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Dear Parents/Guardians and Year 9 students

“In relationship with others, when we are deeply present, we can both go away transformed from the encounter.” Brother Damien Price

For quite a number of years now, in Week 8 of Term Three, our Year 9 students have completed community service tasks at various locations across the Gold Coast. Known as Make a Difference (MAD) Week, students have developed an understanding of the importance of Service Learning. We have now expanded this experience, now known as the **CACConnectPROJECT**, to include the remote Queensland towns of Charleville and Mitchell. We will still maintain our links to the local Gold Coast community, however, Year 9 students will now have three options.

The **CACConnectPROJECT** will take place from:

Monday 2 September – Friday 6 September

Over the course of the week, students will take part in a range of activities, which may include music performances, classroom support, sporting activities, working with community members on farms, churches, schools, retirement homes and interacting and liaising with members of the community to ensure that relationships are formed and stories shared.

By coming ‘as guest’ into these relationships, the students will be encouraged to work ‘with’ rather than ‘for’ these communities. The reciprocal nature of this engagement with others will allow the students to learn and self-reflect, while developing an awareness of life outside the College.

We understand that some parents may have additional questions regarding the **CACConnectPROJECT**. As a result, we will be presenting at the upcoming subject information session on Tuesday 6 August from 3.30pm – 5.00pm. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact either of us at the College on 5585 9975.

Yours sincerely

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