

**29 September 2021**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 4 😊. The weather has definitely started to get a bit warmer, and I hope everybody got to take advantage of it in some way, shape or form over the school holiday break.

As we commence Term 4, I wanted to communicate some changes that will occur in the first three weeks in the 7-10 area of the school.

### Leadership

I will be acting as the Executive Principal of the school until the process to fill the position permanently is completed. During this time Brooke Walsh will be joining Jo McKenzie and Kate Cunningham as part of the Deputy Principal team. Due to a number of compelling factors, we are running with a three-deputy structure for Term 4, in place of the Term 3 one Principal and two deputy structure. Rebekah Evans will be acting in Brooke Walsh's vacated Executive Teachers of Languages and the LSU. Tom Hobson will be acting in Rebekah Evans Year 9 Wellbeing Coordinator role.

### Electives during the online learning period.

Due to the above leadership changes and some unforeseen staff leave in the first few weeks of Term 4 we will be unable to continue to offer the following electives during the period of remote learning:

- Learn RITE
- Business Studies
- Legal Studies
- Sports Coaching
- Global Sports
- High Performance Sport

These classes will recommence when we return to face-to-face teaching and all assessment and reporting processes have been adjusted to reflect this change.

### Home Room

The staff have worked exceptionally hard in the first period of remote learning to connect with students and support them through the learning. We have been really pleased with the attendance of students in homerooms each day at 10am and it is a valuable process for check-ins with students.

On the first Friday of Term 4, we are having parent student teacher conferences. Homeroom will still occur on this day however it will be a greatly reduced format where staff will make the roll before moving off to their interviews. Please ensure your child is prompt for homeroom at 10am on this day.

The following two weeks, Homerooms will be run for half an hour on Mondays and Fridays and 15 mins on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Homeroom will continue to be at 10am each day of the week.

I know how difficult having teenage children learn from home can be. Please continue to communicate with homeroom teachers if we can help and support with your child's and families individual learning circumstances during this time. Every child is different. Every family is different. The way children and families respond to the continuation of remote learning and the transition back to face-to-face learning will be different. Please continue to be kind to yourselves during the period. We know and understand you are all doing the best you can at this time.

We are looking forward to welcoming back students in Years 9 and 10 on Monday 25 October 2021 – Week 4, and Years 7 and 8 on Monday 1 November 2021 – Week 5. The school just isn't the same without them.

I will be back in contact during the first few weeks of the school Term to communicate what the arrangements and pathways back to on campus learning will be for Harrison School so that we return in a coordinated and connected way with the safety of students and staff being our number one priority.

Remember we are thinking of you all and sending the best positive vibes your way 😊

Take care, stay safe and keep connected,

Kind Regards,

Jacqui Ford  
7-10 Principal