

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE – Friday 26 August 2022

Dear all

Well Year 9 are on the buses and making their way home from a week of skiing and according to all reports they have had three days of perfect snow. I am sure however they will be tired after such a busy week and luckily they have the weekend to recover. We have already seen some amazing photos of students on the slopes and I will include those in the next High Flyer.

In two weeks time, the Year 10 students will be also heading to Jindabyne and the snow and hopefully the weather will continue to be cold and they will also have a great time skiing or snowboarding.

Year 11 have just one week till their final Preliminary examinations take place. As they are a large cohort we will be using both the Returned Servicemen's Club auditorium and the double rooms on the first floor of D block at school for the large exams and the demountables for Special Provisions. Year 11 exams will last for both week 8 and 9. During that exam period, Year 11 are on StuVac which means they only come to school to sit an exam, at all other times they can study at home.

So we will have Year 10 at ski camp and Year 11 doing exams in the same week (week 9). For year 11, this will complete their assessments as Year 11 students and then the next step is to decide what subjects they will take into their final HSC year.

Year 12 of course only have three weeks until they finish their high school studies. Their last day at school is Monday 19 September, which is their graduation day. Then they will commence StuVac which is an opportunity to study at home or to visit their teachers to engage in further revision. The actual HSC examinations commence in week 1, on Thursday 13 October.

Today the HSC drama class performed for the HSC examiners. Feedback from Mr Feros is that they performed really well. Tomorrow HSC examiners will attend school to mark the HSC major works in Industrial Technology timber and multimedia. The students have created some stunning works and in week 2, next term there will be a design exhibition that you will be all welcome to attend.

Speaking of exhibitions, how wonderful was the art exhibition! The Friday night launch and the guest speaker Abdul Abdullah were excellent. The HSC art works were at the highest standard. I really enjoyed looking at all the Year 7 - 11 works as well. The pottery was exquisite. Congratulations to the art staff and their students for a great exhibition.

It is pleasing that COVID is not impacting so significantly on our school. This week we only had two students identified with COVID. Hopefully with the warmer weather, the incidence of colds and flu will also decrease.

Also next week our Year 10 science students will be taking part in the state wide VALID tests and we wish them well.

Hope you have a lovely weekend
Susan