



14 May 2018

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING CHANGES TO TERM DATES FOR ALL SCHOOLS OWNED AND OPERATED BY SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST SCHOOLS (SOUTH QUEENSLAND) LTD.

This letter is formal notification of modifications to **term start and end dates** for all Adventist Schools in South Queensland to commence in **2019**.

We are in a time of significant change in education and these changes have acted as a catalyst for review, consolidation and strategic update to our academic calendar. By taking initiative to purposefully implement a new structure for our term start and end dates, we are providing benefits that will advantage our students, families and staff.

On 13 March 2018, the Board of Directors of Seventh-day Adventist Schools (South Queensland) Limited voted to adopt the following term dates for 2019:

- **TERM 1 – 29 January to 5 April (10 weeks)**
- **TERM 2 – 23 April to 21 June (9 weeks)**
- **TERM 3 – 15 July to 18 September (10 weeks)**
- **TERM 4 – 8 October to 6 December (9 weeks)**

These are the 'general' start and end dates, however there are other key dates such as when Year 10-12 students finish in Term 4, that will be communicated to you in more detail by your Principal. These new calendar dates provide an extension to the mid-year non-contact time from 2 weeks to 3 weeks, which is a consolidation of the student-free days that were previously scattered throughout the year. Any questions that you have regarding this announcement should be directed to your local Principal.

We are excited about the positive opportunities that this announcement brings for all stakeholders.

Kind regards,

Jack Ryan
Chief Executive Officer
Seventh-day Adventist Schools (South Queensland) Limited