



**ST HILDA'S SCHOOL
GOLD COAST**

From the Principal

2 October 2020

WELCOMING YOU BACK TO TERM 4

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

The long awaited-for Term break is just about to end, and whilst I hope that you have enjoyed opportunities to be together as a family and find some respite as COVID restrictions have continued to be relaxed, I am looking forward to welcoming the return of our School Community on Tuesday 6 October.

Father Richard Browning, Director of Mission in the Anglican Schools Commission, has become a good friend of the School this year, visiting us for our House Chapel Services and meeting with our Sustainability Prefects. Richard's view on the role of education has assisted principals, staff and students during the past year to articulate the Anglican Schools Southern Queensland's Ethos Statement. The Statement notes: *Our Schools have their own distinctive identity shaped by unique histories, contexts, communities, and foundational stories.*

Historically, our Year 12 students are about to share in a key moment in this State's chronology of education. They will embark on the first of the Queensland Senior External Examinations which will commence on Monday 26 October. In the few weeks leading up to this key date, students and staff will use the valuable feedback ascertained from the mock examinations as a road map for improved performance.

The foundational stories of our community will continue to be developed throughout this final term with the Induction of 2021 Student Leaders on Wednesday 7 October, my Commissioning Service on Friday 9 October, and the announcement of 2021 Junior School Student Leaders on Speech Day. These are but a few of the significant events which will be held in coming weeks and, whilst we are unable to invite our entire community to all events in this COVID year, we hope to keep you informed through our various publications when partial participation or streaming of events will take place.

Mrs Amanda Rigby has commenced in her new position as Head of Boarding during this term break. She, along with the Boarding Heads of House and staff are looking forward to welcoming back 140 of our Boarders next week. Ms Sheri Upasiri will be completing her time as Head of Middle School at the conclusion of this term and commencing in her new appointment as St Hilda's Head of Students, Research and Engagement, at the commencement of the 2021 school year.

Our Parent Support Groups will continue to meet on campus and in TEAMS meetings this term. This appears to have been a good solution, not only for social distancing but also for enabling families unable to be present on campus to be involved with support group interests.

Our positive School environment is sustained by the many individuals who continue to focus attention on building relationships within the School and maintaining our commitment to the Anglican Ethos and School's Mission. I look forward to sharing the remaining months of this year with you and all the possibilities that a St Hilda's education can offer our students from their earliest years through to Senior Graduation.

Warm regards

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