



CRANBOURNE
SECONDARY COLLEGE

1st April 2021

Dear Parents, students and families,

I am writing this to thank you for your support of the College through Term 1. It has been productive and busy term. It has been great to be back on site as well as being able to provide additional opportunities for connection and extra curricula activities that the students missed in 2020. The Swimming Carnival and Athletics day have been highlights as well as the beginning of rehearsals for our College production.

Organisation for class and school uniform

During Term 1 the College has focused energy and resources on making sure all students are equipped and ready to learn. This has included a dedicated plan and set of actions by all staff to support student organisation and behaviours, ensuring students arrive to classes with a netbook, student planner, workbook(s), textbooks where required as well as stationary.

In term 2 this plan will incorporate a focus on our students being equipped and wearing the appropriate school uniform. The College has provided additional time to allow our uniform supplier to ensure stock levels of items are replenished as well as additional time for families to purchase items for students after the disruptive and uncertain year of 2020.

The College has also increased access to State Schools Relief to ensure there are no barriers to all students owning adequate amounts of uniform for use across the school week.

Our school uniform is worn with pride by the majority of students and symbolises a strong commitment and connection to the College. I thank you in advance for your support as we challenge our students to meet the high expectations regarding uniform and organisation.

Term 2 important dates

Term 2 promises to be a busy and exciting time at the College. Listed below are some of the important activities occurring in the early part of the term. All dates are available on the College website.

- Week 1
 - Anzac-day commemorations – date and time to be confirmed
- Week 2
 - 26th April - Cross Country. Whole school event, no timetabled subject classes on this day
 - 27th and 29th April – Early dismissal at 2.30pm. All College teaching staff will be involved in important professional learning workshops based on curriculum and assessment. This learning focuses on the moderation of student work submitted in Term 1. The moderation

enables teachers and learning area teams to evaluate and enhance teaching and learning programs improve student learning outcomes. These dates and events have been endorsed by the school council at the College.

- Week 3
 - 5th May - Parent teacher conferences. These will be conducted on line in a similar format to 2020. The conferences will begin at 12pm and finish at 7pm. No timetabled classes will occur on this day. Students are expected to participate alongside parents in the online conferences with staff.
- Week 4
 - 11th May - NAPLAN assessments will commence. All parents of Year 7 and Year 9 will receive a letter explaining important NAPLAN processes and expectations in the coming days. Any parents of Yr 7 or 9 students that has not received a letter by the start of Term 2 is advised to contact the College. The 11/5 to 14/5 will include the bulk of the NAPLAN activities with access to the assessments concluded on Friday 21st May. It is my expectation that all students are supported to undertake these important assessments.

Other updates

- Bus, transport and traffic – Thanks for the range of feedback provided regarding your experiences getting to and from the College. I have had a productive meeting with the City of Casey and some initial correspondence from Public Transport Victoria. Thanks for your ongoing patience while I investigate all opportunities and processes for improvement.
- The Gym and performing arts building works are now officially underway. The building works will begin the Performing Arts building and may cause some minor disruptions during early part of Term 2. The College is in the process of sourcing some portable facilities to enable students to get changed into their sports uniform for Physical Education classes.

I would like to thank you once again and wish you all a safe and relaxing holiday break and I am looking forward to seeing everyone back in Term 2,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Caughey', with a stylized flourish at the end.

David Caughey
College Principal