

Dear Special Interest Academy Caregiver and Student

Welcome to our Special Interest Academy program at Thebarton Senior College for 2022.

You would have received a separate letter via SMS regarding arrangements for the start of the year as a year 11 (which includes year 10 Special Interest Academy students) or year 12 student. Further to this information, we would like to meet with new Special Interest Academy students separately to support your transition to the college as well as to support your wellbeing and become familiar with our college values and expectations.

This meeting will occur on Tuesday 1 February at 9.00 am. Please meet Libby Branford (Wellbeing Leader) in the Main Reception foyer at 9.00 am. We will discuss arrangements for the beginning of year as well as meeting key teaching staff. At the end of this meeting, Libby will then accompany students to the gym to pick up their timetable, student diary and student ID card, and to ensure that year 11 students are able to access online learning from home.

If you have your own laptop, please bring this with you on the day to make sure that you can access the college portal, email system and online learning platform (Moodle) from home. If you don't have access to a computer at home, you will be able to borrow a college laptop on the day.

If you would like to utilise a locker at the college for 2022, please also bring a sturdy lock with you on the day.

Minimising the spread of COVID-19

To ensure that our students and staff are as safe as possible at the college, we will be implementing the following measures as advised by the Department for Education and SA Health:

- Please stay home if you are unwell, even mildly
- Masks are required for:
 - All adults when indoors (except if it's impeding staff ability to communicate while teaching)
 - students when indoors
- Natural ventilation will be maximised
- Physical distancing from others where possible
- Minimising student intermingling indoors

We look forward to helping you to achieve your goals in 2022.

Yours sincerely



Eva Kannis-Torry
Principal

25 January 2022