

## Principal's Update – 9 May 2025

Dear all

Thank you to all parents who attended the Year 11 Parent Teacher Student evening on Tuesday. There was a great turn out and it is so good to see the number of students present with their parents. After all, the discussion is about the student's learning and therefore they should be a partner to the discussion and feedback. This then facilitates the discussion occurring at home.

Year 12 reports were given out last week. There are a few reports still to be collected from the office.

Every Friday we hold an assembly. This week it was with Stage 4 (Years 7 and 8). The focus of this assembly was anti-racism. Lea Haines, one of three anti-racism officers who support students at our school, spoke to the students about her role and what racism is and how students who feel they are the victims of racism can have their concerns addressed. I mentioned that having been an anti-racism officer myself in the past, that frequently the reason given for a racist comment is that "it was meant to be a joke or funny". This is never an acceptable excuse. If the person the remark is directed to, does not find it funny or a joke, then it is just racism.

Year 10 have had an assembly to discuss their upcoming Year 10 Half Yearly exams in week 4. This will be the first time they have engaged in a StuVac or study vacation, where they only are required to attend school for their exam. All students now have a personalised timetable. Students who are entitled to disability provisions will not have their exams with the rest of Year 10 in the hall, but will have them in small groups in a separate location within the school. These formal examination periods are an excellent practice for students to not only show what they know but to improve their examination preparation techniques.

Years 7 and 9 are settling into their new timetables and classes, and again I apologise for any disruption but increased enrolments as well as our continued efforts to support students have necessitated these changes. Thank you to parents who have reached out for clarification and of course we are always here to answer questions and provide support.

School attendance as you know is a focus at all schools and Hayley Rose our wonderful Student Support Officer has provided some information for parents about where to get support if your child is refusing to attend school. It is called "The complexity of school refusal" and is a webinar.

"Struggling with school attendance? Join experts for guidance and support options for parents of children 10 to 16 years old. Wednesday the 14th of May, 7:00pm-8:30pm, Online. Free.

[https://www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/whats-on/complexity-school-refusal-webinar?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=NBYP%20Newsletter%20May%202025&utm\\_content=NBYP%20Newsletter%20May%202025+CID\\_6dddff26f3ebf0aba7a7b1cb03c5590d&utm\\_source=campaignmonitor](https://www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/whats-on/complexity-school-refusal-webinar?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=NBYP%20Newsletter%20May%202025&utm_content=NBYP%20Newsletter%20May%202025+CID_6dddff26f3ebf0aba7a7b1cb03c5590d&utm_source=campaignmonitor)

This week we have a number of P&C committee meetings:

Tuesday 13 May - Sports committee meeting in the foyer commencing at 6.00pm  
Thursday 15 May - Wellbeing and inclusion meeting 6.00 pm in the school foyer

All parents are welcome to attend.

Hope you have a lovely weekend.

Susan