



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

On this weekend last year we held the South West Festival. We've reposted our memories on Facebook. The mid-term break this year will still occur next Monday. What a different year it is!

As we monitor the situation in regards to COVID-19, we are taking note of what the Premier and Chief Medical Officer are reporting. The South West continues to be an area of concern for NSW Health and the encouragement for all ages is to limit travel across regions in Sydney. We remain diligent in our practices at the College, continuing to take a conservative approach in our decisions and we are optimistic about the plans. It is good to be reminded that we have had no positive cases at the College. Please ensure that if any of your family members are having a COVID test that you do not send your children back to College until a **NEGATIVE** result is confirmed. Please note also that there is to be no food sharing in classrooms and we request that no food for birthday parties be sent in regardless of whether it is individually packaged or not.

We have made the difficult decision to hold the Year 12 Graduation Assembly as a students-only event, with an online TV stream for family and friends. We realise the impact this has particularly for parents and we are planning several events in conjunction to honour the students and celebrate achievements. The Assembly will take place on **Friday 25 September**. The students will be presented with their final reports and awards as part of a presentation ceremony. We will hold a special Week 11 for Year 12 as a study week on site, and the HSC examinations begin on **Tuesday 20 October**. Please continue to pray for these outstanding young men and women over the coming weeks and months.

At this time of the year, we are planning for 2021 staffing and elective classes for students. It is an important time. In recent weeks advertisements and interviews have been in process for a variety of positions across the College. I will bring an update in staffing next week in our weekly review.

We are looking forward to a short break in our Calendar this weekend as we have our Mid Term Break on Monday giving us all an extended weekend. I hope this is a time to pause and rest before we move into the final weeks of Term 3.

We will continue to keep you informed of any new developments that affect our community. As always please feel free to contact us should you have any concerns. Thank you for continued support of the College and in all the programs.

'Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need'. Hebrews 4:16

Mr Ross Whelan
Principal
