

Dear All

I hope you are well, although we have noted that the number of cases of COVID in the student group has jumped from twenty to fifty. I guess this is in line with the surge of cases in the community but is still low when compared to the community and other schools.

Of course teachers are not immune to COVID and we have had a number of staff who also have had to self-isolate. Fortunately we have amazing casual teachers who have supported us through this most difficult time, they are talented teachers and for many they will only teach at our school.

Despite COVID, rain, and the build, our classes are engaged and focused on their studies in the classroom. On Friday afternoon, I had our Director visit the school and I took her for a tour and I was so proud of the excellent teaching and learning taking place in every classroom.

Last week we issued the new swipe cards for 2022 at Year Assemblies. If your child missed getting their swipe card they can be collected at the administration demountable. At these assemblies we discussed COVID and I recommended that we all wear masks inside. While it is not mandatory, I pointed out that to protect themselves, their family and their friends wearing a mask provides that added layer of protection. Of course we still have lots of masks that the students can get again from the administration.

Due to staff illness we have had to move Akoosticum to Wednesday of the last week of term. The concert for this term will be held in the RSC and as usual commence at 7.00 pm.

All Year 10 have completed their HSC Minimum Standards testing and we now await the results. Years 7 and 9 are participating in the NAPLAN practice test at the moment. As the test is online, this mandatory practice allows the students an opportunity to understand the process before the real test in May. This will be the last time that NAPLAN will be held in May as from 2023 the test will be moved to March.

Congratulations to our swimmers and athletes in other sports who are representing our school at the highest level. We have quite a number of students who made it to the state carnival in swimming, a number of our students are trying out for regional representative teams as diverse as netball and golf and congratulations to Connor Warner who is representing Australia in sailing in Spain later this year. A full round up of their achievements will be in the next High Flyer.

The school will hold it's ANZAC Day ceremony on Friday of the last day of term and our music ensembles will be representing at the Dawn Service at Georges Heights on ANZAC Day.

Thank you to Year 7 parents who took part in the Parent Teacher night via Zoom. The remainder of Parent Teacher nights will take place in term 2. With COVID the way it is at the moment, I anticipate that the remainder of the Parent Teacher nights will be via Zoom or phone.

Best wishes for the coming week

Susan