

Dear DVD Family,

The long awaited move to our beautiful new campus at 201 N. Douglas alongside DVC and DVS has arrived and we are thrilled to share this experience with you. Planning and preparing for the move has been in motion for over a year, with the goal of being as thoughtful and intentional as possible about each and every decision we have made and will make moving forward into next year. Ultimately, we want to preserve the amazing community we have built here at DVD while continuing to grow our programs thanks to the amazing opportunities the new facility will provide.

One of the things that makes our move unique is that we're moving into a building along with two other schools. Most importantly, we are not "merging" with the other two Da Vinci high schools and becoming one big high school, and we are not changing our name to "Wiseburn High School". We will still be Da Vinci Design High School, with all of our unique traditions, expectations, and culture.

As we prepare for the move to the new campus alongside DVC and DVS, we felt it fitting to take a Design Thinking approach and view the move through the lens of our Signature 4 C's Design Process.

## CARE

Empathy is a crucial part of the Design process just as it is in building and maintaining relationships. Just as we care for each other here at DVD, we know and expect that you will display the same care, respect and thoughtfulness in your interactions with students, staff and administration from the other DV high schools.

## CONCEPTUALIZE

Imagine yourself in the new space full of opportunity and inspiration. First and foremost, this school was designed with our students and programs in mind. What intentions and goals will you set for the year? How will you promote our culture of acceptance and kindness in the new space?

## CREATE

How might we create an atmosphere that is representative of who we are as a Design community? With new classrooms and blank walls aplenty, there will be a myriad of opportunities. Through group work and collaborative projects, we know you will continue to challenge each other to create quality work that is unique and beautiful.

## CRITIQUE

Growth Mindset. Feedback. Critique. When it comes to improving on and doing our best work, these are core values and practices we value as a DVD family. We push each other to be better than we were the day before. We support each other in our individual and collective growth, both within DVD and with our extended DV family.

While change comes with undeniable challenges and hurdles, it also offers a wonderful and humbling opportunity to learn and grow. As different school families merge together into our new home, it is important that we are mindful and respectful of each other.

We look forward to making the transition alongside you in this very exciting time in Da Vinci history!

Sincerely,

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