

## Principal's Update – 9 February 2024

Dear all

Well all students have returned now to school and are settling in to term 1. The consensus from students and staff is that they are very happy with their new building, the landscaping and the refurbishment that has occurred in other areas. There certainly seems more space at recess and lunchtimes.

At the beginning of every year we have evening meetings for parents of students in different stages. This coming Monday evening commencing at 7.00pm parents of Years 11 and 12 are invited to attend the first forum. The presenting panel will consist of myself, the new Deputy Principal for Stage 6, Tania Prowle, the Stage 6 Head Teacher, Fiona Ackerman and Year Advisers (who you know well :)).

All Parent Forums will follow a similar format where I will outline what is coming up for students in 2024, then the deputy will discuss assessments and related topics, the Stage Wellbeing HT will discuss wellbeing supports available and for Stage 6 Disability Provisions and then the year advisers will provide specific year group advice.

As I mentioned last week Years 7 and 8 parents are invited to attend on the 19th and Years 9 and 10 parents on the 26th. There should also be an opportunity for questions. Now that we have all these wonderful spaces, the school is keen to have parents back in those spaces and enjoying the school as well. To that end the first parent teacher night for the year involves Year 12 (12 March) and we will revert to having parent teacher nights in the school hall, rather than a telephone conversation.

As in previous years the school will be providing a study skills program for all students. The first session will be for Year 12 on Monday. The external company 'Elevate' has been working with the school for some years and provides sequential support for Years 7 - 12.

The swimming carnival will again be held at Drummoyne Pool and all Years 7 and 8 students will attend on 23 February as well as competitors from other years. Non-competitors in the other years (9-12) have a normal school day. If the weather is good, it is a lovely day at the pool and parents of competitors are very welcome to attend. If you want to take your child home from the pool please remember to send a note to school before the day requesting this to happen.

Just an early reminder that if you are planning to take your child away from school for five days or more, you must send in a note and complete Department of Education paperwork. Furthermore, your child must have an attendance of over 90% for the school to be able to support the leave. As you know attendance at school is mandatory and learning is best promoted when the student is in the classroom.

By the way, the drop off zone for Mosman High parents has moved. Before the installation of the new crossing it was in Gladstone Avenue near Avenue Road (the northern end). The new drop off zone is still in Gladstone Avenue but on the southern side of the new crossing. There is a no parking zone there, where parents can drop off or pick up their children safely just near D block.

Finally subject changes for Years 11 and 12 seemed to have finished and so this coming week I will look at changes for other years. Please ensure I have a note from you supporting your students request.

Best wishes

Susan