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Dear Parents/Guardian,

Special Information Bulletin

As you know we have undertaken many initiatives to enhance the learning of all students at our School and support each student to reach their potential and achieve their goals.

In 2021 we will be further strengthening this approach of tailoring learning to each student's needs. I have written already about the introduction of an Opportunity Class in primary that will commence in Year 5 2021 to cater for our high potential students. Acceleration programs in Mathematics and Science will also commence from Year 9 at Greenacre in 2021 and will be extended to our other campuses as the need arises. For students in Year 10 and Year 11 in 2021 our existing compression programs will remain in place and I am very pleased to announce that for the first time ever a compression Biology class will be beginning at Beaumont Hills.

The next phase is to examine our streaming in Years 7 to 10. I am pleased to confirm that after considerable work to adjust our timetable structures we will be specifically streaming our Mathematics, Science, English, and Quran classes in Year 7 to 10 and our Arabic classes in Year 7 and 8. This will mean that students with particular strengths in some subjects can be extended and challenged in their learning while receiving the support they may need in other areas. This approach recognizes that each student has unique talents and skills. In the past students were streamed on a combination of their Mathematics, Science and English performances but this did not allow for more nuanced and individualized subject specific streaming in these core subject areas. The currently unstreamed subjects – History, Geography, PDHPE, TAS, Music and Visual Arts will remain unstreamed as will elective classes Years 9 and 10. As has been the case at Greenacre Secondary classes will, wherever, feasible remain segregated into boys and girls.

Our Homeclass model at Greenacre will change in order to facilitate this improved streaming program. Students will be allocated to an unstreamed homeclass and this will be their pastoral care group as well as the class that they will join for the unstreamed subjects (other than electives). This will mean that students will have the opportunity to be in classes with a wider group of students, something that is important in preparing students for Year 11 and 12 where working with many different students is a key aspect of many courses and a foundation for success.

We are excited by this revised model. It means that in the core subjects of Mathematics, English and Science students can be better catered for and also ensures that students will have even greater opportunity to mix with and develop effective and positive relationships with all the students in their year group.

As our student number grow at Hoxton Park and Beaumont Hills this model of subject specific streaming will be extended to these campuses.

Kind regards,

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