



# *Holy Cross College, Ryde*

8 February, 2010

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As your son's Year Co-ordinator, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the new school year. I would also like to open the lines of communication between you and the school in ensuring that your son feels supported as he begins his final year of studies at Holy Cross College. Year 12 at Holy Cross College is a special time in the lives of all involved including me. I am extremely proud to be the man who has the honour of leading your son's throughout this important and meaningful year. This is the one year in the lives of your son's where everything we do revolves around them so they can succeed.

As the most senior students it is important that your sons realize that they are the leaders of our school community both at school and in public. Part of the mission for the New Year is making sure that all boys remember '**the little things matter**'. It is by paying attention to detail that we become successful and diligent. This is an expectation at Holy Cross and hopefully this is the case as your son leaves home for school each day.

I would also like to advise you on a number of important dates relating to your son in term 1.

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| <b>Tuesday, February 16</b> →   | Year 11-12 VET Students & Parents Information Evening  |
| <b>Friday, February 19</b> →    | 2009 High Achievers Ceremony                           |
| <b>Wednesday, February 24</b> → | Opening School Mass & Induction of Student Councillors |
| <b>Wednesday, March 17</b> →    | MCS Swimming Carnival (Homebush)                       |

**Tuesday, March 23 - April 1<sup>st</sup> → Half Yearly Examinations – Students only need to attend school to complete the exams.**

All assessment tasks for Year 12 students are detailed in the Grading Task Manual which was given to your son last year, spare copies of these are located in my office. This manual outlines the nature of the task and when it occurs. It also details the Board of Studies requirements and other academic protocols that students are to observe if they wish to successfully complete the HSC Course.

Events involving your son will be documented in the Crossroads as well as the School Calendar. You are encouraged to note your diary when these events come around. I ask for your assistance in encouraging your son to support whole school activities such as carnivals and Feast days.

I ask that you read your son's diary to note the College's policy on attendance, grooming, hairstyles, jewellery, general behaviour and uniform. In regards to attendance 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. This is very important to prevent truanting and to maximize your son's ability to achieve in the HSC.

And lastly I want leave you with some food for thought to discuss with your son's.

1. Failure is not a crime → Low Aim Is.
2. Diligence is more important than intelligence
3. Success rarely comes looking for anyone, usually you have to go out and get it!
4. Defeat is not the worst of failures. Not to have tried is the true failure

All these quotes are something to both inspire and enlighten your son. The secret to success is hard work. In anything we do in life we must be diligent and work to best of our ability and in the end we will be successful. My sole focus for 2010 is getting the best out of your son's not just academically but also in regards to their social development as Young Holy Cross men. I look forward to the year ahead and hope we as team achieve the best results possible for your son.

In order to communicate with you more effectively, I ask you contact me by **phone, e-mail** or preferably **both**. Feel free to contact me on 9808 -1033 or [tim.white@hccryde.catholic.edu.au](mailto:tim.white@hccryde.catholic.edu.au) if you have any concerns regarding your son's progress.

Yours sincerely,

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

Mr. Tim White  
Year 11 Co-ordinator