

From the Principal

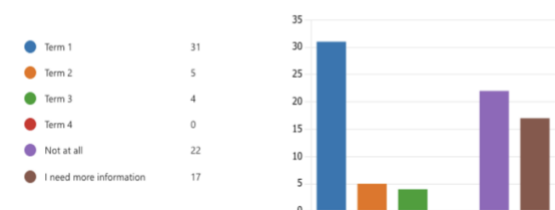
Dear Parents and Carers,

I trust this finds you well as we look to the promise of regeneration that comes with the arrival of Spring.

As you are aware, extensive consultation with staff, students, and parents over a period of four months has resulted in the College Leadership developing 'Best Use of Time' for the 2024 school year. As part of that process, we recently provided all parents and carers with a 2-page summary about the 2024 Best Use of Time proposal, accompanied with a request for parents and carers to complete a survey. There were 240 responses to the survey out of an estimated 543 students in Years 9-12, 2024. This is a response rate of 44% per student and represents a response rate of approximately 52% per family. Most schools see a 10% survey response rate as the norm for most surveys. Data snapshots appear below:

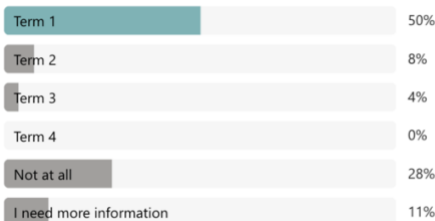
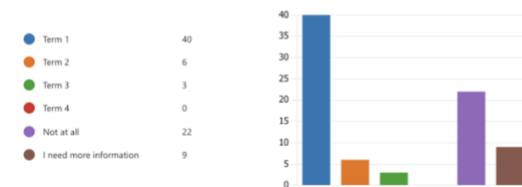
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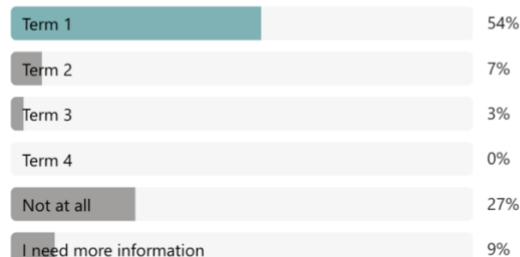
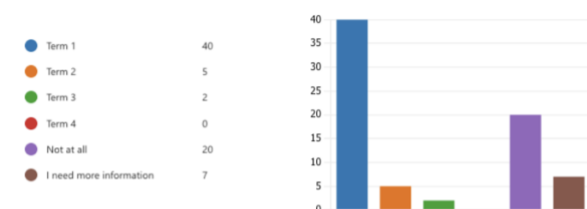
6. If your Year 10 student achieves the micro-credential to learn from home, which term would you be prepared to allow them to commence trialing learning from home?

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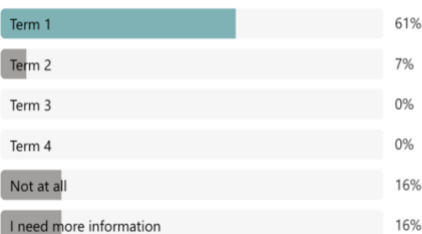
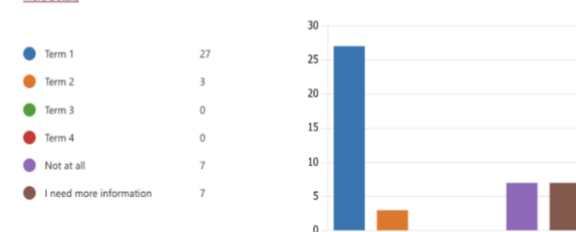
8. If your Year 11 student achieves the micro-credential to learn from home, which term would you be prepared to allow them to commence trialing learning from home?

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10. If your Year 12 student achieves the micro-credential to learn from home, which term would you be prepared to allow them to commence trialing learning from home?

