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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We are already nearing the end of another term and of our first Semester of operation. As you would, no doubt, be aware by this term, Verity Christian College passed the inspection last week that was conducted by the Educational Standards Authority. The inspectors were very generous with their praise of the school and of the work being done by its staff. One of the inspectors commented that it actually seemed that we had been here for about 20 years rather than just 20 weeks.

We are now in the best possible position to take forward plans for the growth and development of the College, knowing that we will be around for a long time.

Thank you to all those parents and community members that have offered their support and congratulations.

School Holidays and Library Returns

The winter vacation period for students commences next **Monday, July 2nd**, with school recommencing for students on **Monday July 21st**. The staff will continue to work on between the 2nd and the 6th in preparation for next Term.

If your child has any outstanding library loans, it would be appreciated if these could be returned by the end of the week.

Vaccinations

Under new legislation recently passed we are required to maintain a register which shows the vaccination status of our students. I have attached a brochure to this newsletter outlining requirements.

Parents of children who have been vaccinated can access vaccination certificates from the MyGov website. Students who have been vaccinated overseas will need to have their status determined in New South Wales. We are no longer able to accept Blue Books as records of Vaccination.

Reports

Our aim is to have student reports completed and posted by the end of term. As we are working with a new system it is possible that Semester One reports may not be available until the first week after the holidays.

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Attendance

Thank you to all those parents who provide us with prompt advice regarding their child's absence from school. A phone call or a short note upon return to school is appreciated.

If it becomes necessary for your child to be absent from school for an extended period (or more than a few days) it is usually necessary to make application for an "Exemption from School" to be granted. I have the authority to grant these but the application needs to be in writing and can take a few days to process.

An exemption is to protect the family from any possible legal ramifications which may become attached to a long term absence. If ever questioned, the Certificate of Exemption can be shown so as to avoid any difficulties.

In closing, thank you to our wonderful school community. We know that we work with God's guidance in determining the best direction for the College. We give thanks every day for the strength and the wisdom provided by our Lord as we work towards becoming a premier educational provider in Griffith.

Yours in Christ

David Fox
Principal



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