



29 October 2021

Letter to Community – Term 4 2021

With the final term busily unfolding as it always does I wish to mention a number of things to parents and families before the days in 2021 disappear. Firstly, accessing Parent Engage on SEQTA should now be up and running again provided parents refresh their log in details. Remember also that accessing some of the facilities that Chisholm has created and made available for our parents on our own Chisholm Online administrative portal may have changed due to CEWA's new centralised database system. Hopefully any of the adjustments needed will be ironed out as we close this year and be largely unnoticeable or not disruptive. The changeover behind the scenes has been a major task in retraining and change of practice for our finance staff, Enrolment Registrar and for timetabling with Mr Randazzo. The scale of operations for all these aspects in a school of our size is complex and challenging so we appreciate your patience as we adapt.

At this point in the year we also call for expressions of interest from those parents who may wish to offer their services on the College Advisory Council (previously College Board). A written letter of interest to the Principal initially, which is raised with the existing Advisory Council allows consideration for those interested against the balance of membership skills required and the succession plan for the Council with outgoing members. This can create a waiting list for those willing to be involved given the limited number of places but I welcome those who may wish to express an interest or who wish to know more about the terms of reference and service to this group.

We often make a plea to parents at this time of year to help us reinforce that students need to finish off their academic year well and apply themselves properly to the end. Typically, this is not a major issue in our College setting however with Year 12s now finished on campus other than the WACE ATAR exams and Year 11s entering the final days in classes, some students in remaining year groups can lose a little focus. It can also be a time where one or two forget their responsibilities and obligation to our values, to the uniform standards and behavioural expectations. Those expectations remain the same throughout the whole year at Chisholm, as our parents, staff and community would want.

In recent months attention was highlighted around the issue of vaping. The message was made clear to all and has been reinforced further to our students over the past few months with further information emerging all the time around the dangers connected to it. Notwithstanding that, it is completely unacceptable within our school in any case and given that this is well known, students who ignore this stance will be compelled to consider an alternative location to Chisholm.

Following various discussions and input from our Parent Engagement Group, the College is undertaking a review of our College Uniform. The process of review which has already commenced with the formation of an initial Uniform Review Committee will also seek further input directly from parents and students. This review will consider various elements of the uniform with a view to improvement and not necessarily wholesale change. Clearly, any change no matter how small has implications for families and careful consideration needs to be given to all aspects including the timeline or phase-in periods, specific cost and a process that minimizes the impact on parents and students.

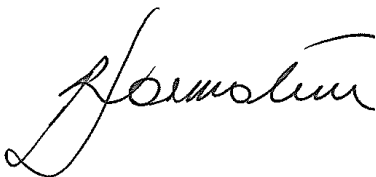
In various messages over the past few years we have publicized the ongoing development of the College's Master Plan. Important work in this area is ramping up and a number of current projects are in train. The College Lecture Theatre is the major one at present with the internal layout being completely revamped into contemporary learning spaces that will be timetabled and utilized far more than the previous large lecture format. I look forward to being able to share more on these developments as they are realized and as we plan further for some significant building in 2022 and 2023.

By this stage in the year we also begin to acknowledge staff who we know are stepping into a new phase of their life journey beyond Chisholm. Ms Megan Manocchio, Mrs Catherine Thomas, Mrs Ashanti McDiarmid, Mrs Tanika Pember and Mrs Courtney Pardini will all be away next year on Maternity Leave. We again congratulate Mrs Georgina O'Brien, Mrs Belinda McCagh, Miss Anna Green and Mr John Laurito on being appointed in promotional roles in other metropolitan Catholic schools for the beginning of 2022. Too Miss Nikki Belcher will finish-up her time with us at Chisholm this year. In addition, long-serving stalwarts of our Maths department, Mrs Julie Davis and Mr John Hackett will also finish this year as they embrace retirement and we thank them for their outstanding contributions to Chisholm.

Once again thank you everyone for our year to date as things have settled somewhat compared to 2020. We still go forward with a sense of preparedness should the need arise to make changes for a significant outbreak of COVID-19 in WA however as families would be aware, the real attention is now focused on planned mandatory vaccination. In recent days information has begun to be passed on from the Executive Director to Principals (following the Premiers announcement) in regard to mandatory vaccination for all staff on school sites, to be in place for the beginning of the new school year. The exact details are yet to be clarified but my understanding is that this will occur in the next two weeks. There is nothing mentioned in regard to mandatory student vaccination.

I look forward to our weeks ahead and Presentation Evening on Monday the 29th November.

My sincere regards to all.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Bormolini', written in a cursive style.

Mr J Bormolini
Principal