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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: 2018 Timetable changes at Oak Flats High School

I am writing to advise you of some changes to our 2018 Timetable that will be occurring in the next few weeks. These changes are required as a result of the Department of Education's (DoE's) procedures we must follow regarding student enrolments and school staffing entitlements.

Early each year, our school is required to update our student enrolment numbers for each year group with the DoE. The DoE then advises the school as to our staffing entitlement for that year based on the number of student enrolments. At the end of 2017 a large number of our senior students in Years 11 and 12 were fortunate to receive offers of employment for 2018, many in the form of apprenticeships. This is a testament to the incredible work of our school staff in preparing our students for the workforce and assisting students to seek out and successfully attain these opportunities.

Whilst we happily celebrate this unprecedented success in transitioning such a large number of our senior students into the workforce, this has resulted in a reduction in our actual enrolment, consequently this impacts on our staffing entitlement for 2018. In real terms this means the number of staff working at Oak Flats High School has been decreased due to our lower than anticipated student enrolments. Unfortunately, this has necessitated a review of our curriculum leading to some changes in our timetable.

Our new timetable may see some changes in teachers and class sizes for students in Years 7-10. Where possible, Year 11 and 12 classes will remain as they are, as will our Year 7 Homeroom teachers and classes. Any Year 11 and 12 students affected by any required changes will be contacted and informed of these changes. We will endeavour to maintain our Year 9 and 10 Elective class offerings, however, some modifications to how we deliver some of these classes may be required. Again, if changes are required, any students affected will be contacted and informed of these changes.

The new timetable is anticipated to commence on the 26th March – the Monday of Week 9.

Please know that the passionate and dedicated staff of Oak Flats High School are committed to utilising the resources our school possesses to ensure your child is provided with as many opportunities as possible to achieve their personal best in the educational areas of interest to them. We are here to help your child to succeed.

If you have any questions or concerns about the changes being made and/or how your child's education may be affected, please don't hesitate to call me or one of the Deputy Principal's on 4256 1888.

Yours Faithfully

Stephen Heslop

Principal