

PRINCIPLES UPDATE: Friday 24, 2023

Dear all,

Firstly a huge thank you to Fiona Ackerman and Bernadette Smith for coordinating and running two weeks of NAPLAN for Years 7 and 9. Overall the online process went very smoothly and there were very few students who missed a test and required catch-up. Hopefully as a result of having the NAPLAN testing moved to term 1 from term 2 we will receive the results earlier and can use that data to support our students in literacy and numeracy as required.

Year 12 are back from their StuVac week and are receiving their results. The next step is report writing for staff and reports will be issued on the first day of term 2 for Year 12 students. Year 11 and in fact all years are completing end of term assessments. For most year groups the students have four assessments in a year and two are used for each reporting period. Most subjects, although not all have their assessment towards the end of a term. Assessments might involve topic tests or hand in assignments, oral presentations etc. You can find out what the assessment might be by looking at the Assessment Booklet for a particular year group. An easy way to find the Booklet is to go to the Mosman High School website, and then go to the year group for your student.

If your student misses an assessment task and they are in Years 7-9 then a note from you to the teacher indicating your student was ill or for another reason will be sufficient to allow for the assessment to be done at a different time. For Years 10-12 students must complete an 'illness and misadventure form' (found on the website at the back of the Assessment Booklet) and a doctor's certificate is required. When your student returns to school with that certificate they take both the form and the certificate to the Head Teacher of any assessment missed and an alternative time can be negotiated.

Frequently teachers send home for Years 7-9 'Letters of Concern' and for Years 10-12 'N-award Warning' letters'. Particularly the 'N- award Warning' letters are in a format provided to all schools by NESA (NSW Educational Standards Authority). The focus of the letter is to let students and parents know what work has been missed and how to resolve that work missed. If you have any concerns regarding N awards or work missed, please contact the teacher or Head Teacher of the subject.

A Build Update ... well Mr Feros and I were taken on a tour of the build yesterday and I must say we were very impressed with the progress being made. Over the next eight weeks teachers from each faculty will be given a tour of the building to enable them to see the new spaces and start planning for when we transfer to the building.

After having a somewhat reduced playground over the past year the new build will provide so many spaces for play as well as under cover areas for our students to sit and chat and an enormous library. We can hardly wait. The school hall is enormous as is the stage and will be wonderful for both performances and sports. I am really excited about the dance studio and theatre.

The new build will have many learning hubs including for science, PDHPE and more. Our P&C have suggested when the school takes possession of the build that we have our P&C meetings in different spaces so that parents can also experience what our students will experience. I think that is a great idea. To start the process our next P&C meeting will be held in the art block and Fiona Ackerman Head Teacher visual arts will discuss the programs and opportunities happening in visual arts.

Have a lovely weekend,
Susan