

Principal's Update

22 April 2021

Dear all

Welcome back to term 2 and I hope you all managed to have a restful time over the break.

I know some of you went on holidays but others stayed in Sydney and wasn't the weather fantastic for a change over Easter (no rain).

Term 2 is always a busy term with assessments and report writing for most years. Only Year 12 received their reports last term and so all other years will receive their reports as the term progresses.

While the COVID situation has improved to the extent that we can go back to face to face parent teacher nights in the school hall; I am not sure if after experiencing phone and/or Zoom parent teacher meetings that it would be your preferred option.

Next Wednesday is the Year 11 Parent Teacher night and for that meeting we will go with teachers phoning parents. Last term Year 7 had their meetings mostly using Zoom. At this time there are three parent teacher meetings still to occur with Years 8, 9 and 10.

We have decided to survey you regarding the preferred option; that is Zoom, phone contact or face to face in the hall. The link is:

Parent Survey - <https://forms.gle/wBkUrYF5pMNJ55Gj6>

Please complete the survey by Tuesday COB next week.

Lots of years are participating in the Elevate study skills program. Year 7 met with the Elevate team on Wednesday and Year 11 will meet with them next Monday and Year 10 and Year 8 in week 5 of this term. The students and staff are very positive about the Elevate program that focuses on organisation, study habits and note-taking just to mention a few of the areas covered.

Next Tuesday is the athletics carnival at Narrabeen Institute of sport. It is compulsory for Years 7-10. Optional for Years 11 and 12. Year 11 can have a study day due to many assessments coming up and Year 12 if they are doing a major work/performance, or high level extension course can have a day of immersion at school with their teacher. This major works day for Year 12 is always well received.

Then, for Year 7 they are off to camp in week 3. We usually hold the camp in early term 1 as a getting to know you opportunity but with COVID restrictions it is now going ahead this term and I challenged Year 7 to let me know for future years which they thought was the most appropriate time to hold the camp :)

Ms Smith has indicated that Year 7 are to be at the COLA on Monday 3 May by 8.00am.

This week I have had assemblies with Years 7 to 10 to welcome them back to term 2 as well as presenting my topic for these assemblies which was "consent". I discussed this with the students and showed them the "cup of tea" animation (I have already sent you the link). Every Year group listened to the discussion respectfully and teachers have reported that there was further meaningful discussion when they returned to class.

Weeks 4 and 5, Years 7 and 9 sit their NAPLAN tests, online. Both years have already had practice tests as well as lots of literacy and numeracy support in the classrooms and of course we use this test only to diagnose further areas of support for our students.

Year 10 will have their formal Half Yearly exams in week 4. Year 10 will participate in StuVac which means they only come to school for a test that they are sitting. This gives our students the opportunity to practice their exam techniques in early preparation for Year 11 and 12 formal examinations.

Well this is probably enough for the first update :)

Hope you all have a lovely term 2 and remember if you have concerns about anything don't hesitate to contact us.

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