

PRINCIPLES UPDATE: 9 October 2023

Dear all,

Welcome back to a new term and hopefully term 4 will be rewarding and enjoyable for your students. The term starts with the HSC examinations commencing on Wednesday of the first week with English paper 1, followed by English paper 2 on Thursday. Then we have a month of continuous examinations in the mornings and afternoons frequently finishing at 5.00 pm. We all have our fingers and toes crossed for Year 12 in that all the hard work they have put in place over the last year and more will be rewarded.

Over the holiday period many teachers have been at school working with year 12 and I know the students appreciate this extra opportunity.

The previous term ended with Year 8 attending camp and from all reports students and staff had a great time. However, I am sure they all were pleased that the camp backed into holidays to get a well-deserved rest. The art staff under the stewardship of Fiona Ackerman took almost thirty students to Bundanon for three days of art immersion. Already the feedback is positive and hopefully sometime this term we can have an exhibition of their work. The final camp for the year will be the Year 10 'Life Ready' camp in week 8 of this term.

Then Year 11 as of week 2 this term will be Year 12 and the 'Class of 2024'. They have chosen what subjects to drop and what extension classes to pick up and are now ready for four terms of HSC courses. We have decided to continue for this Year 12 the assessment weeks in each term and in week 8. These will also be associated with a StuVac.

Already we are getting exciting news regarding the 'Class of 2023'. Seven students were nominated for OnStage that is in drama and six students were nominated for Callback that is in dance. These are unprecedented numbers. I will give you more details in the next High Flyer. Also Richard Mew our career's adviser has told me that 37 students have been given early entry to Macquarie University and this is just one university and just the start of early offers. Certainly, exciting times for our fantastic Year 12 students.

Just a reminder that all students and staff return on Monday 9 October and hopefully by this date the switch to Daylight Saving won't be impacting on getting up in the mornings.

The build is progressing well. Over the holidays all the audio-visual equipment was installed into the hall and theatre. I think our Presentation Nights will be particularly special. The landscaping in the centre of school is also progressing with garden beds, paving and more taking place.

So lots to look forward to this term with reports, celebration ceremonies, orientation days and summer sport.

Again welcome back and looking forward to another great term.

Susan