

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE 12 May 2022

Dear all

Hope you are well and that the now prevalent coughs and colds are not affecting you.

Well NAPLAN commenced yesterday and Years 7 and 9 have moved smoothly into the process of online testing. All students must start with the writing exam and then progress through reading, spelling, grammar and numeracy. In the numeracy test they use an online calculator with which the maths staff have provided training. The process will be completed at the end of next week for all these students.

I have attached a copy of the Department's attendance policy with the responsibilities of both myself and you as parents. I know that during this time with COVID as well as colds and the start of the flu season that many students are feeling unwell. However it is important that you let us know the reason your child is away. The policy does state you have 7 days to let us know why your child is absent. I do also understand that when the school sends a text to you indicating your child is absent that most parents just send a response immediately via text. Thank you!

If your child is very sick so that they may have three or more days absent in a row, then the expectation is that a doctor's certificate is provided. Of course if your child contracts COVID then a copy of the notification to NSW Health or their response is sufficient. Despite the challenging times, I am sure you would agree that we want our students to be at school and engaged in learning.

Next week is week 4 of term 2 and apart from NAPLAN, there are two main events. The first is the Year 10 exams at the RSC and their first experience of StuVac. Year 10 will meet each day at 8.55 am on the school COLA where they will be escorted to the exam venue by their teachers. If they don't have an exam after the morning exam they are permitted to go home to study for the next exam. All students were given an individualised exam timetable at assembly yesterday afternoon

From Wednesday to Friday next week, all Year 11 will attend the Sport and Rec camp at Broken Bay, where they will complete the Life Ready course. There will be a small number of Year 11 students who will complete this course at school. Year 11 students will arrive at school at 7.15 am ready to board the buses. All the requirements for the camp have already been distributed.

Probably tomorrow you will receive a High Flyer so I will leave the rest of the information to that newsletter.

Best wishes

Susan