

PRINCIPLES UPDATE: 16 June 2023

Dear all,

Thank you to Fiona Ackerman Head Teacher visual arts for a wonderful presentation at the P&C meeting last night. It was lovely to see so many parents attend the art block and enjoy all the fabulous student artwork on display. The next P&C meeting will be in our new G block ... hope to see you there.

Today we will issue the Year 7 and 8 reports to all students this afternoon. Both Mr Feros and I have been very impressed with efforts that Stage 4 have put into their learning and their achievements are evident in their teachers comments and their very pleasing results.

The Year 10 interview week is now concluded and the two careers' advisers were very grateful to the large number of parents who attended with their children to discuss Year 11 and 12 subjects. Students seem very excited about the upcoming two years and that at last they had choice of all subjects except of course for compulsory English. Years 9 and 10 will receive their reports on the Friday of the last day of term 2.

Year 12 are in the middle of their term 3 StuVac week and they seem to have settled into the pattern of an assessment week once per term. With the HSC exams moving even earlier in term 4 and the fact that NESA continue to compact the number of weeks for the HSC, these StuVac weeks provide an opportunity to practice an approach to the HSC.

Year 11 are heading off to camp in week 10 from Monday to Wednesday. This as I have mentioned is for the completion of the Life Ready program that is a requirement for the HSC. Hopefully the weather will be fine, and they will have a great time at camp.

Next week we will have a number of evening events. On Wednesday we will be holding the 'Winter Concert' at Scots Kirk and then on Thursday also at Scots Kirk the ensembles will have an evening of performance. Also on Thursday evening our dance ensembles will be performing at the Glen St. Theatre as part of the Northern Sydney dance festival. So lots of fabulous opportunities to see the talent of our students.

Finally, the build is progressing as planned and the hand over date continues to be 10 July. The inside of the building is largely completed and now all effort is on delivering the furniture and finishing the landscaping around G block. Commencing Tuesday 18 July when students return for term 3 they will have updated timetables where they will no-longer be having lessons in demountable or off-site but have lessons in the new G block classrooms.

Hope you have a lovely weekend,

Susan