I would like to extend a warm welcome to all members of the Arndell Community as we start a very exciting year for the College as we charge past the 1000 enrolment mark with 1100 students enrolled. For those new to the College, it will be a year of real expectation as you get to experience first-hand the educational programs this College has to offer.

Congratulations to our Class of 2015 on their very pleasing HSC results, so many achieved personal best scores. Our Dux for 2015 was Miss Madison Copland who obtained an ATAR of 98.45 and our Dux Proximate was Miss Madelaine Eglin with an ATAR of 92.25. A more detailed analysis of our HSC results will be published in a subsequent Arndell Advocate by our Director of Curriculum & Policy Mrs Karen Merrick.

During the holiday break we have completed refurbishments across the whole of the school; the Junior School Oval has been completed re-turfed and will be available for use at the start of March, new office spaces have been built for our newly appointed School Chaplain and School Counsellors, three new classrooms and an office space have been built into the Mears Library, work on the Agriculture Centre has commenced with a classroom and toilet block installed on site and two new peripatetic spaces have been constructed in the Lambert Centre.

In 2016 we continue our IT journey with the expansion of the iPad program into Kindergarten to Year 2.

We welcome all our new staff for 2016:

Mrs Roxanne Arnold – EA to the Headmaster and Enrolments Manager
Mrs Stella Buhagiar – Teacher’s Aide
Rev. Jeremy Clark - College Chaplain
Miss Jennifer Cooper – Year 5
Miss Freyja Dunn – Mathematics
Mrs Nicole Evans – Agriculture
Miss Claire Hainey – History
Miss Amelia Heath – Year 5
Mr David Jenkins – Biblical Studies and Music

Mrs Celine Laroumanie – French
Mrs Karen Lobb – Prep
Mr Chris Mann – Youth Worker
MRS Emily Peisley – Youth Worker
Mr Andrew Polkinghorne - PDHPE
Mrs Jessica Retamal – English
Mr Ethan Wark - Mathematics
Miss Kim Woldhuis – Social Science

At the beginning of the year I would once again like to take this opportunity to remind both parents and students of the expectations that we have of all our members of the College Community here at Arndell. We are first and foremost a College interested in developing the many gifts and talents our students have been given so that they can go on to live productive lives in the world God has provided for them. Therefore we require all of our students to come into the College with a growth mindset which is conducive to seeing what they are capable of achieving.

Students who have the right attitude can be clearly identified; they wear their uniform with pride, they are prepared for each day, they are attentive and willing to contribute to class learning – they do not distract the learning of others and they seek to be involved in the broader life of the College. In short these students want to embrace the life they have been given and make the most of it, not just for themselves but for the lives of those they come into contact with. God has made us relational beings, first with himself and then with those around us.

Relationships are fundamental to what we stand for here at Arndell. We will at all times seek to create positive relationships between home and school and between staff member and student, because we know that great things can be achieved when all members of the community are working together in an attempt to meet a common set of goals.

From Pre-Kinder to Year 12 each child is guided and encouraged to excel academically, physically and spiritually in a Christian learning environment.

It is my hope and prayer that God may continue to bless what we do here at Arndell Anglican College and I look forward to serving you all in the year ahead.
Welcome one and all to 2016. It only seems like yesterday that I said this last year. This will be a very busy year, with a huge variety of activities planned for the students.

An enormous welcome to our new staff. We are blessed to have such wonderful people at Arndell.

150 Year 7 students – I must confess I never thought we would attain such levels in the College, it is clear that we are doing this well, providing a safe and caring place for our students and an education that challenges all students to grow.

We also welcome new students across other years and we hope that Arndell will provide you with the opportunity to experience great friendship and a place to build on your learning.

We kick the year off with the Year 7 High Resolves Sessions in preparation for their 2 day camp at the end of Week 2. Added into this mix in Week 2 will be the ELEVATE study program for students from Year 10 to 12.

