



25 January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to our 2022 School Year

I trust that you and all members of your family have enjoyed some special times of rest and refreshment during the recent Christmas Holiday period. Wherever you have been, and whatever activities you have undertaken, it would be my hope that you have found them to be rewarding family occasions.

Today, staff are completing their final day of the January Staff Conference. We have had a productive week engaging in professional development programs and personal preparation time to ensure that all is in readiness for a smooth commencement to our 2022 school year. We have also had the opportunity to welcome our new staff members to the world of NCS and they have engaged in a range of important induction activities. **Consequently, staff are now fully prepared to warmly welcome all students in Years 1-12 when they return to school this Thursday, 27 January.** (Our Kindergarten children do not return until Thursday, 3 February. Please note that a separate letter will be sent to all Kindergarten parents/carers early next week.)

Once again, I would wish to publicly commend all members of our Grounds and Maintenance Department. They have been working exceptionally hard over recent weeks, along with numerous external contractors, in order to finalise a number of building modifications and new innovations. I am confident that all of their hard work will see our buildings and school grounds being presented in an impeccable manner when our students return.

New students to NCS

We have been delighted with the considerable level of enrolment interest in our school and, consequently, we will be welcoming many new students to our NCS community when school commences this Thursday. I can assure every parent/carer of a new NCS student that we have very well organised plans in place to ensure that the first day at NCS for your child/ren is both a happy and smooth one. **New families are requested to arrive at school by 8.15am.** Please take your child/ren to the grassed area located beside the carpark and situated between the church and School Reception. There will be labelled cones designating where each Year Level is located. The relevant Class Teacher Aide and Student Prefects (Primary) or Year Level Advisor (Secondary) will be here to meet and greet you. Following this, every new student will be allocated a student buddy or buddies and these students will ensure that your son or daughter feels well looked after throughout their first days at NCS.

Returning students to NCS

PRIMARY

As Primary students arrive on the first day, they will be instructed to place their school bags outside their stage area classrooms. Staff will be on hand to help point them in the right direction. **To assist with your child/ren's transition back to school, Years and 1 and 2 students only may have one (1) parent accompany them to place their bag in the designated area and then into the playground on the first morning until the bell rings.** Following the bell, students will attend our Primary School Assembly before entering their new classrooms.

SECONDARY

Please note that the day will commence for all Secondary students with an assembly in the MPC. However, most Secondary teachers will be located outside around the school grounds so that they can also welcome students back to our 2022 school year. Secondary students should take their bags to the MPC and, during this assembly, they will receive further advice in relation to allocated rooms and other matters. A special program will operate for all students in Year 7 for the first two periods during which they will each be provided with important ICT connectivity details. It is essential that all new Secondary students and Year 7 students bring their devices to school so that they can be connected to the school network.

Access to the school by parents and carers

Where possible, parents and carers are still requested to promptly drop off and pick up your children before departing the school grounds, preferably using the 'AM Drop-Off and PM Pick-Up Zone'. **However, if this Thursday is the very first day for your children at NCS, we fully understand that you have been requested to accompany them to the area outlined earlier in this letter.**

RAHT tests and COVID-19 guidelines

We are currently finalising the logistics regarding the distribution of the government supplied RAHT tests. We will be sending a further letter to parents and carers this afternoon with all the details in relation to these tests and our COVID-19 guidelines for the start of the school year.

In conclusion, the first day of the school year can be both an exciting and somewhat apprehensive time for your child/ren. We trust that the arrangements outlined above will ensure that every NCS student, whether new or returning, will be able to have a rewarding experience as they renew acquaintances with old friends or meet new classmates for the first time.

Kind Regards



Rob Bray | Principal

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