

Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

### Middle Years Update No. 6



#### Parent Sessions

It was great to have the opportunity to meet with the parents of students going into MYP 1 in 2019 throughout the first week of term. During these sessions information was shared on timetabling, subject allocations, curriculum, staffing, uniform and booklists. A summary of this will be available to MYP 1 2019 families in coming weeks.

#### Staffing

At the Parent Sessions I shared staffing arrangements for 2019 for the Middle Years.  
Language and Literature/Individuals and Societies – Mrs Caron Lane (Pastoral Teacher)  
Mathematics/Science – Mr Shem Joseph (Pastoral Teacher)  
Visual Art – Mrs Alison Marshall  
Performing Arts – Dr Michelle Cafini  
Physical and Health Education – Mrs Kirstin Gray  
Design – to be shared between staff  
Language Acquisition – Madame Leigh Thomas

Mr Joseph will be new to Rivercrest, but not new to teaching. He has a wealth of experience teaching his two subject areas up to and including VCE. He also plays a key role in his current school in student wellbeing at Year 7 and 8. He will be a great asset to Rivercrest and wonderful foundation staff member for the Middle Years.

#### Curriculum

In addition to the above subjects, the students will participate in an Enrichment Programme weekly, which will include the opportunity to partake in Equestrian lessons for either one semester or the whole year. Other options for electives will be discussed with the students on Orientation Day.

Jesus calls us to be the “Salt of the earth” (Matthew 5:13). What does that mean for our lives? Throughout the Middle Years students will engage in ‘SALT’ – a programme we are specifically developing for our Rivercrest students. This holistic programme will explore and examine Christian principles, develop social and emotional skills and focus the importance of serving others. It will provide opportunity for students to further develop their Learner Profile attributes and look at how these equip them for a life of flourishing.



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The acronym stands for:

**S** – service, mission and fellowship

**A** – atttributes – building upon the IB's Learner Profile through a Christian lens

**L** – learning – developing social, communication, research, self-management, thinking skills

**T** – transformation – to be salt of the earth

Participating in this programme will prepare students for the Diploma programme core subjects 'Theory of Knowledge' and 'CAS' – creativity, action, service. Both Mr Dan McNeil (Chaplain) and I will lead this programme.

### **Building update**

At present the tiling is being completed and all of the cabinetry is being installed. Decking is being constructed around the outside of the building. The glass sliding doors/partitions have been fitted so the internal layout of the different learning places is now clearly defined.

Resources for the different subjects are starting to be delivered as well. All is on track for next year.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michelle Cafini".

**Dr Michelle Cafini**

Head of College