

20 November 2020

The End of Term 4 and Looking Ahead to 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you and your families are all doing well. The end of the year is fast approaching and things are really looking up for all Victorians. A great reminder that 'after hardship comes ease'. The eased restrictions have allowed us to plan some major events for the end of Term 4, which we previously thought would not be possible. These events include our Year 12 Graduation Ceremony, Year 5 Graduation Ceremony, Years F-6 transition programs and Activity Day!

**Please note that under the current restrictions parents/carers will unfortunately not be able to attend on campus for these events, but we will certainly be sharing the photos/videos.*

Below are further details about the upcoming events and other key dates:

End of Term 4 Events & Key Dates:

- Monday, 23 November 2020 – **Report Writing Day** – no school for students.
- Wednesday, 25 November 2020 – **AFP Cyber Safety Workshops**, Years 3-10 (45 min session).
- Thursday, 3 December 2020 – **Year 12 Graduation Ceremony Rehearsal**, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. (A letter will be sent to parents/carers with the details).
- Friday, 4 December 2020 – **Years F-11 Awards Session** (45 min session, in class). This year, awards will not be based on academics, but will include the following categories: *Resilience, Enthusiasm, Dedication, and Community*.
- Monday, 7th December 2020 – **Activity Day** for all students (Years F-11). Students should wear their sports uniform and running shoes on this day.
- Monday, 7th December 2020 – **Last day of school for students in Years 7-11** (secondary).
- Monday, 7th December 2020 – **Year 5 Graduation Ceremony**. (A letter has already been sent to parents/carers).
- Tuesday, 8 December 2020 – **Years F-5 Transition Programs**. This is a half day program where students will get to meet their 2021 teachers and peers. **School finishes at 12:30 pm sharp for all Years F-5 students** (with a normal start time of 8:50 am).
- Tuesday, 8 December 2020 – **Year 6 Orientation Program** (for students going into Year 7), 8:50 am – 11:00 am. (A letter will be sent to parents/carers with the program details).
- Tuesday, 8 December 2020 – **Year 12 Graduation Ceremony** at The Grand, 5:30 pm onwards (ticket entry only).

Parent/Carer Pick-Up Procedures:

We kindly request parents/carers who pick their children up by car to park their cars in the carpark while waiting for their children. Parents/carers who leave their cars switched on and remain in the queue while waiting for their children are preventing other cars from being able to enter the school from Perry Road. This causes a dangerous blocking of the road outside the school, as well as unfair delays to other parents/carers trying to enter. Please be courteous and considerate to others when using the front carpark. Thank you!

New Uniform Items for 2021:

Some important changes and updates were signed off for our school uniforms for 2021, based on parent/student feedback. Due to the pandemic, the production of our new uniforms was halted for a long time and has only recently recommenced; this has delayed the arrival of our new uniform items. There will be **a transition period of 12 months** where the current uniform can still be worn throughout 2021, but the new uniform will become compulsory in 2022. We will notify parents/carers once the new items come into stock.

Future Key Uniform Changes include:

- New girls' shirt (Years 6-12), which is light blue in colour, with logo and not transparent.
- New comfortable design navy-blue tartan pleated skirt.
- The optional headscarf has also been changed from white to navy blue (for primary & secondary students) and should be purchased from the front office. (This change will come into effect from the start of 2021.)
- Junior School short and long sleeve tops will be available in cotton fabric for colder months, in addition to the current sports mesh.
- Mt Hira College navy blue with gold embroidered school bags (micro fibre backpack or trolley bag – two options).



We wish our students and families an uplifting and memorable finish to the year 2020, a safe summer break and an amazing year of learning and growth in 2021 insha Allah.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the College on **(03) 9709 0100**.

Kind regards,

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