

Principal's Update – 8 November 2024

Dear all

Well the HSC has come and gone and Year 12 are now attending school only to sign out and pick up their references. What a difference a few weeks make with some very happy students looking forward to a break and the next stage of their educational journey which for the majority will be university. Already many of our Year 12 students have Early Offers in the areas of their choice.

Fabulous news! Our Under 15's basketball team won the bronze medal and are third in NSW. This is a fantastic achievement for the boys and their coach Luke Cooper. Our parent driven basketball program is absolutely amazing with over 19 teams representing the school in external competitions. Later this term, two teams will be travelling to the Gold Coast to represent the school in the Nationals competition.

Today all of Year 10 are sitting the HSC Minimum Standards tests in the hall this morning in literacy. As I have mentioned before, students wanting an HSC must complete three tasks. Firstly the HSC Minimum Standards in literacy (reading and writing) and numeracy, HSC All My Own Work and the Life Ready program. Year 10 will complete HSC All My Own Work in period 5 this afternoon. On Monday they will sit the Minimum Standards in numeracy. Any students who are absent will be provided catch-up opportunities. If students don't achieve the minimum standard they will have future opportunities to sit the tests until they do achieve the minimum standards.

Next week is a busy week for our students as we are having a number of guest speakers/presenters coming to school. On Tuesday all Year 11 students will participate in the GPs in schools program. A number of doctors give their time to support this program where they provide a plenary in period 1 in the hall and then Year 11 is divided into small groups with a GP where they can have a discussion and ask questions. This is a great program and not all schools have access to it ... however we are one of the lucky schools 😊

Also on Tuesday we have presenters who are nationally regarded to speak to Years 9 and 10 about bullying. This is part of a series of presentations that we have been running to highlight the issues related to bullying and the impact that it has on others.

Wednesday will see all the Year 5 students from our local primary schools coming to Mosman High for a taste of high school. The students get to choose two subjects and move when the bell rings to different parts of the school. Teachers volunteer to showcase their subject area and our wonderful SRC leaders and Year 10 students support primary students in getting to their next class and more.

Then on Wednesday evening the primary students will be back at our school for the Harbourside music festival. Commencing at 6.00 pm ensembles from the primary schools as well as Mosman High will perform a couple of pieces before they all join together at the end for a combined performance. This is the second year of the festival which is going from strength to strength.

Then on Thursday morning we have invited Constable Amy our Police Youth Liaison Officer to speak to Years 7 and 8. Her talk is always age appropriate and she discusses the dangers of social media, and other challenges that can be faced by Stage 4 students.

The start of term 4 is always a time full of assessments as student work is evaluated for semester 2 reports, as well as for grades that go through to NESA for determining a ROSA in Years 10 and 11. Yesterday Year 11 were given their final Preliminary report. If a student is absent on report giving day, their report will be at the office for collecting. Year 11/12 are now fully engaged in HSC learning and in week 8 they will have a StuVac to participate in the first HSC assessment task block.

Enjoy the day and weekend 😊

Best wishes

Susan