

Dear all,

Well the HSC has come and gone for another year and as I mentioned it is lovely to see Year 12 students so happy that it is all over and saying farewell to their teachers. The next important milestone is 15 December when the HSC results are released.

You may have heard in the media that all teachers in 2023 will be given 5 periods per term for Professional Learning. Commencing in 2023 all subjects will be given new syllabuses and these five periods per term are for teachers to plan the implementation of the new curriculum and the programs and resources.

As we have five period days this would mean a day for each teacher. As you know it is challenging to find casual staff (or any staff these days) to cover teachers or even better, teams of teachers to work on curriculum planning. We have been looking at many options to make this work since we returned to school. One option that many schools are thinking of implementing is providing students one day per term where they can work from home. As with lockdown all work would be placed on their Google Classroom for that day.

The timing for that day could also be negotiated with our school community. In the Mosman area many students at other schools are given the week or several days before the school holidays as extra holiday time. One suggestion would be to give students the last day of term as a working from home day. Another suggestion would be in the middle of term when students are tired or even as a second day after the Staff Development Day.

For families (as with lockdown) there would be limited supervision at school to support children where they can't work at home for the day.

I have spoken to our P&C president and have asked that this be a topic on the next P&C meeting agenda. Of course I always appreciate emails for feedback or creative ideas moving forward. However the Professional Learning will work best when teams of teachers for example in English or maths can work together and plan.

Other news - year 11/12 will be getting their reports this afternoon. Oh and all four floors of the build have now been installed brick work next.

Finally thank you to everyone who is sending in textiles for innovative bench tops in the new build the response has been great but we still need more :)

Best wishes
Susan