

## Principal's Update

10 June 2020

Dear all

I hope you enjoyed the long weekend :)

The further good news is that there continues to be no new cases of COVID-19 in NSW and in schools in particular. However we are still at Phase 4 which means that while all students have returned to school and are again engaging in face to face learning at this point in time, tutors and coaches are not permitted into schools.

Of course this means that our GAT sport training program and school based ensemble program are unable to start. I do understand that there are some creative zoom approaches however to the music ensembles taking place.

Mr Delley of the maths staff has commenced the chess club again and Mr Li from the HSIE staff will be starting tennis training in the next week or so (weather permitting).

I have received a number of emails regarding the Year 9 Ski camp and whether it will be going ahead. At this point in time it has not been cancelled and we are hoping that if Phase 5 is implemented sometime soon that it may still go ahead. A decision will be made early term 3.

The Year 10 into Year 11 subject selection evening due to Covid-19 is on the calendar for Wednesday 17 June. We propose for this to go ahead at 7.00pm and I will be sending a Zoom link to all Year 10 families to attend that meeting. I will share my screen so that you can see the PowerPoint presentation and Ms Longley will also speak to parents about how their son or daughter can make their choices online. After the relative success of the Year 7 Parent Teacher night via phone contact, we have decided to have a Parent Teacher Year 11 evening also via phone on Wednesday 24 June. The original Year 11 PT was postponed due to Covid-19. On Tuesday 16 June the PTO will be made available through the school's website for parents. There is the option to include your telephone number when making the bookings and I request that you do this.

While we can print out parent telephone numbers from our data base; for many families you have multiple numbers and so to facilitate teachers dialling the correct number it would be great if you chose the best number for contact and included it when you make your booking.

Year 7 reports will be issued to students this coming Friday and Year 8 will receive their report on Friday 19 June and Year 10 the week after. Year 9 will receive their report on the last day of term.

The term has been so different to normal and it is a surprise that we only have three and a half weeks left till the next school vacation.

After the holidays of course Year 12 will sit their trial HSC examinations in weeks 2 and 3. They were quite surprised when Ms Longley mentioned that there was only six and a bit weeks till the trial exams.

While sport is not able to recommence, I am having meetings with each year group at the start of what would normally have been their sporting period. This is an opportunity to again remind our students about social distancing and good hygiene. I will also be chatting about the use of mobile phones at school and the school policy of no mobile phones in the classroom unless the teacher gives permission for use in research. However all students should have a laptop in the classroom.

A reminder to parents that if your child does not have a laptop please send me an email and we can loan your child a device just as we would a library book.

Hopefully everyone is staying safe and well.

Best wishes

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