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Dear parents and carers

Re: Albany SHS looks at ways to improve the mental health and wellbeing support provided to our students

In 2022 the school will be providing a wrap around support model in student services to best meet the social and emotional needs of our students. The model is a little different to what has been in operation at Albany SHS.

Each year group will have a Program Coordinator (PC) and Student Support Officer (SSO) allocated to them to provide Mental Health and Wellbeing support as well as pastoral care. These two staff will follow each year group through their journey at school from Year 7 to 12. Further support will continue to be provided by AIEOs, School Officers, School Psychologist, Chaplain and the School Nurse.

In 2022 the Year Coordinator roles will be embedded in the role of the Program Coordinators, Student Support Officers, all teachers and support staff. We will be maintaining our Year 12 Coordinator position in 2022 and supporting the transition of our Year 6s to high school through a Year 7 Coordinator position for the first 10 weeks of 2022. Our highly valued staff who have undertaken Year Coordinator roles cannot be thanked enough for the efforts that they have put into working with their year cohorts and their families. Their expertise as quality teachers is highly valued.

At Albany SHS we value the model of having a key support person for each of our cohorts, the PCs and SSOs will follow their year groups through their 6 years of high school. This model creates the benefit of full time staff allocations who will be available during the day to provide ongoing high care to every student.

To further build our culture of care and high expectations aligned to our core values: Pride; Achievement; Responsibility and Respect the school will be embedding a Positive Behaviour Plan based on educating students to make positive behaviour choices. Throughout 2022 and into the future, parents will be informed of our targeted actions for improvement of our learning environment as we respond to the recommendations in the 2021 Public School Review Report.

We thank you for your support as we look at ways of building our pastoral care culture across our school.

If you have any questions about this structural change, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Yours sincerely

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