

PRINCIPLES UPDATE: 18 August 2023

Dear all,

Well the exciting news is that our annual art exhibition is happening this weekend. Tonight is the official opening and we are lucky to have Blak Douglas (previous Archibald Prize winner) to open our event. The exhibition is open from 6.00 pm and then again on Saturday and Sunday from 11.00 am till 3.00 pm. So if you are in the area please pop in via the Military Road entrance to the school. Year 12 major works will be in the corridors and in the classrooms will be art works from Years 7 to Year 11. So it would be great to get a photo of your budding artist and their early works.

Another exciting event takes place on Sunday when Year 9 students head off to Jindabyne for ski camp. They will be at school on the COLA bright and early ready to board buses for a week of skiing or snow boarding. I was worried that because of the warmer winter we have experienced there might not be enough snow. However the good news is that the weather in the snow fields has turned colder and there have been good falls of snow over the past few days. So I am sure they will have a great time. Thank you to Fiona Ackerman (who is also Head Teacher art) for organising this camp.

Year 11 are building up toward their final Preliminary exams in weeks 8 and 9. Term 3 completes the Year 11 Preliminary course and then from the start of term 4 they will be in Year 12. If you have a year 11 student they will soon be thinking of which subject they will drop for the HSC year. As you know in Year 11 they must have 12 units or six subjects but in Year 12 they only require 10 units and five subjects. There is also the opportunity to choose extensions in languages (if studying continuers), history (must be studying either ancient or modern in Y 11), music (if doing music 2) and of course extension 2 English or mathematics (if studying English or maths extension 1 in Year 11).

Please find a below a link to a works notification regarding remediation of land in the middle of the school. Multiplex have completed the first milestone which was the building of G block and now they are well on the way with the second milestone which is the removal of building C (the old canteen and music classrooms) and refurbishment of the playground. Building C is totally removed and thanks to everyone's support last week with working from home. The link below is shared by Schools Infrastructure about milestone 2.

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Regarding the 'GatetoGate' mobile phone procedures, next Friday 25 August we will be holding our first trial of no mobile phone use from when the students enter the school till when they leave the school. This includes classrooms, recess and lunch, sport and excursions. Each week as we move toward the end of term we will increase the number of days for no mobile phones until term 4 when the ban officially comes into place. Students will need to use a card or cash at the school canteen and if they need their phone for a medical reason, then we will need a note from a medical practitioner stating this. Any questions don't hesitate to ring me or send an email.

Finally good luck to our HSC drama students who will be completing their actual HSC performances on Thursday next week and well done to our dancers who completed their HSC performances the previous week.

Best wishes,
Susan