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ALBERT PARK
FLEXIBLE LEARNING CENTRE

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Welcome to 2019 at Albert Park

The year has begun again at Albert Park and I was very pleased that there was a feeling of welcome and joy balanced with productive energy. It gave the start of the year a hopeful energy that I hope we can maintain throughout the year.

It was gratifying to hear so many young people say that they were glad to be back and keen to get busy at school. School holidays can be restful but can also sap our drive as they wear on. I am glad that many young people have brought that energy to school.

2019 promises to be a year of some change.

The subjects English Communication and PreVocational Maths are being phased out by the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority and Albert Park is introducing Essential English and Essential Maths this year. Young people who commenced English Communication and PreVocational Maths will complete them this year but all new students will commence Essential English and Essential Maths.

The new subject Fashion has been approved and will commence in 2019. This promises to be of great interest and will provide links to many endeavours of young people at Albert Park. The commencement of fashion does also mean the conclusion of Drama in Practice, which will no longer be offered.

We welcome Jade to our staff in 2019. Jade will work predominately in the Art Department with Lou. Chris has also joined the staff team permanently this year and will work predominately in the study centre. We are very blessed to have Jade and Chris join us and indeed for all the staff at Albert Park.

Our community partners will continue to work with us in 2019. I am very grateful for the work of Rotary Toowong and Rotary Brisbane High Rise for their generous support and look forward to our working bees and gatherings throughout the year. St Vincent De Paul will also maintain their support of our transport program that allows young people some emergency transport in the form of GoCards to assist in getting to school. We will also receive support from Brisbane North Soroptimists International, Alpha Delta Kappa and Barooka Branch ALP all of which support our young people in various educational activities. These organisations and our volunteers who assist us on site enable us to offer more than we might otherwise be able.

Importantly we shall welcome many new young people to Albert Park. We hope that they will use their time to experience new things and to grow into the hopeful future that awaits them.

Albert Park is a wonderful community that is made by the small generosity of young people, of workers of families and friends and supporters. Thank you for your support and efforts and I look forward to journeying with you in 2019.

My warm regards

Simon Clowes
Head of Campus