



CATHEDRAL COLLEGE WANGARATTA

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Thursday January 21, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians

I would like to extend a warm welcome back to school to all our college community for the 2021 academic year. I hope that you have enjoyed a restful and relaxing summer break with family and friends. To our new Cathedral families who join us for the first time this year, I extend a special welcome to you and I look forward to meeting you over the coming weeks. I thank you for entrusting us with the privilege of educating your child.

I am looking forward to a productive and positive year ahead as we continue to rebound from the difficult challenges that we all experienced last year. I was extremely proud of our students, staff and the entire school community for the way in which we came together to confront the challenges of 2020. We showed outstanding grit, resilience and compassion during a very difficult period of time. I especially congratulate our Year Twelve students who, despite many weeks of lockdown and disruption, achieved excellent results with the majority accepting their first or second university preference and others moving into further education, training or employment.

While the effects of the global pandemic are still being experienced here and around the world, we do look forward to the availability of safe and effective vaccines in Australia throughout 2021. Here at Cathedral College Wangaratta, we will continue to follow all the necessary COVID safe protocols to ensure the health and safety of students, staff and the wider school community. We are planning to run most of our normal events and co-curricular activities this year including camps, excursions, sports and assemblies. I am also pleased to report that at the present time, parents and friends are free to come onto the school grounds, while adhering to all COVID safe protocols.

Welcome to New Staff

We extend a very warm welcome to the following staff who will join The College in 2021.

Ms Anne Harris:	Head of Senior School & Deputy Principal
Ms Susan Xiong:	Mathematics & Science Teacher
Mrs Ingrid Barlagen:	Indonesian Teacher
Ms Kate Gratton:	Humanities & Business Teacher
Ms Elizabeth Fuhrmeister:	Junior School Teacher
Ms Emily Naish:	Junior School Learning Enhancement Teacher
Mrs Fiona Newton:	Art/Junior School TA

We look forward to introducing our new staff to parents and families at our Welcome Evening on Tuesday, 2 February.

Partnership and Communication between School and Home

At Cathedral College we highly value the partnership between home and school. This partnership relies on open and regular communication and I encourage you to contact college staff if you have any concerns or queries. We provide regular communication through; fortnightly newsletters, letters from the Principal and other members of the executive, notices on the College App, information posted on the official Cathedral College Wangaratta Facebook page and emails from staff.

All staff can be contacted via their school email address. The format for staff emails is; [firstinitialsurname@cathedralcollege.vic.edu.au](mailto:firstname.lastname@cathedralcollege.vic.edu.au) For example; Ms Anne Harris can be contacted at: aharris@cathedralcollege.vic.edu.au

Student Uniform and Presentation

The beginning of a new school year is an appropriate time to remind everyone about the expectations with regards to student presentation. Our college uniform is a striking and vibrant aspect of our college identity and we sincerely appreciate the financial investment that parents make to ensure students present well to school each day. College staff will continue to insist that students are adhering to our [uniform policy](#) and I thank parents for supporting us in this area.

Key dates

Please find below some details about the first day of school and other important information for the start of the new school year. The 2021 Parent Handbook is another valuable source of information that can be accessed via The College website or by clicking [here](#).

Thursday January 28 – First Day for Years One to Year Twelve

9.00am - Sub School meetings

- Junior School - meet at classrooms and then move to a brief assembly under JSC shade sails.
- Middle School – brief assembly under the Middle School shade sails
- Senior School – brief assembly in the Stadium

P&F Association Morning Tea

All parents are invited to join the Parents and Friends' Association for a Morning Tea at 9.30am in The Science Garden following the assemblies. Please register your attendance at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/ccw-p-f-welcome-morning-tea-tickets-137378969195>

Tuesday February 2 – Parent Welcome Evening

Parents are invited to meet your children's teachers and other members of staff.

- Junior School: 6.00pm – 7.00pm (Please meet under the Junior School Shade sails)
- Middle & Senior School: 6.30pm – 7.30pm (Please meet in the VCE & Resource Centre)

Thursday February 25 – P&F Big Picnic

Further information will be provided over the coming weeks. Please save the date!

Friday February 26 – Student Free Day / Staff Professional Development Day

While we cannot be sure what challenges 2021 will bring us, I am confident that the school year will be filled with excitement, achievement and success for all members of The College community. Our highly talented and professional staff will continue to support the wellbeing of all students and our focus will always be the development of the whole child; ensuring that we continue to build knowledge, curiosity and aspiration in all of our students.

I encourage you to contact me here at The College should you have any queries, concerns or would like to discuss any matters.

All the best for an enjoyable and successful school year.

Yours sincerely



Mr Nick Jones
Principal