

16 November 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers

We are now in the final stages of what has been an interesting and challenging year. Even though on one level the term is winding down there are still many events and activities planned.

We have a Student Free Day/Professional Learning Day scheduled for tomorrow (Tuesday 17 November) and on Friday of this week we have Sports Day, which was postponed from earlier in the year.

Year 12 exams finish on Wednesday and we have Year 11 exams coming up in Week 7. The final event for our Year 12s will be Valedictory on Thursday 26 November. Year 10s have Bright Tank or work experience in Week 8 and our Year 8s and 9s will be engaged in activities week in Week 9. Apart from these, there is also a range of other events and activities taking place, including a transition program for Year 7 students coming to Brighton Secondary School in 2021.

Last Wednesday we commemorated Remembrance Day with a full school assembly on the front oval compered by our 2021 Head Prefects, incorporating a guest speaker from the Australian Defence Force and featuring a number of our students.



Many of our key student leaders for next year have already been identified to enable transition and mentoring from this year's leaders. A list of 2021 student leaders is provided below. Our Special Interest Volleyball Captains and Vice Captains will be announced in the next few days.

Prefects

<u>Head Prefects</u>	Isabella Conner / Nicolas Bergoc
<u>Deputy Prefect</u>	Finn Maddern
<u>Prefects</u>	Catriona McCusker / Millah Hansberry / Finn Fontaine / Patrick Stone / Haruna Tanka / Viet Minh (Mike) Doan / Rachael Brown

Special Interest Music

<u>Captains</u>	Victoria Katsoulis / Jackson Mack
<u>Vice Captains</u>	Mina Johansson / Nicolas Bergoc

International

<u>Captains</u>	Haruna Tanaka / Viet Minh (Mike) Doan
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As you would have noticed if you've been to the school recently, the new middle school building is progressing and really starting to take shape. While it's not as obvious from the outside, the upper level of the 'original' Spence Building is also undergoing a major refurbishment, planned to be finished by the beginning of the 2021 school year. This work is part of a master plan to refurbish and upgrade a number of areas within the school. Learning spaces in themselves don't guarantee great teaching and learning but they can certainly provide a conducive environment to enhance and enable highly effective practice.

With Australia Day falling on the Tuesday of Week 1 next year, school will begin on Wednesday 27 January and, in keeping with previous years, Years 8 and 12 will begin that day with Years 9, 10 and 11 starting school on Thursday 28 January. We will provide further information about these arrangements before the end of the year.

I hope the remainder of the year goes well for you and your family. We will provide a further update on arrangements for the beginning of 2021 in the next few weeks.

Kind regards



Tony Lunniss
Principal