

Principal's Update – 30 May 2025

Dear all

School Carnival Day is this coming Tuesday, and it is always one of the favourite days on the school calendar. The carnival this year is being held at ES Marks field at Kensington and is a short drive by hired bus over the bridge to the Eastern suburbs. The only negative with the field is that it does NOT have a canteen, so students will all be required to bring food and drink on the day.

Years 7-10 all attend the carnival and as buses leave promptly at 9.00 am it is important that students are not late.

Year 11 students have a StuVac Day as their assessment week commences on Friday with English. The reason the assessment week commences on Friday is due to missing the Monday of week 7 due to the King's Birthday.

Year 12 students have a major works day. On the Tuesday teachers of students who are completing major works or who are completing an extension course at the highest level will be provided with support for the day. There are no timetabled lessons, but students can work on their major work or extension subject all day with the support of their teacher. It is a day of immersion and valued in the past by students.

Of course on Wednesday Year 7 are heading off to camp. They will need to be at school bright and early on Wednesday morning to take the buses to camp. Students and staff attending the camp will return on Friday afternoon and then have the long weekend to recuperate and relax after three fun-filled days of activities. Thank you to all the teachers going to camp and to Bernadette Smith for her organisation. If you have any concerns don't hesitate to reach out.

On Tuesday of this week we had presentations to Years 9 and 10 by Constable Lynda Hart the Police Youth Liaison Officer for our area. She spoke to students about issues related to cyber-safety, issues related to inappropriate posts on digital platforms and how to ensure a safe online presence. The presentation was well received by both year groups.

This is one of a series of presentations we are organising to ensure the wellbeing of students. As we discussed at assembly this week school has a dual focus: to ensure each and every student achieves their academic potential and to support student wellbeing during the very challenging teenage years.

Later in the term Paul Dillon (a popular presenter at our school) will speak to Years 10, 11, and 12.

Students with talent in dance, music or drama have been auditioning for the upcoming winter concert ... always a highlight at the school. More information to come in future updates.

A huge congratulations to the Open Boys basketball team who achieved a bronze medal in the state knockout competition. They narrowly lost in the semi-final 60-59 to Bulli High School and played in the bronze medal match, winning comfortably. Most of these boys are in Year 12 and 11 and it is a fantastic achievement for them and our school.

I always finish with a building update so ... the new commercial kitchen is now finished and once all the equipment is installed hopefully by the end of this week, our Year 11 and 12 hospitality students will be able to use this amazing space including the state-of -the-art coffee making machine.

The internal painting of the art block is well underway and with the new colours chosen will make this 135 year old building look even more grand.

Well, winter has definitely arrived and I am pleased to see that students are rugging up for the colder days and staying warm. I will also mention that the lost property box in the office is bursting at the seams, so if your child is missing a jersey or other clothing, I think I know where it might be. Encourage them to check 😊

Best wishes

Susan