



# NORTH ALBANY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Caregiver

Prior to the publication of our first newsletter for 2017, I thought I would provide you with a quick update on the first two weeks of the school year.

It really has been a great start. We have welcomed our Year 7 cohort as well as a number of new students in Years 8 – 12 from local Albany schools, interstate and overseas. We have also welcomed nine new teaching staff to NASHS. The school uniform is looking terrific. All students are expected to wear the school uniform every day.

The student census for 2017 will be undertaken this Friday, 17 February. We are expecting around 790 confirmed enrolments. The census is important as the number of students determines our funding for 2017.

The graduating 2016 Year 12 students are to be congratulated on their achievements. A number of ATAR students will be commencing their University courses in the next week or so. Many students achieved a Vocational Certificate II and have used this qualification to either seek employment or undertake further studies. More details about the Year 12 achievements will be provided in our first newsletter.

## **General communication**

At NASHS we have several ways of communicating with parents/caregivers and increasingly this is via electronic means.

NASHS Newsletter is published every 2 - 3 weeks and emailed to all NASHS families. Our first newsletter for the year will be published early next week. A link is also placed on our web site at [www.nashs.wa.edu.au](http://www.nashs.wa.edu.au). To receive our newsletter via email, please click on "subscribe newsletter" on our web site.

For an update on what is happening at NASHS visit our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/northalbanyshs](http://www.facebook.com/northalbanyshs). We also use SMS to provide quick updates and reminders. Our SMS number is 0409 089 160 and is available for you to text NASHS with an explanation if your child is absent. We will send you a SMS if your child is absent without explanation in period 1 each day.

I would also like to encourage all parents to join the Connect school community. Connect is an extremely useful resource tool that allows teachers to communicate with parents and students about their academic progress. Connect keeps you informed of your child's learning anywhere, anytime through a secure website and free mobile app. It is easy to register for Connect. Just log onto the NASHS school website at [www.nashs.wa.edu.au](http://www.nashs.wa.edu.au) and click on the Parents Menu. Follow the link to Connect and download the parent registration form. You must have a valid email address to register. Alternatively you can contact the front office on 9892 0611 to ask for a registration form to be mailed to you.

## **Reporting to parents**

Following feedback from our parents, this year we are providing Term One progress reports for all students in Years 7-12. These reports will be either emailed or mailed in the week beginning 27 March. A parent-teacher meeting will be held the following Tuesday, 4 April. Further details will be provided closer to the date.

At the end of Term Two a formal Semester One report will be either emailed or mailed out for all students in Years 7 -12, with a second teacher-parent meeting planned for mid Term 3.

### **Student expectations**

With the 2017 academic year well underway we expect all students to be focussed on their studies. Students need to work to their maximum to ensure good results. This in turn will improve their future career options and further education opportunities. It is very important for students to “Be Your Best” at all times.

“Be Your Best” is one of our school values. Our four other values relate to being responsible, respectful, safe and kind. These values were developed following consultation with students, staff, parents and the local community and are designed to promote and support a positive and engaging learning environment at NASHS.

I have enclosed a copy of NASHS Circle of Values and the Values and Expectations Framework. It is important that these values are supported by our school community. We ask that you talk about our values and expectations with your child.

At our first whole school assembly last Friday, 10 February, I reminded students that success depends on them being an active participant in their own learning. This includes being prepared with the right equipment for class. NASHS keeps educational costs as low as possible by purchasing class sets of text books for students in Years 7-10. Students in Years 11 and 12 may be required to purchase their own text books. All students are required to bring their own pens, files, paper etc to class. As part of our “Be Responsible” school value, students are also required to enter their classrooms in a quiet and orderly manner. This means that the teacher can begin teaching promptly.

North Albany SHS is a centre of learning. Students can maximise their achievement by attending school every day, behaving respectfully and engaging positively in their education.

My staff and I look forward to continuing to work with you and the NASHS school community to ensure that we provide the very best learning environment and opportunities that we can for our students.

