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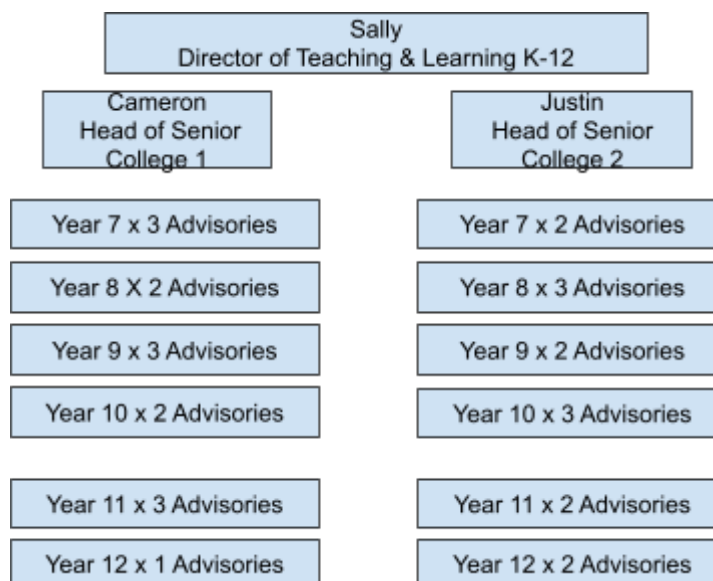
RE: Senior College Adjustments for 2024

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Student athletes,

As we are coming towards the end of this academic year, we would like to share some of the adjustments that we will be implementing for 2024.

Senior College Structure

Enrolments remain healthy and we are growing in numbers across the College, particularly the Senior College. Next year, we will have 5 advisories in all Years from 7-11. As we grow, we want to ensure we continue to support our student athletes and staff to ensure that there is quality support and provision for their education. We pride ourselves on building relationships and really knowing your child. The adjusted structure outlined below will allow this to continue to be a primary focus. With 28 advisories across the Senior College, we have made plans to create two smaller colleges within the larger Senior College structure. This supports the Big Picture model of 'small schools within a school'. Earlier this Term, we appointed Cameron Moon and Justin Sheppard as the Heads of each of these smaller Colleges. The structure will allow for student athletes to be attached to a single college during their academic sessions and during this part of the day will be in an advisory that is close to the other advisories in their college. College 1 will be in the demountable buildings and College 2 will be in buildings 28, 39 and 40. Years 11 and 12 will be located together in the new advisory buildings currently under construction (old swimming pool area).



Both Cameron and Justin have extensive experience and understanding of Big Picture and we are looking forward to the positive impact they will have on our academic programs, as well as having the opportunity to work with more of our advisors and student athletes. The adjusted structure will create a new position for myself and I will be moving into the role of Director of Teaching & Learning across K-12.

There will be no change to your child's sporting academy group or advisory teacher, all student athletes will continue in the same way they are now. It will mean that once the final advisories have been allocated to a smaller college, your child will become part of either College 1 or 2, where you will need to know who is the Head of the College. They may engage in different activities with their respective colleges, but there will be cross college events to ensure that they remain connected.

LTI

As you would hopefully be aware, within our College, Learning Through Internship (LTI) is one of the most significant learning experiences of the Big Picture program. All student athletes in Years 9-12 are expected to attend LTI one day per week throughout the year. This year, we adjusted the structure of this and for most student athletes, Thursday was the day they were to be on LTI. Holding LTI on one day per week has been a great success in creating greater consistency across the academic space. We celebrate that we currently have 94% of our student athletes out each week on an LTI. However, we have concluded that a Thursday, especially during the main sporting season, is not the best day of the week for LTIs. Many sports competitions and events are held on Thursday and it often has meant that student athletes were not able to attend both commitments. So, in order for student athletes to be able to fully participate in both the sporting and academic programs without conflict, we will be holding **LTI days on Friday throughout 2024**. We will seek feedback and re-evaluate this towards the end of 2024 to see if any amendments are required for 2025. Thank you for your ongoing support and energy in the LTI space for your child, and for those who are proactive throughout the summer break in securing LTIs please organise them for a Friday.

Staffing Changes

The growth we have planned for has allowed us to employ a number of new staff to the College.

Tim Walsh will take over Cameron's Advisory, Tim Fakes has been a casual staff member this year and will move into a permanent role on Justin's advisory. Tom Atkinson, Jonathan Vial, Hannah Clendenning, James Simnett, Michael O'Brien and Ben Winter will also take on advisories..

Blair Creevey and Laura Croucher will return from parental leave to take up positions in the Senior College space also.

Trimester dates 2024

This year, we introduced trimester learning cycles. We will continue to implement this so your child will engage in three exhibitions per year at the end of each learning cycle. This does not change the school holiday dates, just informs you of when exhibition weeks will occur.


Trimester 1

Monday 29 January- Friday 10th May (13 Weeks) Exhibition Week: 13-17 May (Term 2 Week 3)

Trimester 2



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Monday 20 May - Friday 30 August (13 Weeks) Exhibition Week: 2-6 September (Term 3 Week 7)

Trimester 3

Monday 9 September - Friday 29 November (10 Weeks) Exhibition Week: 2-6 December (Term 4 Week 8)

We continually review and enhance our practices to ensure we are providing the best opportunities for your child and thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Kind regards

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