Some Important Reminders:

Mobile Phones

These are not to be used during the day – in other words between the start of the school day and the end. Please DO NOT call your child during the day on their phone. If you need to make contact please go through Administration. This also applies to medical issues. Please do not accept calls from your child during the day. If your child is unwell staff from the First Aid Station will make contact.

Uniform

Girls Dresses – the hemline is at the knee not above the knee.

Many thanks in advance for the year coming and all of the activities you will support or be involved with.

God’s blessing.

Opal School Transport Card

From Term 1 2016, Transport for NSW will be issuing School Opal cards to students eligible for travel under the School Student Transport Scheme in lieu of bus/train passes currently issued by the transport operator. Students who travel with Bailey’s Bus Services will remain with a paper travel pass.

The School Opal card is only for travel to and from school on school days and doesn’t cover travel to after school care, school excursions, sport and other activities away from school. A Child/Youth Opal card may be purchased for personal use.

For students who held a travel pass in Years K, 1, 3, 4, 5 and 7-11 they will shortly receive their Opal card from the College.

New students or students who have lodged an application will receive their Opal cards in the mail.

For the first 2-3 weeks of Term 1, students will be able to travel without an Opal card to school and back home provided they are in their College Uniform.

For more information on the School Opal card and the School Student Travel Scheme (SSTS), please visit www.transportnsw.info/school-students or call 131 500.
As the College continues to flourish and success is reflected in rising numbers, there has never been a greater importance upon students and parents to seek establish pathways in terms of career options. The sheer range of options can be potentially overwhelming and Arndell Anglican College is blessed with a large number of staff including Mrs Gillen, Mrs Merrick and Mr Webb with a great deal of experience and good advice to offer. Mrs McGowan, who does so much work to put together the logistics including all the paperwork for work experience, is another invaluable source of information. Students with questions or seeking to establish options including the selection of subjects, should endeavour to book an appointment with me (usually recess or lunchtimes for Years 7 to 10 or study periods for Years 11 and 12) at the earliest opportunity.

The Careers office is located in Mears building near the entrance, facing Mrs Stephens office.

Last year’s work experience block for Year 10 (now Year 11) in the final two complete weeks of 2015, was outstanding. Building on the fine reputation established over many years, including those of current Year 12 students, the work experience blocks led directly to employment for several students and many glowing endorsements of our Arndell students. In personally ringing around the majority of employers, all complimented the students on their punctuality, manners and for most, initiative in getting involved.

Significantly, there was not a single complaint. Subsequent comments on the official evaluation forms such as “Fantastic kid – we can’t wait for him to join our company” further demonstrated the excellent efforts of our Year 11 students. The range of options pursued was amazing, including boat building, aquarium work, the mounted police force and the RAAF.

Year 10, 2016, already look determined to match (or even surpass?) this positive attitude with two students having already made arrangements for work experience. The dates are:

**Week 1 - 21st to 25th November**

**Week 2 - 28th November to 2nd December**

If students are wishing to do exciting options (which are therefore very popular for students from many schools), it is essential to make a plan and establish early contact. Unfortunately, some students left it too late last year and missed out on preferred opportunities. Year 10 students (and parents) need to be thinking about options now, please.

There are many exciting new options being offered by the College under the direction of Mr Webb and Mrs Merrick, including outside speakers, to aid Arndell students in making better informed decisions as to their future direction in life after school. 2016 will be a bigger and even better year for students who make the commitment and get involved.

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**High School Lost Property**

Just a reminder that all High School lost property is now sent to the Mears Library. Junior School lost property is sent to Mrs Bower. Because of the huge number of items that are sent here, we are seeking your co-operation in ensuring your child’s clothing **is labelled with his/her name**. When clothing is labelled we can quickly add it to the list of lost property items, published online on the College Dashboard – Today’s Announcements. This list is updated daily so that it is current. Students are expected to check the Dashboard daily to see if any lost property is being held for them, so that they can collect it promptly.

