

## Principal's Update – 1 November 2024

Dear all,

Tonight in E block ... the TAS department will be showcasing all the exceptional work completed by our students in:

- Industrial Technology – timber
- Industrial Technology – multimedia
- textiles and design
- design and technology
- Years 7 & 8 tech mandatory

and of course hospitality with Year 11/12 providing canapes for all visitors.

You would have seen some of the student works in the recent High Flyer but if you can make it this afternoon I invite you to come to the school and see this incredible exhibition.

Well we have reached the last week of the HSC and a number of students have finished all their exams while others have only one exam to go. I am sure that students ... and parents are feeling an enormous sense of relief. It is such a long campaign and we wish all our students every success for their future results, ATARs and careers.

Year 11 have settled into being Year 12 and will be receiving their final Preliminary report early next week. They mostly have dropped a subject and are doing ten units although quite a few have chosen the higher level extension courses.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the P&C meeting last night, they are always a good opportunity to share information and ideas. Thank you in particular to the P&C who last night agreed in principle to purchase a new school bus. The school bus we have at the moment is rented and we have determined that it is financially more viable to purchase a bus. Parents are investigating this for the school and on behalf of all our students and staff we are extremely grateful to all parents for your support. It is your parent contributions that "put the icing on the cake" for our students 😊

Exciting news from the art department, who have approval to run an overseas excursion next year in October to Paris. This will be two weeks of art immersion in what many might say is the art capital of the world. For art students in Years 10 and 11, 2025 there will be more information available at a first meeting coming out shortly.

All our sporting teams are going exceptionally well in their external competitions and we are very excited about our under-15 boys basketball team making it to the final 8 in the state. The final competition will be coming up soon and we wish them all the best at this very high level.

Our Duke of Edinburgh students are away on a three day bronze medal hike. The weather in the main has been good, ... it is such a valuable program for students.

I am sure Year 8 are still buzzing about the medieval day on Monday of this week. There were lessons in how to manage your shield and spear, to understanding about geological digs and so much more. Thank you to Jane Piper and the history staff for putting together such a valuable day.

Best wishes

Susan