12 April 2013

Dear Years 7 – 12 Parents

**Years 7 to 12 Parent Forums in Term One**

Please find below a summary of the major points discussed during the Years 7 to 12 Parent Forums in Term One.

We thank those parents and carers who were able to attend and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in Term 2.

**Headmaster’s Report**

1. **Building and Upgrade of Facilities**
   a. New outfitting of classrooms (201 – 203) old Science Labs completed and functioning;
   b. Music Block underway including new Band Room, instrument storage, sound studio, practise rooms etc, should be ready early in Term 2.

2. **Traffic Flow and New Entry**
   Plans were shown and discussed regarding the main roads, entry, exit and drop off of students in relation to new housing and road developments (approx. 2016).

3. **Plans for New College Hall (possibly 2014) – relocation of College Library, Learning Centre, Boarding Dining, Kitchen and Laundry re location discussed.**

4. **Busy Term Extra-Curricular – outstanding success of Public Speaking, Gordon Fetterplace, Basketball and Cricket Teams.**

5. **Excellent Results were recorded by the Year 12 2012 class.**
   a. Class size of 128, 32 of whom were non-ATAR students
   b. 70 places were offered to various Universities, 4 to Private Universities.
   c. Highest ATAR was 98.05.
   d. 13 students invited to attend the Dux Assembly with ATAR’s over 90.
   e. 4th place in the State awarded in IPT.
   g. 3 students acknowledged and nominated for Industrial Technology exhibition
   h. St Gregory’s College results overall were excellent, as a single sex school when compared to schools in the area and in the Sydney CEO schools.

6. **Welcome to Year 7 into the College Community – wonderful attendance at the Year 7 Cocktail Parties and the Year 10 Half Way There Cocktail Party.**

7. **New lockers have been purchased and will be in place around the 100 Block soon – other lockers will be repaired and returned to lower 200 Block once classrooms are functional.**
8. Issues with Bus Transport – not getting all students to the station on time. Priority One passes – Mr Millar and Mr Kennaugh to ensure that these are being used correctly. Parents not picking sons up at the station if they have a Priority One pass. Mr Kennaugh speaking to Busways about additional buses because of larger students numbers.


Across the Year Groups

1. Library Opening Hours – Monday to Wednesday 3.15pm to 4.30pm. Students are welcome to work on homework/assessments etc.

   Homework Club – Room 010 Monday 3.30pm to 4.30pm

   Senior Study – Mondays and Tuesdays for Years 10 to 12 in Room 226, 3.30pm to 5.00pm.

2. Grading of Classes – depending on size of Year Group.
   Years 7 and 9 – top 2 classes are A and B. C, D and E are mixed ability. F is Learning Support (small class structured around student needs)
   Years 8 and 10 – top 2 classes are A and B. C, D, E and F are mixed ability. G is Learning Support.

3. Some Subjects have a disk in the back of a text book that can be used at home for homework, to save the weight of student bags. This is in some Maths text, Science, some HSIE subjects. Boys missing disks can go to the Bookroom and be given a disk as a loan to be copied at home and then returned the next day. When appropriate, Moodle can also be used at home to bring up homework pages from text books.

4. Picking up students in the afternoons, some parents are not following the guidelines for student safety, or are simply doing the wrong thing. This will be covered in the first Newsletter for Term 2.

5. All teachers were asked to, if possible, write homework on the board so that students have the opportunity to copy it down correctly. This is especially in younger grades.

6. Guidelines and use of green/red stamps discussed as per page 18 of the Student Diary. A student can be awarded more than 3 green stamps in one week.

Should you have any questions regarding any of the information in this letter please feel free to call me at the College on 4629 4206.

Yours sincerely

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