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Term 4 Week 2 2021

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Principal's Bulletin 11th October 2021

HSC update

Year 12 students are in the final weeks of school prior to undertaking the HSC examinations in November. These young men and women have worked very hard overcoming the hurdles of the current and past health orders. This was especially demonstrated with students completing their formal assessments in practical subjects including Art, Music and Industrial Technology. These major projects were due during the height of working from home restrictions. The extra effort our staff put in to support our students to do their best highlights the positive culture of our school. We are also planning their formal assembly and dinner, as well as their Big Day In, to celebrate their completion of secondary education.

Term 4 Organisation

We are working hard to plan and organise activities for Term 4 as restrictions change and allow us greater freedoms. We are still limited in terms of camps, excursions and external sporting competitions, and these are unlikely to change before the end of term. Our planning for these events in 2022 however, is based around much greater freedoms and mobility. We are still waiting for more information about Year 6 into 7 transition activities and our Year 7 Advisor for 2022, Mr Brett Woods, is liaising with our primary schools so we are ready when restrictions ease. Our examinations for Years 7 – 10 will go ahead as planned, and our school reports will follow the same schedule as in the past. The format of our Presentation Evening on the 9th of December is yet to be determined.

School Leaders

We had started the process of electing our school leaders for 2022 early in term 2 when working from home made it impossible to proceed. This process will take place in the first weeks of this term and I look forward to welcoming our new leaders once the process concludes.

Thanks to staff, students and our community

The past term has been a difficult one, with families trying to support working from home with their students, and staff ensuring that learning continues whilst still ensuring student wellbeing is at the fore. Our students have had to struggle through their commitments to support family whilst maintaining

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Tuesday 12 October 2021 Year 12 Captain Interviews
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Tuesday 19 October 2021 Year 7 Immunisation
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Thursday 21st October 2021
Friday 22nd October 2021



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classroom expectations, and our administration staff have ensured that learning materials were available to families who could not access them in other ways. I just wanted to express my gratitude and appreciation to how this situation was turned into business as usual so that our sense of belonging, progress and achievement was maintained to the best of our abilities.

Vero Joseph
Principal

YEAR 12 INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY MAJOR WORKS

Congratulations to our students for getting to the finish line despite lockdowns and learning from home.



Liam has put a lot of effort into the development of his HSC Major project. The TV cabinet has a rustic look and is complemented by a satin oil finish. Liam should be proud of his achievement as I am of his commitment to a wonderful piece. A Fantastic result, well done Liam.



This HSC Major project by Koen is a real eye catcher and one of a kind. The chess table is finished in an oil satin finish which compliments the visual aspects of the board top. Each piece has been handmade and designed personally by Koen. A very impressive piece, well done Koen.



Jarred has been very busy over the last month working on his set of draws. He has come a long way with his HSC Major project in a short time. Well done Jarred.

Jobie Dunn | Industrial Technology Teacher

Science News

In Term 3, Weeks 6, 7, 8 and 9 were challenging for all Science students as they were learning from home. Their teachers tried very hard to provide online lessons that were as engaging as possible by sourcing relevant videos, games, interactive learning activities and by creating online worksheets to complement these. Most students did a brilliant job of accessing Google Classroom and following their teacher's instructions to complete tasks so that their learning was not interrupted during this time. Students who made a particularly terrific effort were rewarded with a certificate and a chocolate!



Teachers kept a close eye on student progress, graded submitted work, provided frequent feedback and chatted to students and parents via Zoom and phone calls in order to provide the best possible education for the students in their care. Additionally, teachers created hard copy versions that were closely aligned to the online work so that students with limited internet access did not miss out on high quality learning opportunities. It was great to get back to school in Week 10 and all Science lessons were filled with practical activities and hands-on experiments so that students could consolidate what they had learned at home while enjoying working with their friends.

Now that we are back at school, all Year 7-10 Science classes are busily working towards their Yearly examination in Weeks 4 and 5. Year 7 are learning about the wonders of the universe, Year 8 are about to start expanding their knowledge of the environment, Year 9 is studying a topic on waves, and Year 10 are diving into studying evolution. Shortly students will receive a booklet to help them revise at home for their exam and they are encouraged to start spending about 15 minutes each night going over everything they have learned in Science this year. Suggested home study ideas are: reading through their Science book, making a summary for each topic, re-doing topic tests, and quizzing themselves using the Learning Intentions checklists given at the start of each topic. Past topic tests, Learning Intentions Checklists and revision booklets will be posted in Google Classroom just in case students misplace their paper copies.



Year 12 students are to be commended for making it to the end of their Science courses! As they move towards the HSC examinations they still have plenty of opportunities to work with their teachers to achieve the best possible results. Revising course work and completing as many past papers as possible is a recipe for success. We wish every student all the best in the exams and beyond.

Year 11 students demonstrated incredible adaptability in completing their end-of-course exams online. They have now started the Year 12 course and we encourage them to take this opportunity for a fresh start by attacking every lesson with diligence and enthusiasm. A regular home study routine is also needed in order for students to reach their potential. They need to set a high goal and go for it!

I would like to take this opportunity to compliment students on their resilience and positivity this year and thank our teachers for their dedication and professionalism. We are very lucky to be part of a wonderful school community!



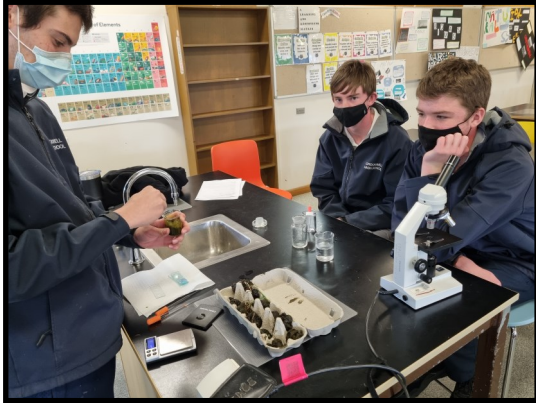
Felicity Abbey
Head Teacher Science/Agriculture/Food Technology

YEAR 11 & 12 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

Spring has sprung at the High School farm.

Students have in the last few weeks been preparing for spring on the farm doing some basic worm tests in 12 Primary Industries and weeding and sorting the veggie beds.

Chris Wilson | Primary Industries Teacher



Immunisations for Year 7 and Year 10

Immunisations will be held for Year 7 and some Year 10 students at school on Tuesday 19th October.

The 2nd dose of HPV for all Year 7 will be dispensed.

Also, the Year 10 students who were absent for their immunisation in Term One have their Meningococcal immunisation.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Any students who have had a COVID vaccine 7 days before the 19th October or who are scheduled to have the COVID vaccine 7 days after the 19th October, will NOT be immunised at this time. An alternative date will need to be arranged by parents.

Jennifer Bollen

Canteen Roster

Monday - 11.10.21	Tuesday - 12.10.21	Wednesday - 13.10.21	Thursday - 14.10.21	Friday - 15.10.21
Cathey O'Connor	Cathey O'Connor	Cathey O'Connor	CLOSED	Cathey O'Connor
Monday - 18.10.21	Tuesday - 19.10.21	Wednesday - 20.10.21	Thursday - 21.10.21	Friday - 22.10.21
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Lunch bags available at canteen. Please put orders in so you don't miss out!