



LEARNING UPDATE - 17

Friday, 25th September, 2020

Working so that our students feel they are known, understood, valued and learning.

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Prayer for the End of the Term and for our Year 12 Students

St Clare's writings continue to provide wisdom, even in our modern, hectic and uncertain times. In her Second Letter to St Agnes, she offers the following blessing.

As we finish our first full term of uninterrupted learning for 2020, and as our Year 12 students "Cast out into the Deep" in preparation for their Graduation and HSC Exams, our school community offers this blessing to all our students and families.



*What you hold, may you hold,
What you do, may you do, and not stop.
But with swift pace, light step, unswerving feet,
So that even your steps stir up no dust.
May you go forward
Securely, joyfully and swiftly,
On the path of prudent happiness...
To which the Spirit of the Lord had called you.*

School Return Date

We look forward to seeing all students return to school on **Tuesday, 13th October**.

Attendance and Punctuality in Semester Two

Attendance and punctuality are not only vital attributes and speak volumes to an employer about the calibre of the person seeking employment, they are crucial to maximising the learning opportunities and learning growth to be made for each student. Therefore, we urge each family to work with us in supporting your children, our students, to see the importance of being here everyday on time and learning. With your help this term, we have seen a considerable improvement in the attendance and punctuality of a number of our students and we would like to see this trend continue and improve even further. We look forward to working in partnership with you on this.

School Photographs

School Photos were handed out to students today just before the end of the day.

Summer Uniform

Students are reminded that we return for Term 4 in Summer Uniform. This means that School Blazers and Ties are not required.

SLT for 2021

Nominations have already been received for the Student Leadership Team (SLT) for 2021. Voting will take place in Week 1 of Term 4.

Student devices

It is important that students return to school for Term 4 with their devices charged and ready for learning.

Senior Reports

Year 12 students can expect to receive their Semester 2 Reports Wednesday of week 1, Term 4 as part of their school based Graduation. Year 11 students can expect their reports in Week 3 of Term 4.



New Curriculum for Religious Education

- Year 10 and Stage 6

During Term 3, the Religious Education team have been preparing to implement the New Curriculum for Religious Education in Term 4.

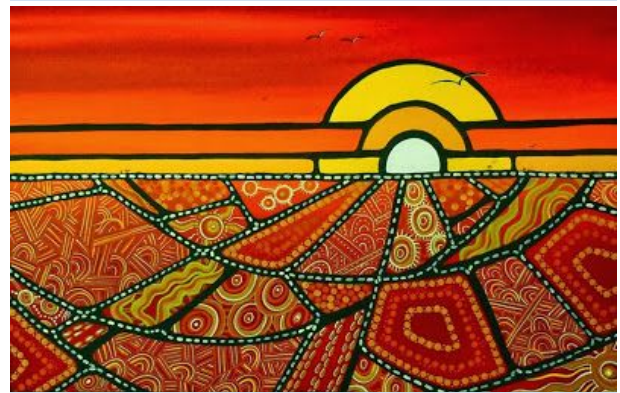
Our Year 10 students will take part in a Trial of the Learning Cycle called "*Why is care of our common home a moral imperative?*" This Learning Cycle is focused on the calls from Pope Francis to do more to care for our common home, the earth on which we all live. During term 4, students, families and teachers will be invited to give feedback on this Learning Cycle, which will be invaluable information for 2021.

In Stage 6, Catholic Studies will be replaced with the New Curriculum. This subject will be renamed: *Learning for Mission*. It remains a non-ATAR and one unit subject.

In the transition to Year 12, these students will be engaging in their first Learning Cycle called "*What is the relationship between Indigenous Spirituality, our Common Home and Human Dignity?*" It has a heavy focus on Indigenous Spirituality and how Indigenous people care for their Country. It then links these themes to how we can answer Pope Francis' call to care for the common home, in light of the special knowledge of our Indigenous brothers and sisters.



**"Pope Francis asks us all to
care for our common home."
by the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development**



**"Travelling the Ancient Land"
by Safina Stewart**