

21 January 2022

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome to 2022! We look forward to welcoming your students back, albeit in a different way this year. This letter should be read in conjunction with Mr Mike Potter's letter of Tuesday, 18 January which outlines key information in relation to the start of the 2022 school year. The following provides Senior School - specific detail.

Student Learning

On Monday, 7 February we will welcome Year 12 students and Year 10 and 11 Life Skills students on site. These students will experience face-to-face teaching as 'normal' (although masked and with physical distancing in place where possible). Formal school uniform is to be worn on day 1.

Year 10 and 11 students will engage in at home learning through a combination of Zoom and Canvas support. Students will follow their timetabled classes. Further details in relation to learning at home for these students will be forwarded in the week prior to the school's 'return'. We look forward to welcoming these students on site, at this stage, on Monday 14 February.

Timetables will be emailed to all Senior School students by Friday, 4 February, prior to the start of the school year.

If you are a critical worker and would like to register your Year 10 or 11 student to attend school from Monday 7 – Friday 11 February (for online learning) please register via the following link:
<https://bit.ly/3KjGI3W>

Pastoral Care & Wellbeing

Building connection and belonging can be particularly difficult during these periods of disruption and uncertainty. Our Year 10 and 11 Pastoral Care Teams will be working to create opportunities for students and their Pastoral Care teachers to maintain healthy connections while these students are learning from home.

Our Wellbeing Team will also be available for support via Zoom or phone call. A meeting can be arranged via Mrs Fleur Smith at wellbeingsalisburyeast@tyndale.sa.edu.au or 82825160.

Events

Current COVID restrictions and SA Health directives mean that we will need to cancel, or at least postpone, key events in the first three weeks of school at least. These include:

- Senior School Commencement Service – cancelled
- Year 12 Beach House Orientation - cancelled or postponed

We will provide further information on these and other events as we learn more about how we best manage Covid directions in our school context.

Staffing

There have been a number of staffing changes this year. The following staff will not be with us in 2022 and have taken 12 months leave. We look forward to them returning in 2023: Mrs Lesley Condie-Drummond, Ms Renee Tidswell, Mr Craig Wegener and Mrs Heather White. Mrs Vijila Johnson, Ms Deana Lucano, Mrs Leanne Mann, and Mr Ben Viljoen have completed their contracts.

Mrs Colleen Porch has accepted the position of Learning Mentor - Literature, Languages and Societies at Concordia College and Mr Tom Cowell has accepted the position of Principal of Tyndale Christian School - Murray Bridge. Each of these people will be greatly missed. We are delighted that Mr Tom Cowell will continue to be part of the wider Tyndale family.

The following appointments have been made to cover staffing changes in 2022:

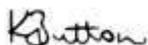
- Senior School Deputy Principal (Pastoral Care) – Mr James Murray
- Year 12 Pastoral Care Leader/English Curriculum Leader- Mrs Natasha Dahlenburg
- Year 12 Pastoral Care Leader- Mrs Andrea Tuchlei
- Year 10 and 11 Mathematics - Mrs Subodha Peiris
- Year 10/11 Life Skills - Mrs Ruth Roy
- Science Laboratory Assistant - Mrs Heather Lanthois
- Senior School Student Services/ First Aid Officer - Mrs Trish White

In addition, we warmly welcome new Year 10 Pastoral Care Leader, Ms Laurie Rundle to the Senior School staff team as well as Mrs Anne Hall, Resource Centre Leader, who will teach two classes of Year 12 Research Project. Both are experienced educational leaders who bring significant expertise and Christian heart to the team. An Arts Education Services Officer is yet to be appointed.

In a welcome expansion of the Learning Support team, we welcome five new Learning Support Education Support Officers to support our senior students: Mrs Cara Horner, Mrs Christine Letcher, Mrs Alysia Mayfield, Ms Taylor Prenzler and Mrs Helena Smith.

The Head of Schools letter of Tuesday, 18 January outlines a range of restrictions we will need to abide by in the first few weeks of school. We will provide further information as it comes to hand. Our goal in all of this is to provide a safe environment for the school community and a place where students will continue to flourish in learning, faith and life.

Yours in Christ



Kathryn Button
Senior School - Principal