



27 July 2017

Dear Parents

### **Year 9 Newsletter – Term 3 2017**

A warm welcome back to school, we hope that you had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday and were able to have some quality family time together despite the weather. It's amazing to think we are in the second semester of Year 9 and preparing for Year 10 already!

We welcome four new Year 9 students this term: Nancy, Boyuan, Zoe and Grey; we wish them all the best for their start at Kristin.

After reading and reflecting on your child's report, we hope that together you were able to set new goals for this semester. Please discuss the attitude profile and continuous assessment teacher comments with your child so they know what needs to be done to make further progress.

### **Assessments, Homework and Organisation**

In preparation for Year 10, it is important your child has developed effective systems to ensure good time management and organisation. Just a reminder, assessment schedules and a breakdown of your child's timetable can be found on the Kristin School website. Once you have logged in, this information is specific for your child. As data becomes available during the year, results are posted for you to view.

Please study the schedule with your child and encourage recording of dates. Although a number of assessments will take place during class time, there will be increased demand for homework time to be spent on them, so it is very important that daily and weekly planning take place in order to make sure deadlines are met.

Should you have any concerns about homework, please contact the teacher concerned, Mr Jason Gurney (Year 9 Learning Leader) or the Dean directly.

### **Practice Examinations**

Some subjects will be holding practice examinations which are scheduled to take place during class time in weeks 4 & 5. Teachers will be working with students on examination preparation and study techniques, ensuring that they are fully prepared. It is advisable for students to map out a study programme which will help them in their preparations. Whilst it is important for our Year 9 students to experience the formality of examinations, it must be noted that these examinations are **only one form of assessment** and the final MYP grade will be awarded at the end of the year as a culmination of all criteria assessed.

### **Social Networking**

Students continue to be given reminders on responsible social networking. Guidelines have been given on the use of privacy settings and the correct way of communicating through the internet. Any inappropriate behavior by students through social networking will be dealt with through the behaviour management system, regardless of whether it takes place inside or outside of school. We endorse the positive use of technology and encourage our students to act wisely. Please encourage your child to lock away expensive digital devices when they are not in use.

## Uniform

We were pleased with the well turned out students at the start of this term. Please can we ask for your support in ensuring your daughter's skirt is regulation length; when kneeling the lower hem must touch the ground.

## Homework Centre and Math Clinic

The Homework Club will continue to run on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon during term time, from Week 2, 3.30pm – 4.30pm in LA7. It is a wonderful opportunity for those students who would like extra support with their homework. Additionally, a Math Clinic operates in MT2 on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 3.30 to 4.30pm. Math teachers are on hand to help students either with current work or areas they might be having difficulties. Attendance is purely voluntary and students may attend at any time.

## Formal Dance

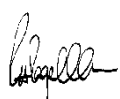
The Formal Dance, which is part of the school curriculum, will be on Wednesday 27 September. A letter will be sent out later in the term giving details.

## Reminders

Thursday 27 July	Attitude Profile Awards
Thursday 2 August	Academic Futures & Tertiary Pathways Evening
Thursday 10 August	Sport Photograph
Thursday 17 August	Parent Teacher Interviews
Tuesday 22 August	Parent Teacher Interviews
Thursday 24 August	Cultural Photographs
Friday 8 September	Production – 'Fame'
Saturday 9 September	Productions – 'Fame'
Wednesday 27 September	Mufti Day
Wednesday 27 September	Year 9 Formal 7.00pm to 9.30pm

We continue to be proud of our Year 9 students. We look forward to your continued support and welcome any queries or concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact us either via voicemail or email.

Yours faithfully



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