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Accompanying the snapshots above were more than 28 pages of comments. Those comments, along with other parent feedback over the last four months, combined with feedback from staff, students, and the College Board, have informed a **decision about Best Use of Time.**

With a commitment to maintaining, if not enhancing the MSC Ethos, as well as recognising the need to enhance self-regulated learning for students, **Chevalier College will implement Best Use of Time as a one-year trial for the 2024 school year.** With the support of the College Board, the implementation of Best Use of Time will be done in a careful and responsible manner. Furthermore, we will adhere to various advice and maintain an effective timeline for implementation. When implemented, the weekly timetable will be as follows:



1. Tuesday to Friday is explicit 'teacher-directed face-to-face learning' conducted onsite at school with far fewer interruptions than is currently the case.
2. Monday will be a timetabled day of 'teacher facilitated flipped learning' (see draft timetable below) for all students in Years 7-12.
3. Not all Mondays will be 'teacher facilitated flipped learning'. Most whole college events and year-based activities/excursions will be held on Monday. It is anticipated between 20-25 Mondays will be 'teacher facilitated flipped learning' days. All teaching staff will be onsite each Monday to ensure the smooth implementation of Best Use of Time.
4. The location of 'teacher facilitated flipped learning' for a Year 9-12 student will be by mutual agreement between the College and the family. In deciding whether a Year 9-12 student can complete 'teacher facilitated flipped learning' at home, the College will consider:
 - a. the student's suitability as reflected by the attainment of the Chevalier College 'Self-Regulated, Flipped Learning Micro-credential' and their ability to maintain its ongoing requirements.
 - b. the emotional wellbeing and general capability of the student.
 - c. whether the student has a safe and clean learning environment at home.
 - d. whether permission has been given by their parent/carer. For 'teacher facilitated flipped learning' from home to be offered by the College, each family will be required to sign a disclaimer/agreement.

To ensure the ongoing readiness of staff, students, and parents for the implementation of Best Use of Time, a Best Use of Time (BUOT) Project Management Team has been established comprising of Deputy Principal - Barbara Santos, Director of Enterprise Services - Melissa McCoy, Sarah McKinnon, both Board Member and parent, and yours truly. The role of the project management team will be to oversee all necessary steps required for implementation to take place in January 2024.

In the first instance, the project management team has developed a timeline for the implementation of Best Use of Time. With reference to parents, carers, and students these include, but are not limited to the following:

- Developing clear and comprehensive policies that outline the expectations, responsibilities and guidelines for students, parents and staff participating in 'teacher facilitated flipped learning'.
- Developing a 'Flipped Learning Micro-credential' required for a student's eligibility in the program. The credential will contain the necessary skills and criteria for successful and safe flipped learning at school or at home. Within a clearly developed framework, it will be each student's responsibility to source the evidence required to attain the credential.
- Developing a 2024 calendar clarifying which 'Mondays' (not all) will be 'flipped learning' days.
- Continuing consultation with staff, students, and parents to gather their input and address any concerns related to the proposal. For example:
 - For students
 - clarify 'all things new' including requirements for the micro credential
 - clarify for each year group any changes to their timetable including early commencement of HSC, new interest electives, wellbeing subjects, timetabled assembly, etc.
 - For parents and carers
 - Develop a working group of parents to develop the next iteration of 'Parent FAQs' with answers to questions which emerged from the survey. Simone Wilson, Senior Manager of Marketing and Communications, will facilitate this process.
 - We also aim to engage a university 'action research partner' to monitor the progress of this initiative once implemented.

There may be a need to do more than the actions listed above; however, we move forward knowing that we will need to be responsive to ongoing advice and consultation as we learn more about the possibilities, opportunities, and challenges of implementing Best Use of Time.

For your information, I will speak to students about Best Use of Time at the upcoming assembly on Tuesday 22 August before another round of communication and consultation with staff, students and parents takes place in early September. By then, more will be known about the outcome of subject selections and interest electives, and how they inform a first draft of the timetable grid.

In conclusion, "thank you" for your patience to this point in time. There is much more work to do; however, the probability of Best Use of Time coming into effect from the start of 2024 is real and exciting.



Onwards and upwards,

Greg Miller
Principal

DRAFT - Flipped Learning Timetable

Time	Year 7	Year 8	Years 9-12
9.00-9.45am	Self-regulated Technology and PDHPE	Self-regulated English and HSIE	Work as set by teachers based on subjects (9 and 10) and subject lines (11 and 12)
9.45-10.30am	Self-regulated English and HSIE	Self-regulated Technology and PDHPE	
10.30-11.00am	Break 1		
11.00-11.45am	Self-regulated CAPALOT and RE	Self-regulated Science and Maths	Work as set by teachers based on subjects (9 and 10) and subject lines (11 and 12)
11.45-12.30pm	Self-regulated Science and Maths	Self-regulated CAPALOT and RE	
12.30-1.15pm	Break 2		
1.15-3.25pm	Rotating taster courses, mini projects and activity learning e.g. Chev Farm, VR, CAPA, Fitness, Games, Outdoor Challenge etc.		Assessment Tasks or Industry Micro-credentials e.g. Online TAFE Microskills



