



## FROM THE HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

### Athletics Carnival

This week on Monday, we held our Senior School Athletics Carnival at Campbelltown Athletics Stadium. Despite the hazy smoke hanging around, it was a great day for athletics with a number of new records being set. Students supported their respective houses well, participating in as many events as they could and cheering on others to maximise house points. Students who have made the College Athletics Team will be notified of their selection soon where they will compete at the NASSA Athletics Carnival on Friday 14 June. I want to thank Mr Fox (Sports Coordinator), Miss Mugridge, Mr Weir, Mr Mahoney for organising another successful carnival. Congratulations to the House Advisors, Mrs Raft, Mr Coulton, Mr Williams and Mr Lindeback who worked tirelessly on the day organising their respective house teams. It can be a difficult task but I am sure all the students appreciate all the work they do to make the House Program exciting and engaging.

### **Uniform Reminder**

This is a reminder that all students need to wear their blazer to, at and from College each day as part of their winter uniform. In addition, the jumper is not to be worn as outerwear on a Tuesday as part of the Sports uniform. Students can wear the jumper under their tracksuit top if they are cold. Please refer to pg 54 of the Parent and Student Handbook for more information on the Uniform Code.

### **Year 8 and 10 Mid Course Examinations**

Year 8 and 10 Mid Course Examination began on Thursday 23 May and will conclude on

Wednesday 29 May. If students are absent from examination due to illness they need to follow the procedures outlined below.

**Year 10** – upon arrival at College the next day, students need to provide a medical certificate explaining their absence and give it to Miss Munro in the L Block staff room. Miss Munro will then organise a catch up time for the missed examination.

**Year 8** – upon arrival at College the next day, students need to provide a note from their parents explaining their absence and give it to Miss Munro in the L Block staff room. Miss Munro will then organise a catch up time for the missed examination.

### **Year 12 Parent Teacher Night - Monday 3 June**

Year 12 Parent Teacher Night will be held on Monday 3 June from 3.30 – 6.00 pm and 6.50 – 8.30 pm. Year 12 parents/guardians should have received an email in regards to the Parent Teacher Night which includes information about the night as well as a booking code to be able to make bookings for each night. There will be a light meal consisting of soup and rolls available between 5.15 – 6.00 pm in the outdoor section of the MRK Café for all parents and students. We hope you will stay for the presentation on the night. Please take note of the presentation structure below. Mrs Petersen, Director of Student Counselling and Mr Moynan, Director of Vocational Pathways, will be presenting on the night.

### **Week 6 - Monday 3 June - Years 12 Parent Teacher Night in the auditorium - 3.30 - 6.00 and 6.50 - 8.30 pm**

Year	Presentation Location	Presentation topics
Year 12	MRK indoor Café – 6-6.45 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ How best to support your child in the HSC – part 2</li><li>◦ Common stress responses from students</li><li>◦ How to understand these responses and provide support</li><li>◦ Post Year 12 Pathway options</li></ul>

### **Year 10 into 11 Subject Selection Evening**

There will be a Year 10 into 11 Subject Selection evening held on Wednesday 12 June from 7.00 – 8.30 pm in the auditorium. We would like all parents and students of Year 10 to attend. The students will attend information seminars during the day at College outlining what each subject is about including the curriculum; the type and range of assessments and the suitability of the subjects for students based on prior achievement. The evening event will outline the different pathways of study available in Year 11 as well as the process for subject selection. Parents and students will have the opportunity to speak individually with Faculty Coordinators and key members of staff about the best pathway each student. Students are expected to wear full winter uniform on the night.

### **Parent Portal changes**

Within the Parent Portal, there is a number of new functions available for parents to improve the flow of communication between the College and Parents. Some of the new functions include:

- Viewing College notices each week about upcoming events
- Parents being able to grant permission for events (eg excursions) online. Please familiarise yourself with this function as we transition to parent online permission this term.

In addition, there are a number of instructions including screenshots of how to use the various Parent Portal functions. Please click on the link below that will take you to the instructions on how to access and use the Parent Portal.

<https://www.thac.nsw.edu.au/content/how-use-parent-portal>

### **Forms available on College website**

There are a number of forms that you can access on the College website. Please click on the link below to access the following forms:

- Extended leave form
- Exemption application form
- Assessment Extension Application – Years 7-10
- Assessment Extension Application – Years 11-12
- Assessment Task – Misadventure/Illness Form – Years 11-12

<https://www.thac.nsw.edu.au/content/forms>

### **Carpark - drop off and pick up reminders**

There is a lot of congestion in the Flynn Avenue Carpark of a morning from 7.40 am onwards as well as during the afternoons during pick up time. Please read below the drop off and pick up arrangements to assist in the improvement of the flow of traffic. More detailed information about transport related information can be found on our website by click on the link below.

