

PRINCIPLES UPDATE: 5th May 2023

Dear all,

What a great start to the week with the athletics carnival on Monday!

The weather was perfect with lots of sunshine and an ocean breeze. For the first time we went to E. S. Marks field, near Moore Park and staff and students were impressed with the quality of this field for athletics. The students really engaged in the day and their were lots of school and personal bests achieved. An added advantage was that from Mosman to the field was a twenty minute journey. The disadvantage was that the field did not run a canteen so that all students were required to bring their lunch, however we are looking at a bar-b-que for 2024.

At school Year 12 HSC students had an immersion day working with their teachers on major works and performances. This day is greatly valued by students and staff. Year 11, I am sure appreciated their study day. Year 11 also had their Parent Teacher night on Tuesday evening by phone call and from all reports went well.

This coming week is an exciting one for Year 7, who will be off to camp for three days and two nights leaving Wednesday. We have found that the welcome to high school camp fits well into term 2, rather than term 1, as the students are more settled, have made new friends and are more relaxed at camp. I know that the teachers going are really looking forward to the camp as well.

Just a reminder that for week 4, Year 10 will be having their formal Half Yearly exams. This will as mentioned previously be the first time for Year 10 students to experience StuVac, which means they will only come to school for exams and stay at home to study and revise when they don't have an exam. The Learning and Support team have spent considerable time working out Disability provisions for those students who require this.

The Year 12 Leadership Council are holding a 'prefects' afternoon tea next week for all schools in our area. This is a practice across all schools and our Year 12 students have already attended a number of afternoon events.

This week we welcomed a new member of staff to the English faculty. Lisa Blanche who will be replacing Catharina Simmonds. We also welcome back Todd Blackburn to the science faculty after parental leave.

Finally the build is really moving at a pace and the completion time is still trending to the middle of the year. It is lovely to see the beautiful brickwork on the facade and the pops of colour from the windows which reflect the local land, sea and bushland flora. We are all impressed with the size of the hall and stage and I know performing arts are keen to have their first concert in the space.

Hope you have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Susan