

## PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE 18 May 2022

Dear all

Well this morning four large coaches packed with very happy Year 11 students headed off to camp. This is the year group that was looking forward to the Year 9 ski camp then Year 10 ski camp and both had to be cancelled due to COVID. However at last they are on their way and the weather looks to be amazing. They will complete the HSC compulsory Life Ready program while at camp.

Year 10 seem to have settled into the routine of their first formal exam week and have now completed three of the five major exams, that is English, maths and history. Thursday morning will be PDHPE and then they finish the week with science. In the afternoon they are completing exams in their chosen electives. Special Provisions for some Year 10 students also seems to be going well. So the school will be somewhat quiet this week with Year 10 doing exams and having StuVac and Year 11 at camp.

This week we have seen an increase in the number of students with COVID cases and while we were tracking across the whole school with about twelve cases previously, this week we have thirty-two, of course this is across the whole school. I remind all families that if your child tests positive to COVID or has flu like symptoms then they should stay at home. The government has also indicated that close contacts do not have to isolate for seven days anymore but if your child tests negative and does not have flu like symptoms they can attend school but they must wear a mask when in doors. I congratulate all our families and staff for that matter in following these rules and keeping our community safe.

NAPLAN is almost over for Years 7 and 9 and the catch up classes for those who missed tests will take place on Thursday. All staff are now into the term 2 assessment and reporting period for Years 7 to 11 and our school calendar on the website has the dates for when reports will be issued. Of course I will also send you a text message.

Finally just a reminder that the P&C meeting will take place face to face in the school library tomorrow evening Thursday 19 at 7.00pm. Please enter the school via the Gladstone Avenue pedestrian gate and come up the stairs to the left of the gate where I will direct you down the corridor and to the library. If time permits in my Principals Report, I will show you the final design of the new build.

Best wishes

Susan