

Principal's Update – 21 March 2025

Dear all

Next week is week 8 and the assessment week for Year 12. They will be on StuVac and will only attend school for exams. Year 11 have just completed their first assessment week with StuVac and from all accounts have handled the more senior approach to assessments very well.

Of course at this time in a term all years will have assessments in subjects. For Years 7 - 10 it is best to look at the assessment booklet and see what is coming up over the next few weeks. If your student has misplaced the assessment booklet then you can find it on the school webpage in their year group section.

As you know photos took place a couple of weeks ago and already the school has received the new ID cards. These will be given out in assemblies over the next week. I am sure Year 7 will be happy to have their first ID school card.

Thank you to Year 12 parents who attended the first of the PTS nights ... a great turn out! On Monday 7 April (week 10) we will hold the second of the Parent Teacher Student nights for Year 7.

NAPLAN has come and gone. I was so proud of both Years 9 and 7 as they sat as a year group in the hall and worked through the tests using their devices. There was an issue with some Year 7 devices particularly Chromebooks and older laptops as the software is not compatible with those devices. Fortunately we have a large store of laptops (and head phones) and were able to support these students. While many staff contributed to the smooth running of the exam block I must give a shout out to our IT team who were fabulous in resolving any issues the students had.

Wednesday of this week was an Open Afternoon. The weather was perfect and the school was full of families visiting displays, looking at the amazing resources and spaces in all our buildings and chatting to teachers who showcased the work of our students in those displays. There was information about our Special Programs and the evening finished with a short concert. The final performance was a crowd pleaser with our Symphonic Wind Orchestra playing YMCA. Lots of actions in the audience 😊.

I have attached a short flyer probably more suited to our junior school students and their families about screen usage.

Just a head's up, in term 2 we will have a minor timetable reshuffle to accommodate an extra class in Year 9, this will give us an extra advanced class in the core subjects and reduce the class sizes to approximately twenty-five in each class.

Finally congratulations to the P&C art committee for a very successful art walk. While it is only just completed, I have heard that planning is already underway for number 6 in 2026. Well done team!

Best wishes

Susan