

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE – END OF TERM 2 UPDATE- 3 JULY 2020

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students.

It is hard to think of a time when so much has changed at our school so quickly and so unexpectedly. And not just at our school. Everyone has had to come to terms with how we now live and work, how we shop, where we travel, who we can see and so much more.

I am pleased to report that our school has now returned to near normal operations, with all students attending school and an active Learning At School program in operation.

It seems that after the challenges and complexities of Learning From Home, our students have a new appreciation for being able to be at school, to be taught by their own teachers and to be able to mix with their friends!

Our school continues to operate within Department of Education guidelines to ensure the safety and wellbeing of students and staff.

As far as possible, only students and their teachers are on our school grounds and we have been working hard to ensure our students are reconnecting with learning at their best.

### THE LATEST NEWS

- New style reports have been issued this week to students in Years 10, 11 and 12. Reports for students in Years 7, 8 and 9 will be issued by Week 2 of Term 3. Reports are distributed to students in hardcopy and are also available electronically on the Parent Portal. New reporting guidelines and timelines from the Department of Education have caused this delay in issuing reports.

- With the Department of Education mandating that no marks or grades are to be shown on Semester 1 reports because of the extended Learning From Home period, together with the ongoing restrictions on longer school assemblies and parent gatherings, we will not be able to hold our usual Semester 1 Recognition Assembly. We continue to recognise a variety of student achievements and celebrations at our short, daily Roll Call assembly.
- Our normal Parent Teacher meetings to discuss student progress are also not yet able to be held. Please continue to contact us on 9631 9651 if you need to speak with us about your child's learning, welfare or wellbeing.
- Students and parents have access to our new Wellbeing Hub, soon to be available on our School Website and already available on Google Classroom. The Wellbeing Hub is a one stop shop for information and ideas to support our students during these difficult times- study tips, relaxation exercises and so much more.
- All students in Years 11 and 12 now have access to a laptop to use at school and at home - either their own or a loan device from the Department of Education.
- The Department has launched an HSC Hub to further support Year 12 students in their HSC preparation. It includes online lessons, practice exams and a range of other resources. The material is relevant for all students and is being regularly updated. [Click here](#) to go to the HSC Hub. It's a great

way for students to continue their studies over the school holidays!

- Year 10 students have started the subject selection process for 2020 and have been issued with a handbook which includes direct links to the NESA website and all syllabus documents.
- Our HSC explanation to students and the Handbook will be available on our School Website for parents and is available to students on Google Classroom.
- From 2021, we will be requesting that all students in Years 7 and 11 have their own laptop for use in class and at home. This is both as part of our focus on the use of technology in teaching, learning and assessment and as part of our Covid-19 planning for Learning From Home should it again become necessary.
- All excursions continue to be on hold until Term 4.

Terms 1 and 2 of 2020 have certainly been memorable and I again want to acknowledge the extraordinary effort and achievements of our students, our staff and you as parents in meeting the challenges and complexities with remarkable positivity, collaboration and teamwork... and ongoing cheerfulness and good humour!

Your support for the strict health protocols we have in place has helped to ensure that we are able to keep everyone safe and well.

We are looking forward to a further easing of restrictions from Term 3 and will keep you updated with any significant changes.

I have attached for your information some Welcome Back To Term 3 Reminders.

Kind Regards,

*J Sims*  
Judy Sims  
Principal

## TUESDAY 21 JULY IS DAY ONE, TERM 3 FOR ALL STUDENTS

