

From the Principal

### Best Use of Time

The Leadership Team of the College know we need to consider ways in which we provide students with more choice and agency through a flexible approach to subject, time and place. Furthermore, there is a need to provide teachers with more time for collaborative planning, preparation, and evaluation of high quality, student-centred learning.

Today I had various meetings with students from Years 8 to 12. The focus of the meetings was how we could use time better when looking at their learning. As I mentioned in our 'Need to Knows' last week, *the world has changed, and schools need to move with it*. Schools are obligated to explore more flexible, adaptable, and personalized approaches to timetable schedules which harness the power of modern technology without compromising the social and relational nature of learning. This is what was discussed with students today.

These meetings build upon the time spent with staff in the last three weeks of last term.

### Parent Community Forum – Best Use of Time

Please join us at our next Community Forum as we share and explore more deeply and specifically how we can best use time to enable flexibility and choice for your children as they engage in their learning. We will consider how we can create time for them to investigate areas of interest and passion, so that the learning experience at Chevalier is even better in the coming years. We would love you to join us to continue this conversation:

**Thursday 4 May 2023**

**7.00pm to 8.30pm**

Reserve your free spot by **Tuesday 2 May** using [this link](#).

Hear more from me in this [3 minute video](#).

### Staff Professional Development days and a change of term dates

As part of my 1:1's with staff, formal discussions with relevant senior leaders and regular discussions with various teachers and middle leaders, many leaders and teachers have identified the need for a consistent approach to teaching and learning across faculties. With this in mind, we have secured the services of Michael McDowell (EdD) from Hinge Education. Michael is the author of several bestselling books and presents practical tools and resources to thousands of teachers and leaders on almost every continent around the world. He has served as a teacher of mathematics, coach, principal, and central office administrator, and is the author of numerous books including *The Lead Learner*, *Developing Student Expertise*, *The Busy Teacher*, and forthcoming *The Project Habit*.

We have secured the services of Michael to work with all teachers on **Friday 23 June** and **Monday 9 October**. The purpose of each day will be to engage with high impact teaching strategies as part of **Developing Expert Learners**. Day 1 will focus on developing strategies to build assessment capable learners by developing the metacognitive strategies for ownership over their learning. Day 2 will focus on developing strategies on handling setbacks and working collaboratively with others to solve complex problems. In the future, and if both senior and middle leaders see the benefits, we may also consider a series of professional learning based around [Leading Rigorous Learning](#). Michael's most recent article about developing critical thinking in students can be found [here](#).

To align the professional learning needs of teachers with Michael's availability, I am providing you and your children, with advanced notice of a minimal change to term dates for later this year.

### New Term dates

**Thursday 22 June** – last day of Term 2 classes (changed from Friday 23 June)

**Friday 22 September** – last day of Term 3 classes (changed from Thursday 21 September)

**Tuesday 10 October** – first day of Term 4 classes (changed from Monday 9 October)

These dates have been updated on our [website](#).

Greg Miller  
Principal

Learning and Teaching



### Parent / Teacher Interviews

Parent / Teacher interviews for Years 7 and 12 will take place on **Monday 1 May**. Parents of Year 7 and Year 12 students have received a link to book an interview. Bookings close at **10.00am** on Monday 1 May.

Parents of Year 11 students will have the opportunity to discuss their child's progress after the release of the Year 11 Mid-Course Reports in Week 6 of Term 2.

If you have any questions throughout the term regarding your child's progress, please contact the College via [office@chevalier.nsw.edu.au](mailto:office@chevalier.nsw.edu.au). Your request will be forwarded to the teacher, who will contact you directly.

Rebecca Graham  
**Assistant Principal – Learning and Teaching**

### Extra Curriculum

#### ISA Sport

Round 1 of the ISA Winter Sports competition commences **Saturday 29 April**. Team fixtures and bus information can be found [here](#).

Please note that buses will be leaving from the JFC. Students should be dropped off at the JFC carpark.

Coach Phillips  
**Extra Curriculum Administrator**

### Other matters

#### Mother's Day High Tea

We warmly welcome mothers and mother figures to our Mother's Day High Tea, to be held on **Friday 12 May** from 9.30am – 11.00am.

Tickets are \$25 each which includes your high tea, and a morning of reflection and gratitude. If you would like to also bring your mother (your child's grandmother or great person), please book a ticket for them too!

Please book your ticket [here](#). Bookings close **TODAY**.



#### Beautiful – the Carol King Musical

Tickets are available for this year's production of *Beautiful – the Carole King Musical* performed and produced by our wonderfully talented students.



*Beautiful – the Carole King Musical* is a fun and entertaining show that will appeal to fans of Carole King's music, as well as those who enjoy great music and great entertainment.

*Beautiful* manages to balance her personal story with the music that made her famous. These personal stories add depth to the show and make it more than just a celebration of King's music. The show features many of King's most famous songs, including *I Feel the Earth Move*, *It's Too Late*, and *You've Got a Friend*, as well as songs by other artists that King wrote for, including *The Locomotion* and *Will You Love Me Tomorrow*.

The musical is limited to five sessions, so make sure you get your tickets early. To avoid disappointment, [book your tickets now](#).

Session times:

Wednesday	10 May 7.00pm – 9.00pm
Thursday	11 May 7.00pm – 9.00pm
Friday	12 May 7.00pm – 9.00pm
Saturday	13 May 2.00pm – 4.00pm
Saturday	13 May 7.00pm – 9.00pm

#### Upcoming Events

- ⇒ ISA Winter sports commence – 29 April
- ⇒ Parent Teacher Interviews – 1 May
- ⇒ Year 10 Wilderness Excursion – 1 – 5 May
- ⇒ Year 11 History Excursion – 4 May
- ⇒ Year 11 Agriculture Excursion – 4 May
- ⇒ Parent/Community Forum – 4 May
- ⇒ Year 10 Minimum Standards tests – 8 – 12 May
- ⇒ School Musical – 10 – 13 May
- ⇒ Year 7 and 8 da Vinci Decathlon Excursion – 11 – 12 May
- ⇒ Mother's Day High Tea – 12 May
- ⇒ Year 12 Wilderness Excursion – 15 – 19 May
- ⇒ Year 11 VET Work Placement – 15 – 26 May
- ⇒ Year 9 Wilderness Excursion – 17 May
- ⇒ Year 12 Chemistry Excursion – 18 May
- ⇒ Year 11 Studies of Religion II Excursion – 19 May

#### Chev Need to Knows Archives

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