The Year Begins

Welcome back to the 2015 school year. In particular, I welcome new families and students to the College. There are also several new staff at Keilor Campus who have been busy over the last two weeks readying themselves for the start of term.

Janet Gangell takes on the role of Head of Learning after the departure of Andrea Dart. Janet will lead curriculum and teacher pedagogical development and student learning programs across the College. Janet is well known to many families having previously worked at both campuses in a variety of curriculum roles. Heather Heraud joins us from Loyola College as College Head of Library and Learning Services and as Keilor Campus Library and Learning Services Co-ordinator. She is a very experienced educator with an extensive history as a leading teacher-librarian.

Jaime Perris joins the Senior School team as a teacher of Psychology, Commerce and Religious Studies. She has extensive experience working in America and Asia as a teacher and leader of curriculum development, having completed her schooling at Overnewton in the 1990s. Michael Bader joins the Middle School team as a teacher of Year 6 having worked most recently in the Melton area and Melissa Wake joins the Junior School team teaching Year 2. Melissa is a former College Vice Captain and we are delighted that she has returned to us as a teacher. Natalie Di Sauro is also re-joining the College as a teacher of Physical Education. Prior to starting her family, Natalie taught Physical Education at Taylors Lakes Campus before taking on co-ordination of ACS Sport.

Sara White joins the Senior School Science team as Laboratory Technician and has an extensive industry experience in biochemistry and as a tertiary lecturer. Jenny Bridge also joins the Community Development team in her role as the Community Development Communications Assistant. Servet Moustafa and Melissa Wood will also be sharing the Campus Nurse responsibilities during Term 1. Both are experienced health practitioners and have worked in First Aid extensively at the College in the past.

Returning from leave are German teacher, Pauline Rogan, Junior School teachers Kersti Mowat, Lyndal Mihic and Lisa Pollard, and Physical Education teacher, Aleisha Dakin. Middle School teacher, Leonnie Marchment, and integration aide, Andrea Armstrong, also come to Keilor Campus from Taylors Lakes Campus.

I welcome all of these new and returning staff.

Campus developments over the break
I was delighted to see the Campus in excellent condition for the start of the school year. A great deal of general maintenance and repair has been completed by the maintenance staff, led by Giovanna Spinazzola, and I thank all parents who attended the working bee on Saturday to tidy the grounds and garden beds.

Work has also begun on the Japanese-inspired garden development on the western side of the Penman Centre. This has been designed by the group comprising Senior School Visual Arts students, the Head of Visual Arts, Mike Lampard and an artist in residence, Shane Clifford.

Visual Arts students in Year 8, 2014, were also busy working on a community art project that was completed during over the summer. Louisa Zaghis and local artist Debbie Qadri led this project, which has led to a previously ugly concrete cylinder on Overnewton Road becoming a visual story of the history of the area.

This project has greatly improved the visual approach to the Campus.

**Parking**

I remind all parents to observe parking signs and drive safely on Campus, particularly as many new students and their families familiarise themselves with the process of drop off and collection.