

THE PENDLE PRESS

Our new building will be open to staff and students from Term 2.

Our main entrance will be changing to the new building on Binalong Rd and all parent inquiries will need to come through the new main building gate. There will no longer be parent access to the school from Cornock Ave (with the exception of our Support Unit parents who are dropping off or picking up their children)

Also in the new building will be a new library, 14 new classrooms which will be used predominately by English, Language and EAL/D classes, a music centre to be used for all Music classes and a lecture theatre available to all subjects.

Further Building Work

Now that our new building is in operation, the temporary demountable buildings will be removed and we have been told that this will take 4 to 8 weeks. As this area needs to be secured, the Knox St entrance will be closed until all demolition and removal work has been completed

As explained in an e-mail sent to all parents at the end of Term 1, the Favell St groundworks require more work than expected. This entrance is also expected to be closed for the first 4 weeks of Term 2.

Term 1 Interim Reports

Term 1 interim reports have been emailed out to all parents. If you did not receive a report, please check using your Sentral Parent Portal.

SCHOOL BUSES

A reminder to all students that our school buses leave promptly at the end of each day. School buses will still leave from Binalong Road with the drop off and pick up outside the entrance to the new building.

Students who catch the 711 bus will need to exit the school via the new building on Binalong Rd and walk to the bus stop on Burrabogee Rd.

Students also need to ensure that they tap on using their School Opal Card on each journey. Transport NSW use this data to determine if each service is viable or not.

Bus pass applications can only be made through the Transport NSW website. The school is unable to assist in expediting or approving applications (<https://transportnsw.info/school-travel-apply>)

STAFFING CHANGES

Welcome Ms. Varcoe who is starting as our new school librarian this term. We also welcome Ms Romic as a permanent Visual Arts teacher at our school.

We farewell Mr. McGuinness who has moved to Cronulla High School.

RETURN TO SCHOOL DATES

Wed Apr 26 - Year 7 to 10 Return

Thu Apr 27 - Year 11 to 12 Return

AN INSUBSTANTIAL PAGEANT

Year 11 and Year 12 English Advanced students were provided with the rare opportunity to participate in the Sport for Jove production of William Shakespeare's King Richard III. The event was held at the 1880 Hall in Surry Hills. The adventure began with a train ride from Pendle Hill station and for some students, it was the first time they had used the Sydney Light Rail network. The students had front-row seats to the production and were able to appreciate the play first-hand. As a part of their mandatory unit Textual Conversations, they were able to access the symposium which gave them an insight into the production.

Feedback from students:

"The experience really added life to the play and was much different to simply looking at some words. The play equipped me with a deep understanding of the nature and personality of the characters thanks to the amazing work of the actors. I felt like I got to live the Shakespearean play and the actors were very interactive, occasionally asking us to chant or directly looking at us when they spoke."

"It made Shakespeare easy."

"It was good to get out, this was the first time I have experienced a play and it was better than what I thought it would be."

YEAR 7 GEOGRAPHY

Ms Gupta's Year 7 geographers are always looking for fun and exciting ways to learn about Geography. By utilising oreo cookies to demonstrate the different types of plate boundaries, students were able to use learning modes such as demonstrations to showcase their understanding of tectonic plates. They also completed a jigsaw activity on the movement of tectonic plates which helped them enhance their problem solving and analytical skills.



LANGUAGE PERFECT WORLD COMPETITION (JAPANESE)

During Term 1, our Year 7 students aced the International Language Perfect World Competition for Japanese. Our students ranked in the top 10% of competitors worldwide. Congratulations!

