



ARNDPELL ANGLICAN COLLEGE

"News Flash"

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From the Headmaster:

Mr Gareth Leechman MA MEd MACE MACEL

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all members of the Arndell Community as we start another exciting year at the College. For those new to the College, like me, it will be a year of real expectation as we get to experience firsthand the educational programs this college has to offer. Congratulations to our Class of 2009 on their very pleasing HSC results as well as the excellent School Certificate results achieved by our Year 10 cohort. A more detailed analysis of our HSC and School Certificate results will be published in subsequent Arndell Advocate's by our Director of Studies Mrs Lynn Gillen.

The new executive structure for 2010 is:

Headmaster - Mr Gareth Leechman

Deputy Headmaster – Mr James Webb

Director of Studies – Mrs Lynn Gillen

Head of Junior School – Mr Rick Harrison

Mr Webb has oversight of the discipline and pastoral programmes for both the Junior and Senior Schools, whilst Mrs Gillen will oversee the curriculum issues pertinent to the Senior School. Mr Harrison will have general oversight of the Junior School, but with a particular focus on curriculum matters. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my executive staff for the way they led the school in the absence of my predecessor Dr John Goddard. This was not an easy task but one they did with much determination and skill.

As the year begins may I take this opportunity to remind both parents and students of the expectations that we have for all our members of the College Community here at Arndell. We are first and foremost a College interested in developing the many gifts and talents our students have been given so that they can go on to live productive lives in the world God has given them. Therefore we require all of our students to come into the College with attitudes that are positive and conducive to achievement.

Students who have the right attitude can be clearly identified; they wear their uniform with pride, they are prepared for each day, they are attentive and willing to contribute to class learning - they do not distract the learning of others and they seek to be involved in the broader life of the school. In short these students want to embrace the life they have been given and make the most of it, not just for themselves but for the lives of those they come into contact with. God has made us relational beings, first with himself and then with those around us.

Relationships are fundamental to what we stand for here at Arndell. We will at all times seek to create positive relationships between home and school and between staff member and student, because we know that great things can be achieved when all members of the community are working together in an attempt to meet a common set of goals. From Pre-Kinder to Year 12 each student is guided and encouraged to excel academically, physically and spiritually in a Christian learning environment.

It is my hope and prayer that God may continue to bless what we do here at Arndell Anglican College, I look forward to serving you all in the year ahead.