

FROM THE HEAD MASTER

2011 TIMETABLE STRUCTURE

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At this week's Parents and Friends' Meeting, I commented in my report that I have been giving considerable thought and attention to the possibility of altering our current timetable. Although our current timetable structure has served us well for well over a decade, it has become increasingly evident over time that as we have had to respond to new and emerging educational needs from both internal as well as external sources, such as the advent of NAPLAN testing, we have experienced difficulties with some of the patterns of classes our boys have, particularly at the Years 7 and 8 levels.

Essentially, the changes I envisage that will be introduced in the new academic year will see fewer but longer academic periods taught each day, with the standard length of our new lessons being 55 minutes. **Importantly, the unique features of our current timetable structure that reflect our School's holistic approach to education will still be retained in our new structure. Middle School sport and some Year 10 sports practices, Head Master's Assemblies, House and Chapel periods, as well as co-curricular activities will still feature as elements of the new structure. Further, the new timetable does deliver more "time on task" for our core subjects, English, Mathematics and Science.** It will also enable us to incorporate appropriate familiarisation and preparation of our boys in respect of NAPLAN testing within the normal schedule of Maths and English classes. Finally, I should point out that these changes will not see any alteration to the current times for the beginning or ending of the School day, thereby not impacting on existing transport arrangements.



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