

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Great to be back

Throughout the week, from early Monday morning until I put the final touches to this newsletter, on every occasion I asked a student how it felt to return to school, the constant refrain was, "It's great to be back". This answer came irrespective of whether the student was Year 7 or 12 or somewhere in between.

As Principal it is terrific to see the school full of happy young people keen to engage with their learning, their peers and their teachers.

As we emerge from the period of lockdown created by COVID-19, it is now down to staff to work with students to determine exactly where students are at in each of their courses of study. Where teachers recognise a student may have slipped behind in some way, they will be assisting students to catch up. However, at this early stage it seems the vast bulk of our students adapted remarkably well to remote learning and staff have been very happy with student progress.

Parent/Teacher Nights

A further casualty of the Coronavirus is our Parent/Teacher Nights. All of these evenings are cancelled for the foreseeable future in line with Government restrictions. Despite this, with students working from home for an extended period, I am sure parents have gained a valuable insight into their child's application and engagement with their studies.

Student reports will be dispatched as per the school calendar. These will assist parents to understand how their children are progressing. For the most part the reports follow their usual format with some minor adjustments depending upon the course and how readily the content was impacted by remote learning.

Any questions or concerns about your child's progress should be addressed to their Stage Head Teacher in the first instance.

Year 12 High Achievers' Morning Tea

Disappointingly, the regular morning teas, which are accorded to students who have achieved in their most recent Assessment Periods (APs), have had to be cancelled. Consequently, Year 12 students, who performed particularly well in the AP3s, have been awarded a special certificate and are recognised below for their outstanding results.

What was particularly pleasing is even though students had begun remote learning this had no impact on the quality of the student results.

My congratulations are extended to the following students:

Rohan Agarwal, Alice An, Maddison Boyd, Alexander Briggs, Charlotte Cameron, Lucia Culas, Sara Desai, Oliver Donnelly, Yvonne Huang, Rishab Iyer, Simran Keswani, Sophia Koller, Irvine Leow, Sienna Marshall, Shakila Muthukuda, Madison Pryor, Dwaraka Ratnasiva, Kaanchana Sekaran, Genevieve Shek, Reuben Soo and Virag Toth.



Achieving Together

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Student Leaders' Selection

The process for selecting our 2020/2021 School Leadership Team has commenced, with senior students completing their written applications. This year, by necessity, the process will be slightly different, with students selected in the team still presenting their speeches and answers to unseen questions to a small audience of staff and selected students. Unfortunately, parents will not be able to attend this year as per Government policy. However, we hope to be able to livestream the event so parents have the opportunity to view this most important occasion. I will provide further details as we get closer to the date.

HSC Modifications

NESA has been closely monitoring the impact of COVID-19 on student progress in HSC courses and has determined a range of measures to try and alleviate some of the pressure students are under following their disrupted learning.

Students have been made aware of these changes which include an extended timeline for practical submissions and a later start date for the written HSC papers.

Full details of the changes can be found on the NESA website via this link <https://www.educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/wcm/connect/32f147e8-6f44-4b08-9209-4a9907574497/NESA+2020+HSC+-+What+has+changed+flyer.pdf?MOD=AJPERES&CVID=>.

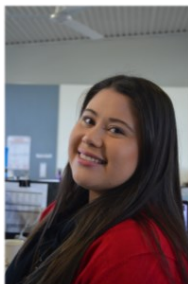
Should you have any questions or concerns about any of these changes, please don't hesitate to contact the Stage 6 Head Teacher, Ms Adamou or the appropriate faculty Head Teacher.

Winter Uniform

It has been terrific to see our students return in full winter school uniform. It is now important students continue to come to school appropriately attired for the remainder of term. Please ensure your child wears their full winter school uniform each day and remind them, 'hoodies' are **not** part of the uniform. Students not complying with the uniform code will be subject to the usual discipline process.

New Staff

I would like to offer a warm welcome to our new staff: Cassandra Alvarado in English; Matthew Doherty in HSIE; Wendy Sheppard in TAS and Franchesca Tenedora in our Careers office.



Cassandra Alvarado
English



Matthew Doherty
HSIE



Wendy Sheppard
TAS



Franchesca Tenedora
Careers

School Attendance

A reminder to all students, the school day commences at 8.30am. Please ensure you take into consideration the additional traffic on our roads, particularly during peak times, as a result of the NSW Government's current guidelines regarding public transport. Students who are persistently late will be subject to the usual discipline process.

