



LEARNING UPDATE - 17

Friday, 21st May, 2021

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



PENTECOST SUNDAY

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

John 20:19-23

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Sorry Day

This week we will acknowledge National Sorry Day and the spirit of reconciliation fundamental to our faith and hope for the future.



Senior Student Update

Please be aware that Year 12 students are coming to the end of their coursework study; Their Trial exams are early Term 3. Similarly, Year 11 students are half way through their courses work as their Preliminary Exam block occurs late Term 3. **All our senior students need some dedicated quiet time and space each evening to complete homework, assessments, and prepare for their exam blocks.**

Year 10 - Preparing for the Future

In the coming weeks, Year 10 students will need to make some decisions for their future through the Year 11 2022 Subject Selection process. At this stage, all students will be required to select courses for 2022 as apprenticeships or positions in other education institutions can not be guaranteed at this stage. **Students should be making selections based on their strengths, where they will be motivated and capable of getting their best results.** If Year 10 students are considering university study after high school, they are encouraged to read this [online booklet](#) to prepare. A full range of course options will be published to students and parents/carers in the coming week.

Year 7 and 9 - NAPLAN Thanks

Our NAPLAN online tests finished this week. We are delighted to inform you that it was successful, with less than five students who missed a test and no technology problems significantly affecting students. Many thanks to parents/carers for supporting us by sending students to school each day with their required equipment and a positive attitude to the tests. [We look forward to seeing the students' results so that we can plan to support their learning through targeted feedback in the future.](#)



Visit from Mount Druitt Police Youth Command and Multicultural Liaison

This week **Stage 5** had a visit with the Youth Liaison Officer Senior Constable Laura Wilkinson and Rana Barham the Multicultural Community Liaison. The presentation was designed to help students to know and understand the role of the Youth Area Command and their work in the wider community. Laura covered topics such as violence in and out of school, the carrying of weapons, being part of or a bystander to violence and how this is treated by the law and the penalties that are associated with such crimes for young people. Laura talked about cyber safety and the tricks that are used by criminals to make contact with young people. Laura also touched on the topic of Vaping making it clear for students that it was illegal for them to buy, sell or engage in vaping. **Stage 4** will have a visit from the team next Thursday.

Attendance and Punctuality

Although we have seen a decrease in the numbers of students arriving late we still have a number of students who are regularly late or have a day off that is not strictly necessary. Can I ask all families to work with us to get your sons and daughters here everyday and on time. Every day and every second counts. When they are not here they are unable to receive feedback from their teachers to improve their learning. We appreciate your assistance with this. If you would like assistance to work on this please contact the school as we are only too happy to work with you to create an improvement plan.

RETREAT 2021 GROUP PHOTO



School Photos

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