



## LEARNING UPDATE - 14

Friday, 30th April, 2021

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

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“It is also a season to reflect on our lifestyles, and how our daily decisions about food, consumption, transportation, use of water, energy and many other material goods, can often be thoughtless and harmful. Too many of us act like tyrants with regard to creation. Let us make an effort to change and to adopt more simple and respectful lifestyles! Now is the time to abandon our dependence on fossil fuels and move, quickly and decisively, towards forms of clean energy and a sustainable and circular economy. Let us also learn to listen to indigenous peoples, whose age-old wisdom can teach us how to live in a better relationship with the environment.”

**Pope Francis: *Message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation* - 1st September, 2019**

**Dear Parents / Caregivers,**



We are working in a very concerted way **to improve our students' learning** by increasing the effectiveness of the feedback they receive. Part of this means providing this feedback when it is most useful, that is, when they can still use it to improve their performance. You can help by asking your child about the feedback they have received in terms of how useful this was in improving their learning. We will be working over the next few years to make this foundational in terms of staff and student learning.

### **Uniform and Excursions - Expectations**

When our students are going out as a group in public they represent us. It is very important they are wearing full school uniform. They need to ensure that their uniform is clean and ready to go. **We are encouraging our students to take responsibility for their uniform.**

On two occasions this week we have provided uniform items for students to wear so that they could attend excursions. This will not be the case in the future.

From next week **students who are not wearing the correct uniform on the day of the excursion will not be attending the excursion.**

If you are having particular problems with accessing the correct uniform please contact us here at the school.

"We all need people who give us feedback. That's how we improve." - Bill Gates -



## Year 12 Reports

Year 12 students were given their Semester One Reports last week. Please ensure you have read through the Report with your Year 12 son / daughter and use the feedback to set Semester 2 goals in preparation for the HSC.

## NAPLAN - Year 7 and 9

NAPLAN starts **Tuesday, 12th May** and finishes Friday, 21st May for all Year 7 and Year 9 students. Students should attend every day as per usual and have a **fully charged laptop and personal earphones** as per usual. Should you wish to spend some time looking at the Online NAPLAN site in the coming week, please have a look at the Public Demonstration site [HERE](#). It is important to remember that the best preparation for NAPLAN is regular school attendance and positive application in lessons.



## Athletics Carnival



Our **Athletics Carnival** is happening on **Wednesday**. It is very exciting that we are able to have this whole school event and we are really looking forward to it being an outstanding day. Attendance is compulsory for all students. If students wish to make their own way to and from the carnival they can do so, but they must return the signed permission note complete with all the required details to the front office **by Monday**. If the note is not at the office by Monday they must come to school and be transported by bus.

## Reminder: Year 12 Retreat



Year 12 Retreat takes place in Week 4, 12th - 14th May.

It is an opportunity for our Year 12 students to retreat, withdraw, to disconnect from their busy lives and reconnect with themselves, each other and God. We ask for you to pray for our Year 12 students as they prepare and go on their Retreat.

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