18 January 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the 2016 school year. This letter aims to provide you with important information to ensure that your daughter begins the school year successfully. All students should arrive on their first day fully prepared for all that Mary MacKillop College offers academically, socially and spiritually.

**Monday 1 February**
- 6pm iPad Evening – Year 8 students and their parents

**Tuesday 2 February**
Year 8 and 12 students
- Students are to gather in the College Gymnasium at 8.45am for a welcome assembly.
- Students are expected to wear full, correct summer uniform
- Students will be dismissed at 2.45pm

Year 11 Peer Support Students
- Please arrive in full summer uniform and meet Ms Hawkins in the gymnasium at 10.30am.

**New Students to the College**
- Students who are new to the College in Years 9, 10 and 11 will be greeted at the Front Office by their Pastoral Care Coordinator on Tuesday 2 February at 9.30am and dismissed at 10.30am.

**Wednesday 3 February**
Year 9, 10 and 11 students
- Students in Years 9, 10 and 11 begin school on Wednesday 3 February. The bell will ring at 8.46am and all students will make their way to the Gymnasium for a welcome assembly.

Students will be welcomed on their first day by their Pastoral Care Coordinator:

- Year 8 Ms Ida Parente
- Year 9 Ms Lauren Sutton
- Year 10 Mrs Laura Abarno
- Year 11 Ms Miescha Hawkins
- Year 12 Mrs Jeanene Corbo

**Uniform and grooming**
- All students are to wear their full summer uniform on the first day. Students are not to wear their sport uniform.
- Hair must be neat, clean, tidy and within the normal colour range.
- No facial piercings are accepted. Students may wear one stud or small sleeper on their lower ear lobe only.
- Students are to remove coloured nail polish
Information regarding the school and public bus service can be found on our website.

There will be a number of times throughout the year when we will gather with parents and families. These times are most valuable and we look forward to meeting with you to celebrate your daughter’s learning. Important dates can be found on the school website calendar. To begin the school year we remind you of the following dates where you will have an opportunity to meet staff and hear about the year ahead.

**The first events to note are:**

- Year 8, Parent Evening Monday 15 February 7.00pm
- Year 9, 10 and 11 Parent Seminar Monday 22 February 7.00pm
- Year 12, Parent Evening Monday 29 February 7.00pm

Furthermore I bring to your attention that we start the year with a Splash!, please note Swimming Carnival Flyer enclosed.

We look forward to working with you and your daughter throughout the school year of 2016.

Kind regards,

Helen Steele
Deputy Principal