

# EXCELSIOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

Independent Public School

## NEWSLETTER

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### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

**A warm welcome again to 2016 for all our students, parents, carers and staff.**

Students and staff have begun the new year with high energy and enthusiasm and have already worked out their goals and aspirations for this term and longer goals for the year. Key priority areas for this year include The Excelsior Way, building and maintaining relationships, English (with an emphasis on writing), Maths, STEM and computing (using ipads to enhance learning).

**To all our new students and families:** Our school community welcomes our new 119 students and their families to Excelsior. Building solid and honest relationships between the home and school environment is a key to supporting all students to be confident, resilient, academically able, a good citizen and a life-long learner to maximise future choices.

Our motto of Excite, Explore and Excel offers a great way for all students to consider any school or personal task they need to do, and to complete the task to the best of their abilities. **Excite the mind, the body and the spirit; Explore the opportunities; Excel in everything you do.**

The Excelsior Way defines our school culture with: Respect; **Responsibility; Relationships; Reach for the Stars**. These core values are supported by the 7 Habits: **Be proactive; Begin with the end in mind; Put first things first; Think win win; Seek first to understand then be understood; Synergise; Sharpen the saw.**

Building and maintaining good relationships through ongoing communications ensures all members of our school community are valued and well informed. Please download the school app, and join our closed Facebook page to receive immediate notification of special events.

**Health and Safety:** As usual the health and safety of all students and adults is of paramount importance and for this reason it is necessary to again mention these issues. Thank you to the vast majority of our families who are safety conscious and pay attention to the road rules.

**The Fence:** Fencing the school means greater student safety and opportunities to really develop the internal areas use without fear of vandalism.

**Mornings:** Gates open 7:45am. Students should arrive from 8:15 and go to the undercover area (not classrooms) for supervision (with parents).

**Day:** Oval gates and front gates remain open, all others will be closed.

**Afternoon:** All gates open from 2:30pm. All gates closed (except front gates) at 3:30pm. Front gates (and the office) closed at 4:00pm.

**Parking:** An ongoing issue that will only be resolved by the cooperation of parents and safe drop off and pick up practices. Parking in no parking areas, staff car parks and near the large bins is definitely not safe and will not be tolerated. Please pay attention to all parking signs, particularly the disabled parking bays and the Kiss and Drive areas. Rangers will again be issuing fines for illegal parking.

**Dogs:** Department of Education policy states that **no dogs (or other animals) are allowed on school premises**, including near buildings, lawns or ovals regardless of whether they are on a lead or not. Our oval is available for dog exercising before 7:30am and after 3:40pm every day and all day on the weekends. Please pick up after your pets – some people don't

**STRICTLY SMOKE AND ALCOHOL FREE** The P&C Welcome Sausage Sizzle on Friday 10 February: We invite all families to share this occasion with us and we thank the P&C mums and dads who do all the work. Your help is very much appreciated on what will hopefully be a balmy night.

Best wishes to everyone in the Excelsior Community for a fantastic year in 2017!

Barry Liddelow

Principal

### IMPORTANT DATES

8 February	Parent Information Evening
10 February	Excelsior Welcome BBQ



