

23 July 2020

Dear parents and caregivers

There are many things for which I am grateful to God that occurred last term. Thank you for working so hard with your child(ren) to make it successful and to face the significant challenges we experienced locally, nationally and globally. The rest of the year appears to be no easier. However, we know that we can continue to face the challenges together and in God's strength. He will provide!

New opportunities: 2021-2022

During the past term the Senior Leadership Team spent time each week to plan for the next two years. We can now announce some of the planned changes. It is with pleasure and a sense of excitement that I let you know of the following.

- We will write a new Strategic Plan for TCS Strathalbyn, which spans the next four years, 2021-2024 and we anticipate that we will launch this plan in the new year.
- We have formed the Learning Leadership Team with the following staff as members and this group is tasked with leading and innovating improvement in teaching and learning for all students and staff in the school. Please make contact with any of us if you want to provide input on what occurs in the classroom, homework, assessment, reporting, etc.
 - Meredith Lockery, Executive Director – Teaching and Learning
 - Jessica Leslie, Primary Curriculum Leader
 - Narelle Kluge, Director of Studies – Secondary
 - Cameron Lock, Deputy Principal
 - Sam Cheesman, Principal
- Based on our strong enrolment growth in the ELC this year we will have two Reception classes in 2021. We hope to repeat this double stream of Reception in 2022 and beyond.
- We have revised and expanded our subject offering in Years 7 to 12, of which more details will be presented at the SACE Evening on Wednesday 29 July 2020 at 5:30pm.

Canberra Trip

Unfortunately, we had to cancel the Canberra trip. All monies paid by parents will be refunded. We understand this news brings disappointment for students affected. However, border crossings currently remain restricted between SA and the ACT, requiring a mandatory 14-day isolation on entering the State from the ACT (as well as NSW; note, the border is closed between SA and Victoria). Mr Nick Simons has already written to families regarding the trip cancellation.

Term 3 Events

We are now eagerly anticipating a much more typical school term, as we continue to experience less and less of the pandemic's effects. I am sure you are as keen as I am to participate in the following:

- Return of Volunteers on site, from Tuesday 21 July 2020 – please refer to the information sent out from Mrs Anne Bryant on Thursday 23 July 2020
- SACE Information Evening – targeting families of Year 9-11 students, but open to families of any year level on Wednesday 29 July 2020
- SACE Night via Zoom on Tuesday 4 August 2020
- Student Photo Day on Wednesday 5 August 2020
- Father's Day Breakfast on Friday 4 September 2020
- Secondary Drama Night – Little Women on 9 September 2020
- Talent Showcase on 23 September 2020
- Combined Family Fun Day and Planting of the Tyndale Oak Tree, Friday 25 September 2020

The Oak planting will mark the year when Tyndale Christian School became owners of the property on which the School is located. Moreover, we will celebrate what it means to be Tyndalian. In brief, it means the following eight "branches" make up our Tyndale Oak Tree:

- Intentionally Inclusive
- Intentionally Christian
- Intentionally Excellent
- Lifelong Learning
- RISE (which stands for our values of Respect, Integrity, Service & Excellence)
- Community
- Pastoral Care
- Wellbeing

I look forward to partnering with your family for another successful semester. I also wish to remind you that everyone should feel free to contact me or any of the staff at school, if ever we can help enhance your child(ren)'s learning experience or simply to discuss their progress.

Yours sincerely



Sam Cheesman
Principal