Kind regards



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PRINCIPAL

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## Values & Expectations

### CARE & DILIGENCE



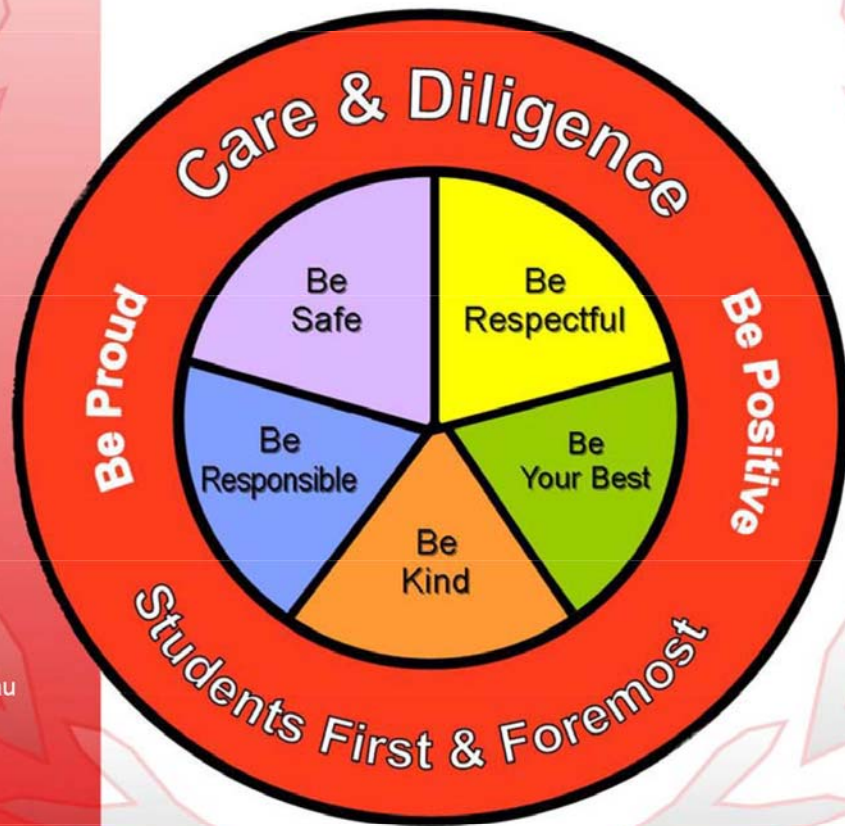
#### School Rules:

1. Everyone (staff & students) is to act in a responsible, courteous and respectful manner.
2. Everyone (staff & students) actively and positively participates in the learning process.
3. The teacher is in charge (their directions are to be followed).
4. Students are to wear school uniform.

	<b>Be Respectful</b>	<b>Be Your Best</b>	<b>Be Responsible</b>	<b>Be Kind</b>	<b>Be Safe</b>
<b>Whole School</b> (All the time, including camps & excursions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take time to listen to others</li> <li>• Accept differences</li> <li>• Treat others as you wish to be treated</li> <li>• Be courteous &amp; use good manners</li> <li>• Use appropriate language</li> <li>• Take care of grounds &amp; property</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow staff instructions</li> <li>• Show pride in the school</li> <li>• Be prepared &amp; give your best to your work</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Treat people with respect</li> <li>• Wear uniform</li> <li>• Be honest</li> <li>• Take care of equipment &amp; property</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Help others</li> <li>• Say positive comments to each other</li> <li>• Welcome new students &amp; staff</li> <li>• Report any form of bullying</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listen to all staff and follow their instructions</li> <li>• Follow school rules &amp; routines</li> <li>• Move safely through the school</li> <li>• Make healthy choices</li> </ul>
<b>Class-room</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pay attention</li> <li>• Wait your turn to speak</li> <li>• Consider others learning</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participate actively</li> <li>• Complete all work</li> <li>• Listen and concentrate on your work</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be prepared with the right equipment</li> <li>• Be on time for class</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use good manners</li> <li>• Cooperate with group members</li> <li>• Help others with their work</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stay in your seat</li> <li>• Enter &amp; exit the classroom in a quiet, orderly manner</li> <li>• Wear appropriate footwear</li> <li>• Use equipment sensibly</li> </ul>
<b>Grounds</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Put your rubbish in the bin</li> <li>• Follow game rules</li> <li>• Listen &amp; follow duty teacher instructions immediately</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have breakfast before school</li> <li>• Eat a healthy lunch</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stay in school grounds</li> <li>• Report problems to the duty teacher</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include others</li> <li>• Share equipment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When moving around the school walk—do not run</li> <li>• Ball games are to be played on the oval/courts</li> <li>• Keep out of trees</li> <li>• Travel to school safely—use footpaths, wear helmets.....</li> </ul>

**STUDENTS FIRST AND FOREMOST**





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