CHANGE TO SENIOR UNIFORM FOR YEAR 10, 2015

Burwood Girls High School has begun strategic planning for the next three year period, 2015 to 2017 and has been consulting with our school community (students, parents and staff) to determine the best way forward.

In 2011 our focus was on the middle years of schooling (Years 7 to 9) and subsequently in 2012 we made some changes to structures within the school. Karyn O’Brien became the Middle School Deputy Principal, responsible for Years 7 to 9 and Janina Longman became the Senior School Deputy Principal, responsible for Years 10 to 12. This has proven to be a successful and effective model in terms of improving communication within the school and with families; and also in terms of meeting the specific learning and wellbeing needs of middle years and senior school learners.

We would now like to take the next step and fully embrace Year 10 students as part of the senior school.

As such, we are currently considering the following:

- adjusting our curriculum, teaching practices and assessment to more strategically prepare Year 10 students for the demands and rigours of Years 11 and 12;
- parents and students have expressed a desire for a formal examination period for Year 10 students so that they are better prepared for the formality of the HSC exams conducted by the Board of Studies, Teaching & Educational Standards (BOSTES).

However, the school has decided that Year 10 students are to wear the senior uniform from the start of 2015, therefore identifying them as part of the Senior School.

We would of course need to phase in such a big change to our uniform policy, and so our 2014 Year 9 families may decide if they wish their daughters to wear the junior or senior uniform in 2015.

The P&C is supportive of this change in school policy and has ordered a greater number of senior uniforms to cater for this change. The Uniform Shop will be offering special discounts later this year to assist Year 9 buying senior uniform in readiness for 2015. We would be very pleased if students could purchase a school blazer to match their senior skirts as they will then get three years wear out of them.

Please contact either Ms Longman or Ms O’Brien if you would like to discuss this matter, during school hours on 9747 3355.

Ms J Longman
Deputy Principal
Years 10 to 12
24 October 2014

Ms K O’Brien
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Years 7 to 9