



### 2021 School Captains

L-R: Rachael Kelly, Scout Elshaug (Vice Captain), Fleur Roachock (Principal), Caitlin Letizia and Kellie Wallace (Vice Captain)

2020 has been quite a year and I want to first of all take this opportunity to honour our staff who kept coming to work, showing faith in the authorities' assertions that we would be safe from COVID-19, in work conditions nearly everyone else in our community was encouraged to avoid. In retrospect, we can see that the advice was largely correct, but the sheer will it took to maintain this commitment for our students and their families when so much was still unknown will have my admiration forever.

I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the terrible difficulties the staff and students in our cross-border community weathered this year. We had teachers move house in order to be able to keep coming to work and one who is now the poster woman for teaching from home. Students and staff alike were COVID-19 tested weekly and the efforts students made to keep coming to school were phenomenal. We are so very proud of these members of our community for the resilience they showed in such trying circumstances.

We have had a very successful year, in spite of external difficulties and I have been thrilled with how our students and staff have managed some outstanding achievements in a broad spectrum of activities. We have also tried a range of innovations to engage and educate young people more thoroughly for their lives beyond school.

Week 10 of Term 2 focused on entrepreneurial skills for Year 8s and 9s while our Year 10s undertook career immersion and our Year 11s a Research Project Intensive. These were all highly successful and engaging – preparing students well for their futures – immediate in the case of Year 11s, but further down the track for others. Similarly, a student-led focus group undertook a review of the Personal Improvement Program, which students in Years 8-10 take for 80 minutes each Friday. This has resulted in excellent entrepreneurial learning occurring across the school. It is fair to say that students might not immediately recognise the

benefits of this learning, but the skills and capabilities they have developed in this time will be invaluable to them later in life.

We are the state champions in STEMIE, where a group of our Year 10 students competed regionally and then at a statewide level to showcase their science, technology, engineering and mathematics skills. These students performed at an exemplary level to solve problems and think innovatively in collaboration with each other. We are incredibly proud of them. We are also full of admiration for our Shark Tank team who finished in the top nine of 300 teams from across Australia. Their pitch was outstanding and we should take great comfort from the fact that soon these young people will be looking after a much broader part of the world.

Likewise, we are proud of how we have addressed elements of our Site Improvement Plan – specifically those elements around SACE completion for our Aboriginal learners and our FLC students. We have demonstrated huge improvements in both of those areas, and look forward to publishing definitive information in our Annual Report at the beginning of next year. The dedication our staff have shown in planning engaging curriculum, supporting wellbeing and focusing on excellent educational outcomes, along with the great commitment of our students has ensured this improvement and we congratulate them all on their outstanding work.

While we all look forward to 2020 being over, we are realistic enough to know that 2021 might continue to throw difficulties our way. We are, however, confident that we have the resilience to handle whatever comes next.

Please enjoy a safe Christmas and New Year and we look forward to a fabulous 2021.

Fleur Roachock,

Principal

### COMING EVENTS

#### 11 December

- Early Dismissal, End of year

#### 27 January

- First day of Term 1

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#### Term Dates 2021

Term 1: 27 January - 9 April

Term 2: 27 April - 2 July

Term 3: 19 July - 24 September

Term 4: 11 October - 10 December

### GRANT HIGH SCHOOL ABSENTEE LINE

#### For all absentees

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# PRESENTATION NIGHT



The 2020 Grant High School Presentation Night was held in the Hub on December 1st to a live audience of staff and students while an online audience of family tuned in via our livestream. A big thank you to staff for putting this on and congratulations to all students who received awards.



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# YEAR 8 SCIENCE EXCURSIONS



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## NEW CALF



## 8JCKA AND 8ARKU ROBE CAMP



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