



Friday 28 September

Dear Parents / Caregiver  
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Thank you to everyone who attended this week's Cultural Arts Awards evening and well done to all award winners.

- **Practice Exams** for seniors sitting externals take place in the first week of next term. These exams are important in giving students an indication of what they need to work on for externals. If a student is unwell or unable to take the final exam, the practice exam grades will be used.

Friday of the first week back is an assessment catch up day. While the school is open for instruction, only those students who have assessments to catch up on are required to attend.

- **Study tips:** It is important that all senior students with exams take time over the break to prepare for the Term 4 exams. Students have been given a handout on helpful tips to study. Parents can help by insisting that some time over the break is given to study.

Many students find that social media and cell phones are a real distraction and an arrangement to 'turn in' cell phones for a given block of time to allow for uninterrupted study is worth trying.



- **Junior Reports:** Reports for Term 3 will be issued to students on the first week back next term on Thursday, 18 October.
- **Uniform Change Over:** Students have until the end of week 2 next term (26 October) to change to summer uniform. Students may wear either summer or winter uniform during this period, not a combination of both, e.g. if a student is wearing sandals then he/she may not wear winter items such as a scarf or gloves.
- **Term 4 Calendar:**
  - **Practice Exams:** 16 to 18 October. Friday, 19 October is a Catch up Assessment Day
  - **Subject Selection Evening for current Year 10's:** Thursday, 18 October 7pm in College Hall
  - **Sports Prize Giving:** Thursday, 25 October 7pm in College Hall
  - **Senior Academic Prize Giving:** Friday, 2 November
  - **Year 13 Graduation Dinner:** Sunday, 2 December
  - **Student Leadership Speeches:** Monday, 3 December
  - **Year 9 Junior Certificate Prize Giving:** Thursday, 6 December
  - **Year 10 Junior Diploma Prize Giving:** Friday, 7 December
  - **SOS Camp:** Wednesday, 5 to Friday, 7 December
  - **Junior Camps:** 8 to 12 December

Wishing everyone a good two week break.

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*"Success comes before work only in the dictionary."*

