



# St Bede's College

11 September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

As we conclude the penultimate week of Term 3, I do hope that this letter finds you, your family and friends as well as possible.

In my Monday letter, all families received a summary of the updated information around return to onsite learning for Term 4. We are certainly looking forward to welcoming back our Year 11 and Year 12 students from Monday, 12 October and seeing the entire College re-gather later in the term.

## Save the Date - Year 12 Graduation

Given the current health situation, it will not be possible for us to have an onsite family celebration for Valeté this year. The Year 12 night of celebration will be virtual (online), and will take place on the evening of:

**Wednesday 4 November**

All Year 12 families will receive a formal invite to this special evening along with details about the structure and timing of the night. We are working diligently to ensure that it is a night full of meaning for our students and their families. All being well with the Government's proposed lower stage restrictions being in place from 26 October, it will mean that some extended family members will be able to join our Year 12 students in their home.

## CyberSafety

You may be aware of recent media coverage regarding the potential access by young people to inappropriate video material through a variety of apps and websites. This material can be confronting and, in many situations, difficult to prevent your son being exposed to inadvertently. The large variety of devices your son would commonly have access to at home provides a challenge for parents to supervise.

A conversation with your son regarding what to do in the event of being confronted by inappropriate material is often the best course of action. The College has strict protocols in place when students are onsite and using a notebook or other device. We appreciate that families will also have guidelines in place in their own home. You may wish to consider some excellent resources that are available to all parents at the **eSafety Commissioner's** website found at this address <https://www.esafety.gov.au/>

## Video to our Students

The College Leaders continue to put out information in video form for all of our students. The latest video below focuses on life for our young men at home during lockdown. I invite you to view the link below:



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please paste the following link into your browser:  
<https://vimeo.com/455337594/3cd814c0d4>

### **Public Speaking**

St Bede's has a strong reputation in public speaking and debating. This has come about through dedicated College staff who have passed on their passion to our students. It is so important that boys and young men are able to express their thoughts and feelings both casually and formally. The annual Br Quentin O'Halloran "Speak Off's" are proceeding online during class-time. We look forward to seeing which boys emerge as the best speakers from each of the year levels.

### **Looking Forward**

In my letter to you on Wednesday around the Amalgamation and Council of International Schools (CIS), the emphasis was on planning for the future. The College is now in full planning mode in multiple areas for both Term 4 and 2021. We do so with enormous optimism and a sense of excitement, for we know that all of our efforts are geared towards giving our young men the best opportunities and experiences to guide them towards a connected life at school and a fulfilling life as they move into manhood.

Every blessing to you and your family.

*Per Vias Rectas*

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Finn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Mr John Finn**

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