Year 12 Jerseys

Following a range of delays created by the Coronavirus, the Year 12 jerseys have finally arrived. Fortunately, just in time for the winter months. The jerseys have been designed by a committee of our senior students and look terrific. The school's two Principal's Representatives, William Mills and Sophia Koller, are featured here in the new jerseys.



P&C Meeting Cancelled

Disappointingly, the P&C Meeting scheduled for next Tuesday 2 June, has had to be cancelled due to the restrictions created by the Coronavirus. However, the P&C Executive Meeting will once again take place via Zoom. Members of the Executive will be contacted by Mr Tim Spencer, our P&C President, with details.

Mr Johnson

Student Attendance in Government Schools

Dear Parents / Guardians

When your child is away from school it is important parents comply with the guidelines set out in the Student Attendance Policy, *Student Attendance in Government Schools Procedures*, as well as established school procedures.

Please note the following requirements:

Absence from School

Parents are required to provide an explanation of absence to the school **within seven days** from the first day of any period of absence.

Parents are required to provide a Doctor's certificate to explain the absence of a student away for **three days or more**.

Attendance COVID-19

The following information has been provided to the school from the NSW Department of Education:

All students are expected to attend school unless they are unwell.

If parents believe that their child has a condition which means it is not safe for them to return to school, they will need to obtain a medical certificate. These are likely to be children with suppressed immune systems or undergoing treatment like chemotherapy.

This means students are either:

- *At school*
- *At home because they are currently unwell*
- *At home because they have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition.*

Please note: Students who are residing with a family member in one of the categories identified as being at increased risk, should attend school unless a medical practitioner advises otherwise. The parent or carer should provide written confirmation from the treating health professional that the student is unable to attend school.

If students are away from school because they are unwell, there is no expectation that they complete school work. It is important that unwell students rest.

Additional support and advice can be found on the [Learning from home hub](#).

Further information can be found at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/en/home/inside-the-department/covid-19/school-staff/face-to-face-learning-guidelines-for-schools.pdf>.

Absentee Notice

Periodically the school sends home an Absentee Notice when an explanation for absence has not been received.

If you receive an Absentee Notice please provide an explanation of absence in the Reason for Absence tear off slip found at the bottom of the notice. Return this slip to the school immediately.

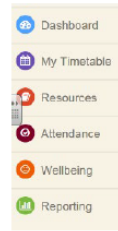
If you have reason to query the absence, please note this on the Reason for Absence tear off slip. Your query will be investigated and dealt with in due course.

If you would like further information you can find the *School Attendance in Government Schools Procedures* at:

https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/policies/student_admin/attendance/sch_polproc/att_proc.pdf.

Parents are able to access information in relation to their child's attendance via the Parent and Student Portal.


1. Login to the Parent & Student Portal
2. Click on the photo of your child
3. Click on the attendance icon
4. A snap shot of your child's yearly attendance pattern will appear
5. Any box coloured red refers to an unexplained absence.



Please provide an explanation for any unexplained absence.

| Term 1 | Term 2 | Term 3 | Term 4 | | Codes | |
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| W1 | W1 | W1 | W1 | Term 1: | Dark green | Present |
| W2 | W2 | W2 | W2 | Term 2: | Light green | School Business/Flexible |
| W3 | W3 | W3 | W3 | Term 3: | Orange | Explained |
| W4 | W4 | W4 | W4 | Term 4: | Yellow | Partial absence, explained |
| W5 | W5 | W5 | W5 | Overall: | Red | Unexplained |
| W6 | W6 | W6 | W6 | | Pink | Partial absence, unexplained |
| W7 | W7 | W7 | W7 | | | |
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Mrs J Navarro, Head Teacher Student Programs



Cherrybrook Technology High School App

Go to the App Store or Google Play and search for "Cherrybrook Technology High School" to download the free app. This will provide you with school information, dates of upcoming events and more. By enabling push notifications you will receive important messages instantly.

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If you would like to purchase second-hand Cherrybrook Technology High School uniforms, the First Cherrybrook Scout Group operates a clothing pool for your convenience, through kind donations from the CTHS community.

For more information please email uniforms@cherrybrookscouts.com



For details of opening times, please go to <https://cherrybrookscouts.com/cths-uniforms/>

First Cherrybrook Scout Hall, Appletree Drive, Cherrybrook



Careers Update

Work Experience

Work experience is considered a non-essential activity and the school will not be releasing students for work experience placements for the remainder of Term 2. Alternative arrangements have been put in place for students completing Vocational Education this semester and require evidence of work readiness.

