

## **Principal's Update – 2 May 2025**

Dear all

What horrible weather for the start of the term. When it is as wet as this, sport's ovals are invariably closed and students who would be attending local ovals for sport have to attend wet weather classrooms. The good news is that many of our students do paid sports and travel to locations via bus and these sports can still go ahead.

There have been a few changes in the timetable from term 1 and this has largely impacted on Years 7 and 8 to a limited extent, and 9. All students have now been given a new hard copy of the updated timetable.

The reasons for the timetable change as I mentioned in my update last term, are due to increased enrolments generally and in particular in Year 9 where the school has had to add an extra advanced class. This means there are four advanced classes and three intermediate. Where all advanced classes are equivalent and similarly all intermediate classes are equivalent. The advantage of course is that all students are in smaller classes and all students are working at their level of aptitude.

For Years 7 and 8, the school was able to establish a small group to support literacy and numeracy learning. This will allow some of our students to have an expert teacher support them in English and mathematics.

For Year 7 the academic maths class was also expanded due to the excellent NAPLAN results Year 7 achieved in mathematics. Again this impacted on some other Year 7 classes.

As mentioned it is never ideal to change a timetable after the start of the year and at Mosman we have never done this before, however the circumstances have required this to happen and while there may be some teething problems as some students accustom themselves to new classes and teachers, I think you would agree that teachers across the board at Mosman are at a very high standard and it will only be a matter of time before classes and students are again settled.

There have been little or no changes to Years 10, 11, and 12.

I was pleased to issue Year 12 with their semester 1 reports on Wednesday. They are a very dedicated and diligent group and their reports reflected this approach to their learning.

Next week on Tuesday afternoon we will be holding the Year 11 parent, teacher, student evening from 4-7 pm. Then on Wednesday evening the Year 12 drama class will be performing their HSC monologues in the theatre.

Good news week 2, is meant to be fine and sunny.

Have a lovely weekend.

Susan