

PRINCIPLES UPDATE: 13 October 2023

Dear all,

The first week is coming to a close and the school students and staff have settled in smoothly to the new term.

Of course the HSC has commenced and all Year 12 students have now completed English paper 1 and paper 2 and quite a few students have sat a third exam. The new hall is working well for exams and the students have the largest digital clock on the new screen so that they are very clear with the time.

Year 11 officially become Year 12 on Monday. This week has been a transition week for students, but next week they will officially have dropped subjects and picked up extension classes as they progress to the HSC.

Term 4 is traditionally a term for assessments and reports and of course celebrations. All years 7 to 11 will receive their semester 2 reports. Year 11 early in the term and Years 7-10 later in the term. There is no formal exam period for Years 7 - 10 and they will have class assessments in all their subjects. These may consist of a test in their normal lesson time or a hand in assessment or assignment that they will largely complete at home. Can I remind you that all years were given assessment booklets at the start of the year where what assignments for term 4 are recorded for each subject. If the assessment booklet has been misplaced, there are copies of the assessment booklets on the schools website.

Celebrations for this year will be held in our new school hall. This will include our sports award ceremony, school concerts, presentation nights for Years 9, 10 and 11 and the second Presentation Night for Years 7 and 8. We will also hold the Year 6 Orientation Day in our new school hall.

Congratulations to Year 8 students who were so fabulous at their recent school camp held on the last three days of term 3. While they returned to school tired on that Friday afternoon, they had the opportunity to recover with the holidays starting the next day.

All students in Years 7 - 10 have commenced summer sport. Please be mindful that this may involve water sports and that students need to bring the correct clothing for these sports.

That we implemented a trial mobile phone ban last term has enabled our students to settle very easily into the mobile phone ban that is now in place in all NSW schools. As you know phones are to be kept in the student's bag when entering the school gate in the morning and only taken out when the student leaves the school gate. We have noticed that the number of students not following the ban has reduced to less than five on any day and yesterday no students had to hand their phone to the office. Thank you to all parents for supporting us in this mandatory policy.

The build which has moved to the landscaping phase is progressing really well. The car park has had its surface removed in preparation for the new surface and all the underground work in the centre of the school has been completed. Much of the concrete needed in the space has been poured and garden beds have been filled with soil and even trees have been

planted in some cases. The ETA is looking like the end of November, but I will give a firmer date towards the end of this month. I just can't believe that we will have our whole school back again and what a fabulous school it will be :)

We'll hope we all have a wonderful term 4, again welcome back and I hope to see you at the many events we will be hosting over the coming weeks in our new spaces.

Best wishes,
Susan



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