<https://www.thac.nsw.edu.au/content/current-student-transport>

#### **Morning Drop off**

- All cars using Flynn Avenue will access the College via Gate 3 only
- Cars may then turn left or right to either of the two 'set down and pick up zones'. You may be directed by a staff member to go left or right to help with the flow of traffic. Please fill up all the spaces in the drop off/pick up zones to maximise the number of students being dropped off.
- Cars will then exit through Gates 2 or 4

#### **Afternoon Pick up Arrangements - Years 10-12 - Turn left only**

- All cars using Flynn Avenue will access the College via **Gate 3 only**
- For students in Years 10-12, cars must turn left to the 'set down and pick up zone' in front of N Block.
- Cars will then exit through **Gate 2 only**
- Please note the carpark open from 2:30 only

#### **Afternoon Pick Up Arrangements - Years 7-9 - Turn right only**

- All cars using Flynn Avenue will access the College via Gate 3 only
- For students in Years 7-9, cars must turn right to the 'set down and pick up zone' in front of J Block.
- Cars will then exit through **Gate 4 only**
- Please note the carpark open from 2:30 only

**Where your family spans multiple year groups, you should use the 'pick up zone' of the eldest child.**

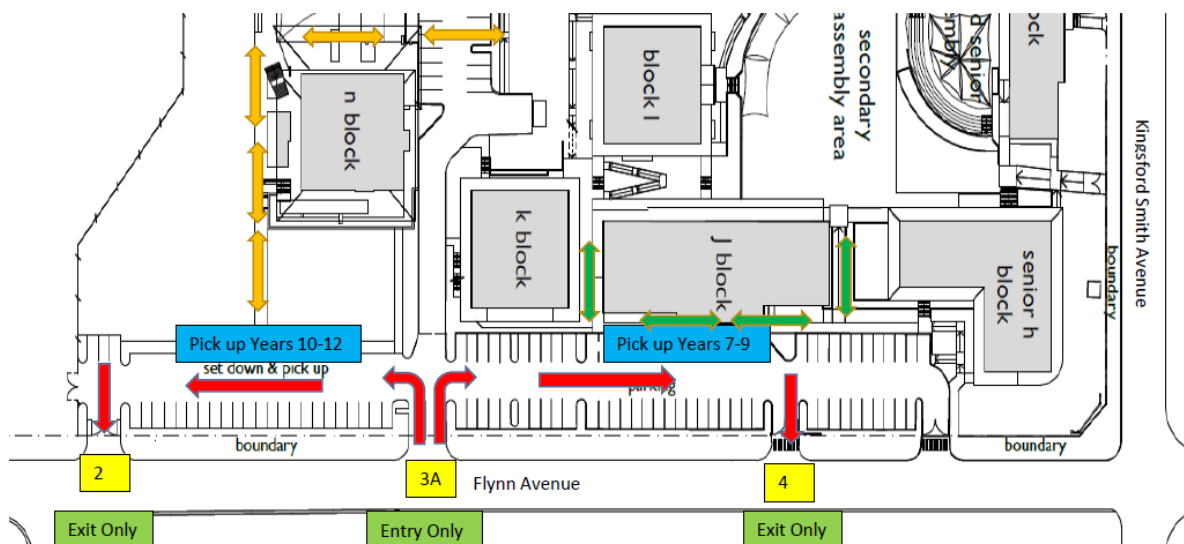
Staff will be available to assist with traffic flow and we ask that you follow their directions.

**No Senior School students are to be picked up in the front of the Administration Building.**

#### Senior School - Drop off and Pickup Instructions

↔ Path for students to follow to go to lockers after being dropped off or to access the Years 10-12 pick up zone.

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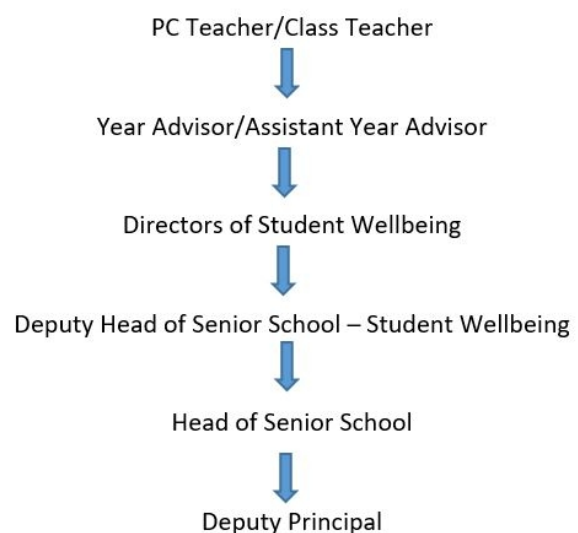
#### Lines of Communication

If you need to contact the College, we would encourage you to use the following lines of communication that will assist you in speaking with the right person to resolve any enquiry/concern you may have as quickly as possible.

##### **Faculty/Subject enquiry/concern**



##### **Wellbeing/Pastoral enquiry/concern**



I encourage parents to keep the College informed of anything that you feel may impact your child's performance or behaviour at the College so that we can support and assist them.

*"Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and he will establish your plans". Proverbs 16:3*

**Mr Hugh Renshaw**

Head of Senior School