Faith Formation and Mission

Year 8 Retreat

A reminder that Year 8 students will be on retreat next week, on the following days:

Classes 8.5 and 8.6	Tuesday 15 August
Classes 8.2 and 8.4	Wednesday 16 August
Classes 8.1 and 8.3	Thursday 17 August

Students are to wear neat casual clothing, including warm outdoor clothing and sturdy, closed-in 'jogger-style' shoes, and bring a raincoat or jacket, hat and sunscreen. No singlets, mid-drift tops, skirts or thongs are permitted.

All meals will be provided (morning tea and lunch). Please pack extra food if a muffin, piece of fruit and a sandwich/wrap will be insufficient for your child. Please also pack a water bottle (with water only).

Phillip Lane

Assistant Principal – Faith Formation and Mission

Extra Curriculum

ISA Sport

Good luck to the 18 teams participating in the ISA Winter Semi Finals on 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 car park.

Summer Extra Curriculum Registrations.

All students attended the Summer Extra Curriculum registration morning on Wednesday. The extracurricular activities open for registration are:

Boys Touch Football
Girls Touch Football
Girls Basketball
Boys Basketball
Girls and Boys Cricket
Show Team
Duke of Edinburgh
Chev Gym (open to students registering in a Summer Sport or Duke of Edinburgh)

Any student who was absent and missed the opportunity to register will need to see Coach Phillips during Break 1 or 2 in the Extra Curriculum office located next door to C1. Registrations will close Tuesday after Break 2.

Trials will be held in Week 7 and 8. Further information will be provided closer to the date.

ISA Softball

We have been advised that ISA will not offer Girls Softball as a Saturday competition in 2023 as participating schools are not able to provide teams with feasible fixtures. As such it will not be offered as a summer sport option in 2023.

ISA will still provide representative options to students as a pathway sport. Students interested in trialling for the ISA representative team will be provided information via the Daily Notices.

Coach Phillips

Extra Curriculum Administrator



Other matters

Year 11 – Presentation Ball

Please be reminded that payments for Year 11 students and their guests attending the Presentation Ball must be made by **Wednesday 16 August** via [this link](#).

We appreciate your prompt payment so that the availability for extra tickets can be determined.

Father's Day Brekkie – Thursday 31 August



Our Father's Day Brekkie will be held on Thursday 31 August. All fathers, grandfathers, and father figures are invited to join us for a morning of reflection and gratitude whilst sharing a hearty BBQ breakfast with café quality tea or coffee.

Students of attendees are also invited to join us for the celebration.

Tickets for the BBQ breakfast are available for \$10 per person (adults and students) by clicking on [this link](#). Please RSVP before **Friday 25 August**.

We look forward to welcoming all the special men in our student's lives.

Catholic Diocese of Wollongong events

The Diocese of Wollongong is running several events in the second half of 2023 that might be of interest to our Chevalier families.

Raising Fathers – Monday 28 August

A free event in Campbelltown with Robert Falzon from menALIVE to unpack practical advice and share stories that are powerfully important, informative, and instructional for fathering in today's world. More information and booking through [this link](#).

Growing Good Men Father and Son weekend – 20-22 October

A unique opportunity for dads and their sons to embark on a quest of discovery with Robert Falzon and the team from menALIVE. Register online [here](#).

Family Camping Weekend – 27-29 October

Held at Guntawang Catholic Youth Centre – Woolgemai Campground near Picton, this weekend brings Catholic families from around the Diocese together for food, fun, and fellowship. More information and bookings through [this link](#).

Upcoming Events

- ⇒ Year 12 HSC Trial Exams – 7 August-18 August
- ⇒ Year 8 Retreats – 14 August-17 August
- ⇒ Year 11 Wilderness Excursion – 14 August-18 August



- ⇒ Year 9 2024 Subject Selection evening – 17 August
- ⇒ Science and Engineering Challenge Excursion – 23 August
- ⇒ Year 10 Wilderness Excursion – 24 August-25 August
- ⇒ Year 9 YAM Program – 29 August
- ⇒ HSC Showcase – Technology, Visual Arts and Music – 30 August
- ⇒ Father’s Day Brekkie – 31 August
- ⇒ Presentation Ball – 1 September
- ⇒ Mid Term Break – 1 September

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