

## **Principal's Update – 23 May 2025**

Dear all,

What horrible weather we are experiencing at the moment. The good news is that as a result of the build we have many more undercover spaces and outdoor undercover seating than we have ever had at our school.

Most students are managing to stay dry, however while it is not 'cool' to have an umbrella, for some students maybe even a small (or large) one would help them getting to and from school and between the school and buses. The prognosis for next week is a little better with only rain forecast on Monday and Friday. Let's hope the BOM is correct!

Year 10 have completed their Half Yearly examinations and I have been very impressed with their attitude and their approach to these exams. Year 10 have only a short time till they transition to the senior school and these examinations in the hall, opportunities for work experience, completion of the HSC Life Ready course, HSC minimum standards and HSC All My Own Work this year will set them up for a successful start to senior studies.

As mentioned previously term 2 is very much about assessments and reporting as well as Parent Teacher Student nights. However, it also represents the start of the timetable process for 2026.

Year 10 have their subject selection evening on Wednesday 18 June and the following week is Year 10 interview week where parents and their student have an allocated time to meet with the careers adviser and members of the executive to discuss subjects for 2026 and future career pathways.

Of course, the first week of June is a busy one for our students. On Tuesday 3 June we hold the Athletics Carnival at ES Marks field. On that day Year 12 have a major works day at school and Year 11 have the option of attending the athletics carnival or a study day at home.

Also, on the same day in the afternoon, the Year 12 Leadership Council have the Ambassador's Program run on level 3 of our new building.

Year 11 and 12 hospitality students will be thrilled with their new commercial kitchen. This week hospitality teacher Jacques Willems is opening boxes and setting up all the new appliances. He said it is like Christmas. The new coffee making machine is already working and having sampled the product today ... I think our students will be giving the local coffee shops a run for their money.

The repainting of the inside of the art block has commenced and with all the work that occurred outside earlier this year the building by the end of term will be as good as new.

A few of our students have done exceptionally well in the sporting arena. Year 12 student Blake Hughes played in the women's A league grand final in Melbourne on the weekend against a more fancied Melbourne team. The game was very even, and ended after full-time then extra -time at 1 all. The penalty shoot out was nerve wracking but Blake's Central Coast Mariners won 5 to 4 in the shoot out. Congratulations Blake.

Our Open Boys basketball team have made it to the top eight in the state of the Knock Out competition. They will be competing for a medal this week and we wish them every success.

Marlo Laight has just found out she is in the last round of possible selections as a vocalist for School's Spectacular. A fabulous achievement. While Sabine Soh in Year 12 has been offered a place at Brent Street for exceptional dancers in 2026. A fabulous achievement.

Best wishes

Susan