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Dear Parents and Carers

As the school year draws to a close, this update will provide you with information on how we will begin the 2021 year.

Due to the COVID Guidelines, and the constant uncertainty that haunts any scheduling or planning, the Pastoral Planning Day will not be held on Friday 29 January. The schedule has been adjusted to accommodate a Year 7 Orientation Day and the commencement of the school year for Year 12s. Years 8 – 11 will commence on Monday 1 February.

The 2021 Year 7s have not been able to access any of the transition programs that customarily prepare them for secondary school, so the intention is that they will have their first day to themselves. They will spend the day focussing on transition and orienting themselves to the new space. We hope that families understand the rationale for this decision and the importance of providing this opportunity to our incoming Year 7 students.

The Year 12s will spend the day preparing for the Year 12 Retreat, which begins on the following Monday 1 February.

Consequently, there will be a change of arrangements for school photos, laptop collection, etc. We will provide updates on these as we confirm details. However, we are hopeful the Year 7 and Year 12 students will still be able to complete these tasks on their commencement date.

We will endeavour to make contact with families via phone over the first week or two of Term 1 so that conversations with learning mentors that would have normally taken place on Pastoral Planning Day will still occur, as we know these are valuable in building the relationship between school and home.

We will continue to provide updates to families and we ask that you regularly check for the 2021 Commencement Newsletter that will be coming out soon.

Beginning of Year Dates:

- College Finance Office opens: Monday 11 January
- College General Office opens: Monday 18 January
- Year 7 and Year 12 students start: Friday 29 January
- Years 8-11 students start: Monday 1 February

On behalf of the College we wish you all a joyful Christmas and a restful COVID free break over New Year with family and friends. We know that the curse of this pandemic will continue until the vaccine arrives, in the meantime we will make the necessary adjustments to maintain the standard that we achieved this year.

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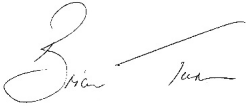
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Thank you for your flexibility and patience throughout this year.

We wish all of our Year 12s good fortune with the results that will be circulated on Wednesday December 30.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Turner". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr Brian Turner
Principal