Macquarie Leaders and Achievers Early Entry Scheme Webinar

Monday 1 June 2020, 5pm - 6pm (Online). Applications for the Leaders and Achievers Scheme open on Monday 1 June 2020. At this webinar, you'll hear directly from Macquarie students who gained early entry. Register and listen in to find out how to put together a strong application, how to showcase your community involvement or voluntary work, about the application process and key dates. Parents may want to listen in and ask questions. Register for this webinar at: <https://page.mq.edu.au/macquarie-leaders-and-achievers-early-entry-scheme.html>

Charles Stuart University's Principal's Recommendation Scheme

This is an early offer scheme that provides current Year 12 students with the option to apply to a CSUni course based on the recommendation of their high school Principal rather than ATAR. Review the resources to help you prepare an effective application at <http://link.edm.cqu.edu.au/tBCO2S0xH10e900SHt000RS>.

Virtual Study and Career Pathway Talk Schedule

The Pathways Team of the Broken Bay Diocese have made available on-demand presentations about study and career pathways via their YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-br6YPekYfa73beQOeP3qg>. The virtual presentations will be available until July.

University and Tertiary Presentations

The Careers Adviser Association of NSW and ACT have compiled the virtual presentations of universities and other providers for your convenience. Visit the Virtual Content of Tertiary Providers page [here](#). The page is regularly updated.

Career Websites

The following career websites provide useful resources and tools relating to employment, as well as university and TAFE courses.

| Website | Registration Information |
|---|--|
| Job Jump https://www.jobjump.com.au | Click on 'I'm New' School Password is 'fox' Useful Resources Year 10: Subjects & eWork Experience pages Years 11 & 12: ATAR, Uni & TAFE pages |
| Career Tools (aka CTHS Careers website) https://www.cthscareers.com | Click on 'For Students' then 'Students' Secure Area' When prompted click on 'Register Here' Useful Resources All years: Post School Options |
| Study Work Grow https://studyworkgrow.com.au/ | Click on 'I'm New' Useful Resources All years: Study and Grow pages |
| University Admissions Centre https://www.uac.edu.au | Registration not required. Year 12 Applicants should keep a copy of their Application Number & PIN for safekeeping. Useful links Year 10: Year 10 page & Subject Compass Years 11 & 12: Year 11 & 12 page & Course Compass |

COVID-19 Youth Survey

Skillsroad is conducting a survey to find out about young Australians' experience of health and wellbeing during the COVID-19 pandemic. They hope to use the insights of this survey to create practical tools and resources to help you get back on track with your goals and success in pursuing your dream career. Complete the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9CD8FS3> and go into the draw to win \$500!

Careers Advisers

The Careers Advisers are Mrs Ferguson and Ms Tenedora. Both Careers Advisers are available for Zoom interview meetings with students and parents. You can arrange a meeting by contacting us via email:

Mrs Ferguson via christine.ferguson@det.nsw.edu.au

Ms Tenedora via francesca.tenedora3@det.nsw.edu.au

Mrs Ferguson and Ms Tenedora

Making the big decisions – choosing subjects and courses

Choosing subjects and courses may be one of the first career decisions you make. Making big decisions may be challenging.

- What subjects do you need to study in Year 11 & 12 for the career you want?
- What training should you do e.g., a course at University, TAFE or private provider/college?
- What university, TAFE or private provider/college should you attend?
- What job opportunities will it open up?

Year 11 and 12 subject choices are very important as many post school training courses and careers have mandatory entry requirements. It is important to choose the subjects you need to be eligible for what you want to do. Think about what you want to do or are interested in, choose carefully, do your research and where appropriate get advice from employers.

Decisions should not be based solely on:

- Parents' perception of job prestige; job futures; salary or what they think a student should do or is good at
- Year 12 exam expectations
- Accepting any course, training organisation or university just because it was offered
- Accepting any course, training organisation or university because there is nothing better to do
- Being "good at" a subject without any understanding of the types of careers and opportunities it might lead to
- Peer pressure
- Taking an easy option – this course offers a lighter workload
- Glamourised perception of a profession or job.

The wrong course selection is often responsible for non-completion of courses. Time taken to explore the options and to understand what career or profession is the target and why, will help you to complete your course – although changing courses and majors is always a possibility. If unhappy with a subject or course, a student should seek advice from careers and faculty advisers to ensure changes are made before it affects their chance of completion or their academic record and results.



Post School Course Selection Checklist

An understanding of the following will help students make informed choices.

- Career Goals. What kind of work do you want to do?
What do you know about the job or industry?
- What do you know about the required level of training?
- How much does the course cost?
- How much study do you want to do?
- Do you want a course based on theory or practice?
- What level of academic study do you want to do?
- Realistic expectation of meeting entry requirements.

