

Dear all

Where has the last term gone? It is hard to believe we have only two weeks till the end of term and true to Mosman practice those last two weeks are filled with events and activities.

Year 11 are now half way through their exams and it seems have got into the routine of where to go as well as practising their exam technique and study skills. Their final exams and StuVac finishes next week on Friday 16 September. They return to school for the final week of the term and it is during that time they think about what subject they might drop for their HSC program and if they are going to pick up extension courses.

Of course Year 10 are off to ski camp leaving on Sunday morning. They are required to be at school at 7.00 am. All Year 10 were given a box of RATs and we request that they check for Covid prior to coming to school on Sunday. We also request that they bring the RATs with them so that if they feel poorly during the week they can test again. Hopefully they, as did Year 9, not have any students who contract Covid at the camp.

Of course next week is the last week of secondary schooling for Year 12. You may have read in the High Flyer just how highly valued this year group is and they will be missed. Their last official day is Monday 19 September and we hope that all the activities and events planned for them make that last day very special.

As Year 12 leave, we are welcoming Year 7. Next year's Year 7 is a large cohort and I am looking forward to visiting Year 6 at their primary schools in early November. While we are waiting for our new hall the best approach is if the Year Advisers and I visit our local primary schools to have the orientation. We did this last year and it went really well. However in 2023 we will be inviting all the new Year 7, 2024 to our new school hall and they will be the first to experience orientation in our new building.

Speaking of the building, the scaffolding is almost at the maximum height and once all the scaffolding is done and the concrete floors poured then the brick work will be added. The project manager was raving to me of the views from the second floor so we can only imagine what we will see from level three and four.

Year 8 will be beginning to think of their Enviro camp in term 4. This is a new initiative for our school and we are hoping it will replace the Sydney Institute of Marine Studies excursion in which Year 8 participated in the past.

Yesterday Year 12 HSC music performed for the HSC markers and according to all reports were outstanding. Congratulations to these students and their music teacher Jane Brownlee. This coming Monday Year 11 accelerated design and technology will showcase their major works to the examiners and then that completes the HSC major works and performances for 2022.

Finally I would like to congratulate Year 7 and Year 9 students for their excellent NAPLAN results. Their efforts supported by our wonderful staff have seen continued improvement in all areas but particularly in our focus of writing.

Have a lovely weekend

Susan