

### **Dear Curro Aurora Parents and Guardians**

It is with great pride and gratitude that we look back and report on a successful and busy 2017, with the vast majority of our students and staff involved across a range of Academic, Sporting, Cultural, Service and Leadership activities. These have been reported on in the various School Newsletters which have been emailed to you during the term, and which we hope you have enjoyed.

Thank you and well done to all who represented Curro Aurora in sport and cultural activities during Term 3. While the degree of success varied, I was thrilled with the level of participation and the overwhelmingly positive attitude displayed by players and coaches.

With only 6 weeks remaining in the academic year we are now focused on final year-end assessments and exams.

### **Class of 2017**

With the Final IEB exams on the horizon for many of you, I want to wish you all the best for the final push.

Without a doubt, this can be a stressful time of the year but as difficult as it can sometimes feel, I've always believed that a little stress can be a good motivator: if we didn't feel it, we wouldn't make the extra effort we need to succeed. Stress can help us get off the couch and pursue our goals. If it starts to feel paralyzing, however, it may be time to ask for help.

With the finish line in sight, I urge you to stay open-minded and positive, and make your very best efforts over the next few weeks. If there is one thing I have learned over the years, it's that worrying rarely makes anything better! I also hope that you will take the time to acknowledge and celebrate everything you have accomplished this academic year – both individually and as a member of the Class of 2017!

### **School attendance**

During Term 3 we have become concerned with the poor attendance of some of our students. The importance of good attendance cannot be over-emphasized – it makes the difference between a student achieving their potential or not. Partnership with parents is so important on this issue as we rely on you to ensure that your son/daughter comes to school unless they are really too ill to attend. Thank you for your support in this regard.

### **Curro Aurora Staff**

Thank you to the Curro Aurora staff for their level of commitment and dedication. The way they go way beyond what is expected of them is remarkable.

### **Curro Aurora Parents**

We cannot do what we do without the support of mums, dads and wider family members. We enjoy the benefits of good parenting and look to build upon it to produce outstanding young people.

The successful partnership we enjoy will ensure that Curro Aurora goes from strength to strength as we all work together to make the students of our school stand out.

As the year draws to a close I'd like to acknowledge the work done by so very many of our students, staff and parents in our school community. Good luck with the last few weeks!

Regards

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