

## Principal's Update

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Dear all

Well we are almost at the end of one of the most challenging two terms that I have certainly experienced. I personally want to thank you and your students for the positive way you have coped with the challenges of online learning. We all know it was not easy and while each student coped to varying degrees, I think we know they all did their best.

I am hoping that term 3 is more settled for all students, staff and families.

Over the past week we ran our second Parent Teacher night for Year 11 via telephone and this seemed to go reasonably well. There is no perfect answer but within the constraints we are still experiencing this seems to be the best option that we have available.

This coming Tuesday evening we will hold the Year 10 Parent Teacher evening again via phone. This will be an opportunity for Year 10 parents to discuss options prior to students choosing their subjects for Year 11, 2021. Just a reminder to Year 10 parents that choices are due on Wednesday 1 July 2020.

Year 10 received their reports today. Furthermore Years 9 and 10 students received their 2020 new swipe card this week.

On the last day of term (Friday 3 July) Year 9 will receive their reports. Year 11 will receive their reports on the Tuesday of the first day back for students next term (21 July).

At my regular meetings with each year group, I have encouraged each student to not think of school or school work during these holidays. It is evident to me that our students are in need of a complete and relaxing break. For each child what will be relaxing and energising will be different but I know you would agree the past six months from many perspectives has been difficult and for teenagers they are sufficiently aware that it has had an impact. The last holidays were part of the lock down period and so we have reached holidays where students can do some of the things they might normally do .... at last!

At this point in time I have not heard of any changes to Phase 4, that is the phase we are experiencing at the moment other than sport can again recommence.

We are still hoping that the Year 9 camp can go ahead but our Head Teacher Stage 5 is looking at an alternative time in term 4 ... just in case. The Year 7 camp has been moved to term 4.

At this point in time the subject selection evenings for Year 8 into 9 and Year 9 into 10 will take place via Zoom. Earlier feedback from Year 10 parents has suggested that the Zoom meeting seemed to be OK. So in term 3 about a week before the subject evening I will send out the Zoom link.

Year 12 might be the only year group that will be working during the upcoming holidays. Many students will be working with their teachers on their major works as well as preparing for the trial HSC exams in weeks 2 and 3.

For those students involved in the Raise program and Top Blokes program; both those programs will recommence in term 3. Also SRE for Years 7 and 8 students will commence again in term 3.

Our Head Teacher PDHPE has worked with our sports coordinator to look at sport for term 3. As Years 7-10 missed out on sport in term 2; they have proposed that in term 3 the rotation will be between to the two paid sports from term 2 and 3. When I mentioned this to each year group they seemed quite pleased about this :)

Hope you have a lovely weekend.

Regards

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