From the Counsellor’s Desk...

Term 4 2012 – Newsletter Information Inserts
Mr Mark Jabore

Welcome back to all families to our final term for 2012, one that will prove to be very busy and exciting as we all try to assist our students to complete their studies for the year in the best manner possible.

This week, I have started meeting with members of our Year 11 cohort, taking time with each to review the year and discuss what we can do to ensure that their last year of school in 2013 is as enjoyable and as profitable as possible. To support this process, I encourage families to have similar types of discussions at home and to involve me if you think that I can help clarify or better support your child’s efforts next year.

Along with the Year 11s, planning for all returning year levels is in full swing and again I encourage families to contact me if you feel that I can help prepare your child to kick off their studies in the new year in the best possible way.

I wish all of our students the very best for this term, especially our Graduating Class of 2012 and look forward to working with many of you in the coming weeks as we count down towards the holidays.

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During the last fortnight, I have been able to continue catching up with members of our Year 11 group to reflect on 2012 and how we can work together to make their last year with us in 2013 the very best possible. In nearly every instance, students have been able to identify one or two areas in which they can focus their efforts a little more so that they might achieve to a level that supports their ongoing aspirations post school.

For some students we discussed possible subject and/or pathway changes and I have encouraged them to continue these conversations with their family and to deliberate further on what course of action best supports their endeavours in Year 12. In such situations I have encouraged these students to come back and talk with me further regarding possible changes for the future and I also invite families to do the same.
Should you wish to meet, we can organize this prior to their finishing on 16 November, however I am available until the end of the school year as well as in the holidays to speak with families regarding this, if this is easier to coordinate.

In some cases, I have encouraged students to give themselves some space and time to think about possible changes over the holidays and to then see me at the start of the new year so that we can continue discussions based on these holidays contemplations. Meetings prior to the end of the school holidays can also be arranged if families find that more questions than answers have arisen as a result of these deliberations.

As mentioned in previous newsletters, this ongoing planning process is not only the realm of our Year 11 students and accordingly I would encourage families of any of our students to contact me to discuss future planning for your child. This includes our graduating class of Year 12s and I encourage you to make contact if I can be of any help post-graduation.

Finally, I would like to wish our Seniors all the best for the completion of their final pieces of assessment for this year, especially our Year 12s who achieve the monumental milestone of completing their very last school based exam period.

And always remember that in the final assessment prior to graduation, all you and anyone else can ask of you is to do your best. Good luck in doing so.

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As the Year 12s leave us today, I would like to take this opportunity to thank them and their families for sharing a small part of their life journey with me during the time that each has been at the College. Interaction with all members of this group has always been very informative, encouraging, thought provoking and never dull. I wish you all the very best for the future and prompt you to remember that though you may have graduated you are still members of our community and as such if I can ever be of any help in the future, please don’t hesitate to give me a ring.

To our Year 11 group who head off today on their longest set of school holidays yet, I hope the holidays are a wonderful opportunity for you to continue to grow and develop. I hope you all have a bundle of fun during the holidays and encourage you to stay safe and to look out for each other whenever you are together. Also remember to take some time to rest and recuperate so that your energy levels are fully restored as you prepare for your last year of school. I very much look
forward to working with all of you again next year in helping you to have the best year possible as you continue your journey.

To our remaining three year levels, I wish you all the best for the upcoming assessment period and encourage you to involve me in these efforts if you feel I can assist in some way.

And as always to all our families, I remind you to make contact should you wish to discuss any aspect of your child’s education, whether this be life in general or back at school in 2013.

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With our Year 10s finishing this week, I wish them all the best for the holidays. As this is our last newsletter for the year, I wish all of our junior students a wonderfully enjoyable, relaxing, fun and safe break. Remember, wherever you are and whatever you do, please take good care of yourselves and each other and stay safe, so that we can have the pleasure of working with all of you again next year.

A reminder to all families that I am still available for face to face meetings or telephone interviews throughout the rest of the school year and into the holidays if there are any areas of concern or planning that you would like to discuss regarding next year. To reach me during the holidays, please leave a message at the office and I will get back to you as quickly as possible.

On behalf of my family, I would like to wish all of our College families a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous 2013. God Bless