



# Parent Newsletter

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

### Welcome to Term 4!

It promises to be a very busy and exciting term as we commence an incremental return to a new normal. As challenging as it has been for families, students and teachers we managed to successfully navigate the last term and are ready for a new chapter to begin.

### Year 12 Champions and University Entry

We are certainly proud of our Year 12 girls for not only completing their work successfully during the covid lock down but showing incredible resilience and strength. All their assessment tasks are completed and only revision and the HSC remains. To date over 132 university offers have been made to our girls by universities, many girls have received multiple offers.

Congratulations to our girls, I am incredibly proud of them. They are amazing young women and inspiring role models.

We are very blessed to have many amazing teachers at our school as well. I would like to thank Ms Heemi and Ms Diamond for their support and efforts in completing the recommendations so our girls can apply for these early offers. Great teamwork.

### Thank you

A huge thank you to Ms Garvey for her outstanding work as Relieving Deputy Principal for Years 10 and 11 for the last two terms. Ms Garvey resumes as Head Teacher Administration and is busily in the process of building the 2022 timetable. Ms Kaidbay who I introduced last term is the Deputy of Years 10 and 11 and is looking forward to getting to know our girls and community.

### Return to School in Term 4 2021

As of 7th October the NSW Perrottet Government has announced that in Term 4, all schools will begin returning to onsite learning earlier than originally announced, in the following stages:

- ❖ 18 October: Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 12
- ❖ 25 October: all year groups

## Year 12 Study Bubble - Week 2 Term 4

Year 12 students have been invited to attend school over Week 2 to prepare for the HSC exams in small groups of 2-5. Ms Diamond is contacting the girls to organise this.

The study bubble will:

- ❖ Be a group of no more than 5 students from within the same daily scheduled groupings or study sessions. Students should not mingle or move between groups during the day
- ❖ Will be held in the library and supervised by casual teachers
- ❖ Will be from 9am to 12pm
- ❖ Uniform must be worn
- ❖ Must be arranged with Ms Diamond
- ❖ No student can just turn up on the day

Stay safe and take care

**Anna Tsoutsas**  
**Principal**



## Deputy Principal Year 8 and 12 - Ms Diamond

### • Well-Being

I hope that all our students have had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday and are ready to face an exciting and hopefully less stressful Term 4. As you all know the wellbeing of our students is our top priority and the Wellbeing Team will be trained up in a mental health/wellbeing course over the next few weeks by NSW TAFE. Big thank you to Mrs Amr for organising this.

Next Friday 15 October is Free Plan Friday so no Zooms or online learning for our students on this day. Like the Wellbeing Wednesday last term this is a day dedicated to our student's happiness and personal wellness. We are encouraging the girls not to use any technology on this day.



- **Year 8**

The attendance for Year 8 students logging onto online learning was exceptional for their first day back to school Tuesday. Over 30 students worked on and engaged with the Choice Matrix during the holidays and will be awarded with Dojo points. We are encouraging all staff to give out the Dojo Points to not only Year 8 but all students for exceptional work, commitment or just asking any great question or being proactive. Year 8 love the Dojo Point system and adore any form of communication or recognition from their teachers during online learning. These points will be converted into the school's merit system once we go back on site.

All students have been informed that they are working on the compulsory Common Graded Tasks this term which will replace their Yearly Exams. All students have also been given their Zoom timetables. Students will be learning new content this term in their Zoom sessions and it is important for our students to attend these valuable sessions.

- **Year 12**

Year 12 are currently in the process of preparing for their HSC exams and getting feedback plus results from their Assessment Task 4. The HSC written exams start on 9 November and finish on 3 December.

We are encouraging students to continue to participate in the timetabled Zoom sessions for the first 2 weeks this term. These Zoom sessions are focusing on revision of key concepts and past papers.

