

Principal's Update – 1 March 2024

Dear all

What a wonderful week we have had, with the Year 12 Leadership Council induction on Monday and then Open Night on Wednesday and of course who could forget photos also on Monday.

The Leadership Council induction was a fabulous evening where our Year 12 leaders spoke about their vision for 2024 in relation to their chosen areas that parallel the P&C subcommittees. Our guest speaker was Lauren Perry, an ex-student and SRC leader from the graduating class of 2010. Since leaving school and completing a degree she has been working at the highest level in supporting Human Rights. We have decided for the future to always have an ex-student to provide the address at these inductions.

Open Night while meant for parents of Year 5 and 6 students to see the school facilities and meet the staff, actually became an open night for the community to visit the school and explore the new building and landscaped areas. There was such a good vibe on the afternoon and all the displays in the new building as well as the existing buildings were well received. Thank you to those many parents and community members who sent such positive emails to us, we are glad that everyone enjoyed the evening.

Photo day also went well with all students having their photos taken in one day. There was a catch up day on Wednesday for those absent on Monday so hopefully everyone had their photo taken and students will soon receive their ID cards.

This coming Monday we will hold the final Parent Teacher forum for Years 9 and 10. All forums have been really well attended and the Stage teams have provided valuable information for their years. If you have a Year 9 or 10 student, I look forward to seeing you in the school hall at 7.00pm. Come a little early and you can have a look around the new build and gardens.

On Wednesday 6 March Years 7 and 9 will be completing a NAPLAN practice test in the school hall. It is really important that their computers are charged and that they remember to bring their head phones. The test will happen in the school hall which will be a first for us. Usually we run the tests in computer labs but now with our huge hall we plan to trial the practice exam in that space. Assuming all goes well we will then run NAPLAN in the same space commencing the following Wednesday 13 March. In the actual NAPLAN students sit four tests, writing, reading, language conventions and spelling and finally numeracy. We do have spare computers for students if a problem occurs.

On Thursday 7 March, we will be holding our postponed P&C welcome evening. Commencing at 7.00pm parents (only) of students in Year 7 or new parents from other years are invited to Level 3 of the new building for drinks and canapes. The P&C will outline the many opportunities for parents at our school and members of the school executive and wellbeing teams will be present to chat to you. There will also be an opportunity to see the view :)

Finally a reminder that the Mosman Art walk has only one more week before it finishes for another year. If you Google it, you can see online the wonderful art works from local and nationally acclaimed artists and pick up a great work. Remember that 30% of the purchase price goes to supporting art at Mosman High.

Have a lovely weekend

Susan