

## **PRINCIPALS UPDATE: February 17<sup>th</sup> 2023**

Dear all,

Well the last of the Parent Forums will be held this coming Monday evening at 7pm and this forum is for the parents of Years 9 and 10 students. An email with the Zoom link has already been sent to Stage 5 families and I hope to see you there. In attendance will be Deputy Principal Tony Gahan, Stage 5 Head Teacher Fiona Ackerman and Year 10 Advisers Keith Hardy and Annie Lam and Year 9 Advisers Stephen Little and Liz Peniazeva as well as myself to give you an overview of the Stage 5 year and the challenges and opportunities. As always there will be the opportunity for Q&A.

Then on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February the wonderful Paul Dillon will be speaking to Years 10, 11, and 12 and in the evening the P&C wellbeing committee have organised for Paul to speak to parents. This will take place in the RSC auditorium from 7.00pm. He is a fabulous presenter with great advice for parents of teenagers who may be exposed to alcohol, drugs, vapes etc. His focus is always from the perspective of young person safety and parents who have attended his presentations in the past speak highly of him. He also offers a Q&A.

Tuesday 21 February is also the day of the swimming carnival. It is compulsory for Years 7 and 8 to attend and they will be bused to Drummoyne Pool and then back to school. Year 9 and 10 competitors attend and Year 10 leaders also may attend.

On Wednesday the SRC and Year 12 Leadership Council are organising a fund raising event to support victims in Turkey due to that devastating earthquake. It will involve making 'fairy floss' at a reasonable price and all profits will go to the victims of this earthquake.

The Elevate Study Skills program is about to commence with Year 7 having Elevate on Thursday and Year 9 on Friday. The P&C wellbeing team are hoping to have a presenter from Elevate come to a P&C meeting and explain the program to parents.

What a wonderful and fun night the Year 7 and new parents welcome evening was. Thank you to Georgina the P&C president, the member of the P&C and the chairpersons of the sub-committees for their presentations. Also thank you to all of my staff who attended. Lots of valuable information presented and a chance to talk to key people.

I was lucky enough to visit the building site yesterday and it is progressing well with a projected finishing date sometime mid year ... of course depending on weather conditions. It is starting to come together with rooms now delineated and spaces obvious. It will be amazing and we are all looking forward to when it is ours :)

Best wishes for a lovely weekend

Susan