

7 August 2018

Dear Parents,

Re: END OF YEAR ARRANGEMENTS FOR YEAR 12

Welcome to the last term of your child’s education at Orange Christian School. I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your partnership with us as we have worked together to prepare your child to sit the HSC and move out into the world. As this year draws to a close, there are many significant events and markers to celebrate your child’s journey at OCS. This letter outlines some of the key events coming up over the next few months.

As will be discussed with you in the careers meetings, either Sharyn Stockton or I are happy to discuss any concerns that arise after either the HSC results or the UAC offers are released in January.

Universities Admission Centre Important Dates

- Application for UAC Open – Wed, 1 August 2018 (\$71.00 application fee)
- University Applications Close – Fri, 28 September 2018
- HSC Results Released – Thurs, 13 December 2018
- ATARS Released – Fri, 14 December 2018
- Main University Offers – Wed, 16 January 2019

Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS)

- Applications for SRS open – Wed, 1 August. This process requires students to have a UAC number and lodge their application online.
- SRS Applications Close – Fri, 28 September. (Potential applicants should discuss this with Miss Stockton or Mrs Berry by Fri, 14 September.)

Further details concerning University Admissions and Schools Recommendation Scheme are available at the UAC website: www.uac.edu.au

Farewell Assembly

I would like to invite you to a Farewell Assembly for Year 12 to be held on **Wednesday, 26 September at 9:30am** at the Christian Ministries Centre, Cecil Rd, Orange. This is the opportunity for the whole school to give tribute to our Year 12 students and pray for them as a school, whilst wishing them the very best in their upcoming HSC examinations.

I hope that you will be able to attend this assembly and join with us to make this a special time of celebration. At the conclusion of the assembly, Year 12 will return to school for a special morning tea provided by the staff. We would love to welcome you to this celebration if you are available. The morning tea should conclude at around 11:45am, at which time the students are free to go home.

HSC Exams

- The HSC exams begin on Thursday, 18 October.
- Students should arrive on exam days **30 minutes** before the scheduled start time, in school uniform.
- All students can access their individual HSC timetables on *Students Online*, located on the BOSTES website. (This is also where HSC marks are provided). <http://studentsonline.bos.nsw.edu.au/>

Please note that students should attend all exams unless there is serious illness or misadventure. There is no provision for catch-up exams. It is extremely important that you notify the school as soon as possible should there be any reason why a student is unable to attend an examination. Please feel free to call to discuss any concerns or questions that may arise during this time.

Graduation Tickets

The Graduation will be held at Highland Heritage on **Friday, 30 November**. Tickets are available now from the Front Office at a cost of **\$70.00** per ticket. Each family is allocated four tickets (one for the Year 12 student and three for the family). If you would like to discuss guest tickets, please contact me, as we will have a waiting list. These tickets will be available soon for purchase or after the Farewell Assembly.

Tributes and Photographs for the Graduation evening

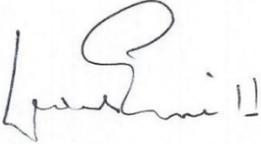
One of the ways we honour the students during the Graduation Dinner is with a slide show highlighting the way each student has grown up. Would you please provide two photographs of your child - one as a baby and one as a young child, if possible - together with a short written tribute that will be read out as your child enters for the graduation. The tribute needs only to be about 100 words (1-2 paragraphs) in length and run for about 30 seconds. It would be greatly appreciated if you could drop these into the Front Office after the Farewell Assembly on 16th September. Please provide **two** copies of the tribute (one copy will be given to your child in an envelope on the graduation evening) and the photos in a secure envelope, with your child's name written on the outside. Hand this in at the Front Office.

STUVAC week and Study Days

We will be running some study sessions during the STUVAC week and in the time leading up to the HSC exams. Students will be notified of the times of these sessions soon.

Should you have any questions concerning any of these activities, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am looking forward to seeing you at our Farewell Assembly.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Len Elliott", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Len Elliott

Senior Section Coordinator