Dear Parent/Caregiver

Welcome back to the start of a New Year at Willunga High School. I trust your families had restful and safe holidays and that the New Year finds you all well.

The 2016 Year 8’s had a perfect start to the term and showed at home in the new learning environment. They presented well in their uniform with a very high percentage coming well prepared with computer in hand. Unfortunately, for the Yr 9, Yr 10 and Yr 11 students the start was less than smooth due to the heavy rain that fell on the Tuesday. A number of our buildings were flooded causing some disruptions to our assemblies and plans.

At each of the year level assemblies, I took the opportunity to welcome the students but also to reiterate a number of key expectations we will hold of them in 2016 and beyond.

These included:

- Developing a culture of respect for all and a tolerance of difference.
- A policy of zero tolerance of bullying and abuse.
- Addressing the need for students to attend, to meet deadlines and to commit to not giving up and/or accepting mediocrity and being opposed to reaching their true potential.
- Acceptance of school rules and the authority of the teacher.

Our results from 2015 show there is significant room for Improvement. I have challenged the staff as individuals, in faculty groups and as a whole staff to develop new thinking to address improving the learning outcomes for our students. I have challenged the students to individually commit to improving their performances and in particular to not give up. And now, I ask that you as parents ensure your child attends, completes work set and follows the expectations of the school. We accept they will find the work is getting harder but so it should. The work, if enough time, is allowed, and with support provided is manageable right through until Yr 12. All students can learn however they must want to learn and commit time to the learning process.

This school has all the ingredients needed, such as great resources, experienced committed teachers and students who tell us (through our internal review) they have the ability to perform to very high levels of achievements.

It is my goal as Principal to see that this is achieved and that it is achieved in a culture of respect, excellence and inclusive practices.

As always please contact the school with any concerns you may have.

Kind regards
Tony Green
Principal
Willunga High School is once again offering a Snow Trip ‘Alpine Snow Experience’ Years 10, 11 and 12 Depart 6pm Sat 9th July, return 7am Sat 16th July, 2016 Cost: $1400.00
This is a physically demanding week. A solid level of general fitness is required as students are on the snow from 8am to 5pm daily. To be considered for the trip, students must meet all school expectations. Reports at the end of terms one and two will assist this. Any questions, please contact Stephen Moore stephen.moore@whs.sa.edu.au