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Newhaven College House Pastoral Care System

In alignment with the College's strategic direction, *Hearts & Minds*, Newhaven College will be restructuring its pastoral care model for Middle and Senior School in 2023.

In 2023 we will be re-establishing the vertical House system as our primary form of pastoral care in Middle and Senior Schools. Pastoral care is key to our strong sense of community across the school. The vertical House pastoral care structure is designed to be a home for each student within the school and enable strong relationships between students and staff across all year levels. For those who have had a long association with the school, you would be familiar with this as Newhaven had the House pastoral care model for many years at the previous school site on Boys Home Road.

Currently, all students at Newhaven College are allocated to one of four Houses (Bass, Clarke, McHaffie and Sambell) for the purposes of competitions and carnivals. As of next year, the role of the House will be extended to include pastoral care in the Middle and Senior Schools. Students will be meeting regularly in their Houses and be part of a smaller House Tutor group. Staff House Leaders and House Tutors will interact with the students in their care on a daily basis. As well as dealing with matters of school and the organising of House events, this is also an opportunity to provide advice, care and support. Students will remain in the House for their time at the school and an allocated House Tutor Group for Years 5 to 8 and then Years 10 to 12, meaning relationships are built over a number of years. Year 9 will also be part of all House activities. House Leaders and House Tutors will become the first point of contact at school for parents.

There are many benefits to using a vertical House pastoral care model. The aim is for all students to be known and cared for in the best way possible and have a place of belonging at the school. Siblings will be in the same House enabling families to have a closer connection as well. Ultimately the relationships created through the House system will give students a strong sense of identity, companionship and support.

In Quietness and Confidence Shall Be Your Strength

Tony Corr

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