



ESPERANCE ANGLICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL
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Comment from the Principal - 11th November 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was good to be able to share thoughts on remembrance in Chapel this morning knowing, too, that several of our students were representing the School at the service in town. At our Chapel next week we will hold a minute's silence to remember the victims of last year's bushfires.

HMAS Farncombe

Our boarders and several of our day students were also present at the parade and ceremony of freedom of entry for the ship's company of HMAS Farncombe. It was also good to see our Chairman of Council, Mrs Victoria Brown, resplendent in her purple robes as Shire President, inspecting the guard of honour and conferring the award.

Year 11 Exams

A reminder - if such were needed - that Year 11 students sit their examinations in the coming week. They need only report to School when they have an exam because there are no lessons for them that week. Of course when at School they should be in uniform.

Examinations for Years 7-10

I was pleased to observe a very orderly and well-organised diet of examinations for Years 7-10 during the week. It was encouraging, too, that students in need of support were accommodated so effectively in a separate room, with modified exams available for those who needed such specific assistance.

Staff Appraisal

As you may remember all teachers have gone through an appraisal process which has involved observation and feedback from me, other teachers and students. Reports have now been produced and interviews between with colleagues are now being conducted by me to assist with the setting of goals, and the provision of appropriate advice and training. I have no doubt that this process is leading to growing competencies and to the building of rapport. For example, a year ago the provision of appropriate feedback to students - one of the most effective ways of enhancing learning - was seen as an area needing attention. Accordingly training in this aspect was provided and, happily, feedback is now being seen as an area of strength. Once all the interviews have been conducted I will be able to assess areas of focus for the School, as well as teachers, but I know that further work on calibrating difficulty and driving deep and surface learning will figure.

Mid-Term Break

Another reminder that, as published in our term dates, this Monday, 14th November, is a School holiday and the School will be closed. This holiday allows boarders to return home and provides a welcome break for students before the final busy few weeks of the term.



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Forthcoming Events

As always I would like to highlight the following events in the coming few days:

Week 6 Wood on duty

Monday 14th School holiday - the School will be closed

Year 11 exams all week - no lessons for Year 11 students

ATAR examinations continue in Parish Centre

Tuesday 15th - 1000 - School Assembly

Wednesday 16th - School Council Meeting

Friday 17th - Jackman fund-raising event for their sponsored child

- Wood lead Chapel to include a minute's silence in remembrance of the victims of the bushfires

Experience suggests that the final weeks of term develop - despite our best intentions - a slightly manic quality so please do try and keep an eye on the calendar on SEQTA and on the website: we will endeavour to keep it as up-to-date as possible.

In the meantime, all good wishes for the weekend ahead.

Yours sincerely,

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