Parents are welcome to ring me on the above number to enquire about your child’s labelled property or simply ask your child to check on the Dashboard from home.
Welcoming our New Students to the Arndell Community

The Arndell Community welcomed many new faces to the College this week. Again we welcome all our new students and families to the College.
Please note our next P&F meeting will be held on the 18th of February in the Junior School Library at 7.00pm.

**School Vaccination Program**

Please note the NSW School Vaccination Program for 2016 with the first clinic will commence Monday 8 February 2016.

If you have not already done so, can you please ensure you have returned the program consent form (see example image) to our administration office by Friday 5th February.

Any year 8 students who did not complete the vaccination course in 2015, will also be required to attend the clinic on Monday.

Please contact our administration office, if you still require a consent form.
Uniform Shop News

From Thursday, 28th January 2016 normal uniform shop opening times have resumed:

Tuesdays: 8.20am – 11.00am and 2.30pm – 4.00pm
Thursdays: 8.20am – 11.00am and 2.30pm – 4.00pm

Blazer Fittings

Blazer fittings will be held on Wednesday 24th February, 2016.

Every student in the College (excluding Prep) will require a blazer to wear with their winter uniform. Whilst winter changeover does not occur until Monday the 9th of May, now is the time to decide if your current blazer will still fit, OR if you require a new one (or a 2nd hand blazer).

In past years we have had many students without a blazer that fitted them simply because they had grown out of last year’s blazer and didn’t realise until after the fitting day. If you have outgrown your old blazer and it is in good condition (current logo, in good repair and dry cleaned), it can be brought to the uniform shop to sell in the 2nd hand clothing pool. Many families are looking for good quality 2nd hand blazers, so get them in ASAP.

Students must be at school on this day to be fitted. Year 7 will be fitted first at 8.30 am, followed by the rest of high school, infants and primary. Blazers are a compulsory part of the Arndell Anglican College school uniform and they are individually fitted for each student. It is worthwhile noting that the uniform shop keeps no stock of new blazers.

Jnr. Girls (Yrs K-6) $185.00 Jnr. Boys (Yrs K-6) $235.00
High school Girls (Yrs 7-10) $190.00 High school Boys (Yrs 7-10) $240.00
Snr. Girls (Yrs 11-12) $220.00 Snr. Boys (Yrs 11-12) $270.00

Note: Boy’s blazers have extra details e.g. pockets and lapels. Prices include fitting, alterations and GST.

An $80.00 deposit is required to confirm and register your child for a fitting. This must be paid to the Uniform Shop before Thursday the 18th of February or your child cannot be fitted. No deposits will be accepted on blazer fitting day.

Year 11/12 students requiring a senior stripe to be applied to their new blazer will automatically have it applied at the above price. If you currently have a blazer that fits and require a senior stripe, please bring your dry cleaned blazer to the Uniform Shop before Wednesday the 24th of February and a senior stripe will be applied for a cost of $30.00, which is to be paid in advance.

College Fees

As per the enrolment agreement, Fees and Charges are due and payable in advance or during the first week of the term to which they relate. Your commitment to on time payment is appreciated. There are several options for paying fees:

• Cheque, Cash, Eftpos, Visa or Mastercard – accepted at the main administration office every day between 8 am and 4 pm;

• Cheques can be posted to the school – PO Box 4063, Pitt Town NSW 2756;

• BPAY® - refer to your fee statement for reference details;

• Visa, Mastercard and American Express credit card payments can be made via the Parent Portal. Please note a 1% surcharge applies to each transaction; or

• Regular instalments through the Direct Debit Installment Plan. A direct debit plan can now be set-up via the Parent Portal where you can select the payment cycle option that best suits your family.

Where circumstances arise that may prevent timely settlement, contact should be made with Mrs Jodie Woods on 02-4545 2485 for a confidential discussion.
Arndell Anglican College has a number of Scholarships on offer for 2017:

**Academic Scholarships** are offered for Year 7 and 11 entry and are awarded on the basis of results achieved in the ACER Scholarship Test.

