



Muirfield Matters

Issue 9 2021

Term 4 Week 6

From the Deputy Principal - Mr. Jankovics



Thank you for your hard work

After 13 school weeks of remote learning we are back with face to face delivery at school. I would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the staff at Muirfield that ensured the relative success of the online learning period.

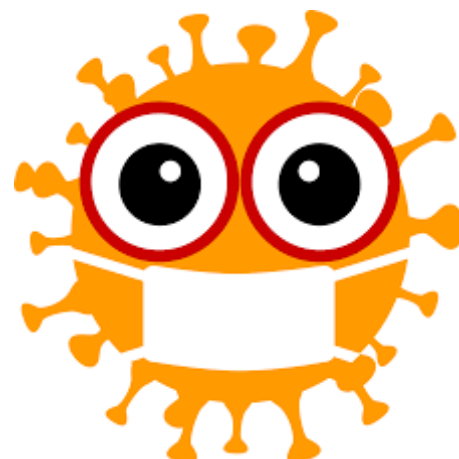
The same can be said for the large majority of our students who engaged and took the opportunity to build and improve their independent learning skills. This period was not without significant challenges and I commend our school community for its resilience and positivity.

COVID Update

Ms Reeves has continued to update our school community with any government changes to COVID protocols that impact our school. This week saw The Minister of Education move all schools from 8 November to Level 3 settings.

I would like to reiterate some of the key practices we have adopted under these settings to keep students and staff safe at school: Students, staff and visitors must not attend school if unwell, even with mild symptoms.

All staff and adult visitors on the school site must be fully vaccinated and provide proof of vaccination.



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Masks are required indoors for all staff, adult visitors and students in Year 7 or above. Masks can be removed when eating or exercising.

All staff and visitors must check in when attending a school site or gathering.

Adults should maintain 1.5 metres physical distancing wherever practicable.

Activities and events should be held outdoors where practical.



Indoor spaces will be well ventilated and as large as possible for the number of attendees - following square metre guidelines. (We have not yet been provided what the square metre guideline is for schools – I have asked.) Students should avoid mingling with other class and year groups when moving around the school.

Students and staff will maintain good hand hygiene and schools will continue with enhanced cleaning, including high touch points.

We have been advised that these guidelines will be in place for the rest of Term 4; this is, of course, dependent on there being no more changes from the Department of Education.

Keep checking your emails as this is the primary communication platform the school is using to communicate with you regarding any further changes.

HSC Commences

By the time that you read this newsletter the Year 12 students will have started their HSC examinations, which commenced on Tuesday 9 November, with the first English paper.

I hope that at the end of this HSC examination period that you take some time to reflect on the overall experience at school, the unprecedented period of remote learning and that you carry with you fond memories of your peers, family and teachers.

Well done to you all. To have completed your HSC during a global pandemic speaks volumes to your resilience and perseverance. I wish you the very best for your future career and academic endeavours. I hope that you all find a rewarding and enjoyable pursuit to undertake in 2022.



Student Support Officer

We now have a new permanent staff appointment to Muirfield High School, Samantha Henry. Ms Henry is our Student Support Officer, who will work closely with the wellbeing team to enhance the wellbeing and learning outcomes of students.

I have asked Ms Henry to take advantage of this newsletter and to introduce herself to our wonderful school community.

Welcome Ms Henry, she can be found in the Learning and Support staff room.

Hi, my name is Samantha Henry and I am the new Student Support Officer (SSO) at Muirfield High School. This is a new position and will be an added resource to the Wellbeing Team.

I am not a counsellor, or a teacher, my background is in Social Science and Social Work. I work Monday to Friday and my role is to support students to feel safe and motivated to achieve their personal best. The support offered can appear very diverse from individual check-ins, group programs and whole school events.

I will be working with staff and students across the school, as well as engaging with parents and external youth and family services and supports. I will work collaboratively to address wellbeing issues and challenges that arise for students to promote their safety, build their resilience and keep them engaged with their education.

I am excited to work as a SSO here at Muirfield High School because I love seeing young people achieve their goals, act on their strengths, overcome challenges, and thrive off different opportunities.

I want to help ensure young people feel like school is a safe and positive environment, where they feel prepared, capable and connected with a sense of purpose. I look forward to meeting everyone in the Muirfield High School community.

Regards

Samantha Henry



School Travel for 2022



2022 school travel applications are now open

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2022 can [apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for a school travel pass for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, or who have repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [renew or update](#) their details before **the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications and current entitlements are updated and remain valid. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2022.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

School Student Transport Scheme site change

On 1 October 2021 the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) information and application portal was moved to transportnsw.info. This will assist families to find all their travel information in the one place.