University, TAFE or Private Provider/College Selection Checklist

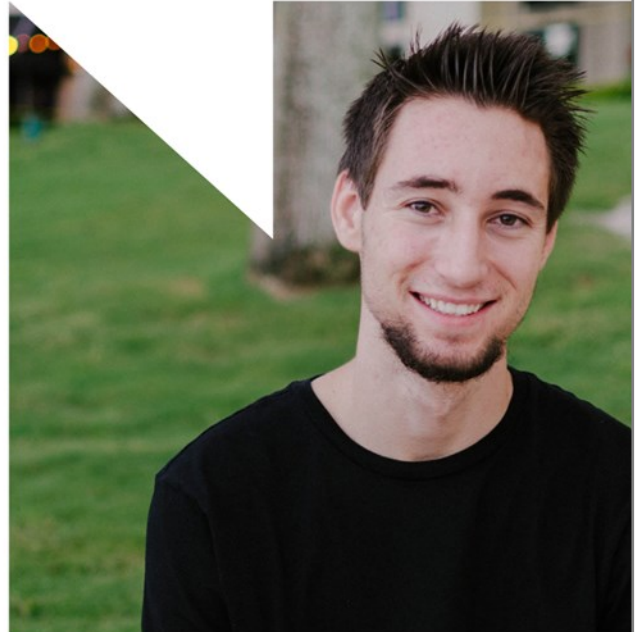
Comparison shopping through course information booklets and websites, campus open days and talking to career counsellors, career advisors, guidance officers, guidance counsellors and current students will help provide answers to the following:

- Is your desired course available – are specific specialisations on offer
- Environment and culture of the training institution and campus
- Accreditation and or reputation
- Practical issues including transportation, accommodation, living costs
- Completion and graduate outcomes
- Equipment, facilities and services available
- Clubs and associations and sports facilities
- Faculty to student ratio
- Campus size.

Just because you begin your journey in one direction, it doesn't mean that you can't take a detour at any time. So don't think of it as a one way street – it's not!

While trying to make these decisions you will no doubt seek advice from many people – your family, your friends, and if you're still at school, from your teachers. They will have some idea of your strengths, interests and talents but remember that ultimately it's your choice and nobody else can make the decision for you.

But remember, you will be the one doing the study, so it's very important that you think carefully about what you really want to do with your working life.



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PROCEDURE FOR LATE ARRIVALS

All students arriving to school after 8.40am **must** sign in at the student window where they will be issued with a late note. All late arrivals are required to have a note from their parent/guardian giving reasons for being late. No note results in a detention.

PROCEDURES FOR SICK STUDENTS

Students who are sick during class should see a teacher for written permission to go to sick bay. They must present themselves promptly to the **front office** and politely follow instructions from the office staff, who will then contact a parent/guardian when necessary. Sick bay is used for a short time only. Students should not call their parents in the first instance. **Please be advised the school does not supply any medication, including pain killers, medicated creams, eye drops etc.**



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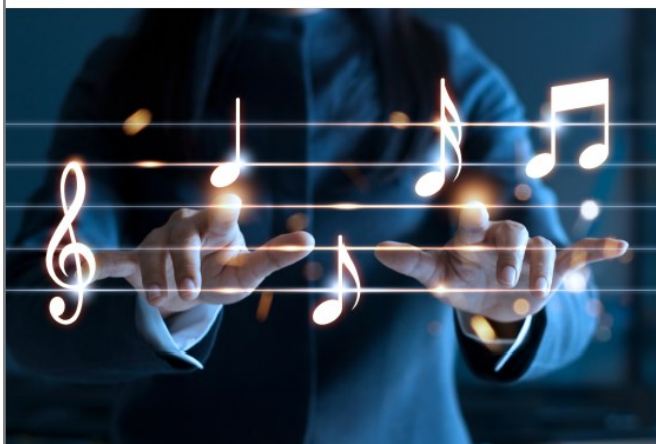
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PROCEDURE FOR EARLY LEAVERS

If a student needs to leave school early, they **must** provide a note from their parent/guardian giving reasons for their partial absence. **The student must hand the note in at the student window before 8.30am** where they will be issued with a leave pass. They can then present this pass to their teacher and leave school at the appropriate time.

On Thursdays (sport days) all students in Years 9-11 **MUST** have their early leave notes signed by a member of the PE staff before presenting to the office.

CALENDAR - Term 2 Week 6B

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| Monday 1 June | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preliminary Assessment Task - Geography |
| Tuesday 2 June | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HSC Assessment Task - Chemistry |
| Friday 5 June | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HSC Assessment Task - Business Studies |