

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

I trust you are well wherever you are in the Southern Highlands and beyond.

As we continue to deliver quality learning and teaching in 2023, we also continue to plan for next year, a year in which there will be many new and exciting developments.

All Year 8 students have chosen from a wide range of traditional electives, interest electives and VET (Vocational and Educational Training) subjects for Year 9 2024. Those choosing VET will commence one component of their HSC in Year 9 next year. Approximately 50 Year 10 2024 students have chosen to do Passion Projects, an option which fulfils the requirements of the Design and Technology HSC Preliminary Course. These 50 students will commence units of the HSC a year early through their Design and Technology elective next year. As well as this, wellbeing content will be embedded into the fortnightly schedule along with a subject called SIM – Strengths, Interests and Motivations. This will assist students to develop an early understanding of their purpose in a rapidly changing world.

The introduction of such subjects and initiatives reflects our strong commitment to broaden the measures of success, and to provide students with more choice and agency. Learning will be more reflective of a modern world, not an industrial world.

Best Use of Time – Claim the Dates

As we prepare for what has been known as 'Best Use of Time', I would like to encourage you to CLAIM THE DATES for the following events.

Firstly, please keep an eye out for correspondence next week which will contain a set of Parent and Carer Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) regarding 'Best Use of Time'. The email will contain the FAQs and ask what other questions you wish to have addressed along with the opportunity to register for an **online Parent and Community forum to be held on Tuesday 19 September 2023**. We are hoping that while it is difficult to have a conversation with such a large group, it will present more of an opportunity than our previous presentations for questions and answers.

We will launch the Flipped Learning Micro-credential in Week 2 of Term 4. Throughout that week relevant staff will meet with teachers and students. As part of that week the College will also host a community forum for parents and carers at **6.00pm on Thursday 19 October in the John Fahey Centre**. The focus of this forum will be to confirm the requirements of the micro-credential, explain how parents can monitor the progress of their child when completing the credential, and other updates regarding 2024 Best Use of Time. Relevant information will be sent to families closer to that date. We are seeking ways to ensure we can livestream the event for registered attendees.

Towards the end of Term 4, the College will host onsite, in person workshops for those parents and carers who wish for their Year 9-12 child to access and complete flipped learning from home on a Monday throughout 2024. These workshops will take place...

- 6.00pm Monday 27 November
- 6.00pm Wednesday 29 November (repeat session)
- 6.00pm Tuesday 5 December (repeat session)

Parents and Carers only need to attend one session if they wish for their child to access learning from home for some Mondays next year. Again, more information will be shared closer to the evening.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the parents who volunteered their time through our parent working group re: Best Use of Time. They were offered the opportunity after they requested more information, and asked questions via our parent survey. The working group gave up four hours of their time over two weeks to engage in conversation around their questions, the answers to which have been incorporated into the FAQs you will receive next week.

Sport Forum – Claim the Date

On Wednesday 1 November, the College will host a forum regarding sport at Chevalier College. We will invite parents to share their valuable insights and thoughts about the sports program at Chevalier. We look forward to a strong attendance at the College.

Have a great weekend

Greg Miller
Principal



Extra Curriculum

Cricket Fanatics!

Are you or someone you know a cricket fanatic and would like to assist in the growth of cricket at Chev? We are currently looking for new umpires to participate in an upcoming Level 1 Umpiring course to be held locally.

Email extracurricular@chevalier.nsw.edu.au to register your interest.

Summer Sports Update

- Training squads have been announced to students with teams to be finalised after training sessions next week. Students should check the notice board outside C1 for details.
- No training Week 10. Training recommences Tuesday Week 1 Term 4.
- All students need to collect a permission note and return to Student services.
- A reminder that attendance at training is compulsory.

Team/Training Squad	Training Week 9
All Boys Touch Football Squads	Tuesday 12 September 3:45pm - 5:00pm Thursday 14 September 3:45pm – 5:00pm
All Girls Touch Football Squads	Tuesday 12 September 3:45pm – 5:00pm Thursday 14 September 3:45pm – 5:00pm
All Boys Basketball Squads	Tuesday 12 September 3:45pm – 5:00pm Thursday 14 September 3:45pm – 5:00pm
Cricket Green Squad	Wednesday 13 September 3:45pm – 5:00pm
Blue Cricket Squad	Tuesday 12 September 3:45pm- 5:00pm
Junior A Girls Basketball Junior B Girls Basketball	Tuesday 12 September 3:45pm – 5:00pm Thursday 14 September 3:45pm – 5:00pm
1sts Girls Basketball Training Squad	Tuesday 12 September 3:45pm – 5:00pm Thursday 14 September 7:00am - 8:15am

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Extra Curriculum Administrator

Other matters

Lost Property

If your child has lost anything at school (including clothing, shoes, or a bag with clothing inside), please ask them to visit Student Services during one of their breaks to see if it has been handed in. We have a large number of items that will be donated if not collected before the end of term.

Seasonal produce for sale

Keep an eye out at Pick-up Point B in coming weeks!

We will be selling seasonal produce grown by our students at our farm. Please bring small change – all proceeds will go towards the purchase of seedlings and seeds for next season.

Junior Production – *I'm with Cupid!*



Box office sales are now open for Chevalier's junior production "I'm with Cupid!". This production combines romance, humour, and an electrifying soundtrack of chart-topping pop hits that delve into the anatomy of human emotion. It is a hilarious tale of love, vulnerability and what makes a truly strong heart. Written by Chevalier's own leader of CAPALoT, Joshua Combes.

Performances commence at 7.00pm on Thursday 26 October, Friday 27 October, and Saturday 28 October, with a 2.00pm matinee on Saturday 28 October.

Book your tickets [here](#).

Reminder – warm weather

As the weather warms up, please remind your child that they should wear sunscreen and a hat to avoid sunburn. This is particularly important on warm days and days they have sport.

Upcoming Events

- ⇒ Year 11 Exams – 11 September to 19 September
- ⇒ Year 12 Drama Excursion – 12 September
- ⇒ Year 9 YAM Program – 12 September
- ⇒ Year 12 Construction Incursion – 13 September
- ⇒ Year 9 Wilderness Excursion – 13 September to 15 September
- ⇒ Performing Arts Concert – 13 September
- ⇒ Year 12 Graduation Ceremony – 20 September
- ⇒ Year 12 Valedictory Mass – 20 September
- ⇒ Year 12 Valedictory Dinner – 20 September
- ⇒ Last day of Term 3 – 22 September

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