18 January 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to 2017 at Glasshouse Christian College. We are looking forward to what this New Year will hold - as I'm sure the students are (although some children may be a little nervous).

A few important reminders and information regarding the next few days and weeks:

**Week 1**

**Monday 23 January**

- Students will be welcomed in the Undercover Area and directed to where their Pastoral Care classroom is for Roll Call. Year 7’s can leave their bags in the classrooms until lockers have been allocated. Year 8 and 9 students will have the same locker as last year. New students will be allocated a locker by the Year Level Coordinator during PC in Lesson 3.
- At 8.30 students are to first go to their PC/Roll Call class to mark the roll and will then be directed by their teacher to attend an Assembly in the church.
- Following the Assembly, Year 8 and 9 students will have regular classes for the rest of the day (except for Period 3 which will be a PC lesson instead of the scheduled Assembly.)
- Year 7 will have orientation time until second break and then regular timetabled classes in the last session of the day

**Tuesday 24 January - IMPORTANT Parent Information night at 6.00pm - held in the church**

This is for Year 7, 8 and 9 parents (students are welcome to attend however the information is primarily aimed at parents). It is first and foremost an opportunity to meet your child’s Pastoral Care teacher as well as hear first-hand important information relating to the new Collaborative Program in Year 7 & 8 this year. There will be a separate email sent regarding this event.

**Thursday 26 January - Australia Day Holiday**

**Friday 27 January**

Whilst the previous day (Thursday) is Australia Day, students and families are reminded that it is an expectation that **Friday is a regular school day and planned important work will be occurring.** Please ensure your child attends.

**Week 2**

**Monday 30 January - Year 7 Launchpad (school hours)**

This is a retreat day where students have the opportunity to really get to know their teachers and classmates. At this retreat, the culture and tone is set for the year. This is a vital day for our students. It is held during school hours at a separate nearby venue that we transport students to. Students wear their PE uniform and their swimmers underneath. A separate email will be sent closer to this date.

**Monday Evening 30 January – 6.30pm in College Theatre. Parent Information Presentation - Understanding Your Teen by Graham Hyman from Youth Specialties Australia**

A highly recommended presentation on parenting teenagers. This is aimed at parents of Year 7 students however, all Middle School parents are welcome to attend.
Tuesday 31 January - Year 9 Launchpad (school hours)
See above note for Year 7 Launchpad

Wednesday 1 - Friday 3 February Year 8 Camp
Information has already been sent out regarding this camp, and Mr Ware will also speak about it on the Middle School Parent Information Night on Tuesday 24 January. You can find all the information required from the camp here http://www.adventurealternatives.com.au/gcc8/

Uniform – Sports Uniform Days
Formal uniform is worn three days of the week. Sports uniform is to be worn on Fridays as well as the day students have double Core PE on their timetable. They are the following days:
- MONDAY – 7M, 9G, 9W
- TUESDAY – 7G, 8W, 9M
- THURSDAY – 7W, 8G, 8M
Students in Year 9 who have chosen Extended PE as an elective will also need to wear their sports uniform on either a Wednesday or a Thursday, depending on when their double lesson is.

This means that students in 7M, 9G and 9W will be wearing their PE uniform to school on the first day!

ID cards
Your child will have received a card when they collected their textbooks and laptops. Students new to GCC will receive their cards once their photos have been taken in Week One and cards have been produced. These will be used when borrowing from the library and for all photocopying and printing. It is important students have these with them at school at all times. A replacement card will cost $10.00 and will take a few days to organise.

Lockers and Locks
- Existing students will have the same locker and lock as last year.
- New students should have already received their lock and will be allocated a locker by the Year Level Coordinator during Pastoral Care in Lesson 3 on the first day of school.
- Any locker issues can be sorted out with Mrs Bull at Secondary Admin during Lesson 3 on the first day of school
- Lost locks will cost $20.00 for a replacement. Locks that are not working will be replaced by the school free of charge. Students are reminded not to share their lock code with other students. Also, if they change their locker position they must ensure they inform Mrs Bull as our records need to be accurate for this information.

Please contact your child's pastoral care teacher for ANY concerns or to communicate information we may need to know. Specific subject teachers where there are questions related to a subject, or for bigger concerns, contact the Year Level Coordinators or myself. (All email addresses can be found on the school website).

Our core business is your child's education. It's important we partner with you as their parents so that this journey is as smooth and rewarding as possible! We look forward to a fruitful and productive year with you and your children this year. We realise this is a very busy time of the year, with a lot of new information to take in – please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Warm regards
Jacq Vreeling
Head of Middle School

Growing in faith and knowledge