

From the Principal

Unwell students

We have seen a significant increase in the number of students becoming unwell with flu-like symptoms or testing positive for COVID over the past week. We currently have over 100 students away sick, our usual number is less than half of that.

To minimise transmission of sickness in our community, please keep your children at home if they are unwell.

Students can return to school once they are symptom free and feeling well enough for school.

If your child tests positive for COVID, please follow these guidelines to help keep our students and staff virus-free.

- Advise the school if your child tests positive for the virus
- If your child has no symptoms, they can come to school but are encouraged to wear a mask for up to 5 days following a positive test result
- If your child has mild symptoms, they can come to school but **MUST** wear a mask
- If your child is experiencing acute symptoms, they should remain at home for the 5-day isolation period recommended by NSW Health
- If they still have symptoms after 5 days and wish to come to school, they are to wear a mask until their symptoms subside.

Kind regards,

Greg Miller

Principal

Week 5 Events

Mufti Day and Cake Stall – Wednesday 24 May

Burford House has organised a mufti day and cake stall for Wednesday 24 May to raise money for an indigenous charity called Purple House. This organisation supports the health of regional and remote communities by delivering education and services to those affected by kidney disease, a condition prevalent in indigenous communities.

Students can bring a gold coin and wear 'mufti' clothing with a splash of purple and bring money to spend at the cake stall.

'Mufti' clothing

- Students who wish to wear 'mufti' must bring a gold coin to give to their teacher in Home Room
- As a guide, students should wear comfortable casual clothing just as they would to a school retreat
- All college policies relating to piercings, make-up and hair must be followed
- No mid-drift or singlet tops
- No short shorts or skirts
- No active/leisure wear
- No inappropriate slogans or logos on clothing
- Policies relating to PDHPE, TAS and VET clothing must be followed as usual (e.g. sport shoes, hard leather shoes)
- Students who choose not to wear mufti clothing, must wear their normal school uniform
- Any students who wear inappropriate clothing to school will be asked to be picked up by their parent/caregiver

Thank you for allowing your children to make an active contribution to this initiative.

Athletics Carnival – Thursday 25 May

The school Athletics Carnival will take place on Thursday 25 May at the College. Students are to wear their College sports uniform, and are encouraged to bring something with their house colours to add to their uniform. A full program of activities is planned for the day, and all students are encouraged to participate.

Please note that the Canteen will commence at the beginning of the Carnival at 9.15am, normal breakfast service will not be available on the day.



Learning and Teaching

Year 10 exams

Year 10 students will be sitting exams from Tuesday 13 June until Thursday 15 June. The exam timetable has been shared with students and is included below for your information.

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| Tuesday 13 June | 9.25am – 11.05am | English |
| | 12.05pm – 1.40pm | Religious Education |
| Wednesday 14 June | 9.25am – 11.00am | Geography |
| | 12.05pm – 1.40pm | History |
| Thursday 15 June | 9.25am – 11.00am | Mathematics |
| | 12.05pm – 1.40pm | PDHPE |

Students will attend Period 5 as normal on exam days.

Rebecca Graham

Assistant Principal – Learning and Teaching

Wellbeing

Open Parachute – Year 7 students

The College has recently introduced the Open Parachute program to our students. The goal of the program is to teach practical mental health skills to our students with a focus on prevention, giving students the opportunity to practice skills for addressing any current or future challenges that might impact their mental health.

Our Wellbeing team has been working with our Year 7 students on the unit 'Bullying, Accountability and Empowerment' this week. Resources are available for parents on the [Open Parachute website](#).

Social and Emotional Learning – Year 9 students

The team at ReFrame will start working with our Year 9 students next week on a program entitled 'Social and Emotional Learning'. Students will participate in one class per week over the next five weeks.

Merit Review Week

Week 5 is Merit Review Week when students will have the opportunity to undergo the merit review process. All eligible students who are not on a full complement of 10 merits are strongly encouraged to participate in this process with the aim of regaining all or some of their lost merits.

Students can see their Stage Coordinators if they need any support in completing the process.

Mission Concert Auditions

Week 5 will see the auditions for the upcoming Mission Concert which will be held on Sacred Heart Day evening, Friday 16 June. We have over 28 acts who will be auditioning with approximately 20 spots available. We thank all those students for their involvement and wish everyone the best of luck.

Kelly Clunn and Natalie LaGarde

Assistant Principals – Wellbeing

Careers

A reminder to parents (and students) that our [Careers website](#) has a wealth of information on future pathways for our senior students, including HSC information, workplace learning, and post-school options. Parents can also access fact sheets on helping your child choose subjects, information on career options, and a useful calendar of events.

Check out our latest newsletter under the 'Important Information' tab at the top of the page.



Donna Murchie
Careers Facilitator

Extra Curriculum

ISA Sport

ISA Round 4 is on this Saturday. Team fixtures and bus information can be found [here](#). All buses will be leaving from the bus zone on Charlotte Street. All students should be dropped off in the JFC carpark.

Coach Phillips
Extra Curriculum Administrator

Other matters

Bike racks now available

Bike racks have been installed at the College for students who wish to ride their bike to school. Please ensure your child has a sturdy lock to secure their bike. The racks are located in the centre of the College between the library and the main administration building.

Upcoming Events

- ⇒ Science and Engineering Challenge Excursion – 22 May
- ⇒ Mufti Fundraising Day – 24 May
- ⇒ School Athletics Carnival – 25 May
- ⇒ National Sorry Day – 26 May
- ⇒ Year 12 Chemistry Excursion – 26 May
- ⇒ Year 11 Biology Excursion – 30 May
- ⇒ Year 11 Retreat – 31 May – 2 June
- ⇒ Year 12 Agriculture Excursion – 8 June
- ⇒ King's birthday Public Holiday – 12 June

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