

## **Integration Update 20 September**

### **Future Integration Updates from the Communications Team**

Following two very busy school terms, this will be my last Integration Update as I pass the baton to the School Board and new Communications team. It has been my pleasure to act on behalf of the many committees and individuals, including many parents who have been working assiduously behind the scenes getting everything ready. This includes the Headmaster, the Executive Team and a number of teachers, who have been working tirelessly on a wide range of operational changes, from timetabling to location of school lockers to the logistics of ensuring safe and regular bus transport between campuses next year.

They deserve a huge vote of thanks, and I encourage you to support them in their endeavours during Term 4 for the benefit of all their students.

Term 4 will be a term of exams and closure, of sadness, and of hope for the future. There are a number of celebrations being planned across both schools and it will be a time of reflection, thanks and praise for past achievements, and prayers for future achievements as we look towards a brand new future.

### **New School Plaid and Uniform**

We have received tremendous approval to the new plaid and uniforms announced last week. I can say that the actual example of the plaid is even better than the photo portrays. I think the girls will quickly be proud of wearing the new uniform.

I can confirm that the manufacturer continues to assure us that the uniform will be available from the beginning on the New Year. But, of course, we don't have a date at the moment. We will keep you informed as soon as we know more.

Parents are also keen to see the sports uniforms and other accessories. We understand this, but the design process is taking time to ensure that we have no regrets. It is challenging, and I ask on behalf of the designers and the College Council to bear with us in this process.

### **New integrated Information, Communication and Technology (ICT)**

The ICT team has been working on upgrading the infrastructure and computers on both campuses in preparation for 2019. Key initiatives that are underway include:

- Server upgrade for the Scots campus that will increase the reliability and protection of data
- New Wi-Fi access points across both campuses
- A new NBN connection into the ASC campus
- A new fleet of iPads for the K-4 school
- Updated school laptops for Years 5-6
- A revised BYOD program for Years 7-12 (to be released next week)
- Staff computer upgrades
- A revised Canvas platform for teaching and learning, along with teacher training and support for key platforms

These upgrades and new technology will benefit all students and all teachers, and will position the College at the forefront of Information Technology as a platform for educational excellence.

### **New Boarding Facilities**

The new girls' Boarding House, Thompson House, is near completion, with brand new study and bed facilities. I'm told it looks terrific, although the proof will be in the feedback from the girls and their parents as they inspect them during next term ahead of 2019.



We are still upgrading the boys' boarding facilities to provide single room accommodation for all Year 12 students, which will be completed during Term 4.

I trust you have a relaxed holiday break. I also extend my warm regards to all Year 12 students as they prepare for their exams and pray God's richest blessings on them in their future walk.

Kind regards,

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