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## 2013 Class Structure Years 7 - 10

Dear Parent,

As an openly Christian College, Arndell Anglican College seeks to enable all of its students to flourish regardless of their academic and social capacity. We actively seek to meet the needs of all of our students and provide them with the opportunity to learn in a variety of contexts to the best of our ability and as our resources allow. This inclusive philosophy is a direct representation of our Christian beliefs.

Therefore, based on this inclusive Christian position, which is also reflected in current educational research, indicating that mixed ability teaching encourages teachers to see pupils as having different abilities and working styles, the following class structures will operate in Years 7 – 10:

*Year 7* will have five colour classes, with one academically graded class and four mixed ability classes. The colour classes are BGRWY, with the B class being the academically graded class. In Year 7, TAS, Music and Art will have six mixed ability classes.

*Year 8* will have four colour classes, with one academically graded class and three mixed ability classes. The colour classes are BGRW, with the B class being the academically graded class. In Year 8, TAS, Mathematics and English will have 5 classes, based on the student's 2012 TAS/Maths class.

*Year 9* will have four colour classes, with one academically graded class and three mixed ability classes. The colour classes are BGRW, with the B class being the academically graded class.

*Year 10* will have three colour classes, with one academically graded class and two mixed ability classes. The colour classes are BGY, with B being the academically graded class.

In Years 9 and 10, Mathematics is graded into three courses, 5.3, 5.2 and 5.1. These are based on student performance throughout the year.

Students placed in the academic graded classes, are placed based on their performance throughout the year over the full range of their subjects. If a student in the academically graded class is seen to be underperforming in a substantial number of classes, then an interview will be arranged with the parents and student to discuss the issues of performance in the respective subjects.

If you have any further questions regarding the Class Structures for 2013, please do not hesitate to contact myself during school hours.

Yours sincerely,

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