

PRINCIPLES UPDATE: 25 May 2023

Dear all,

Well we are half way through the term and definitely winter is just around the corner with very cold days over the past couple of weeks. Year 10 are now back at school after a busy formal examination period and StuVac and all students are settling into the assessments that seem to occur at this time.

If your student is absent on the day of an assessment, if in Years 7, 8, 9 please contact the school and let us know the reason. If your student is in Years 10, 11, or 12 then they will require a doctor's certificate for missing an assessment task and they will need to see the Head Teacher of the exam missed on the day they return to school to organise an alternative exam.

This coming week all Year 10 will sit their HSC minimum standards test. They will be called out in English classes to the library. This involves three tests - reading, writing and numeracy in which the students must attain a level (3) in all tests so that they can then qualify for an HSC. If they miss the test or the required level, there are many further opportunities to sit the test before the HSC. Mosman High has never had a student sit the HSC without having achieved all their minimum standards.

On Thursday of next week commencing at 7 pm, all year 10 students and their families will be invited to an information evening to help with choosing subjects for Year 11, 2024. The meeting will be via Zoom and I will send the link early next week.

This coming Monday 29 May, Year 7 will host their grandparents for a morning of music, drama, dance and presentations. The grandparents (and parents) morning will take place in Scot's Kirk commencing at 9.30 am. Grandparents and their Year 7 student will be invited to morning tea in the hall behind the church after the concert.

On Tuesday night I was privileged to attend 'In Concert' at the Sydney Town Hall. Our choir supported by music teacher Belinda Smith performed as part of a 600 piece mass choir. The music was superb and greatly enjoyed by a full Town Hall.

There are lots of great excursions happening at the moment for all years including - Year 12 to the HSC lectures, drama students to see prescribed plays and all art students to see the great works in the Mosman Youth Art prize in which our school strongly featured.

A surprise for students and teachers on playground duty last week were two mounted police who arrived at the Gladstone Avenue school gate at lunchtime. They were riding beautiful horses and our students were desperate to give them a pat. It turned out that the two policewomen had been patrolling at Balmoral and decided to visit us as one of the women was an ex-student who graduated in 2017!

Finally the build is progressing rapidly and we are excited to be reaching the hand-over date on 10 July. Only six weeks away. With the scaffolding down it really is an imposing building and the quality of the brick work I am sure everyone agrees, is amazing. The dance studio has its timber sprung floor and within the next week the timber floor in the hall will also be laid. At the same time landscaping around the building continues to take place.

We are all looking forward to when it is ours :)

Best wishes
Susan