

PRINCIPLES UPDATE: 15 September 2023

Dear all,

My last Principals Update for term 3.

What a fabulous week we have just experienced. The highlight was the Year 12 Graduation Evening on Wednesday at the Concourse at Chatswood. Such a celebration of student achievement. The Concourse auditorium holds 800 people, and it was close to being filled. The students who performed were wonderful and there was such a positive vibe in the hall. Congratulations to the 'Class of 2023'. We all wish them every success in their studies and their HSC examinations and of course for the future. Year 12 are now on StuVac till their first exam, English paper 1, on the Wednesday of the first week back in term 4.

Year 11 are coming to the end of their formal examination period with only the exams for Monday to be completed. They too have been exemplary in their approach to their first formal examinations in some time and the next step for them is the start of their HSC from term 4 this year. All Year 11 students study 12 units but in Year 12 they only are required to study 10 units. So now is the time to think which subject they will no-longer study and whether they will do further extension courses.

Year 10 have not had any major exams but have had the regular vaccination program over the past week. Their compulsory camp for Year 11 and the 'Life Ready' course will take place next term. Year 9 similarly have had no major events in the last week other than (as with Year 10) completing term 3 assessment tasks.

Year 8 are off to their camp next week. The three-day camp commences on the Wednesday and the students return on the Friday. What a wonderful way to finish the term! For those students not attending camp there will be lessons at school each day. Year 7 have now completed their third term at high school and are definitely making the school their own. They have taken over half of the basketball court for some very serious basketball, while Year 8 have an equally serious handball game taking place on the other half of the court.

Paul Dillon was terrific last Monday evening and then on Thursday evening Jessica McCarthy HT Teaching and Learning gave a fabulous presentation prior to the P&C meeting on Artificial Intelligence and Chat GPT. The presentation was filmed and will be uploaded on the P&C website.

This coming Monday we have Ysafe presenting to parents in the Theatre at 7.00 pm. Those of us who attended the presentation last year were so impressed with the presentation for parents on cyber-safety and all the social media that teenagers access and the pitfalls as well as how parents can monitor and support their teenager. I strongly encourage you, if you can, to come along.

Years 7, 8 and 9 will have a Ysafe presentation during the day on Monday.

The build is going at a pace with the landscaping works progressing and soon we will have large trees being planted and new footpaths installed. As mentioned, work is commencing on the teachers car park soon.

Finally, as term 3 comes to an end I thank you all for your support of our school. This should be my last update for the term. If you are having a holiday, I hope it is just what you need.

Best wishes,

Susan