

Principal's Update – 18 March 2022

Dear all

Isn't it lovely to see blue sky. I think all our students are happy not to be dodging rain as they move through the playground. Also good news ... we received our outdoor settings for the paving behind D block near Gladestone Avenue. Even before I had a chance to announce the outdoor settings had arrived our students had chosen their spots! With the cooler weather approaching this will be a lovely location to capture the sun in breaks or study periods for Years 11 and 12.

Exciting news! I have heard that the builders (Multiplex) will be putting down the foundations of the new build next week. Once the foundations are completed, we will start to see the new building rising up. I am sure we will all be interested in watching that progress :)

Thank you to all Year 7 parents and new parents who attended the P&C welcome evening at the RSC. It is a spectacular venue with views to the Heads and over the city. We were all discussing that our build will be a floor higher and have even better views.

Prior to the welcome evening the P&C executive got together for the AGM. Richard Fechner who has been a member of the P&C for 6 years and president for 2 has retired as his daughter Evalyn graduated last year. We welcomed Georgina Taylor to the role and thanked Richard for his contribution to our school.

We are having a quiet day at school today. The second half of Year 7 are at the Opera House participating in a cross-curricular unit with an Indigenous theme. This is a two day event with a school component and the Opera House component. The Arts Minister happened to be at the Opera House yesterday and was very interested in our program and the engagement of our students.

Also today, all Year 12 have gone to see a Shakespeare performance of the Merchant of Venice. Earlier in the week our swim team represented us at the zone carnival and it is very impressive how many of our students made it to Regionals. After Regionals the next step is state ... we are very proud of our students achievements:)

The Mosman Art walk is over for another year and was by every measure a great success. Artists, retailers and the P&C art committee were thrilled with the response. They are already talking about next years event!

As you know the school provides Elevate for all years to support a study skills program. We received the following from Elevate:

"We had a great turnout from Mosman High School last week, with 25 parents joining us for our webinar on Time Management & Beating Procrastination!

Our last webinar for the Term is coming up in just 7 days' time:

The next webinar, Managing Technology & Focus, is coming up on Wednesday 23rd March (7:00-8:00pm AEDT). Here's what we'll be showing parents on the night:

- ✔ How to help their child manage social media and reduce technology dependence
- ✔ Practical strategies and apps to minimise procrastination
- ✔ How to help their child use technology productively to enhance their learning"

I am sure if you go to the Elevate website you will be able to register for the webinar.

Finally more exciting news - we have decided to run an extra camp this year. Year 8 used to attend the Sydney Institute of Marine Studies for a cross-curricular focus on the environment and sustainability. However SIMS closed. So we will be running a camp for Year 8 in term 4 with a continued focus on the environment and sustainability. This will mean:

Year 7 - a "welcome and getting to know others" camp in early term 2

Year 8 - an "Enviro" camp term 4

Year 9 - "Ski camp" in term 3

Year 10 - "Ski camp" also in term 3 but only for this year due to COVID in 2021. Year 10 will cover the mandatory Life Ready

Year 11 - "Life Ready" in early term 2

This will be the last of the Year 11 camps as we will in future run the Life Ready camp in term 4 when the students are in Year 10 so that the limited time they have in Year 11 is maximised.

Next week we are holding the second of the Parent Teacher nights, this time for Year 7. The meetings will be via Zoom and so this will maximise the opportunity for parents to see their child's teacher.

As always I hope you are well, best wishes

Susan