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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

*Study Programmes for Domestic (Optional) and International Students (Compulsory)
from Monday 7th December to Friday 11th December 2020 and from Monday 11th
January to Friday 22nd January 2021, 10:00am to 2:00pm AEST
Full School Uniform MUST be Worn*

Due to the Australian Government's international travel restrictions and the interruption to schooling this year, the school has introduced a study programme for domestic and international students in HSP 1 and 2 and Years 10 and 11. The purpose of these programmes is to allow the domestic and international students to continue with their studies and to prepare them for the beginning of the 2021 academic year. Macquarie Grammar School expects all international students to remain in Australia during the summer break otherwise if they return home, they will not be able to re-enter Australia next year and be able to continue with his or her studies. Also, the school will not approve any student to return to their home country unless it is for exceptional or unforeseen circumstances and an application must be made to the Headmaster by Friday 27th November. All students must attend these lessons at school as per normal in full school uniform but from the hours of 10:00am to 2:00pm.

HSP 1 and 2 students will have their class teacher Miss Cai continuing with their normal HSP Programme and at the end of the three (3) weeks of study a series of tests will take place for Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening. This course and attendance is a mandatory requirement.

Years 10 and 11 domestic and international students will be undertaking a special program that will prepare them for the Preliminary and HSC Courses for the commencement of the 2021 academic year. This a compulsory course for international students and optional for domestic students. The programme is as outlined below:

1. Study Techniques
2. Language of the Classroom: Students to develop their English vocabulary, understanding and reading fluency.
 - a. Students will explore the English language and its meaning.

- b. Strategies for students to use to understand and be able to respond to written examination questions.
 - c. Use daily news headings in class to develop inferencing skills.
 - d. Focus on reading every day.
 - e. Ask students to rewrite questions in English using their use of the English language
3. Study a number of short Australian Poems and Texts and students compose their own poem and short narrative.

All international students must attend these COMPULSORY courses over the December 2020 and January 2021 period. Class rolls will be marked daily, and the students' attendance record will be updated for students to uphold their Visa requirements. The teachers are looking forward to our domestic students undertaking these courses as well, even though it's optional for them but worthwhile.

The teachers and I are looking forward to your child studying these very important topics in readiness for their academic studies in 2021. If you have any questions on this programme please contact Mr Alexandru the Director of Curriculum and Compliance.

Yours sincerely,
Mr Rekouniotis



Headmaster
17th November 2020