Welcome to all of our returning and new students. I sincerely hope that everyone of our students experiences great success and has an enjoyable school year.

Welcome also to three new members of the teaching staff; Fraser Pilkingon who will be teaching media, Stacey Marriage who will be teaching Foods and Elise Borge, English.

This year our school will be operating with three assistant principals; Robyn Anderson working mainly with Years 7 and 8, Tami O’Hare Years 11 and 12 and Lu Temelkovski Years 9 and 10.

On the first day of attendance I will be talking to each year level, welcoming them back and very clearly out lining four crucial expectations that we have for every student.

- All students are expected to attend school unless they have a legitimate reason for being absent. It is not acceptable for students to take days off when they are not ill.

- Students must wear the correct school uniform. If a student chooses not to wear the correct uniform the consequence will start with detention and end in suspension.

- Whilst at school all students are expected to use their time productively and be actively involved in the learning process.

- All members of the school community are expected to treat each other with respect. Verbal and physical abuse will not be tolerated.

The support of all parents is needed to ensure that these expectations are followed. This will enable our teachers to concentrate on teaching and thus best meeting the learning needs of individual students.

I have included with this newsletter the School Uniform Policy and the process which will be followed by teachers when students are out of uniform. I ask all families to familiarise themselves with these two documents.

OUT OF UNIFORM PROCESS:
At the start of each day and again at the start of each lesson all students will be checked to ensure that they are in uniform and complying with the Student Uniform Policy.

If a student is out of uniform and does not have a written, approved temporary exemption (maximum two days) the following will occur;

- First day of not complying with Student Uniform Policy students will be given 20 minutes detention at lunch time. Their planner will be stamped “out of uniform”.

- Second day of non-compliance; Student withdrawn from classes and given 20 minutes detention at lunch time. Parents contacted/ notified by letter or telephone.

- Third day of non-compliance; Student withdrawn from classes, 20 minute detention. Assistant principal will contact parent and inform them that the student will be suspended for one day. Students not to return to school until they are complying with the Student Uniform Policy.

When a student returns to school wearing the correct uniform the above process will return to step one. However if a student does not attend an assigned detention they will automatically move on to the next step in the process.