

Principal's Update

28 August 2020

Dear all

Well with four weeks to go till the end of term the school seems to be travelling well. Students as always are adorable and staff are amazing in the way that they are adapting to the ever changing conditions.

Of course four weeks till the end of term means four weeks until Year 12 complete their schooling. Year 12 were given the option (using a survey) of having the complete graduation on the Wednesday of the last week of term or having it at the concourse (depending on changes to restrictions) after the trial HSC examinations had concluded. The survey has now ended and over two-thirds of students voted for the Wednesday of the last week of term.

So the graduation will take place in the school hall from 1.30pm on Wednesday 23 September. Sadly only students can attend but we have organised for the whole event to be live-streamed to families and also each student will receive a copy of the event. After the formal graduation there will be an afternoon tea in the grounds for Year 12.

We are hoping to make the event really special for these wonderful young men and women.

Fantastic news! Year 9 this year as you know were not able to go to the ski camp due to COVID-19 restrictions. Well we have been able to get a booking for Year 10, 2021 for the ski camp in the first week of term 3. So they won't miss out! Year 9 will have their ski camp at the usual time of week 6. I am so pleased for Year 9 (2020) as I know they were looking forward to it. A huge thank you to Mrs Ackerman who has managed to get this up and running.

Year 11 have two weeks till the commencement of their Yearly examinations in the hall. This is the only formal examination they have prior to the trial examinations in term 3, 2021 and it will be great experience to practice exam technique.

Normally at this time we have the annual art exhibition which is so valued by our whole school community. Due to restrictions relating to COVID we are not able to hold the exhibition for families and the public. However Mrs McCarthy has organised with the Department to have the whole exhibition filmed. This will provide us with a virtual viewing of the exhibition including the Year 12 works as well as the works of our junior students. Once I have the link I will send it to everyone.

We have now completed all the subject selection meetings for all year groups and students in Years 8, 9 and 10 have completed their elective choices. Year 7 are in the process of choosing their language for Year 8, 2021 and of course the final piece of the puzzle will take place after Year 11 complete their exams and decide which subject (if any) they will drop for the HSC year. I have always found it interesting that in Year 11 which lasts three terms students are required to do six subjects and Year 12 which lasts for four terms they are required only to do five.

Year 7 and 8 are bubbling along and all junior years seem to be enjoying their sport selections in term 3.

Of course term 3 is also the time that Year 12 complete their major works and performances and over the past few weeks we have uploaded Extension 2 English major works as well as Society and Culture Personal Interest Projects.

Our Year 12 dance class has completed their performances and drama students have HSC markers here today.

Of course many major works including visual art and timber are for this year not being externally marked. This means that their teachers mark their work using the prescribed criteria. We are so lucky at Mosman that most of our teachers are experienced HSC markers.

Again I can report that no student or staff member has tested positive for the COVID-19 virus and that we continue to practise social distancing where we can and provide copious amounts of hand sanitiser around the school. We continue to have extra cleaning throughout the day.

So thank you as always for your support and I hope you have a lovely weekend.

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