

Principal's Update – 28 March 2024

Dear all

This week despite only being four days has again been very busy. Year 12 have had StuVac all week as they completed their second HSC assessment block. I am sure they will be looking forward to the weekend :)

On Tuesday afternoon Year 7 Parents, Teachers and Students (PTS) had their first evening of feedback. We try if possible to have the PTS nights before the reports come out so that there is that extra level of feedback. As Year 7 have just commenced high school, rather than just focusing on marks and ranks there is the opportunity to discuss how the student has settled in to school and how they are progressing in their subject area. By the way it was great to see many students in attendance with their parents.

The student ID cards have arrived and Years 9 and 10 were given their cards at last Friday's assembly. Years 7 and 8 will receive their ID cards at this afternoon's assembly. Years 11 and 12 will receive their ID cards in their English lessons early next week. If your student missed getting their ID card after they were distributed, they can go to the office to pick it up.

We are also checking for Years 10 - 12 their NESA documentation regarding their subjects chosen, address, correct spelling of their names etc. This is relevant for the Record of School Achievement (ROSA) that students achieve in Years 10 and 11 and sometimes 12. As well as for Year 12, that all information is correct for the HSC.

A number of students indicated to me that their address on the form was not correct. Can I remind all parents that if you change your address to please notify the office so that these documents and others are accurate.

As we approach school holiday time, often parents will take the opportunity to add a few days onto holidays if they are travelling overseas to see family. It is important that if you are taking your child from school for five days or more, that you will need to complete paperwork and receive permission from the school. As a first step send an email to the school's email account requesting your student's leave.

We will then email you the paperwork. Just a reminder the school can only approve your child's leave if they have an attendance of over 90%. I am extremely pleased to say that student attendance is now at pre-COVID levels and hopefully with the extra playground spaces and covered areas and cozy library we will see that continue through the winter months.

Hoping you all have a lovely long weekend.

Susan