



Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new school year. As the Pastoral Coordinator for Year Eleven for 2018 I look forward to working with you and your son. This year promises to be both exciting and challenging for your son who has now been elevated to the position of a senior student at the College. With this status comes new freedoms but also new responsibilities, particularly in relation to the academic aspect of school life. Early indications are that they are highly motivated and very much ready for the challenge ahead.

Year Eleven is a very unique year in the education of your son. It is a formative year where the groundwork for future academic success is constructed bearing in mind that the beginning of the Higher School Certificate Coursework is only three terms away. Constructive study routines and habits as well as an organised approach to homework and revision are crucial. Similarly, cooperation in all areas of school life, particularly the classroom is imperative. Both of these areas are vitally important in ensuring your son attains his full academic potential.

My hope is that this year will also be a time where the spirit of friendship and camaraderie flourishes and that the young men of this year group lead younger students in the school by their actions and example. There will be numerous opportunities for your son to participate in a variety of programs outside the classroom and perhaps challenge himself in new, untried endeavours. A healthy balance between the demands of study and involvement in extra-curricular activities will greatly assist your son's continued maturity.

The Year Eleven Solidarity Programme gives every student the opportunity to be of service in the local community through our partnership with Matt Talbot Hostel and during Ministry Week in Term Three. The Solidarity Information Evening will be held on Tuesday February 13th and it is an expectation that all students attend with at least one parent/guardian. At this evening an overview will also be presented of the Immersion opportunities for Year Eleven in 2018.

Term dates for the Year 2018 are as follows;

Term 1 - 31 January to the 13 April

Term 2 - 1 May to the 6 July

Term 3 - 24 July to the 27 September

Term 4 - 16 October to 14 December

Just like previous years, 2018 has a number of key school events and activities that require your son's full support and attendance. These include the;

- College Photo Day Thursday 1st February
- College Swimming Carnival at Botany Pool on Friday 2nd February
- Year 11 Solidarity Information evening 13th February
- Whole School Commencement Mass Friday 23rd February.
- Parent Meet and Greet Evening Friday 23rd February.
- College Athletics Carnival on Friday 4th May
- Year 11 Assessment Block Monday 21st May – Friday 25th May.
- Champagnat Day Mass and activities Friday 8th June.
- Parent / Teacher interviews 27th June (Years 7 - 11)
- Year 11 Ministry Week Monday 13th August – Friday 17th August.
- Year 11 Final Preliminary Exams Thursday 12th September – Friday 21st September
- Year 12 Graduation Day on the 27th September.

Please remember that the College website is an excellent source of information regarding upcoming events as is the College newsletter that is sent out every second Monday.

Being senior students and role models for the rest of the school, I have high expectations for Year Eleven in regards to haircuts, being clean shaven and being correctly attired at all times. The College also has a very clear policy regarding students driving to school. No student is to drive to school without the permission of the Headmaster. I would ask that you make yourselves aware of this information via the College diary or website and if need be, discuss this with your son.

Similarly, tattoos are not part of the College dress code and as such, any senior student with a tattoo needs to remember that at no stage should they be visible, particularly in regards to sports day, swimming and athletics carnivals. Also, a reminder that any absences from school will need to be explained by way of a doctor's certificate and any requests for leave should be made to the Headmaster.

As you have witnessed over the last four years, the real strength of the Marcellin community is the way the parent body and the school works together. Good communication is vital and I ask that if you have any concerns about your son's school life, that you phone the College. Your first point of contact should be your son's homeroom teacher who will then determine the best course of action. The Year Eleven homeroom teacher's for 2018 are 11.1 Ms Peta Bourke; 11.2 Mr Gareth Dunne; 11.3 Naleen Greenwood; 11.4 Ben Toohey; 11.5 Jeannie Scevity; 11.6 James Broe.

Finally, my aim as Year Coordinator is to ensure that students remain focussed, work hard but more importantly enjoy their school life. I will ask only that they do their best.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to working with you this year.

Yours sincerely



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