

Principal's Update – 16 May 2025

Dear all

The consistent wet weather is a challenge for students moving between buildings. I have reminded students at recent assemblies to ensure as the weather gets colder to stay warm and with all this rain, umbrellas and waterproof clothing are essential. Student attendance has been excellent throughout term 1 and by ensuring students can stay warm and dry, I am hoping we can maintain the high levels of attendance and therefore learning.

Year 11 had opportunity to hear a presentation from the 'Sleep Connection' on Monday. The importance of sleep for adolescents and in supporting learning and wellbeing was presented in an engaging way.

Of course for Year 10, the focus is on the upcoming Half Yearly examinations in the hall. Every student has been provided with an individual timetable and they know to be at the examination ten minutes before the commencement of the exam.

Every day will commence with a core exam which will involve all Year 10 students and then there are two other sessions in the day where elective exams will take place. Some students may have two exams in one day others may be able to take advantage of no exams in sessions for study and revision at home. The library is always available to students to study.

All formal exams also include provisions for students with a disability and this will be an opportunity for Year 10 students awarded disability provisions to understand what that involves in a formal context.

It is less than three weeks till Year 7 head off to camp. I know that Head Teacher Stage 4, Bernadette Smith is communicating to ensure that all required paperwork is completed as well as Year 7 students have the time to choose who they will be sharing a room with at the camp. Interestingly the day before the camp is the athletics carnival at ES Marks field. Always a highlight on the sporting calendar.

While this term is one of assessment and reporting, it is also the commencement of the timetable process for 2026. A 'heads up' that the first of the Subject Information evenings for Year 10 into Year 11 will be taking place on 18 June. Year 10 students after their formal exams can commence discussions at school and with their family about what subjects they may wish to take when in Year 11.

Our Year 12 Leadership Council has organised a 'Prefects' afternoon tea for this coming Thursday at school. They have invited students from all surrounding schools to this event. This is a tradition that occurs for all schools and our Leadership Council have attended many events, so now it is our turn to host.

Some fabulous achievements are coming up for our students. Blake Hughes in Year 12, you would know is a talented soccer player having received a CHS Blue last year and recently representing Australia in a soccer tour to the USA. This coming weekend Blake's A league team the Central Coast Mariners are playing in the grand final in Melbourne. We wish Blake and her team every success.

Our Open Division Boys basketball team have made it to the top 8 in the state. They will be completing over the next week at Sutherland in the finals. Again best wishes for all their games.

This coming week, there are a number of P&C committee meetings:

Monday 19 - the usual art committee meeting has been postponed

Tuesday 20 - a music committee meeting will take place at 6.00 pm in reception

Thursday 22 - the P&C meeting will take place at 7.00 pm in the level 3 staff common room.

Of course everyone is welcome. Both the sports committee meeting on Tuesday and the wellbeing meeting on Thursday of this week were well attended with lots of good ideas and planning to support our students.

Have a lovely if somewhat wet weekend,

Susan