

Principal's Update – 17 October 2025

Dear all

Welcome back to term 4 and I hope that you had a wonderful two week break.

The HSC has now commenced and Year 12 are sitting their second English paper today. Comments from students and staff yesterday indicated that they were pleased with English paper 1.

At this time of the year as we are concluding Year 11 Preliminary courses and Year 10 courses, students who have not completed all required work may receive communication from the school requesting that work be completed. The consequence when set work is not completed can be an N determination in that subject which may impact on the student's ability to move to the following year.

At this point in time all families who have children who may possibly receive an N determination have been informed.

In the upcoming High Flyer, you will see a number of procedures relating to dress code, and late arrivals. These have been included simply to explain the processes that the school uses to support the following of the school's dress code as well as better school attendance and arriving on time.

Over the holidays a lot of maintenance work occurred at school. The COLA was completely upgraded and painted. You may not know but the COLA was a gift from the P&C in 2007 and has had no work on the surface since then. Now it is amazing and I am sure that all our students will appreciate such a fabulous resource.

Three classrooms were completely painted in D block on the first floor and good news all classrooms on the ground floor will be repainted over the coming months.

Our wonderful GAs have also been painting ... including the poles around E block. Using the bright orange seen on our new building, it links the older structures with the new build.

Next week we will recommence the P&C committee meetings:

- Tuesday 21 October - sports committee meeting at 6.00 pm in the reception area
- Thursday 23 October - wellbeing and inclusion meeting again at 6.00 pm in reception

I must say it is so lovely not to have rain every day. The students are enjoying sitting in the many outdoor spaces at school for recess and lunch.

Year 11 should have chosen their subjects for their HSC year and placed these choices online. This is the final piece of the puzzle regarding the timetable for 2026. I thank Peter Papilos, Head of English, who is also chief timetabler.

A few personnel changes to note:

- Clint Johnson is replacing John Feros as Years 7 & 8 Deputy Principal
- Joe Olchoway will be Stage 6 Head Teacher working with Stage 6 Deputy Tania Prowle.
- Michael White will be relieving Head Teacher Performing Arts

Finally welcome back to our overseas travellers. The visual arts excursion to Paris was an enormous success and teachers Fiona Ackerman and Liz Peniazeva had nothing but praise for the students who attended and the success of the excursion.

Regards

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