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Dear Parents

Welcome to the start of the new school year. I trust you had a wonderful Christmas and a restful holiday. This letter contains information relating to the 2009 HSC and staffing for All Saints’ College in 2010. I hope this information is useful. Please keep it for future reference if necessary.

2009 HSC Highlights

The 2009 HSC results were outstanding and are a reflection of the effort and commitment invested by our students together with the caring and professional teaching, support and guidance provided by our staff.

Once again students from All Saints' College have achieved extraordinarily well. There were 64 students in the class of 2009. The following summarises some of their achievements:

• 20% of students achieved a UAI of 90 or more.

• Almost 40% of students achieved a UAI of 80 or more.

• Jessica Alamyar from Oberon was Dux of All Saints' College with a UAI of 99.25.

• Two students, Jessica Alamyar and Rachael McKenzie, had the distinction of being placed on the Premier's All-Rounders List, with a Band 6 result (90% or more) in 10 units (5 courses).

• Students achieved 41 Merit Listings across a wide range of courses. This is well above expectations based on the state pattern. All Saints' College consistently achieves one of the highest proportions of Merit Listings amongst country schools. Almost one third of our students received a merit listing.

• All Saints' College presented students in 32 courses and, of these, an outstanding 25 were above the state mean, some by astonishing margins. For example, the mean mark in Modern History was 88 (12 above the state mean), with seven Band 6 (90% or over) results. This represents over three times the state pattern. There were also seven Band 6 results in General Mathematics, which represents over three times the state pattern. Legal Studies achieved an average 12 above the state mean and Japanese Beginners achieved an average 10.25 above the state mean.
• Because Band 6 results (Merit Listings) concentrate on the top students, some consider that a more meaningful statistic is the proportion of students in the top two bands (a mark of 80 or more in a 2 Unit course). The following courses all had at least half (and in some cases all) of the All Saints' candidature in the top two bands: Agriculture, Ancient History, Biology, Design & Technology, Drama, English (Advanced), English Extension, Geography, History Extension, Information Technology, Japanese Beginners, Legal Studies, General Mathematics, Mathematics Extension, Modern History, Music 1, Music 2, Music Extension and Visual Arts.

The above results are testimony to the dedication of the staff at All Saints' and the commitment to excellence fostered amongst the College community. Attention to individual students and the encouragement of students to take responsibility for their own learning through a collaborative approach lies at the heart and soul of this success.

We are particularly proud of our 'average' students who have achieved results that are well beyond average. At this time it is pleasing to speak to students and learn that they have gained entry into their preferred university courses. We wish all our students continued success in the future.

Staff movements for 2010

At the end of 2009 we farewelled a number of staff:
• Mrs Fudeko Reekie left after a long and distinguished career at ASC. She will continue to be involved with Sister School and other Japanese visits and tours to ASC so we are not losing her entirely.
• Ms Hilary Turnbull has taken a position in Sydney.
• Ms Melanie Gee departed with the closure of the Bookshop.

Changes in 2010:
• I am pleased to announce that Mrs Jo McAloney will return to ASC to take up the newly created role of Senior School Secretary. She will be undertaking academic administrative duties to support the efficient running of the Senior School.
• We welcome Ms Ayako Kurita who will join us as a Japanese Assistant teacher until July.
• Teacher Exchange: Mrs Catherine Dundon will be undertaking a teacher exchange in Canada this year and we welcome her exchange replacement, Diana Gowans, who will be joining the English staff for 2010.
• Long Service Leave:
  o Two longstanding members of staff, Mr Bruce Clydsdale and Mr Wayne Feebrey, are taking Long Service Leave for the whole of this year. Mrs Memory Sanders will be taking on the Careers Advisor role in Mr Clydsdale’s absence and Mrs Sarah O’Neill will teach the senior Geography classes.
  o Mr Mark Hines will take Long Service Leave in Term 1 and we welcome Mrs Amelia Garner to teach Year 5 in his absence.
  o Mr Scott Gardner will take Long Service Leave in Term 3.
Mrs Maree Crofts will take Long Service Leave in Term 4.

- **Other Leave:**
  - Mrs Jo Bickford-Sturgiss (English) and Mrs Frances McLeod (Music) will continue their maternity leave, returning in Term 3, and Mrs Sally Allcorn (Year 1) will return in Term 2. Mr John Gannon and Mrs Lisette Hoskins will continue to teach English and Year 1 respectively in the interim. Mrs Elizabeth Randall, one of our very capable peripatetic music staff, will take Mrs McLeod’s classes until her return.
  - Mrs Kym Flitcroft has taken a leave of absence for 2010 to accompany her husband to the Hunter Valley. Mr Eliot Sanger will be taking on her classes this year.

Let me take this opportunity to remind all Senior School parents of the new House structure for 2010. Glover, Rutherford, Evans and Tracey Houses are no more. All Senior School students will now be in Barton, Bean or Long Houses for their pastoral care, as well as their Inter-House activities. House details are as follows:

**Barton House:**
- Head of House – Mrs Lesley Tinker
- Senior Tutor – Mr Jason Buckley
- Captains – Jake Thornton and Brittany Webb
- Location – previously Rutherford House and the Admin Archives (Nissan Hut)

**Bean House:**
- Head of House – Mr Greg Thornton
- Senior Tutor – Mrs Naomie Fitzgerald
- Captains – Harry Phillips and Katie Menzies
- Location – previously the Year 12 Common Room and the History Room overlooking the Senior Lawn

**Long House:**
- Head of House – Mr Geoff Wainwright
- Senior Tutor – Mrs Glenda Isbister
- Captains – Tristen Tesoriero and Kiah Roebuck
- Location – previously Tracey House, the Ag office and the ILC (now in E Block).

Please find enclosed a 2010 calendar, the start of year schedule and an updated map of the College for your information. On their first day Senior School students should go to their House areas and Junior School students should go to their classrooms.

I am looking forward to an excellent year and wish everyone a restful last few weeks before the commencement of term.

Yours sincerely

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