

Principal's Update – 7 November 2025

Dear all

Today is the last day for the HSC for the 'Class of 2025'.

The final exams at Mosman are for physics and dance. The three weeks and two days of exams seem to have gone quickly and now most students have finished exams and are enjoying a well deserved break. The HSC results are released on Thursday 18 December, the second last day of school and we will be hosting an early morning breakfast at school to celebrate their achievements.

On Monday and Tuesday, Year 10 (and Year 11 catch-up) will be sitting 'HSC minimum standards'. This test in reading, writing and numeracy is a required condition to receiving an HSC and basically is checking that students have achieved a minimum standard in literacy and numeracy before attempting the HSC.

On Wednesday, we are holding events that the school looks forward to every year. In the morning Year 5 students from Beauty Point, Middle Harbour, Mosman PS, Neutral Bay and Cammeray will attend our school for a 'taste of high school'. Each student will experience two subjects of their choice. For many it will be their first visit to a science lab or a hospitality kitchen. The Year 5 students love the experience and often finish the visit with a small timber product or chocolate chip cookies or an art work and more.

Then in the afternoon we will host the third 'Harbourside Music Festival' in the school hall. Students again from our local primary schools are invited for an afternoon and evening of music supported by the Mosman High School Symphonic Wind Orchestra. This year and for the first time we will also have the Navy Band in attendance. They will perform for the students and families in the evening concert and as well as work with all musicians. It will be a great evening and you are always invited to attend.

Students in the special programs for drama are also showcasing their work from the second semester. Performances will take place in the Dodwell Theatre and again family and friends are invited to attend.

Your students may have told you that there is a slight smell of paint in D block. We have the wonderful painters who did such a good job in the art block now repainting all the classrooms on the ground floor of D block. This will really give our 110 year old building a lift. Mosman High is such an interesting school with two heritage buildings A and D, the whole site heritage listed and yet we have also a two year old exceptional building (G block) in terms of facilities and presentation as well.

I understand that my email regarding dress code has caused some concern with some parents. Firstly let me say that non-uniform is such a valuable approach to ensuring equity and support for student wellbeing. I believe the dress code is reasonable and presents a balance between comfort and being mindful that we are in a school where learning is the focus.

I am proud of our students and their creative and innovative approaches to learning as well as their caring for the environment and others. Mosman High is a special school and our non-uniform is part of what makes us special.

I hope everyone has a relaxed and enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes

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