



Pathway

28 April 2021

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term 2 is upon us and the students have settled well into their work and routines for what is usually one of the most demanding terms of the year.

New items of uniform are starting to appear and the students have been looking very smart indeed. In that regard Lowes advises us that more of the new items will be in stock by Mid-May.

Our ANZAC Ceremony

Our College commemorated ANZAC Day at a special assembly held on Monday. The service was very ably organised by Mr Webb who also delivered a very powerful and sincere occasional address. Our school Captains, Luke and Caleb Rizzeri, played key roles in the service, and Martha Keneti from Year 7 gave a beautiful reading of an ANZAC poem.

Parents and grandparents who attended, were treated to scones which had been freshly baked by our Year 8 students. Well done to all.

New Enrolments

Our College has welcomed number of new enrolments already this term, taking our numbers ever higher. We have now reached our Kindergarten capacity for the Year, with all other Years also being close to being full. A waiting list is now being developed in order to accommodate the growing interest in attending Verity Christian College.

In saying this, we have now opened enrolments for all Year Groups for 2022. I would encourage those interested in having their children attend our College to make the necessary applications in the very near future.

Assessments



Term 2 always has a focus on the preparation of Mid-Year assessments and reports. Staff have already begun the processes with their classes, with a view to having reports distributed by the end of Week 8 of this term.



Staff Professional Learning

Verity CC has an ongoing commitment to the relentless pursuit of improving teaching practice. The staff have begun detailed work on learning about some new and very effective teaching methods to be implemented in their classrooms. This will remain the main focus of all staff learning for the rest of this year. No doubt, our students will be beneficiaries of the new strategies.



School Fees

A big thank you to all of those families who have already made significant payments on the school fees for the year. This really helps us with the purchase of resources for the children.

Invoices for all families are currently being prepared for distribution. If you have any questions or concerns in relation to fees, please contact our Business Manager, Mrs Stone in the office, Ph: 6964 9953.



For Secondary Students

Half –Yearly Examinations will be run during Weeks 5 and 6. Our expectation is that students will undertake adequate preparation for these exams so that they can achieve the best possible results. This preparation **MUST** include home study – so that relevant information and skills are committed to memory. Ideally study should begin now to allow time for work to be learned most effectively. All students should be prepared to allocate several hours per week to study.

NAPLAN

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be sitting for the NAPLAN tests beginning the 11th of May and running through to the 13th of May. Our children have been looking closely at the requirements of those tests and have also been undertaking some practise tasks.



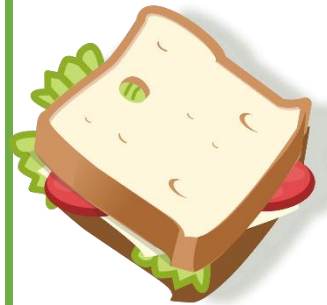


Girls Uniform

Could I remind parents that tights are NOT acceptable as school uniform unless they are worn under a school dress or with sports shorts. Sports shorts should be worn for PE and Sports only and must be of acceptable design. This means that they should not be tight fitting or shorter than a hand length above the knee.

Café Fridays

We have had some very kind parents offer to sponsor a lunch on Café days. Thank you so much for this. It has been parent led and has been a blessing. It just means that a parent pays for one extra meal when they pay for their child's lunch order. We have then distributed this to a child or children who have not brought food for lunch, or do not have a lunch order. Thank you to those involved. Great idea!



Isaiah 40:29-31

He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.
³⁰ Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall;
³¹ but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

Regards as always,

David Fox

Principal

Verity Christian College

