

Principal's Update

4 September 2020

Dear all

It is pleasing to see that the number of positive COVID-19 cases in NSW is remaining relatively low. Our students are being diligent in washing their hands and using sanitiser and in the street and on the buses trying to maintain social distancing.

I have indicated to students and staff that if they wish to wear a mask at school that is perfectly fine. While at this time the NSW Government has not mandated the wearing of masks nevertheless some people feel more comfortable wearing them and that is perfectly fine.

Year 11 commence their final Preliminary exams next week and we had our final meeting with them today to discuss exam protocols. These include arriving for an exam 15 minutes before the commencement time. During this COVID time (and not just for Year 11) if a student is unwell they should stay at home. If they have a COVID test then the student must provide to the office before they return or at the time of returning the screenshot of the negative test report.

If a student misses an assessment or exam due to ill health in the senior years (Y10-12) they must have a doctor's certificate which is shown to the Head Teacher on the first day the student returns so that another time for the task can be organised.

Year 11 have StuVac during the next two weeks which means they only need to attend school for their exams.

Year 12 are commencing their last weeks of schooling and after a lot of proposals and discussion their Year 12 Graduation will take place on Wednesday 23 September at 5.00pm. While only Year 12 will be able to attend the event we will be Live Streaming the Graduation to all families. Their StuVac will commence on Wednesday 23, however they will be attending classes as organised with their teacher, one on one revision lessons with their teacher and using the library for revision. Year 12 mentors are also available during this time.

It has been lovely to have meetings with Year groups this week at the start of the day and discuss those things that are specific to each year. Almost all years have chosen their subjects for 2021, with only this year's Year 11 still to make a decision which will take place after their exams.

Last week the art block was converted into a gallery with Year 12 works on the wall of the corridors. We were lucky to have Mataport a company sponsored by DoE to visit our school on Monday afternoon this week to film the whole exhibition in 3D. Once this is complete we will share the link with you. I must say the technology is impressive ... but so is the student work.

Year 12 drama students completed their performances for the HSC last week and Mr Feros was very happy with their efforts.

Year 9 were very pleased to hear that they had not missed out on their ski camp and that it would be taking place when they are in Year 10. Students in Year 11 have a mandated "Life Ready" course and we are hoping to cover that course at the Year 10 Ski Camp in 2021.

Year 7 and 8 are not burdened by final exams but they do have assessments towards the end of term. The results from all assessments at the end of term 3 are of course included in their Semester 2 reports.

As you can see, it has been another relatively quiet week which I guess is what we all hope for. Hope you are and continue to be well.

Best wishes

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