



31 January 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome to Year 4, 2020! We hope that you enjoyed a safe and happy Christmas holiday break. In line with our College theme '*Building Community*', we extend a friendly welcome to you all and an especially warm welcome to those families new to our College this year. We look forward to getting to know you all as the term unfolds.

Please refer to class timetables that will be sent home in diaries this week.

Stationery

Please send all required book pack stationery in to the College as soon as possible. We will store spare stationery in the classroom and the students will restock as required. If your child requires additional stationery during the year, you will be notified. Please ensure that all stationery is named.

Please Note: Swimming starts in Week 3. HPE Lessons will be in place of swimming lessons until Week 3. The Years 4-6 Swimming Carnival will be held on Thursday 6 February.

Homework

Homework will commence in Week 2, consisting of Spelling and a fortnightly grid. Students will be required to return the homework book fortnightly on the Thursday, however, there will be a weekly spelling test.

Uniforms

Uniform changes have been made for 2020 and it is encouraging to see the students wearing these with pride. Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform that complies with the College Handbook.

Instrumental programme

Over the coming weeks, students will attend information sessions, demonstrations and trials of instruments. Students will submit their preferences and be allocated an instrument to which they will attend lessons throughout this year.

APS Sport

The APS Sport programme begins in Year 4. Over the coming weeks, students will select preferences and be allocated to teams. In Term One, training will commence on Thursday afternoons during College hours.

In Term Two, compulsory APS Training will begin on Tuesday afternoons from 3.15pm-4.15pm.

Food

A friendly reminder that we encourage healthy eating at the College and strive to be a nut-free zone. Please ensure that your child packs fruit (or vegetables) for our daily fruit break.

Communication

In Term One, the College will be launching a new communication system, 'The Hive'. This will go live in Week 4, and will be the main source of delivering information to you. In the meantime, please continue to use the diary or email to contact your class teacher as required and please carefully read the Primary Weekly email. More information will be communicated regarding 'The Hive' at our Parent Teacher Information Evenings in Week 3.

Year Level Parent Coordinator

The Year 4 Parent Volunteer Coordinator for 2020 is Laura Ferguson. Laura will assist communication between the College, Year 4 teachers and Year 4 families. She will also assist in the transition of new families to the College. Laura is available to be contacted via email at the following address: Laura Ferguson fergusonlauramrs@gmail.com

Independence

In Term One, our Flourishing Goal will focus on building independence. Year 4 is a year full of new and exciting experiences, which require higher levels of independence. We look forward to your support in building your child's ability to take charge of their own learning and organisation. Please farewell your child in the Undercover Area rather than walking them upstairs to the classroom, as this will assist them in building their personal independence.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher on the below email address. If you require a meeting, please email to arrange a suitable time.

4B – Mrs Theresa Batty thbatty@cac.qld.edu.au

4F – Mr Mal Foki mfoki@cac.qld.edu.au

4H – Mrs Nicola Houghton nhoughton@cac.qld.edu.au

4P – Ms Jacinda Pickering jpickering@cac.qld.edu.au

We look forward to seeing you at the Parent Information Evening, to be held in the Ivan Gibbs Centre in Week 3 (Wednesday 12 February at 5.30pm) to provide further information.

Yours sincerely

THE YEAR 4 TEACHING TEAM