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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome Back!

I hope you and your family enjoyed a restful break and are feeling refreshed for the term ahead.

During the holidays, I had the privilege of spending time with many of our Year 12 students as they prepared for their Trial HSC exams. I use the word *privilege* deliberately these students worked with focus and determination, asked thoughtful questions, and collaborated respectfully with one another as they tackled complex mathematical problems and constructed sample essays about Shakespeare's *Henry IV*. It was a week that highlighted the strength of community: students supporting each other, striving towards shared goals, and demonstrating the best of what learning together can look like. I'm incredibly proud of them.

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Academic success doesn’t happen by accident, it is built through consistent effort and perseverance. At the College, our students are supported by strong, knowledgeable teaching staff, many of whom are experienced HSC markers. But the same principle applies across all year levels. Whether it’s a Year 1 student learning their sounds or a senior student refining their writing, regular practice matters. Daily reading, counting, and revising content at home significantly strengthens understanding and long-term progress.

Learning is a lot like picking up a new sport or hobby it takes time, repetition, and resilience. Term time provides the structure and opportunity to grow: to build new knowledge, strengthen skills, and deepen our understanding of the world around us.

I encourage you to ask your children each day:

- What are three things you learnt today?
- How did you help someone else thrive at College today?

When we engage regularly in these conversations, we help shape young people who are not only

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knowledgeable but also responsible, compassionate, and respectful.

As the Apostle Paul reminds us in *Galatians 6:9*
Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

I am looking forward to a positive term with many opportunities for learning and growth.

Mrs Karen Easton
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