

Principal's Update – 3 May 2024

Dear all

Welcome back to term 2 and to those new families who have just joined our Mosman High community, welcome to you as well and I hope your experience and your child's experience is a very positive one.

On Monday we had a Staff Development Day and not only did we have all the Mosman High staff at school but we had teachers from all our local primary schools as well. All groups reported that it was a fabulous day of learning where the focus was on the new curriculum and explicit teaching.

Exciting news for all students as school photos are being issued over the next week. Today Years 9 and 10 received their photos at their welcome back assembly and all other years should have their photos by early next week.

Year 12 received their semester one reports on Tuesday afternoon. For those students absent on the day the office has their reports. Also for those Year 9 and 10 students absent today the office has any photo packs not picked up.

Next Tuesday 7 May, we will be holding the Year 11 parent teacher night in the school hall. Merrilyn has sent out to all Year 11 parents the booking email so hopefully if you are a Year 11 parent you will have made appointments with all your student's teachers. We are encouraging your student to attend with you on the afternoon. In fact we are encouraging this for all year groups. It is really important that the student is part of the discussion, as after all it is their learning that is being discussed.

Next week Years 7-10 participate in the cross-country carnival. It takes place during their sport time and all students will walk up to Georges Heights for the carnival. I am really hoping that the weather improves. This week has been quite bleak, wet and a little colder. It would be lovely to have some of those sunny Autumn days for the carnivals.

Then on Tuesday 14 May we will be holding the Athletics carnival at ES Marks field in the Eastern Suburbs. Years 7-10 must attend and it is always a great day. For Year 11 it is optional and they can attend or alternatively use the day for home study and catch-up on assessments.

Year 12 have a major works immersion day, where any students doing a major work, performance or extension 2 English or maths can come to school and work on their major work with their teacher for the whole day. This is such a wonderful opportunity for students to really engage in their tasks without having to stop everything when a bell rings.

Another change we are putting in place is for Year 11. As you know Year 12 have an assessment week always in week 8 and an associated StuVac. Well we have decided to trial the same for Year 11 this term and it will be taking place in week 9. Mrs Prowle deputy for Stage 6 will be holding a meeting with Year 11 next week to explain the new process to students.

We have found after evaluation that the assessment week is working really well in Year 12, and students have gained skills in better planning their study timetable and ensuring the assessments are to a high standard. So we will trial the week with Year 11 and evaluate the process with them as well.

Of course term 2 is also the time we start thinking of subject selections for 2025. Year 10 students will be the first year group to have a subject selection evening in the school hall (6 June), followed by a Year 10 student and parent interview week. More information to come, closer to the time.

Term 2 is the time for reporting and meeting with parents to provide feedback, and I hope to see you at either the parent teacher evenings, the information evenings or the many concerts and drama soirees that will occur in term 2.

By the way please see the below link for details re: our new Futsal Coach!

[About Luiz Lobo \(luizlobofootballcoaching.com.au\)](http://luizlobofootballcoaching.com.au)

We are really excited to have him on board.

Best wishes

Susan