

Principal's Update – 2 February 2024

Dear all

Welcome to the start of the 2024 school year. Yesterday we welcomed back Years 11 and 12 and today it was Year 7. I am looking forward to welcoming Years 8, 9 and 10 on Monday. It is lovely to have all the building and landscaping completed and for students to have so much space for recess and lunch. The canteen has been operating from Thursday and so students who buy their lunch can be confident in being able to do so.

Years 11 and 12 have been seeing me about timetable changes. They need a note (email) from you for this to happen. For any other years I won't be doing timetable changes till the week commencing 12 February. Hopefully there will not be many changes required.

Year 7 will have O week till Tuesday and then on Wednesday they will commence their timetabled classes. All other years will commence their timetabled classes from their first day of returning to school.

As you know we have parent forums at this time of the year. With COVID and the build we had changed to having the forums online. However now that we have all our wonderful spaces, we will hold the forums in the school hall.

Years 11 and 12 parent forum - Monday 12 February
Years 7 and 8 parent forum - Monday 19 February
Years 9 and 10 parent forum - Monday 26 February

At these forums the Year Advisers, Stage Head Teachers, the Stage Deputy Principal and I attend. We discuss the upcoming school year including assessments, camps and more and answer questions. All parents for the relevant years are welcome to attend in the hall.

We are very excited about the Mosman Art Walk that will commence on 21 February and will run for two weeks. Artwork from famous and local artists will be placed in shop windows on Military Road and a percentage of the purchase price will support the MHS art department. This is the third year of the "Walk" and is highly valued in the community.

As you know we always have a welcome evening for parents new to our school as well as all Year 7 parents. We have changed the date to Thursday 7 March. This is for parents only and will be held on Level 3 of the new building. It is a lovely opportunity to meet other parents and of course key staff in the school.

We have a number of new staff this year and I will give you a full list in the first High Flyer. However as you know Deputy Principal Colette Longley retired last year and her replacement is Tania Prowle who will also be looking after Stage 6 and Learning and Support. So Tania will be the go to deputy for Years 11 and 12. We also have a new librarian replacing Ms Mulhall. We welcome Helena Chan to our school and already she is making her mark in the library

Well, I hope you had a lovely holiday and please remember if you have a concern about school we are only a phone call away.

Regards

Susan