

## Principal's Update

24 July 2020

Dear all

Welcome to term 3!

I hope that during the holiday break you and your family were able to have what I am sure must have been a much needed break and take advantage of the slightly less stringent restrictions to do some fun things together.

It was lovely to see all our students at school on Tuesday and their joy in catching up with their friends and their teachers.

At this stage the conditions that were operating at the end of term 2 in schools are continuing into term 3. So while we can have music tutors and sport coaches working with students at school, apart from individual parent appointments, at this stage concerts, subject information evenings etc where large numbers of parents can come to school are still not permitted.

Similarly school camps are also not permitted at this stage, which is disappointing particularly for Years 7 and 9 that had camps organised for this term. However depending on how things go in NSW with COVID-19, we have not lost hope that the camps may still go ahead.

Mrs Ackerman is looking at alternatives in term 4 if the ski camp does have to be cancelled this term and Mrs Smith is looking at alternative arrangements for the Year 7 camp. I will keep you informed.

Of course term 3 seems to have a Year 12 focus. Year 12 commence their trial HSC examinations next week (week 2) and these go for two weeks. Then throughout term 3, the major works are due for completion and required to be sent to NESA, so this is a very busy time for Year 12.

At this time we are still thinking about the form the Year 12 graduation will take. We are already proposing to have the graduation in term 4 after the HSC examinations on either 11 or 12 November. With the restrictions in venues and the rule that parents are not to come to school in groups, we are hoping that by November we will be able to hold the graduation in the usual format.

All years have now received their reports with Year 11 receiving their report on Tuesday afternoon. Also last night the Year 8 and 9 students had their Parent Teacher night. Therefore all reports and parent teacher nights for semester 1 have been completed.

Some upcoming events for parents which will be held via Zoom:

- Thursday 13 August - Year 9 into 10 subject selection evening
- Wednesday 19 August - Year 8 into 9 subject selection evening

I will send around the Zoom invitation closer to the meeting date.

Year 10 have received the lines for Year 11, 2021 and are finalising their choices this week.

The good news also is that we have had no staff or student cases of COVID-19. At school we continue to have extra cleaning and we are well supplied with sanitisers and other sanitising products.

Over the holidays the school was still quite busy. Many Year 12 students were working with their teachers preparing for the HSC and completing their major works. Another positive was that the art

block was air-conditioned. This was an initiative of the P&C, and the art staff and art students are very grateful to have warmer classrooms. Thank you to all families for your contributions which have been put to such good use.

As we are still in Phase 4 and parent meetings are still not able to take place at school; I will continue with my Principal's Update.

Once again I hope you are all safe and well.

Best wishes

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