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Dear Parents and Guardians

We are now more than the halfway through the academic year, and upon analysis of student achievement to date and upon reflection of the various co-curricular activities that have taken place; I believe the first part of 2021 has been successful. This success is the result of a number of things; much application and hard work by our students, the support and care you as parents provide and the dedication of the staff at USC. By now, all students and parents should have been able to access Semester 1 Reports via the Portal. Apologies to the students and parents of Year 12 who had to wait an extra few days due to an unforeseen issue with the Portal in this first week of the holiday period.

Our Year 10 students finished Term 2 undertaking service learning or work experience, and from talking to some employers and students on my visits, it was clear that the students positively gained from this activity and I had one employer lamenting the fact that he could not employ our student! Thank you to all involved; the students for engaging positively in the week, the employers who opened their businesses to our students, parents for supporting the endeavour and the work of Ann Rayson, Tim Agnew, Simon Sypek, Lisa Temple and Phil Wilson for the organisation and conducting visits to students during the week.

Our Year 11 students finished Term 2 having completed Semester 1 examinations while officially commencing Semester 2 in the final week of term. The Careers Expo held in Week 9 was well supported by all faculties at The University of Adelaide and our students and parents. This event was the first of its kind for USC and showcased our partnership with The University of Adelaide. Staff from the Future Students Division went beyond their normal school visits to support USC students. The event also provided a unique opportunity for our Old Scholars who are studying or have studied at The University, to team up with staff from The University at the various faculty booths, and speak to current students and parents about the degrees from a student perspective. Thanks must go to Anna Bassani, Vanessa Grave, the staff from The University of Adelaide, Corey Barrett, Ann Rayson, Simon Sypek, Tim Agnew and our Old Scholars for their commitment to and organisation of the event.

Our Year 12 students will soon be facing the final leg of their year. Term 3 is a demanding one. It is imperative they have some relaxation time to look after themselves during this break, but this time should also be punctuated with revision of the first two terms, as they return to trial examinations in Week 1. Their Semester 1 results are pleasing and I am sure that many of our students would be planning to consolidate their success as the year evolves.

I would like to acknowledge and thank our families who have spoken highly of USC out in the wider community. Interest in the College has grown significantly, and we often learn at enrolment interviews that our parents, current and past students have shared their experiences with others which have prompted students to seek enrolment at USC. Those shared experiences have supported us to grow and be a strong community.





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As many of you are aware, we have moved away from the traditional end of term newsletter, and instead provide you with very regular updates via our social media (Facebook and Instagram) and through our website. The work that some of our students undertake to deliver USC News, with the guidance and support of Vanessa Grave is wonderful and is a convenient way to hear student perspectives about life at USC. Student voice and agency is very important to us and the students who compere USC News, do so willingly, are not scripted by us, and nor are the students who are interviewed. I invite you to join our social media platform if you have not already done so. I also have provided you with a link to our website here, so that you can keep informed. <https://usc.adelaide.edu.au/about-us/news-events>.

Finally, I ask that you continue to support the health and wellbeing of everyone at USC and to comply with government requests to keep students home if they are unwell, and ensure they have a COVID-19 test if they show and concerning symptoms. As we watch the events unfold in NSW and I am very grateful that we can continue with school face to face in Adelaide, given no locally acquired cases of COVID-19 exist in our community.

Best wishes to you all.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anita Zocchi'.

Anita Zocchi

Principal