



February 2020
Welcome Message



Welcome to the MCSS 2020 School Year

We have had a great start to the school year with students across both campuses now settling into the busy school routine. The summer break over, students and staff are now looking to the semester one activities and a build-up of schoolwork and a range of extra-curricular enrichment activities.

The holidays for many was a time to gather with family and celebrate, however for others who have been caught up in the bushfire emergency, we are aware that it may have been a very stressful time. It has really been sad to see Australia burning and the nation being ravaged by the most devastating bushfire season with so much loss and destruction.

The impacts of the fires in Canberra are obvious, with the poor air quality we are currently experiencing, and the ongoing awareness of possibly more fire danger in the days ahead of us. We at MCSS have put in an Air Quality Plan and the air quality indicator will be checked each morning, before recess and lunch, and all staff informed of the impact level. For days where the impact level is higher than normal (also for extreme heat), both during recess and lunch the students will stay indoors and our PE classes will take place indoors in the Gym.

Later this month a comprehensive newsletter full of celebrations and students' experiences will be distributed. It is now timely to share key information that is important for parents and carers, as well as students. Please note the schedule of **Important Term 1 Dates** on the reverse page of this message.

Our thanks go out to all families of high school campus students for their special efforts in preparing students with the new uniforms this year. This reflects strongly the pride and commitment they too have for MCSS. **Student photos occur on Wednesday 12 February for all year levels.**

In welcoming new and continuing students for 2020, we take the opportunity to encourage goal setting and success in all that they do. With the support of parents and carers in the home environment, students will be in the best position to achieve these goals.

Exciting news for Year 7 students is that they will receive a Chromebook as part of the **ACT Government School Chromebook Rollout** for all students in Years 7-11. Please return your authorisation notes if you wish to access a Chromebook for your student.

Involving parents and carers is important, including participation in special events on each campus for our new **Year 7 (5.00pm Tuesday 25 February – Meet the Teacher Evening)** and our College level students in **Year 11 and 12 (6.15pm Tuesday 25 February – College Pastoral Care & Assessment Evening)**. Both events are on the same evening for the convenience of parents with students across campuses. If you are unable to attend, please contact the school and provide any information that will assist the school in supporting the performance and success of your child at MCSS.

The **MCSS Swimming Carnival at Big Splash on Thursday 20 February** is an opportunity for both campuses to contribute to the positive culture of our school. Through participation each student will build on their pride in our school. The House points competition will be determined by participation alone, so everyone attending this year will be a winner. **(Permission notes will be on Google Classroom and will also be emailed in week 1 or 2)**

We welcome several new staff to the school for 2020 in both teaching and school support roles. Across the two campuses they join a team of over 100 staff who work in a dynamic and rewarding school environment.

Finally, if the **contact details** for parents/carers and **student medical information** need to be updated, please contact the school. This information is extremely important for ensuring communication to support all students at MCSS.

On behalf of all staff at the school, best wishes for a successful 2020.

Jesse Sidhu
Principal

Lee Pietrukowski
Associate Principal

Ado Di Crescenzo
Associate Principal

Graeme Cook
Associate Principal

MCSS Term 1 2020~ Important Dates

Date	Event	Details
12 February - Wednesday	Student Photos (7-12)	Student ID and Photo Packs
20 February - Thursday	MCSS Swimming Carnival (7-12)	All day (8.30am-3.00pm) at Jamison Pool (Big Splash, Macquarie)
25 February – Tuesday	Meet the Teacher Evening (Year 7)	5.00pm for Parents & Carers at High School Campus Library
25 February – Tuesday	College Pastoral Care & Assessment Evening (Year 11/12)	6.15pm for Year 11/12 Parents & Carers at College Campus Library
3 March - Tuesday	College Moderation Day	No classes for Year 11/12
5 March - Thursday	Year 7 and 10 Immunisation	High School Campus
9 March - Monday	Canberra Day Holiday	Public Holiday
24 March - Tuesday	Year 10 Information Night	6.00pm-7.00pm High School Campus
7 April – Tuesday	Parent Teacher Interviews (7-12)	4.30pm-7.00pm at College Campus
9 April – Thursday	MCSS School Cluster ANZAC 103 Year Commemoration Ceremony	10.00am-11.00am High School Campus Gym
9 April – Thursday	Autumn Break	Relax and Recharge for term 2
28 April – Tuesday	Term 2 Commencement	All students Year 7-12

If parents/carers and students wish to access (view online or request by email) the student daily notices and the student calendar use the links 1) MCSS Calendar <http://tinyurl.com/44uzywz> and 2) MCSS Daily Notices <http://tinyurl.com/3qmjtsc>. For registration please check on www.sobs.com.au Parents can use the 'My profile' page to update their details and also to change their email address. SOBS MCSS notice links are also available on the MCSS website.

MCSS Mission

"MCSS fosters a supportive environment of respect, trust and intercultural understanding. Each student is encouraged and challenged to earn, grow and accomplish personal, academic, social and vocational excellence."