



2 September 2022

Dear Parents of Year 12

As the end of the year fast approaches, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and ask for your assistance in helping your son remain focussed and committed to his HSC studies. Students will have begun to receive feedback from their Trial HSC exams, and it is vitally important that they use this feedback to improve their mark and to inform their disciplined approach to study over the coming weeks.

Using the remainder of this school term wisely is crucial for their success and maximising their achievements at the HSC. This is the time to increase commitment to study and not to get lost and overly focus on end of school celebrations. These rites of passage are important but should not be allowed to dominate the next few weeks.

I ask for your assistance in insisting that Nathan comes to school clean shaven and in correct uniform. We believe that this is important in helping them maintain a disciplined approach to their studies. The next few weeks of school and study are critical. We need the 'culture' of our Year 12 students to be one of discipline and consistent effort. The Library remains a place of quiet and focussed work with students arriving on time and attending all classes.

The last day of formal classes is **Wednesday 21st September**. On this day, the boys will be allowed to dress up, however we ask that they arrive at school in uniform and change once they are on site. They will be required to change back into uniform once they have been dismissed. The boys are expected to attend period one and two as normal. After recess they will be able to participate in the traditional game of touch football on the College Oval. Mr Cameron Alexander and I will speak briefly with the boys before dismissing them around 12.20pm.

The Opens rugby league team have successfully made it through to the Schoolboy Trophy Final, which is to be held at Tuggerah at 1.45pm on Wednesday 21st September. This is a great achievement and as such we understand that some students may wish to attend in support of their peers. This is not a formal College event, and it will be the responsibility of the student to make their own way to and from the football ground. The College expectation is that students who are attending wear full school uniform and behave in a way that meets College expectations. Mr Alexander and I will be in attendance at the football match. Students are expected to be back at the college ERC for the final Year 12 Celebration Mass by 6.45pm.

As you would be aware from Mr Alexander's previous communication, the final Graduation assembly will be held on **Thursday 22nd September** commencing at 9.30am. Parking is difficult at this time of day so please allow time for this. The focus for the mass and final assembly is to offer thanks for what these young men have contributed to the College and to formally acknowledge this significant moment in their lives. We will be hosting a BBQ breakfast for the Year 12 students beginning at 7.30am on this





day. After the assembly there is a tree planting ceremony in the lower car park and then the Year 12 students will depart the College as the rest of the school continues with their daily routine.

Please note that the students are expected to attend both the mass and final assembly in full winter uniform, which includes the College blazer, not the Year 12 commemorative jumper. Students may need to borrow blazers from other year groups if they have outgrown their own. If students wish to have a 'souvenir shirt' signed by their friends, they should bring a separate shirt for this purpose. It is not appropriate for a student entering a formal assembly to have writing over their shirt. Students need to be clean shaven with appropriate uniform and shoes polished.

I hope that we have a safe and enjoyable conclusion to your son's life at the College and that he achieves a HSC result that reflects the application and effort he has made.

Best wishes for the months ahead.

Alex Powell
Year 12 Pastoral Leader

