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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The College start in 2021 has been significantly different to most other years given the concerns and limitations of COVID.

While we are successfully managing the introduction to the year, and especially thinking about new students, staff and families, and while the customary start up events such as camps, swimming carnivals and 'meet the teacher night' have been conducted successfully, we have missed the physical engagement of families into the College and of your joining into our programs including assemblies. We look forward to your return, to your involvement and to your positive contribution to the life of the College when the NSW Government regulations allow parents back on site. Let's trust that the strategies adopted by authorities and the introduction of vaccines continue to build protection and confidence.

Our 2021 Open Day event will therefore look different this year. We will instead be hosting an 'Open Week', where we will be hosting small group tours and virtual webinars for prospective families from the 15-20 March. Please tell your friends and neighbours that 'Open Week' is still on!

It was pleasing to be able to hold the annual *High Achievers' Assembly* this week to recognise the outstanding HSC results of many students from the Year 12 Class of 2020. Our new Director of Teaching & Learning for the Senior School Mr Broadbent has written an article regarding the event.

Student attendances at both Junior and Senior Carnivals this year were the highest numbers on record, which speaks well of the interest and optimism of our young people. Our Sports

specialists Mr Fox and Mrs Evans, and their teams, have once again organised very fine carnivals. We are keen to have a higher level of performance from swimmers and the Representative teams as they move to the next stage of competition. College swimmers represent at the NASSA carnival, then the very best proceed to CIS and PSSA. While competition swimming is a demanding sport, its benefits for young people in terms of resilience and self-confidence are significant. Congratulations to our team representatives.

If you are a new family to the College, let me again encourage you to speak to our staff and teachers regarding any new start-up issues. We welcome your enquiry.

Thanks again to all families for your continued support of the College and our community....

'I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.' Ephesians 1:17

Mr Ross Whelan
Principal
