

Principal's Update – 23 July 2025

Dear all

Welcome back to the start of a new term, and I hope you enjoyed the holiday break. While in Sydney it was cold, the days in the main were sunny and of course ... it is winter!

While most students were taking the opportunity for sleep-ins and activities, many Year 12 students were at school completing major works, perfecting performances or taking part in revision lessons prior to the trial HSC examinations. Year 12 commence their trial HSC examinations next week with English on Monday. Each Year 12 student has been given an individual timetable and on Tuesday there was a short meeting in the hall to discuss the examination process, disability provisions and specific examination rules. The students have been working very hard and we all wish them well in their final school assessment.

This Thursday we will be holding the last Parent, Teacher, Student night in the hall commencing at 4.00 pm for Year 9 students. This will be an opportunity for Year 9 parents and their students to discuss not only their progress in the five core subjects but also which elective(s) they will continue with into Year 10.

Term 3 largely focuses, in terms of assessments, on Year 12. Many students do subjects involving HSC major works, performances, research, or Languages at our school and HSC examinations for all these subjects occur in term 3. We have decided to move the Year 12 graduation to Monday 22 September. This will allow for Year 11 exams that take place usually in weeks 8 and 9 to occur at the latest possible time. Also Year 12 will have their revision time at school maximised.

So highlights of the coming term:

Week 1 - Thursday 24 July - Year 9 PTS night 4.00 - 7.00 pm

Weeks 2 & 3 - Trial HSC examinations

Week 3 - Welcome to students from Semboku (our Japanese sister school)

Week 4 - Thursday 14 August - Year 9 into 10 subject selection evening at 6.30 pm in hall

Week 5 - Wednesday 20 August - Year 8 into 9 subject selection evening at 6.30 pm in hall

Week 6 - Sunday 24 August - Year 9 ski camp (all week)

Week 8 - Wednesday 10 to Friday 12 September - Year 8 camp

Weeks 8 & 9 - Year 11 final Preliminary examinations

Week 10 - Monday 22 September - Year 12 graduation - 6.30 pm in hall

So apart from Week 7, there is an event, camp or examination block every week throughout the term.

The multicultural day has been postponed till week 4 and I will share more information about these events as the term progresses.

Regards

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