

4 September 2020

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students

It has been great to see everyone back on Campus again this week. Students and staff have seamlessly switched back into classroom learning. With senior practice exams starting next week, I can understand some student's anxiety, however this will put us in a good position to assess where the students are at, their learning gaps and inform the next revision steps for Term 4.

Foodbank/The Shed

Following our communication earlier in the week regarding 'The Shed' initiative, we have been thrilled with the overwhelmingly positive response from our SKC community. Along with over 30 offers from parents willing to help with the sorting, packaging and distribution of the food parcels; others have indicated that they would like to donate to 'The Shed' account for the ongoing purchase of perishable food items (bread, milk etc.). As a result of today's Term 3 Food bank, 'The Shed' has been filling up and with a pallet of recycled boxes having also arrived, we expect to be delivering our first food parcels later next week. Thank you again for your support of this exciting new initiative.



World Vision Success

We are pleased once again to celebrate our partnership with World Vision through the money our students raised by participating in the 40 Hour Famine. As a new project for 2020, which focuses on the Pacific region, our fundraising will go to strengthen household resilience for 5,900 people on Tanna Island in Vanuatu. Our College students raised a record \$117,301 this year – an outstanding result in these Covid-19 times.

We also had 189 students who each raised over \$500. We will recognise these students later this term and present them with a certificate and badge. Special mention to the top five fundraisers: Mia Denholm (Y8) \$4,090; Lulu Denholm (Y13) \$3,285; Yana Wong (Y7) \$2,690; Chloe Zeng (Y7) \$2,561; Chloe McGregor (Y9) \$1,500. A big thanks to all our community who have supported this worthy cause.

Wearable Arts Show

We were able to hold our Middle School Wearable Arts Show this week in a revised format. Well done to all the designers, creators, models and dancers. It has been filmed and a video of the event will be available in due course. Our thanks to the students and staff involved in this annual showcase of creativity.

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Mufti Day

Since the planned Mufti Day in August was unable to go ahead, we have decided to hold it on **Wednesday 23 September**. Our Year 13 Wellbeing Council has selected the '<u>I Am Hope</u>', youth focused mental health support group run by The Key to Life Charitable Trust. Students are encouraged to wear Gumboots to represent 'walking in their shoes' (Gumboot Day). Student accounts will be charged \$5, however, if your child chooses to wear uniform or is absent there will be no charge.

Sports at Level 2

Following the announcement this afternoon of Level 2.5 continuing to Wednesday 16 September, unfortunately sports will not be recommencing next week. College Sport has draws planned and we must ensure we meet all Covid-19 related requirements once we have approval to restart our Winter Season.

Parents & Friends Parent Evenings / Asian Parents Meetings

The College Parents & Friends Committee met this week and it was agreed that the forum planned on Monday 7 September and Term 4 Asian Parents meetings will be cancelled due to Covid-19.

Thank you again for your continued support and goodwill.

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