

Principal's Update – 19 December

Dear all

Well the last day for students has arrived and gone, thank you to all families who have supported our school. Not just on Wednesday by sending your student to school but throughout the year. I had an assembly with the full school in the hall on the last day and we were discussing the school year. There have been so many achievements but like every day let alone every year there are ups and downs. Thank you to everyone who supported our school, our community and families during the difficult times. That wrap-around support that happens at our school is unique and greatly valued.

Well over the last term, we have had four wonderful award ceremonies from the Year 12 graduation, to the Sports Award ceremony, the Year 9, 10 & 11 Presentation Night and then the wonderful Year 7 and 8 Presentation Night on Monday. Students were acknowledged for their citizenship, their talents and their academic achievement. Thank you to all the parents and friends who attended these events, supporting our young people.

The HSC results came out yesterday and while we have not had the time for a full analysis, I can let you know of some of the successes. Luke Liu was placed first in the state in Japanese Beginners and congratulations obviously go to Luke but also his wonderful teacher Ayako Hirata. The Maths faculty again achieved amazing results with thirty students achieving Band 6 or over 90% - a wonderful effort. We already knew that the Creative and Performing Arts and Design and Technology were going to do well with twenty-three nominations for Art Express, Shape, Encore, and Call Back but again Art, Drama, Music, Dance and Industrial Technology shone. I will do a detailed analysis over the break and give you a full report early next year.

Our numbers have increased significantly over the past year and this has meant we have had to employ many new teachers. As mentioned earlier Mark Jones HT TAS retired and Tony Gahan Deputy for Stage 5 has left to go to Cromer. Yesterday we said farewell to Sophia Kim who was a Year 12, 2024 Year Adviser and Spanish teacher. Sophia has been such an asset to our school and behalf of our community I wish her well in her move to Newcastle.

As you know all students return on Thursday 6 February and you can see all the return times on the Mosman High School webpage.

However, period 1 is for Year 7, period 2 - Years 12 then 11 and then period 3 - Years 8, 9 and 10. A new feature for 2025 will be that all Years will have sport on the one day, that is Thursday. Years 7 & 8 will go to sport in periods 1 and 2, and then Years 9 and 10 will go to sport in periods 3 and 4. Other than that the five period day will continue and A week and B week will also continue.

Finally as the holidays, Christmas and New Year approach, on behalf of all the staff at Mosman High, I wish you all the best for the festive season, New Year and the holidays and I look forward to seeing you in 2025, where we will do it all again but maybe even better than this year.

Best wishes

Susan