

## **PRINCIPLES UPDATES: 4 August 2023**

Dear all,

Well Year 12 are experiencing their last day of trial exams today, Friday and their last two weeks of school assessments ever. In itself that is a milestone! HSC completion of major works has commenced with Society and Culture Personal Interest Projects (PIPs) being submitted online and HSC dance being marked next Wednesday. Drama has the date for final performances and on it goes.

Well done to Year 8 parents who are completing all the paperwork for the Year 8 camp. We have two camps this term, the Year 9 ski camp and the Year 8 Enviro Camp. The weather has been quite warm so fingers crossed there is still lots of snow at Jindabyne for skiing and snow boarding.

I have been having discussion at Year Assemblies with students about the upcoming mobile phone ban in all schools commencing term 4. The more we investigate, it seems that the Yondr pouch is the one that most schools use. It is quite an expense as each pouch costs between \$15 to \$30 per pouch and for almost 1100 students it is a financial commitment. However, we are still investigating so watch this space.

The second phase of the build is progressing with the demolition of C block and then the landscaping of the central area of the school. The builders are trying to minimise noise and dust and are now knocking down the walls etc by hand. However, when it comes to breaking up the concrete slab and footings of C block, this will be noisy and dusty so our school has been given permission to have two working from home days for students and staff. These days will be Thursday 10 August and Friday 11 August. Students will receive their work via Google Classroom or meet via Zoom. They will follow a normal day of lessons 1 to 5 with the usual half hour breaks.

For students who need to come to school that option is available but there will be limited supervision and the work will still be online. If your child's computer is not working, can I encourage you to write a note to me so we can loan them a computer for the remote learning.

Any questions just send me an email care of the school email account.

Finally, we are having very few students presenting with COVID which is good news, although the cold and flu season is definitely upon us.

Best wishes,  
Susan