

Principal's Update – 14 June 2024

Dear all

While this week (week 7) was a shorter week with the King's Birthday on Monday, nevertheless it has been a very busy week with Year 10 interviews commencing as well as the Year 7 camp.

Year 10 interviews seem to be going well and it is great to have two interview rooms adjacent to the school foyer for this purpose. Most students seem to have a good understanding of the process and have thought about the subjects they would like to take in senior years. The closing day for online applications is 20 June.

Year 7 arrived at Point Wolstoncroft to beautiful weather and wonderful venue. From all reports the camp is going really well and students and staff seem to be enjoying the experiences. Students return to school by 3.00 pm this afternoon. If the phones are up and running we will send a text and if not please check your emails for an update if the times change.

This coming week (week 8) all Year 12 students will be on StuVac and completing their final assessment week before the trial exams in weeks 2 and 3 of term 3. It seems hard to believe that these wonderful young people are almost in their final term of high school with their graduation at the start of week 10 next term. I know when you commence as parents on the high school journey with your child in Year 7, that graduation seems almost a lifetime away and yet once as parents your child is in Year 12, you wonder where the time has gone. All I can recommend is that you do as I do and enjoy every day with your student ... irrespective of the challenges :)

Also on Friday of week 8, Years 7 and 8 will be receiving their semester one reports. We usually issue them during period 5 and they bring the little booklets all about them home in the afternoon. The following week Year 10 will receive their reports on Friday 28 June. Then on Friday 5 July and the last day of school Year 9 will receive their reports. Year 11 will have to wait till week 1 of next term before receiving their reports.

Speaking of Year 11, in week 9, they will have their first StuVac and assessment week. We are hoping that this will provide them that initial support in thinking about planning, organisation and study timetables as they move towards Year 12 and regular formal exam blocks with a StuVac.

This coming Tuesday evening is the Year 8 parent teacher student night in the hall commencing at 4.00pm. As with our previous evenings it has been great to have the students attending with their parents so that a 'round table' discussion can take place. At Mosman we have a strong focus on students taking an active role in their learning and this is just one way that we can ensure this happens.

A huge thank you to parents who brave the cold weather to attend our committee meetings. While of course they are optional, you are all very welcome to join in to any of the meetings held at school. This week on Tuesday night we had the sports committee meeting. You will see an article in the High Flyer that relates to our GAT sports program. Then last night the wellbeing and inclusion committee met. This committee has a guest speaker attending each

meeting and last night we had the Student Support Officer, Hayley Rose discuss her role and the programs she supports in the school. We had great turn outs to both meetings.

Just an early heads up for parents of students in the special art programs from Years 7 to 12, there will be a P&C art committee event on the evening of 26 June on level 3 of our new building. Invitations will be distributed shortly.

Breaking news: I have just spoken to John Feros at the Year 7 camp and they have had no rain and looks like they won't get any before the group leave. Excellent organisation by the staff :)

Best wishes

Susan