**Creative and Performing Arts Scholarships**, offered for Year 7 entry, require applicants to provide a resume, undertake an audition and complete the application form.

**All-Rounder Scholarships**, offered for entry into Year 7, require completion of the ACER Scholarship Test, submission of a resume and the application form.

Applications close Monday, 8 February 2016.

To register for the ACER Scholarship Test please [click here](#).

Creative and Performing Arts Scholarship Application Form, [click here](#).

All-Rounder Scholarship Application Form, [click here](#).

Appointments to tour the school and meet with the Headmaster can be arranged by calling the Enrolments Manager, on (02) 4545 2472 or emailing [enquiries@arndell.nsw.edu.au](mailto:enquiries@arndell.nsw.edu.au).
First Term Highlights

Senior School

4th - 5th Feb  
Year 7 Induction Camp

4th Feb  
Elevate Study Programme Year 10 11 & 12

8th Feb  
NSW School Vaccination Program

8th Feb  
Scholarship Applications closing date

10th Feb  
Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening 7.30 pm in John Lambert Performing Arts Centre

17th Feb  
Year 12 Parent Teacher Interviews – 3.30 pm – 6.50 pm

17th Feb  
Elevate Programme Parent Session 7.30 pm – **BBQ for Parents at 6.30 pm**

18th Feb  
Arndell Secondary School Swimming Carnival – Nirimba Pool

19th Feb  
Yr 10 History Excursion – Maritime Museum Darling Harbour

24th Feb  
Blazer Fitting Day

27th Feb  
Scholarship Testing Day

14th – 24th Mar  
Year 12 Half Yearly Examination

4th April  
NSW School Vaccination Program

5th April  
Arndell Secondary School Cross Country (Year 7-12) 11.00 – 3.00

Junior School

9th Feb  
IPAD – Stage 2 Information Evening 5.00pm in Junior School Library

9th Feb  
Junior School Information Evening in Junior School Classrooms 6pm to 7pm & 7 pm to 8 pm

12th Feb  
Induction Assembly - 2.15pm in John Lambert Performing Arts Centre

16th Feb  
Eagles Wings Commence (week 4 – 9) (**note - No Eagles Wings 15 & 17 March**)

18th Feb  
Eagles Wings Commence

19th Feb  
Arndell Junior School Swimming Carnival – Nirimba Pool

26th Feb  
Awards Assembly (Year 4) 1.30pm in John Lambert Performing Arts Centre

24th Feb  
Blazer Fitting Day

27th Feb  
Scholarship Testing Day

1st Mar  
sTEPS Eyesight Screening (Prep Students)

7th - 9th Mar  
Scholastic Book Fair – Junior School Library

11th Mar  
Awards Assembly (Year 2) 1.30pm in John Lambert Performing Arts Centre &

Junior School Disco (Fundraiser for Dementia)

Prep to Year 2 from 5.15 to 6.15 pm

Years 3 to 6 from 6.30 pm to 8.00pm

16th & 17th Mar  
Parent Teacher Interviews (3.30 – 7.30 pm)

22nd & 24th Mar  
Eagles Wings Concludes

24th Mar  
Easter Service 2.15 in John Lambert Performing Arts Centre

Easter Hat Parade

6th April  
Junior Cross Country (Prep to year 6) 11.00am – 3.00pm
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College Contacts

Headmaster: Mr Gareth Leechman
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Head of Middle School: Mr Austin Robinson
Head of Junior School: Rev. Keith Peterson
Director of Curriculum and Policy: Mrs Karen Merrick
Director of Teaching and Learning: Mr Jim Milford
Director of Staff and Student Welfare: Mrs Lynn Gillen
Chaplain: Rev. Jeremy Clark
Business Manager: Mrs Jodie Woods

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www.campaustralia.com.au
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