Travel from Term 1 2022

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) open at the start of Term 4 2021 for travel in 2022, so parents/students can [apply](#) or [update](#) details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a difficult period for local bus operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations increasingly difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel on a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Please also remember that students using Opal cards must tap on and tap off in line with the [Student code of conduct](#) and [Opal terms of use](#).



Further information can be found at transportnsw.info/travel-info/using-public-transport/school-travel

Enquiries can be submitted at transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback



Bell Times

Term 4 2021

	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday Weeks A & B		Wednesday Weeks A & B
Roll Call	8.15am – 8.30am	Staff Meeting	8.00am – 8.45am
Period 1	8.30am – 9.50am	Roll Call	8.45am – 9.00am
Recess	9.50am – 10.05am	Period 1	9.00am – 10.20am
Period 2	10.05am – 11.25am	Recess	10.20am – 10.40am
Period 3	11.25am – 12.45pm	Period 2	10.40am – 12.00pm
Lunch 1	12.45pm – 1.00pm	Lunch 1	12.00pm – 12.17pm
Lunch 2	1.00pm – 1.15pm	Lunch 2	12.17pm – 12.35pm
Period 4	1.15pm – 2.35pm	Period 3	12.35pm – 1.35pm
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NB: A staggered end time, determined by the school, will be in place until further notice.



- Year 7, 11 and 12 return for 2021
- All students return for 2021

2021

School Holidays & Terms

- School Holidays
- Public Holidays
- School Development Days

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2023 Term 1 - 27th January to 6th April, Term 2 - 24th April to 30th June, Term 3 - 17th July to 22nd September, Term 4 - 9th October to 19th December

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Service of Remembrance

for families whose children have died or are missing

Tuesday 7 December 7:30pm

St Matthews Anglican Church

In person: cnr New Line and Castle Hill Roads, West Pennant Hills

Online: www.stmatts.org.au/events/remember

This service, open to families (and friends) who've lost a child (of any age), seeks to ease that pain a little by offering a means of acknowledging and remembering a deeply loved and missed family member.

*With a brief video message from
The Archbishop, the Most Reverend Kanishka Raffel*

A tribute list of names and ages of the children will be read and displayed. Our desire is to have all children recognised. For details on how to have your child included please check our website or call 9479 3700.

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2022 Rowing Program



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Introduction

The Academy is partnering Nepean Rowing Club in an exciting talent identification and development program, searching for our future Olympians. We are seeking young athletes dedicated to sport and ready to commit to a development program - regardless of any lack of experience in rowing.

The Academy-Nepean Rowing Club program will involve an initial assessment period to be conducted by Nepean Rowing Club for those male and female athletes selected from nominations. This period will enable the athlete to confirm their desire and talent to continue participation in the full program, and coaching staff to assess the potential of the athlete to progress to the next level along the pre-elite development pathway.

The Rowing Program will provide opportunities for athletes to receive technical (coaching) support from Nepean Rowing Club's Head Coach, as well as educational knowledge across key topics such as nutrition, banned substances, cyber safety and sports injury management provided by the Academy.

Athletes will also receive personal development opportunities including media and corporate partner exposure, be nominated for awards and attend a range of events.

Benefits

Athletes selected in the Talent Identification and Development Program will receive the following benefits:

- An individualized technical program provided by Nepean Rowing Club coaching staff;
- A foundation in the technical and educational knowledge required to progress to the elite levels of rowing;
- Opportunity to attend Academy events, Nepean Rowing Club competitions, nominate for media and partner awards/scholarships;
- Opportunities to receive benefits from Academy partners including gym membership and professional sports medicine services

Program Eligibility

Athletes nominating must reside within the Academy's geographic catchment including the following local Government areas: Blacktown, Blue Mountains, Cumberland, Fairfield, Hawkesbury, Parramatta, Penrith and The Hills Shire.

Male and female athletes aged between 14 and 18 years of age will be eligible to nominate for selection in the program.

Athletes must be new to the Academy Rowing program and will not be eligible if they have previously participated.

The Nepean Rowing Club will hold an assessment period from 1st November to 19th December.

At the conclusion of the trial period, coaching staff will advise of those athletes invited to continue in the full program.

Costs

There will be no cost associated with the initial component of the NRC assessment period.

At the conclusion of the trial period, athletes offered a scholarship within the Academy Program will be required to pay an Academy levy of \$200 which assists in funding clothing, education and personal development activities.

Athlete will also be required to join the Nepean Rowing Club as a member - the normal membership fee for the Club is \$232 however this will be reduced by the Club and a payment of \$100 for membership will be required.

Any further costs associated with activities that may be organised such as camps-competition or race events will be advised during the program.

Important Dates

Nominations Open - 1 November - 19 December

Assessment Period - 1 November - 19 December

Final decision re scholarship offering - January 2022

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