

Principal's Update – 30 August

Dear all

Not surprisingly, the Year 9 ski camp has been impacted by the warm weather and winds. The number of ski fields operating was limited and the students had to line up to do runs. Yet, from the reports of staff the students were engaged and enjoyed the camp. They had long days on the ski fields and needed their sleep each evening. They will return this afternoon and when we have a good idea of ETA we will send a text to Year 9 parents.

What a huge week last week was, culminating with the Art exhibition. Our special guest Ralph Heimans brought his family to the school and the stories he told of his time at Mosman High were amusing and engaging. There was such a large crowd in attendance that we held the opening in the hall and with Ralph's works shown on the large screen it was the perfect location. In fact this will probably become a tradition for future art exhibitions.

Congratulations to the P&C art committee for applying for and successfully achieving a grant for \$2000 from Mosman Council to be used to support the Mosman Art Walk.

Also thank you to all parents for your understanding regarding the school's approach to attendance. For students to learn they need to attend classes. If students have an attendance of less than 90% then a request to take your student from the school during school time will result in unjustified leave. Even an attendance of 90% means that your student is missing 1 day per two week cycle in attendance.

Also can I encourage you to respond to the SMS text sent by the attendance officer if your student is away with a short reason, for example sick, a family matter etc. This will mean that we can justify and explain your student's absence. The wellbeing team for each year group is working hard to support all students to attend school. In fact they will support you with a phone call on the day if your student has an unexplained absence.

I was very pleased to send letters of commendation for 100% attendance. I was also pleasantly surprised at the number of students who have reached August and still have not missed a day of school. Congratulations to them 😊

It is hard to believe but Year 12 only have three weeks of high school to go before graduation. I am sure Year 12 parents are like me wondering where all the years of school have gone. The graduation is on Monday 23 of week 10 and will be the first graduation in our new school hall. I am looking forward to celebrating the achievements of these wonderful young people.

Next Friday Year 11 commence their Preliminary exams also in the school hall. These exams run for two weeks and represent the final assessment of the Preliminary or Year 11 course before students move into their HSC year next term. Year 11 will also be asked to decide what ten units they will continue with in Year 12. Once we have that information we will be able to complete the timetable for 2025.

Finally Year 11 have voted for the Leadership Council that will lead the school in 2025. The students have been informed via their school email account and they as well as the staff executive will be voting for the School Captains and vice-captains. These positions will be announced at the transition luncheon to be held next Monday.

I will announce all leaders including the captains in the next High Flyer.

Best wishes

Susan