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The Bible is a wonderful source of encouragement and provides an important guide to living for each of us trying to navigate through a complex world.

At this particular time a verse from Galatians is very relevant.

'*Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up*' *(6:9)*

The Apostle Paul is addressing the Galatians response to sharing the Gospel in the face of opposition, but his response helps us in understanding our own current situations. Staying positive, keeping the basic things moving forward, doing the work at hand to the best of our ability, not giving up on things etc., are the types of attitudes that we need to take on board. Indeed, this reflects our focus this term on *'resilience'*. The ability to bounce back from challenges and hardship is something we are all learning at the moment; as we continue to maintain a positive, forward thinking attitude we will benefit in the long term.

Term 3 is the business end of the year: HSC Trials, Year 11 Finals, many ongoing assessments and practical tasks across all year groups. We could make excuses about the current challenges that we face, but this approach will not be of great benefit. We need to build resilience, and part of this is keeping the bigger picture in mind, understanding that we will come through the challenges if we don't give up. To this end, every student needs to be keeping up their positive study patterns, spend time to refine their understanding of each subject area and use their time wisely to avoid the numerous distractions with a single-minded discipline. We will all experience the benefits that will come if we stick to the task at hand.

There is much to do this term and granted that we need to be flexible and able to adjust to the changes that are inevitably part of the current landscape, let us encourage each other to this end.

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