will be provided early in Term 4 as to when and how the school will administer these assessments.

Semester Two Reports

We will utilise modified reports this semester. Teachers will use a range of evidence submitted throughout off campus learning to provide a professional judgement in regards to your child's achievement. A general comment will be composed, including specific information relating to English and Mathematics and your child's engagement within OCL. Grade statements will outline the learning experiences provided across the semester. Achievement will be recorded using the following terms: Working Beyond; Achieved; Working Toward or Limited Evidence. Limited Evidence will be used where a student has not submitted sufficient evidence during the course of OCL, therefore inhibiting a teacher's ability to provide authentic professional judgement. Achievement results will be provided for English, Mathematics and some Units of Inquiry.

We recognise the complexities for many individual families in regards to completing set learning experiences through OCL. Please be assured that all students will be valued for what they have accomplished, especially where communication has occurred between the family and the school to develop understanding regarding personal circumstances. Where appropriate, a further modified report may be utilised, with no achievement scale.

We trust that the holidays are an opportunity for families to relish in the fresh air and to take a break away from screens. We look forward to seeing our students again through Zoom, on Tuesday, 5 October.

Kind regards,

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