

Principal's Update – 26 July 2024

Dear all

Hope you are well. The first week back has progressed so quickly and the students have settled in smoothly to term 3. I welcome all our new students and their parents to our wonderful school and hope that you soon feel it is your school.

Just a reminder that at Mosman we encourage parent involvement in the school. So not only do we have a P&C but also committees in wellbeing, sport, visual arts, music, science and technology and dance. Parents are invited to join any of those committees and for new parents it is an opportunity to meet with other parents at our school.

At the upcoming P&C meeting which is held always on the third Thursday of the month, teacher Steve Little will be discussing the new Parent Portal and the associated trial we will be running out with Stage 5. If there is time I would also love to discuss the results of the recent 'Tell Them From Me' survey that all students in Years 7 - 11 completed. There are some surprising results. As we will need to use technology for these presentations the next P&C meeting will be on Level 3 in G block.

Year 9 had their parent, teacher, student evening last night and again I was very impressed with the numbers of students who attended the evening. I am sure this will build up and continue over the years. Unfortunately a number of staff have succumbed to the viruses that seem to be around at the moment. They have emailed me to say that if they were not in attendance last night and you made an appointment or indicated in some way that you wanted to have a discussion about your Year 9 child they will ring you on their return.

Year 12 will commence their trial HSC on Monday for two weeks and during that time they will also be on StuVac. It is a very hectic time for our students as they attempt to do their best in these exams as well as prepare for submission of major works, performances and language orals. Already we have the date for HSC dance.

Due to the trial exams in the school hall we have moved the information evenings for two year groups:

- Year 9 into 10 Subject Information evening is now on Monday 12 August in the school hall
- Year 8 into 9 Subject Information evening is now on Wednesday 21 August also in the school hall.

Information and invitations regarding these two evenings will be sent via email to parents shortly.

Also just a heads up, the 'Annual Art Exhibition' is fast approaching. The opening is on Friday 16 August and then the exhibition remains open for all of the following weekend. While the exhibition focuses on Year 12 major works, there are works from all art students Years 7 - 11 on display. Our beautiful 141 year old art block is converted to a gallery and I encourage you if you have some time on the weekend to come and look at the works. The talent is amazing.

Finally good luck to Year 12, we all wish them well and,

Best wishes

Susan