Welcome to the first Update of 2014. This overview can be found in both the Assessment Planner mail out and on our website and provides a brief snapshot of the College activities at the halfway point of the term. Included in the mail out is your child’s Assessment Planner for Semester One, 2014. The Year Level Overview will also be published on our website to provide an outline for all students and parents should it be required.

Term One is well and truly underway, with our new Year 8 cohort adjusting to secondary schooling and our Year 9-12 students continuing where they left off in 2013. Much of the start to the year has included looking at ways to ensure next year’s Year 7 and 8 students are able to start the year as successfully as possible and so any feedback from current Year 8 parents about their experience would be greatly appreciated. A reminder that our structure includes a Junior Secondary Coordinator, Mrs King, who works with our Junior Secondary Head of Department, Mrs Ona and Deputy Principal, Ms Francis, and a Senior Coordinator, Mr Cassidy, who works with our Senior School Head of Department, Mr Penrose, Transitions Head of Department, Mr Mitchell and Deputy Principal, Ms Fountaine.

All of our staff email contacts are available via our website for access to parents and I would encourage you to contact the school should you have any concerns or questions. We also run a number of information evenings like our recent Yr 8 parent night, and our upcoming Open Day will provide another opportunity to interact with staff.

Our annual Open Day has been moved forward to Term 1 and will be held at the College on Wednesday March 12th from 3.00pm to 5.30pm. Stalls will begin to close at 5.00pm with everyone finishing in the Performing Arts Complex as a culmination to the day. The Open Day presents a great opportunity to come into the school to see our wonderful facilities and to view the learning your children are currently undertaking at our great school.

We are also encouraging parents from our feeder primary schools and their children to come along to get an understanding of the great work occurring at Bundamba State Secondary College.

A reminder to all Parents that our P&C Annual General Meeting is on Tuesday March 18th from 6.00pm in our Upper Admin Building. We have a small, but enthusiastic group of parents who have provided support to the school over a long period of time, but we are also always looking for new parents to join the committee (or to come along to meetings to add their perspective). The P&C is an excellent avenue for keeping up to date with the latest information from the school and also provides an opportunity to have a say in important decisions relating to your child’s education.

Our next formal communication will be at the start of Term 2, with reports to be posted home by the end of week 1. We will also send home our quarterly magazine style Newsletter and information regarding Parent Teacher Night on Tuesday May 6th at this time.

Day 1 of Term 2 is April 22nd, with our Year 8 students also attending their annual camp on this day (students not attending camp are still required to come to school). Thank you for your ongoing support and we look forward to seeing many families at our Open Day on March 12th.

Andrew Peach—Principal.