

It has hard to believe that Term 2 has flown past and next week we will be concluding our semester. It has been an action packed and busy Term 2 with Year 9 undertaking their Year 9 Focus camp at the start of term with a focus on the importance of ANZAC day.

Students have worked on their Personal Best projects across term 1 and 2 and it was fantastic to see so many parents and friends attend the personal best night to celebrate the hard work and end results of this unique program.

Throughout the term students have been focussed on their core curriculum subjects and this saw them undertake both NAPLAN and end of semester exams. This has been a good introduction to the Senior curriculum with students experiencing formal examinations.

This has all been interspersed with a number of excursions and activities for electives, including trips to Melbourne Zoo and Melbourne Museum. This weekend will see 90 students head off to Lake Eildon for the 6 day hike and canoe expedition that we know will challenge our students and staff, but it will provide massive personal development growth through this unique experience

In week 4, Year 10 did an amazing job on work experience, and the feedback from employers was exceptional. It was incredible that 95% of our Year 10 students were able to take the opportunity to gain experience and skills through spending a week in a working environment. The learning about the world of work has helped to engage students in their thinking about future career pathways and this will be important next term as we move into subject selection for VCE, VET and VCAL pathways. I would like to thank the Senior School teaching staff for their tireless efforts in supporting and engaging our students to organise work experience.

As this term and semester finishes, our Year 11 students conclude the end of Unit 1 and we note that this is our first full year level to complete VCE Unit 1. It has been great to watch our Year 11 cohort mature and develop their effort, study skills, and collaboration with their peers as we regularly see student groups meeting for lunchtime and after school study groups. The students who are sitting Year 12 subjects this year, last week sat the GAT exam. This was the first formal VCE examination and I commend all 55 of our students who worked hard on this 3 hour examination. Well done to all of our Year 11's.

Please note that Semester One reports will be distributed to you via compass next Thursday 27th June. Importantly we encourage parents to view their child's report in line with the Learning tasks also available on Compass. Each Learning Task has a grade scaling based on your child's performance in that specific task. This information is vital in ensuring you have a clear understanding of their progress throughout the semester. Please take the opportunity to discuss the report with your child and celebrate areas of achievement, as well as noting the areas for improvement that help provide understanding of how to further improve.

I wish all of our students and families a safe and enjoyable holiday and look forward to seeing everyone at the start of term 3.