As we would have all heard Year 12 students have been invited in preparation of their HSC exams to attend school for up to 3 hours a day next week in a study bubble of no more than 5 peers to do revision and for wellbeing support. Students need to notify me by Friday of which days they will be attending and with which students. They will attend school in full school uniform, will need to bring in their own snacks/water and will be supervised by casuals in the library between the hours of 9am-12pm. From week 3 all students are being asked to come back on site where we will continue to follow the Zoom timetable.

The Year 12 Team is busy working on their Graduation and Formal to be held after the HSC. We are all so proud of all that Year 12 has achieved so far with so many interruptions. Well Done!



## Deputy Principal Year 10 and 11 - Ms Kaidbay

Welcome to Term 4! Year 10 and 11 have demonstrated great perseverance with online learning and we ask that this continues into Term 4.

This term students need to develop and stick to a learning routine which includes:

- ❖ getting up early each school day and getting dressed
- ❖ having breakfast
- ❖ logging into their school account by 8:45am and
- ❖ completing the tasks for the day which are set out in their Google Classrooms.

There will be additional zooms/webinars this term, to access these, Ms Garvey posted an excellent video presentation on [how to access your zoom/webinar timetable](#) in each year group's Google Classroom. Please have your child login and view this.

### • Year 10

Each week, a **Common Graded Tasks (CGT)** will be posted for one course. These tasks replace the yearly exams for all Year 10 courses and inform your child's ROSA grades. It is important that students invest time and effort to complete and submit quality tasks that they are proud of by the due date. If your child is struggling with any aspect of online learning, please encourage them to be proactive and speak to their teachers for help.

The Term 4 CGT schedule below indicates the timeline and courses students will focus on completing and submitting. These will be posted on the Year 10 Google Classroom.

Issue date (8:45 am)	Due date (3 pm)	Year 10
Tues Wk 1	Fri Wk 1	PDHPE
Mon Wk 2	Fri Wk 2	Electives line 1
Mon Wk 3	Fri Wk 3	Elective line 2
Mon Wk 4	Fri Wk 4	English
Mon Wk 5	Fri Wk 5	Maths
Mon Wk 6	Fri Wk 6	Science
Mon Wk 7	Fri Wk 7	History/Geography

Students will participate in **1-2 zoom/webinar lessons a day**. These are online lessons that cover new course content each week. Please work with your child to ensure they attend the zooms/webinars for each of their courses. Students will need to refer to their EDVAL timetables. Ms Garvey emailed each student their Edval code and link to access their individual timetables.

## • Year 11

Term 4 for Year 11, signals the start of the HSC course which means that all coursework students cover this term is examinable in the final HSC exams.

Additional Zooms/Webinars have been scheduled for Year 11 students. These sessions are compulsory and all students are required to attend the zooms/webinars for their courses. Please note the zooms/webinars start each day at 8:45am.

If students have any questions or concerns about their learning, please encourage them to reach out to the school for support.

The start of the HSC course is an exciting time and we seek to support all students with their learning as they move towards completing this final stretch of their high school education.

## Deputy Principal Year 7 and 9 - Ms Minogue

### • Year 7 and 9

Welcome back to term 4! Learning is well and truly underway and we are looking forward to a combination of Remote Learning and returning to school for Face to Face learning in Week 5.

- ❖ Students received their updated Zoom timetable last term and should be following this and attending all their allocated Zoom sessions as they include new content and important revision of key concepts and ideas.
- ❖ Over the holiday period, students had the opportunity to complete their first Choice Matrix activity sheet. The aim of this is to engage students in non digital activities around the home. It was wonderful to see photos of the delicious meals students made and cleaned up. Another Choice Matrix will be posted soon so please encourage your daughters to have a go at some of the activities.
- ❖ This term we are continuing with our Common Graded Tasks. They are compulsory tasks that are designed to provide feedback for teachers and students on their learning. It is important that students complete these each week.
- ❖ DOJO points have been up and running for almost a month now and it is exciting to see students rewarded for their efforts using the online platform. Your daughter is able to log on and see how many points she has earned and what they are for. A big congratulations to Daniella Ronquillo (yr7) and Sidiqua Sohrabi (yr9) for accruing the most points in their Year Group so far.

