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Dear parents and carers of our inaugural Year 11 student cohort

I am delighted to be writing to you to advise that Galilee School has been successful in its application to extend its scope of registration of year levels to include Years 11 and 12 from the start of Term 1 2021.

The ACT Education Minister has re-registered our Year 7 – 10 program for a further 5 years and has granted registration for Years 11 and 12 for the next 5 years also.

The ACT Board of Senior Secondary Studies (the BSSS) has supported the registration of Years 11 and 12 and has endorsed the program of study that we are offering.

The delivery of a Senior Secondary College program is a very significant undertaking and I wish to acknowledge the many hours of thought, effort and administration that have gone into reaching this milestone. I thank especially Lisa as our Head of Teaching and Learning, Mel and Ben for their involvement and for the expertise that they have brought to this process, as well as the many other people that have guided and supported us on this journey.

I thank you too as students, parents and carers; you have trusted us to deliver this program for you. We are excited about this evolution to our school. We believe that we have a quality program to offer you. We ask however that you be patient with us as we roll out this significant project. We value your feedback as we strive to deliver a program that meets the needs of our students and provide them with a quality learning and development experience that will benefit them and continue them on their pathway to success.

We have commenced our Year 11 program ahead of building our dedicated, purpose-built senior secondary college building. The construction of our Senior Secondary College building will commence in Term 1 this year and we hope that it will be completed in time for the start of the 2022 school year. As the college is transitioning, we look forward to working together with you to make the program work during this flexible time.

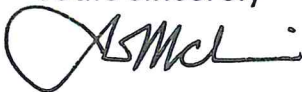
The delivery of a Senior Secondary program of study is one thing, success as a student is another. Galilee School will do all that we can to support and assist our students to engage in, enjoy and be successful in their Year 11 and 12 studies. Achievement of an ACT Senior Secondary (Year 12) Certificate will require effort, commitment, and dedication from students if they are to fulfill the requirements of that certificate. These requirements are not set by the school, they are set by the ACT Board of Senior Secondary Studies. The attached letter from Ben, our Senior Secondary College Coordinator, reminds you of these requirements and outlines for you some key points about your program of study.

We know that there will be challenges along the way, we are up for those. We ask that you communicate with us early and openly if these challenges are affecting you. The best way for this program to be successful is together.

Congratulations on being a member of the inaugural Year 11 cohort at Galilee School. We are making history – together.

I look forward to success in 2021 and beyond.

Yours sincerely



Tim McNevin
Principal