

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a little while since my last email, so I thought I would take this opportunity to touch base.

I am very pleased to announce that the HSC examinations all ran without any disruptions. I would like to congratulate the year 12 students on their achievement during a very trying year for all and thank them for completing their feedback exit survey for me.

A big thank you to my Community Focus Group who gave of their time in providing feedback on the school's situational analysis to support the school in implementing the 2021 – 2024 School Improvement Plan. Their input has been invaluable in giving parents a voice. More information in regards to this will be forthcoming.

Where we have had to cancel many of our end of year activities, we have modified programs that have allowed some activities to go ahead on school grounds within specific year groups.

Year 7 2021 Orientation Day has also had to be restructured, where only year 6 students are permitted onto school grounds for a set period of time. Unfortunately, there will not be interactions with our peer support students on the day. We are hoping that in early 2021 we will be able to hold a dedicated peer support day and follow up with some parent workshops. At this stage I can only say "watch this space".

We are also planning to reschedule the Mental Health First Aide 14 hour certificate for parents next year. We have been able to carry over the funding for the program.

Students have approached me keen to organise the end of year festival day. We are looking at the logistics of this, with the current guidelines, the day would need to be highly structures and modified. However, it is not off the table.

I know that everything sounds like it is in limbo right now, but I should be getting an update from the Department of Education and NSW Health in week 8 of this term (week commencing 30/11/2020). I will touch base again once we have these updates, and hopefully we can reintroduce some of our whole school face to face initiatives.

In the meantime the MHS Student Wellbeing Team has been hard at work creating the fortnightly "Wellbeing Matters @ Moorebank" newsletter which promotes our guiding principle of "Positive Relationships, Positive Outcomes." I have attached the two newsletters that have gone out and have been published on our website – they may have to come in two separate emails. Happy reading!

Keep safe and let's look out for each other.

Kind regards,

Vally Grego

Principal

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