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PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME



Welcome back to school to all students and families and a special welcome to families joining our community for the first time, especially the families of Year 7 and 8 students. We have had a great start to the year and all students are now in their classes and settling well into their studies. It is pleasing to see that the Year 7 and 8

students are enjoying their first taste of high school and their teachers report that they are doing very well.

Open communication between school and parents and carers is essential for the smooth transition of our new students into high school and I encourage parents to attend our Year 7 and Year 8 Parent Information nights. The Year 7 Parent night will be held on Tuesday, February 17 and the Year 8 night on Wednesday, February 18. Both sessions begin with registration at 6.30pm in P Block for a 7pm start. Students of attending parents and carers are invited to attend a disco in the hall.

I have spoken to students on all year level parades with the focus of my talks being 'Learning at Caboolture'. As learning is central to our school, we have set high expectations for our students with regard to classroom engagement in learning, school attendance and behaviour. I am sure your child will be able to outline our expectations in these three areas. I ask all parents to participate in the learning journey of your children as they progress through our school. Your support of the school and your children's education is critical to their success.

Another important event this week is the Induction Ceremony for our school leaders. This year we have introduced a new level of leadership into the school leadership program and this is our Junior Secondary Leadership group. These Year 9 students will join our Year 12 School Leaders, our Year 11 Student Council Representatives and our Year 10 BEACON Ambassadors on Thursday when they receive their leadership badges. Congratulations to these students. During the selection of all our school leaders, it was obvious that there is an amazing depth of leadership within our student group and that many students are looking for ways to become involved in their school life. I encourage all students to seek opportunities to contribute to the growth of our school culture.

As the year progresses, there will be many opportunities for parents and carers to be involved in our school. One important way you can do this is through membership in the school's Parents' and Citizens' Association. I encourage parents and carers to attend our monthly P and C meetings. The meetings are held at the school Administration Block on the fourth Wednesday of every month, beginning at 7pm. The majority of meetings are concluded by 8pm and it is a great way for you to have direct input into improving our school. The first meeting, which includes the Annual General Meeting, is on this Wednesday, February 25.

I look forward to meeting you at the various functions being held over the next month.

**Regards,
Jim Box**