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Dear Parents/Caregivers of Year 10 Students

I am writing to you about a change we are planning for our year 11 program for 2020 relating to the Research Project.

The Research Project is a compulsory component of the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE). Although it is classified as a Stage 2 subject, it is commonly delivered in year 11 in schools across South Australia, which allows students to focus on 4 subjects rather than 5 in year 12.

Having discussed this with senior leadership, the idea of moving Research Project to the second semester of year 11 was raised at our Leaders Meeting and there was very strong support for the move. We also met with our current year 10 students, who it will affect next year, to explain reasons for the change and their response was overwhelmingly positive.

This change will not affect any other student choices, given that students have already made course selections and Research Project will be on top of our current standard year 11 load of 5 lines out of 7 in semester 2.

This will increase the time commitment of year 11 students at school, which we think will be a good thing both for their Stage 1 studies, the overall culture of year 11 and in preparing them for the demands/expectations of year 12.

We will be able to work through preparation for the change during term 4, including developing support materials and strategies, both for our 2020 year 11s and year 12s.

If you have any questions or issues about this change, please feel free to contact the school for further clarification.

Kind regards



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Principal