

FROM THE USC COUNCIL 2020

Who could have thought last year at this time what 2020 would bring with it and how it would change the world impact in so many areas of life for us all? COVID-19 has provided many challenges and not least were those related to continuing to provide as best as we could, a safe, secure, and a caring learning environment for our students and our staff at USC in the face of the pandemic.

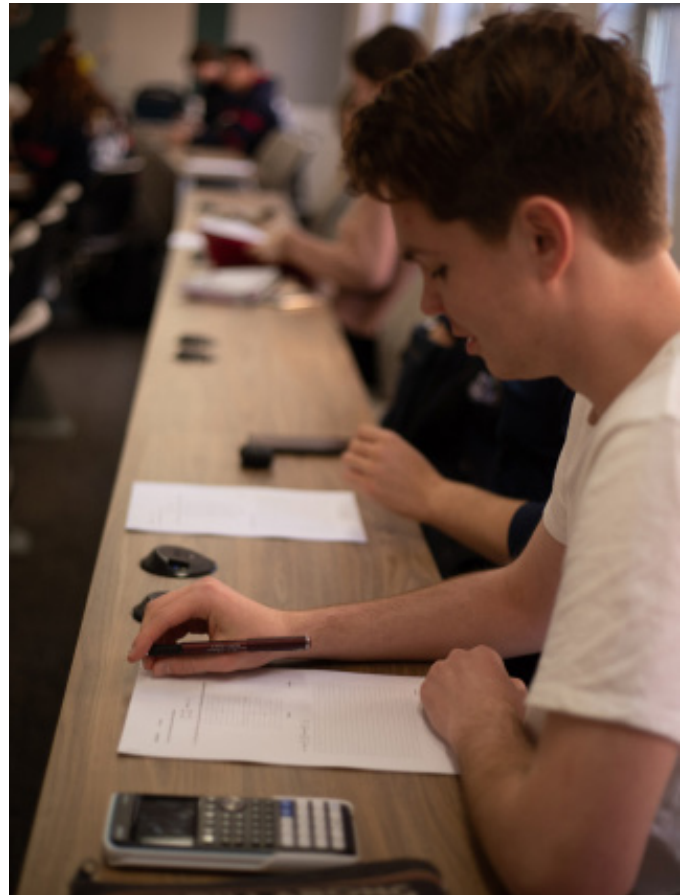
From the School Council's perspective we have much admiration for the work that Anita and her senior team and staff who have worked together with our wonderful students to ensure the best possible continuity of learning we could hope for in 2020. This has come about because of our team's ability at every level to stay connected with our USC Community and to personalise every interaction where possible, in order to give our parents and students confidence in the face of the crisis.

During these difficult last 12 months, Anita and our team's focus has been targeted to consistent messaging to stay connected with our USC Community in a timely and relevant way and this has never been as important as it is now during this current pandemic. Our staff have worked exceptionally hard during this time. There were many challenges to overcome to ensure we could provide a challenging learning program online to students and the way staff collaborated with each other, shared software available to assist in the delivery of the learning program remotely was a great testament to them and their focus on ensuring the students were supported.

We all came into this New Year back in January 2020 with high expectations of building on our successful inaugural Year 10 classes, which would help secure our Year 11, 12 and 13 offerings into the future. Pleasingly, at time of writing, those expectations are being met as we look positively forward to 2021 with very healthy expected enrolments at all levels, placing the College in a sound position going forward. This is a great result given the low international numbers of students due to travel restrictions with COVID-19.

We continue now on our pathway of capitalising on our excellent infrastructure footprint on the University grounds and supporting the professional learning of staff to deliver high level teaching and learning programs to suit our students.

I want to once again, say a very sincere thank you to Principal, Anita Zocchi, Deputy Principal, Tim Agnew, and their senior team for their outstanding leadership in the face of extraordinary circumstances in 2020. We



are fortunate to have such a committed and talented group leading the College and to have navigated the changing landscape that was in such a strategic, yet caring way. This says much about their skill and also their dedication to the aspirations of USC. To our skilled and experienced teaching and support staff who provided above and beyond for our students this year, the Council also expresses its sincere appreciation.

We also acknowledge the strong support and collaboration we continue to have from our partner, The University of Adelaide. To our School Council, I offer my personal thanks for the members' ongoing support and for their time and wisdom.

Finally, the Council thanks the Year 12 graduates for enriching our school and we wish them all the best as they venture forward in life - hopefully all the better for their time at USC.



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