

PRINCIPLES UPDATE: 10 March 2023

Dear all,

Can I commend to you the High Flyer that came out yesterday. The deputy principals have written excellent articles concerning supporting students' wellbeing. In the Stage 5 deputy's report there is a link to register for a second webinar being conducted by Elevate. This webinar is for parents with suggestions to support your child and their study skills.

We are over half way through the term and next week (week 7) Year 12 will have their second assessment task week. All students will be on StuVac and only attend school for assessment tasks. We are hoping that by putting all assessment tasks in the one week and giving the students time for preparation and study that when they sit their trial HSC and eventually the HSC they will have a sound study approach to time management.

Also next week Years 7 and 9 will be sitting their NAPLAN tests. Both year groups will have a practice test on Monday, and then on Wednesday they will start the actual NAPLAN tests. Students sit four literacy tests - reading, writing, spelling and grammar and one numeracy test. By sitting the tests so early we hope that we will receive the results also early to support students throughout the year. All NAPLAN tests are online and I thank Bernadette Smith and Fiona Ackerman for coordinating the Year 7 and 9 tests and Peter Panagopoulos our IT expert, for setting up all four computer spaces.

In two weeks time on Tuesday 21 March we will be holding the Year 7 parent, teacher, student evening from 4.00pm till 7.00pm. At this stage we will continue with the meetings using an online format. Merrilyn our office manager will be sending the 'Parent Teacher Online' (PTO) link to you so that Year 7 parents can make appointments with their child's teacher.

On Tuesday 14 March, there will be a music committee meeting in the library at 7.00pm so that all parents can meet the new music staff and hear more of the fantastic programs on offer. Speaking of parent committees, the art committee's Mosman Art Walk will be concluding this coming Monday 13 March. There is still time to snap up a bargain, either use your search engine and go to the Mosman Art Walk or enjoy a stroll along Military Road and see the works in the shop windows.

The build is reaching an exciting stage as over the next few weeks the scaffolding will come down and we will be able to see the actual structure. The hall and stage are having the walls and ceiling panelled with HERA panels. The roof top tennis/basketball court is now fully enclosed with netting. Interestingly the netting while made of stainless steel is almost invisible. The timber for the dance, hall and theatre floors has arrived and acclimatising before installation. The lift from the foyer to level 4 is installed and operational. The brick facade is complete and being cleaned. Landscaping has commenced near the art block plaza. The builders continue to predict that the completion date for the new building will be mid-year.

Hope you have a lovely weekend!

Susan