

CAROLINE CHISHOLM COLLEGE

Welcome to Year 10



Faith, Courage, Tolerance

12th February 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians of Year 10,

I would like to take this opportunity to warmly welcome you to the 2019 school year. This year your daughter has returned to the college as a senior student. The next three years are an important next stage in your daughter's education at Caroline Chisholm College as they journey towards the completion of HSC in 2021. I look forward to working together with you and your daughter in partnership, to help ensure the best possible outcomes for her in the academic, cultural and spiritual spheres of College life.

At our Year Assembly on Friday, Mrs Scollard spoke to Year 10 about the nature and expectations of assessment this year. With formal assessments students need to be aware of the critical importance of organisation and self-motivation. Students will definitely benefit from ensuring that they continue to develop sustainable routines to keep track of work required and assessment tasks. It is important that students refer to the **Year 10 Assessment Plan** for important dates and the [Year 10 - 12 Assessment Policy and Procedures](#) which can be sourced on the College website under the Learning and Teaching tab. The Assessment Plan is being finalised and will updated in the coming week.

Attendance at school every day is essential for your daughter to achieve her educational best and increase her career and life options. The correlation between attendance and performance is very clear. Punctuality in the mornings and a high level of attendance will again be a focus of the Pastoral Care team this year. When unavoidable absences occur we would ask for your assistance in providing an explanation sending an explanation of absence note on the very next day the student is at school or by requesting approved leave beforehand where possible. For leave of more than 10 days, a request form is available on the college website. Normally, parents can also explain absences by sending a reply text to the SMS notification that is sent when a student is not in Homeroom. This facility is not currently available on the new Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta attendance program. It should be available soon. You will be contacted when this is available. Phone calls on the day of absence are appreciated but not mandatory and still need to be accompanied by a written or texted (when available) explanation. Any absence will require students to ensure that they have caught up on all work missed and collected all information provided in those lessons. As we monitor attendance we will endeavour to address any issues as early as possible. Students need an attendance rate of at least 90% to have opportunities to represent the College at sporting and cultural events as well as in leadership positions.

To support students' wellbeing the College will continue implementing a Pastoral Care program based on the models of Positive Psychology. The program will focus on identifying the character strengths that make us unique, developing specific skills to assist students to strengthen their relationships, face challenges in life and enhance their personal resilience. The activities in this program will be linked to our focus for Year 10 for this year, which is based on responsibility and challenging the students to make positive choices in all aspects of their lives, including their learning. I encourage the girls to contribute positively and productively in all that they do, as they aspire to work towards this ideal.

Year 10 students will be attending a three day Senior Leadership Camp at The Great Aussie Bush Camp, Tea Gardens between the 27th and 29th March 2019. This Leadership Camp is an integral part of the senior program at Caroline Chisholm College and will further develop the students' sense of personal responsibility as leaders and role models at our College. More information will be provided at a later date.

I will be working closely with the Year 10 Homeroom Team and the Year 10 subject teachers to ensure the best possible learning environment is provided for your daughter. Your daughter's homeroom teacher should generally be the first point of contact for any enquiries or concerns. It is important for you to develop an ongoing relationship with your daughter's homeroom teacher. This can be done through use of the College Diary, email, letters or phone calls as necessary. This information will then be passed on to me by the homeroom teacher. If you have any concerns regarding a specific subject, however, please feel free to contact the classroom teacher or the relevant KLA Leader of Learning.

It is vital that your daughter develops her skills as an independent learner – that she works to the best of her ability in class and then supports this with a pattern of regular revision and study at home.

The College Diary is a key tool to assist with organisational skills and self-planning and you are asked to please check the Diary each weekend to keep track of your daughter's progress. It is also an important communication channel between home and your daughter's teachers.

The Year 10 pastoral team for 2019 is:

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Assistant to the Year Leader	Alison Field	afield@parra.catholic.edu.au

With your assistance at home we can work together to ensure your daughter reaches her full potential this year. I encourage and welcome your input and feedback. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you ever have any concerns, queries or require further information by calling 4737 5500 during school hours or on email jcocks@parra.catholic.edu.au

I look forward to working with you and your daughter during 2019. I hope that Year 10 will be a rewarding and successful year for your daughter.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jeanette Cocks

Year 10 Leader of Learning

Upcoming Events for Term 1

Friday 22 nd February	Opening School Mass and Caroline Chisholm Day
Tuesday 26 th February	Vietnam Veterans Presentation
Monday 4 th March	Year 10 Study Skills Periods 1 - 4
Wednesday 6 th March	Ash Wednesday
Monday 8 th March	College Swimming Carnival; Year 7 and Competitors
Monday 11 th March	College Open Night
Wednesday 27 th March – 29 th March	Year 10 Camp
Friday 12 th April	Last Day Term 1