Dear School Community,

It is with great excitement and pleasure that we welcome back our Georgiana Molloy families to the 2020 academic year, with a special welcome to the new staff, families and students joining us for the first time. Most new enrolments to the school have commented on the positive encouragement from current families to join our school so I thank all of you for supporting GMAS in this way. We hope you all have had a most relaxing break and are looking forward to a very rewarding year. A full listing of new staff joining our community this year appears further in this notice.

On the first day of school this week there was a real sense of excitement around, and it was infectious. Loads of stories about holidays, birthdays, sleep overs and friendships. If the sound of happy holiday chatter and laughter around the school this week is a measure, then be assured, the 2020 school year is happily underway!

I have noted that the usual number of mishaps have occurred over the holiday period by the number of protective splints and casts around. We ask all at school to be mindful of those with injuries and to be extra vigilant regarding the support they may require. I will be joining this select group with long overdue hand surgery taking place this week.

All our students looked very smart in their summer uniforms as they mentally prepared for their first days at school. Our thanks are extended to the uniform shop staff for their work in fitting out all of our new student’s in a timely and efficient manner. Thank you parents for your commitment towards our uniform standards.

Just before school commenced, we were alerted to novel coronavirus and its impact globally. The school is adopting the guidelines announced by the Western Australian government and a letter has been circulated to all families regarding the schools exclusion approach to this outbreak. On the first day of term, no staff or students have been impacted by the exclusion from school period. We will continue to monitor this situation closely and we will advise our school community immediately should any further changes occur.

Now that the holidays are over it is now time to return to the business end of schooling. Timetables have been issued to the students and already our new learning platform SEQTA is being used by the students in regards their curriculum planning and assessments. SEQTA is also a great way of communicating student’s progress to parents, and such, parents will have access on a day to day level regarding student performance.

To cater for staff departure, maternity and long service leave across the school in 2020 the following staff have been employed.

- Matthew Stickley – English
- Jeremy Barraclough – Chemistry
- Emma Huxtable – Outdoor Ed
- Christine Gaudet – HASS
- Angus Macleod – D&T
- Trudi Carr – Mathematics
- Teresa Uchanski – Head of Learning Support
- Dr Amanda Draper - Head of Mathematics
• Reece Delaney - Science
• Blake Anderson - Primary H&PE
• Pauline Orr - Human Resources
• Denver Crossie – IT support
• Kaila Warner - H&PE trainee
• Ray Doust - Cleaning
• Sharon Doust - Cleaning
• Em Caingoy - Cleaning
• Matt Ozarczuk - Cleaning

Those staff in new roles in 2020 are:
• Paul Terry - Head of Science
• Sarah Snow - Head of Year 7/ Bunker House
• Hamish Gibson - Head of Year 8/Eagle House
• Rebecca Movley - Head of Year 10/Geographe House
• Phillip Deroost - Head of Year 12/ Meelup House

Our new and existing staff collectively bring to GMAS an excellent combination of skills, passion, management experience and expertise.

Our 2020 academic results were very pleasing with the school achieving great success in both the ATAR and VET fields.
We congratulate the following ex-students from the Class of 2019. The students and staff are to be congratulated for their ongoing efforts to succeed in these most important final years of schooling. Thank you too, to all the parents for your ongoing support and assistance with our year 12 cohort.

To our 2020 student leadership team, we wish them the very best in their roles throughout the year ahead. Effective leaders can add value simply by being present on teams. They are inspirational and motivating. They know the right things to say to people to help them understand what’s needed, and they can convince people to support a cause.

When you have talented and effective leaders such as we have in our school, we know we are well on the way to success.

**2020 Student Leaders**

- Head Boy: Henry Brown
- Head Girl: Imogen Wilson
- SRC President: Shenae McGinniss
- Primary School Head Boy: Jaxon Varis
- Primary School Head Girl: Shyla James

We also congratulate the scholarship recipients for 2020:

**GMAS All Rounder Scholarships**

- Yr 7: Anouk Siegrist, Drew West, Joel Hargreaves and Cale Donaldson
- Yr 10: Marshall Grosse, Sofia Watt, Christian Blair and Alina Camarri

**St Mary’s Anglican Church and Family Centre Instrumental/Vocal Scholarships:**

- Year 7: Jaycee Finlay
- Year 8: Alice Edwards, Pippa Sturk-Ralls
- Year 10: Sophie Ayling

I look forward to watching you progress throughout the year and thank you for your ongoing commitment to the educational – performance sphere at GMAS.

As Principal, I have outlined my 2020 mantra to the staff, “the standard you walk past is the standard you expect”. I would like to ensure all staff have absolutely consistent behaviour in their dealings with students. This will ensure that the reputation of GMAS is enhanced by the actions of all who work here. As a community we need to accept that standards extend beyond school rules and academic performance, to upholding the Core Values of the School, namely Faith, Integrity, Respect and Education (FIRE).

It is my expectation that everyone at this school give of their best in all they do, adhere to school policy and guidelines, dress with pride and respect the traditions of the school, to uphold the culture of the school.

There is much to look forward to this year as we continue to work together as a whole school to further the quality of educational outcomes for our students. I look forward to meeting many of you at our school functions during the coming year. My Personal Assistant is Mrs Lynley Hay, should you need to make contact with the Principal’s Office.

Finally as we celebrate a wonderful start to 2020 we keep in mind families that are enduring great difficulty in the drought and fire ravaged areas of Australia. We will be working with the student leaders to raise funds to support those in need. We commend the wonderful, often dangerous work undertaken by so many volunteers that live in our community and pray for all during these most difficult of times.

Ted Kosicki
Principal