

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

2020 - Term 1

What a fantastic start to Term 1 in the senior school where we currently have 92 students and 4 teachers - Mrs. Fiona Sewell, Miss Sarah Ebbott, Miss Courtney McDonald and Mr Andrew Cumming. Mrs Michelle Tilley and Miss Tamlyn Dwyer will also be supporting the 5/6 team. Thank you and congratulations to all of the students!

INQUIRY

This term, our focus is Wellbeing and Cyber-safety. We will be combining 'Feeling Safe Together' incursions with the 'Resilience Rights and Respectful Relationships' program, alongside the Australian Government's eSafety Commissioner Resources.

HOMEWORK

In senior school, there are two types of homework, each of which is designed to help students be more organised.

1. **HOME READING** – students have received their home reading journal. It is expected that all students read (almost) every night and record their reading in their journals. Journals are collected and checked by the classroom teacher every Monday morning.
2. **TERM PROJECT** – students create their own term homework project, choosing from a range of formats (eg. Dioramas, PowerPoint presentations, posters, etc.). This term, the homework question is ***'Who is a leader that inspires you and why?'***

COMMUNICATION

We know communication is key when it comes to building and sustaining positive relationships. That's why we have a vast array of communication formats in the Senior School.

- **Class Dojo:** We have embraced Dojo and we love it! Dojo is a place of positivity and a way of sharing current news, fun activities and class achievements. It also helps maintain open lines of communication with families.
- **Plastic Pockets:** Each senior school student has a plastic pocket containing their diary and home reading journal. This is where we put all of the notes we send home (we also put them on Dojo.) **Students are expected to bring their pockets to school and take home every day.**
- **Compass:** School reports and important information can be found on Compass. Teachers' mark the roll on compass and it's here you can record your child's absence quickly and easily. Please speak to the office staff if you need help logging into COMPASS.
- **Open Door Policy:** Please do not hesitate to call us or pop in if you have any questions or concerns about your child.

SPORT

Interschool Sports: We are so lucky to play and train for Interschool Sports every Friday. In our Summer Terms 1 & 4, the sports include: Cricket, Basketball, Rugby and Volleyball. In Winter Terms 2 & 3, students choose between Soccer, Football and Netball. Families are welcome to come along and support the teams! Please refer to our 'Extra Curricular Planner' for dates and venues of games.

Interschool Sports Lightning Premiership: Students participate in a summer and winter lightning premiership. The summer lightning premiership will be held on March 6th.

District Swimming: District swimming is held on 19th February for all students who have qualified.

Swimming Program: The two-week (8 lesson) intensive swimming program takes place in Term 4 from 5th to 16th October (excluding Tuesdays.) It is held at the excellent Fastlane Aquatics, Haileybury (Keysborough Campus).

SCHOOL CAMP

A true highlight of the year, camp will be at Phillip Island Adventure Resort from 26th to 28th October.

- With many thanks from the Senior School Teaching Team