

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The final term of 2016 has started with a flurry of activity. We said farewell to our Year 12 students this week with a celebration on Wednesday. It was wonderful to reflect on their journey over the last six years. There were many laughs and tears, from both staff and students. We wish all of our Year 12 students well in their future endeavors and look forward to the Valedictory Dinner on Friday November 11th.

We continue to move forward with our extensive work on facilities. We are expecting the imminent arrival of three new double relocatable classrooms to cater for the influx of enrolments in 2017. These rooms will form part of the Mirrim Sub School. We have met with the architects to discuss timelines for the design and construction of the new building that we received a \$3-million-dollar capital works grant for earlier in the year. We have been advised that we will be able to enter into contract with the builder in November 2017, with the view of taking occupancy of the completed building in late 2018. Whilst this timeline is considerably longer than we originally anticipated, timing is constrained by overarching Department of Education processes. We are confident however that the end result will be well worth the wait! Some of you may have noticed that there has once again been some movement on the back oval; largely this has been around compaction testing. We look forward to having this facility completed by the end of the year. Lastly, we are still awaiting permission to go to tender for the Fitness Centre, we trust however that this will be secured shortly.

As exams draw closer I would like to take this opportunity to remind you all that Monday 31st October (the day before Melbourne Cup Day) is a designated study hall day for our students. There are no formal classes run on this day, hence there will be no new curriculum content delivered to students. In the event that your child comes to school they will undertake supervised independent study.

**Kind Regards**

**Joanne Wastle**  
**Acting Principal**

## Key Dates

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Monday 31st October  
Study Hall day  
No formal classes for students

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Tuesday 1st November  
Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

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Thursday 3rd - Friday 4th November  
Year 7 to 11 Examinations

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Monday 7th November  
Exam Correction and Report Writing Day  
STUDENT FREE DAY

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Tuesday 8th November  
Commencement Program begins

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Friday 11th November  
Year 12 Valedictory

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Monday 5th - Friday 16th December  
End of Year Activities for Years 7 - 9  
students

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Thursday 15th December  
Presentation Evening

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Monday 30th January  
Staff Return, Office reopens

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Tuesday 31st January  
First day of Term 1 2017, students return