Principal's Update Term 2 Week 1

27 April 2022

Dear all

Firstly welcome back to term 2 and I hope you were able to have a relaxing break over the Easter and then ANZAC Day long weekends.

As you would be aware COVID is still in the community, however rules have changed for students and staff. What remains the same is that if anyone who attends school is identified with COVID they must self-isolate for 7 days.

What is different relates to close household contacts. If a student or for that matter a staff member is a close household contact and they have:

- no symptoms
- complete a RAT test everyday and it's negative then the student/staff can return to school but they MUST wear a mask when in school buildings.

The good news is that all our programs for term 2 can go ahead. So next week from Wednesday to Friday, the first of the camps for Year 7 will take place. This will be a wonderful opportunity for our Year 7 students to get to know each other better, participate in well-being and healthy activities and of course have some fun.

Also next week on Tuesday the athletics carnival for Years 7 - 10 will take place as always at Narrabeen Institute of Sport. This is a compulsory school day for Years 7 - 10. For Year 11 they have the option to attend the carnival or to have a home study day or of they are an accelerated student in for example D&T have an immersion day at school.

For year 12 the athletics carnival day is an opportunity for students who are doing major works or extension courses to have an immersion day with their teachers at school. If a Year 12 student is not doing a major work or extension course then they will have a home study day.

Tuesday afternoon will be the Year 11 Parent Teacher night. At this point in time the Parent Teacher evenings will be via mobile phone. The office will send to all Year 11 parents an email on Thursday morning that has booking opportunities with your student's teachers. Teachers will then ring you at the allocated time on the evening.

Of course this is a busy term with assessments, including in week 4, NAPLAN and also in week 4 the Year 10 formal examinations when students have StuVac and only attend school for their examinations. I will provide more detail about these exam periods in subsequent Updates.

Students also receive their semester 1 reports this term. In fact Year 12 will receive their semester 1 report today. The final examination block will be in weeks 8 - 10 when Year 12 will sit their trial HSC examinations. So with normal excursions, lots of sport and teaching and learning, term 2 is a busy term.

Finally a huge congratulations to the performance band and vocalist Wilson Nguyen who represented our school at the ANZAC Day Dawn Service at Georges Heights. They performed beautifully. Also thank you to School Captain Stella Meier who read a poem at the service and who with vice-captain Shreeya Singh laid a wreath on behalf of the school.

Hope everyone has a great term 2:) Best wishes Susan