

PRINCIPLES UPDATE: 19 May 2023

Dear all,

Hope this email finds you well.

Another busy week with Year 10 taking part in their first formal exam week and StuVac. The students were fantastic and handled the movement to the three venues extremely well. They were settled in the examination rooms and practised their exam technique, how to manage reading time, which areas of the paper to answer first and other specific strategies for a student including if the student has disability provisions how to manage rest breaks or whatever their provision entails.

Report time for teachers is also in full swing with teachers commencing writing the reports for most years over the next few weeks. This of course means that our students are sitting a number of assessments at this time. As you know students sit one assessment per term for each subject they are completing. The assessments are often research or hand in assignments and occasionally an in-class test.

Year 12 will have their third assessment week in week 8 this term and of course will have their trial HSC exams in week 2 and 3 in term 3. The HSC timetable is out and on the NESA website. The timetable commences early (Wednesday week 1, term 4) and is quite compact with the HSC being completed in four weeks.

Year 10 will have a normal week next week but the following week will be completing their HSC minimum standards tests in the library. These are online tests and will be completed over three periods in their English classes.

Congratulations to students and staff who attended the Year 7 camp. The weather was perfect and the venue 'Milson Island was a wonderful blend of river and bushland. I think traveling to the venue by ferry was also a highlight. Again, the students were excellent and I know some of you won't believe me but 'lights out' was adhered to. In fact, the Sport and Rec camp staff complimented our students on their consideration and respect for others.

Well good news, the new building will be handed over to the school on Monday 10 July. This is in the holidays. So when our students return in term 3, they may have classes in G block. We won't know ourselves with the extra space and beautiful facilities.

Finally the P&C AGM was held on Thursday evening of this week and the team for 2023 and 2024 is: President - Georgina Harrison, Vice Presidents - Giovanni Laudicina and Alan Hinton, Sue Lowe is continuing as secretary, but her daughter graduates this year so if you would be interested in being part of the team please contact Georgina.

Secretary is Kirsty Edwards, and communications executive member is Michelle Morley.

Congratulations to these parents and thank you for putting up your hand for such an important role in our school.

Hope you have a lovely weekend.

Susan