



Holy Cross College, Ryde

Date 3/2/2010

Dear Year 10 Parents,

On behalf of the Year 10 homeroom teachers and team, I would like to welcome you back and look forward to working with you and your son in 2010. I hope at this stage that your son is feeling positive about year 10 and is enthusiastic about his time ahead.

There are a number of points that I wish to draw to your attention. Firstly, Mrs Natalie Russell (Year 10 Coordinator on maternity leave for Term 1), had a baby boy, Patrick John Russell over the Christmas holidays and both are doing well resting at home. Mrs Russell is expected to be back on deck in term 2.

1. Calendar: Some important dates that you should be aware of for term 1

- Tues 9th Feb. P & F Wine and Cheese Welcome to Parent's Night
- Wed 17th Feb ASH WEDNESDAY
- Fri 19th Feb 2009 High Achievers Ceremony
- Wed 24th Feb College Opening Mass
- Fri 26th Feb Year 10 Reflection Day
- Thurs 4th March Elite Swimming Trials Ryde Aquatic Centre
- Tues 9th March MCS Swimming Carnival
- Mon 15th March Catholic Schools Week
- Wed 17th March ST. PATRICK'S DAY
- Fri 19th March Clancy Religious Art Prize Opening and Awards Night
- Thurs 1st April Last day of Term 1/ Easter Liturgy

2. Expectations;

- Homework is given every night. Students are expected to complete 20 – 30 minutes of homework per most subjects each night.
- Study and revision is encouraged as part of the nightly routine
- Uniform and presentation needs to be of a high standard. This includes the correct College bag.
- Students must not under any circumstances wear earrings or plastics studs at school.
- Silent reading/homework is conducted in homeroom each day. Students need to come prepared with the appropriate material every day.

3. The Diary;

The school diary is a great contact between teachers and parents. I would encourage you to read through your son's diary each week to see how he is going. Please feel free to comment in his diary. **The diary also has a list of school expectations, procedures and rules for you to read carefully over.**

4. The Newsletter;

The school newsletter is now placed on the school website. It is important that parents access the newsletter each fortnight on a Friday afternoon. Copies are also available from the front office and your son should be bringing a copy home for you.

5. Victoria Road;

As a matter of safety, please advise your son if he is catching a bus on Victoria Road, that he is to cross at the pedestrian lights ONLY.

6. Absence from school

It is a requirement of the school that if your son is absent on any day that the school office is phoned and notified by 9am. On your son's return he is required to bring a note written by parents to his homeroom teacher outlining the reason for his absence.

7. The need for physical activity;

I try to re state each year that at this stage in your son's life, there is so much on. As well as homework, revision, school, family and technology, it is also important that students manage to take some time out for some sort of physical activity. Whether it be running around with friends, walking the dog or being involved in a sporting team at school or on the weekends, students will find that they can manage other aspects of their lives if they feel good about their state of health.

Please feel free to contact any of your son's teachers by phoning the school on any day if the need arises. The best contact person for you if you have any concerns is your son's homeroom teacher. The following staff members are part of the Year 10 Team : Mr Chase – 10 Delany, Mr Levy – 10 Dwyer (term 1), Mr Hajjar – 10 Gallagher, and Mr Walker/Ms Mar – 10 Hannigan. I am also available to be contacted for more serious issues.

Have an enjoyable year,

Paul Graziani
Acting Year 10 Coordinator