Happy New Year and Welcome Back!

Happy New Year to all of our Overnewton students and their families and welcome to the 2015 school year! It is wonderful to have everyone back for another great year of learning. I hope that everyone had a very enjoyable Christmas and New Year break with family and friends. I am sure that the students are all very excited to be back at school with their friends and ready for all of the learning experiences that 2015 has to offer.

At this time I would like to extend a very special welcome to all of the new students and their families. It is great to have you with us as members of the Overnewton community.

We also welcome the following new staff and staff returning to the College and Taylors Lakes Campus:

- Alyson Hine (Learning Development and Support)
- Clare Fisher (Deputy Head of Middle School – Teaching and Learning)
- Debbie Rovere (Science Lab Technician)
- Elizabeth Edwards (Middle School)
- Heather Heraud (College Head of Library)
- Donna Hanneysee (PE and Health Teacher)
- Dorothy Patamisi (Learning Development and Support)
- Sophie Bakarnis (Learning Development and Support)

We also welcome the following staff members who have moved across from Keilor Campus:

- Vicky Liaskos (Junior School)
- Rachel Crowther (Junior School – Year 3 and 4 Co-ordinator)

From the time the students left at the end of last year, a great deal of work has been done on the Campus. Apart from all of the general cyclic maintenance that occurs at this time of the year, there have been some minor refurbishments of work spaces at Canowindra as well as some general painting across the Campus.

Working Bee Thank You

Thank you to all of the parents that attended last Saturday’s working bee. We certainly appreciate their efforts to ensure the Campus is clean and tidy in preparation for the start of the term.

Uniform

Term 1 is summer uniform time for Junior School and Middle School. This includes the blazer for Junior School and the blazer for Middle School as the outermost garment to be worn to and from school each day except for days
where the forecast temperature is 30°C or above. The Canowindra summer uniform consists of the navy blue pants and white polo top and the navy blue polar fleece top is to be worn on colder days. Black leather lace-up shoes (no black leather runners or skate shoes please) are the appropriate footwear to accompany the College uniform. Hairstyles must be of a conservative and non-extreme style and of a natural colour (NO stripes or spots please). Term 1 is also “No Hat No Play” term for all students from Year Prep to Year 9. The appropriate College hat is to be worn at recess and lunch times.

The College Shop at the Keilor Campus will have all uniform items should you still require them.

All details regarding student uniform was sent home to families in the recent mail out. This information can all be found in the student diaries.

**Car Park and Drop-Off/Pick-Up Zone Procedures**

It is timely at the beginning of the year to remind families of the procedures for dropping off and picking up students at the beginning and end of the school day. (See Car Park Map below).

For families that prefer to park their vehicles and accompany their children to their classrooms in the morning or wait for them at the end of the day, there are several car parking spaces in the main Campus car park or alternatively, across the road in the council car park at the soccer club.

Families that prefer to drop off their children in the morning and pick them up at the end of the day without having to park their vehicles can use the Drop-Off/Pick-Up Zone. This area is designed for vehicles to pull in for a short period of time (3 minutes maximum) and either drop off or pick up children, and then pull out again into the main traffic flow through the car park. The Drop-Off/Pick-Up Zone is not meant to be an area for vehicles to park and wait for children to arrive. As we all know, children can sometimes take a while to get from their classroom to the Drop-Off/Pick-Up Zone at the end of the day, so parking and waiting will only cause congestion within the car park which will spill out into Robertsons Road. If your child is not at the Drop-Off/Pick-Up Zone when you arrive, simply do another circuit of the car park. This will keep traffic flowing.

Please respect the four disabled parking spaces and leave them for the members of our College community that have permits to park in those spots. Also, please do not use the staff car parking area to drop off and pick up students. In all of this, the safety of the students is of utmost importance.
3 MINUTE DROP-OFF/ PICK-UP ZONE

- Vehicles CANNOT be left unattended
- If your child has not arrived whilst you are in the Drop-Off/Pick-Up Zone, please pull out and do a lap of the car park as indicated by the arrows on the map below.

Staff Car Park

For College Staff vehicles ONLY. Cannot be used to drop off or pick up students.

Carpark Diagram
Overnewton Anglican Community College
Taylor Lakes Campus
(Not to scale)