30/1/2015

Dear Parents/Guardians of Year 9 students,

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope everyone has had a happy and healthy time over the school break.

In 2015 I continue in my role as Year Coordinator as per the College plan of Year Coordinators following year groups throughout their schooling life (if possible).

I very much enjoyed being Coordinator of this group in 2014 and was very impressed overall with their respectfulness to teachers, each other and their commitment to study. Of course there are always issues, however I was also impressed by the way students responded to correction and used restorative justice practices to repair damaged relationships. I know this positive attitude will continue in 2015.

My primary role is to support and contribute to the ongoing welfare of the students in Year 9 through the house/homeroom system. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your students please contact me or their homeroom teacher. I prefer email as I can respond more quickly and also off the premises.

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If you prefer to phone please be aware that I am not always available and may not be able to respond in your expected timeframe. However, I would endeavour to respond as quickly as possible.

I would encourage you to use our website http://www.grafslism.catholic.edu.au/ it contains the school calendar, newsletter, notes for excursions and lots of other valuable information.

Year 9 is an exciting time with students beginning Stage 5 electives. As the year progresses Year 9 will be able to participate in many varied activities such as Meebunn-Bia Outdoor Education camp and the Reflection Day. I would encourage all Year 9 students to participate as fully as possible. If there are any problems with attendance at these events please contact me.

There are many challenges ahead, together in partnership we can ensure the best possible spiritual, personal and academic growth of the children that you have entrusted to us. I hope we enjoy our year together.

Kind Regards,
Mark Bellamy
Year 9 Co-Ordinator