

Principal's Update – 31 October 2025

Dear all

Thank you all parents who have attended recent committee meetings including last night's P&C meeting. The new Year 12 Leadership Council that have representatives in the same committees as the P&C are very keen to be part of the parent committees and for many, had attendance at their first meeting since being elected over the past two weeks.

To our many new parents ... welcome and for your information, apart from the P&C committee, the other parent committees are sport, wellbeing and inclusion, music (with a dash of performing arts), science and technology, and the visual arts committee. For parents new to the school, the committees are a great way to meet other parents and hear what is happening not only in that particular area but the school generally.

The HSC has reached its fourth and final week. In week 1, the main exams related to English (and languages with smaller cohorts), maths dominated week 2 and then all the other electives are spread out over the remaining two weeks with the HSC finishing on Friday 7 November. Some students will finish their HSC in week 3, while others will have to wait till the end of week 4.

Once Year 12 have finished their exams, they can attend the office to get their sign-out sheets and return books etc. They will then receive their school reference.

Today is a special day on the school calendar as the Year 8 students all get to participate in Medieval Day. It is a day of activities in the history hub where students get to experience what it feels like to be an archaeologist and a primary researcher and more. Thank you to Jane Piper Head of History and her team.

In the midst of the HSC, Year 8 science students completed the Valid test in the hall. Again the P&C donated computers and trolleys were used. As the hall was set up with desks for the HSC, the IT team put a school laptop on each desk and a head set so that all students needed to do was walk in, find their desk, and sit and do the test. This streamlined the process and removed the stress associated with computers not being charged or not being able to upload the software if a little old. All in all a more stress free process for our students.

Speaking of technology, October is the time when Windows 10 is no longer supported and all devices should have migrated to Windows 11. At Mosman we have only a few school computers that have not been migrated and this is in the process of taking place. If your student's device is not updated, there could be issues with security. The IT team have asked me to remind parents of these changes.

Today is World Teachers Day. It is frequently stated that the teaching profession ensures that all other professions happen. Whether this is the case or not if you have a friend, colleague or family member who is a teacher please let them know that they are doing great work and with the most precious part of our society, our young people.

Finally, on Wednesday 5 November (next week) the TAS faculty is hosting an exhibition of student work commencing after school (about 4.00 pm). Come and see the amazing work

completed by students in timber, food, textiles, multimedia and design. I also hear that the hospitality class is providing afternoon tea. Definitely an afternoon not to be missed.

Best wishes

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