

## **PRINCIPLES UPDATE: 25 August 2023**

Dear all,

Well the most topical point in this update relates to the new mobile phone ban. Our first day for trialling the process was today. I have received a number of request for a student to be allowed to use their mobile phone at school based on a medical reason, specifically a medical exemption. This is one of the criteria for being able to use a mobile phone at school. The school requests that we receive a letter from a medical practitioner specifically indicating that their medical condition requires the use of their mobile phone.

Next week (week 7) we will operate the ban on Thursday and Friday and then week 8 - Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and week 9 four days and week 10 all five days. Hopefully this graduated approach to the ban will allow us to resolve any issues that occur before term 4 when the ban is mandated in all schools. Don't hesitate to email me with any concerns, ideas or information that you might have.

Year 9 will be returning from ski camp today. We all hope they have had a great time. There was snow at Perisher, and so they were able to get in some skiing. Year 12 have completed all their formal school assessments and many of our students are completing their actual HSC for example Year 12 drama had their performance exam yesterday. The HSC music performance exams are a couple of weeks away yet. Also congratulations to the art staff and all our artistic students for a fabulous art exhibition.

Year 11 have one week before they will be sitting their final and formal exams. These exams will take place in our new school hall and will give them the opportunity to settle into the space they will use for their HSC exams in 2024. Year 11 students have also had the opportunity to submit a one-page application for becoming a member of the Year 12 Leadership Council (the Mosman equivalent of prefects). We will hold the elections next week before we elect the school captains for 2024.

In week 10, Year 8 will be heading off to camp. The camp has a focus on the environment and sustainability. There is certainly a lot happening at school for everyone and don't forget the homework club on Tuesday and Wednesday in our fabulous new library.

This coming Thursday our school will be involved in a pilot for "World Ocean Day". Students from all years who have been involved in environmental projects through their curriculum or extra-curricular involvement will be invited to attend. We are very fortunate to have this happening at our school and the amazing presenters who will be working with our students.

Finally, the build continues to progress. Building C has completely gone, and the land is being prepared for the irrigation systems and foundations for garden beds. Also, they will be starting the refurbishment of the school car park

Best wishes,  
Susan