

## **PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE Friday 19 August**

Dear all

Week 5 is almost over and we are half way through term three, and already there has been so many opportunities for our students and as the term continues so will the events.

We have now completed three subject selection evenings for Years 8, 9 and 10 and thank you to all of you who attended we had fantastic turn-outs at each evening where lots of great questions were placed on the chat. Year 7 students have chosen their language for Year 8, 2023 and at the end of term Year 11 will decide what the final make-up of subjects for their HSC year will be.

Year 11 have two weeks before the commencement of their final exams (starting week 8). Today we held a year group assembly and discussed the location of the exams, special provisions and the process of dropping a 2 unit subject and/or picking up extension or further extension subjects. Most of the exams will take place in the Returned Servicemen's Club auditorium. However for the very large exams of English and mathematics, the Advanced exams will be in the RSC and the standard and disability provisions will be at school.

Of course Year 12 are also reaching a milestone with four weeks of secondary schooling till they graduate. We also held a year group assembly with them and explained the graduation day process which basically consists of a morning school assembly for the other years to farewell them and for Year 12 to put on a concert for their peers. Then we take year 12 on a picnic to a mystery location. In the evening they have their formal graduation at the Sydney Conservatorium of music commencing at 7pm. All families have been allocated two tickets, however for a small number of families they may require more than two tickets. If this is the case please email the school with that request.

Thank you to the P&C wellbeing committee for organising Y-safe to come to our school. Years 7, 8 and 9 attended a presentation on Monday regarding cyber-safety and cyber-bullying. Then on Thursday at the P&C meeting there was a presentation for parents. I attended and it was fantastic, all the parents at the end of the presentation indicated how valuable it was.

This Monday all Year 10 students will have an opportunity for vaccinations. Students in Years 8 and 11 who missed the meningococcal ACWY will have a catch up opportunity as well.

This coming Sunday, Year 9 will be at school at 7.15pm ready to head off to the first ski camp. The online snow cam is showing lots of snow at Perisher which is good news for our students. Please remember to have your child do a RAT test before the camp and if your child has flu like symptoms or tests positive on the RAT they must not attend camp.

Finally, tonight and over the weekend, we will again (after a two year break) be holding our annual art exhibition. The opening is tonight from 6.00pm to 8.00pm. Then the school and specifically the art block will be open from 11.00 am till 3.00 pm on Saturday and Sunday. Year 12 major works will be showcased in the corridors and all other years will have their work on display in the classrooms. You are all very welcome to attend.

Best wishes

Susan