



## PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

It is hard to believe we are at the end of Term 1. It has been fantastic to see Year 7 settle into their new phase of schooling. This term we have seen our students flourish within the high school setting. Students have now engaged in all their subjects and have bonded with their peers. It is wonderful to see the students on the playground or in classes enjoying themselves.

## NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) was held for Years 7 & 9 students. Students participated in tests for writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. This year NAPLAN was placed early in term 1 (a movement from its usual placement in mid-May of term 2). The reason for this change is so that results can be returned to schools earlier in the year which will support teachers to understand the learning needs of their students and plan accordingly. NAPLAN tests are just one part of our school learning assessment program and questions primarily based on knowledge, understanding and skills gained from the prior year of schooling. I would like to take this opportunity to Mrs Kaur, Mrs Khouri, Mrs Scheerhoorn and all the supervising staff for their organisation and implementation of NAPLAN.

## ATTENDANCE

It is important at the beginning of the year to remind students and parents of the protocols of coming to and from school. When students arrive at school in the morning (by bus, dropped off by a parent, car, walk or ride a bike here) they must enter the school grounds and remain there until the end of the day. Should you take yourself off the site this is considered

## Important dates to remember

P & C and Parent Forum	Wednesday 24 May
Year 7, 11 & 12 Parent/Carer Teacher Interviews	Wednesday 17 May
Years 9 & 10 Half Yearly Exams	Monday 8 May Friday 12 May
MHS Athletics Carnival	Friday 2 June
Year 7 & 8 Half Yearly Exams	Monday 5 June Friday 16 June



truanting and will be managed as such. When students arrive at school for the day they must remain on site. It is our duty of care to ensure all students are accounted for and follow up with any individuals who do not adhere to Parents are required to respond to our SMS notifications to explain student absence or lateness. Students must provide appropriate documentation to justify absences.

***Every day matters.***

### **School bytes**

Just another reminder that we are using School Bytes exclusively now for all excursions and parents need to check emails regularly. If you change your email address, please let the school know as soon as possible so that this can be updated.

### **Special Religious Education (SRE) in 2023**

SRE is offered five times in 2023. Each session is an hour long and is held during scheduled assembly periods. Student participation is based on parental/guardian advice provided at enrolment. Students may change their scripture or non-scripture class with written parental/guardian permission at any point.

SRE teachers are authorised providers and include the following:

1. Protestant Scripture provided by the Christian Reformed Churches of Australia
2. Catholic Scripture provided by the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta
3. Orthodox Scripture provided by the Serbian Orthodox Metropolitanate of Australia and New Zealand
4. Muslim Scripture provided by the Islamic Council of NSW

Further information is available on the school website.  
Any queries, see Ms Beckett in the English Faculty.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish our school community a happy and safe Autumn break.

***Elena Marinis***  
***Principal***

## STUDENT LEADERS MESSAGES

### Year 8

The first term of school is always a bit hard to get used to the swing of things again especially when this year we were introduced to Yondr pouches. I think this has been a very successful term for year 8 with the swimming carnival, sporting events and the most recently Harmony Day. So far the school year has started off really well and we are hoping to keep that going throughout the year. It is good that school is starting to become completely normal again after Covid for the last few years which means we will get our camp. I hope that the rest of the year is as great as this first term.



### Year 9

2023 has been off to a great start, with a successful swimming carnival and lots of different clubs to join. The students here at MHS have many wonderful opportunities to join clubs and teams such as the Netball team, Soccer team, Drama Ensemble, Dance Ensemble/Company. In the future, there will be many more events which students get to participate in throughout the year. In school we have started our Naplan tests, and they went pretty well except for some of the incidents which the teachers had to deal with during the Naplan period. Other than that, we also get chips after our Naplan test and time to relax while walking off to our main class for that period. The homework center is now open again which means our students can go and seek help from the teachers that are on duty during Wednesday, Thursday and Friday when they have to complete their assignments but are having difficulties.



### Year 10

Term 1 2023 has been very eventful, and we are all looking forward to the holidays. A lot has happened this term including zone swimming where many years 10 students competed and class 10A went on an excursion to the city. We have had a lot of fun this term.



### Year 10 Critical Thinking Excursion

Twenty students from 10A (and Mr Turner) went on a Design Thinking excursion to Westpac in Sydney. The students learnt how to enhance communication skills, team building, teamworking and problem solving using a design thinking strategy. The view from the 27th floor was great as was the free morning tea and lunch. The event was organised by ABCN - The Australian Business and Community Network, who facilitate structured workplace mentoring and business/school partnerships.





### ***Zone swimming***

In week 6 of term 1, three students from year 10 represented Mitchell High School in zone swimming. They all competed in both individual and team events, helping our school earn points, as well as earning themselves a position at the Sydney West Regional competition. Competing against many competitors, all swam hard and ended up placing in the top two positions. We are all proud of how these swimmers competed and represented our school.

### **Year 11**

The beginning of term 1 2023, students have adapted to the new changes. This includes the yondr pouches which were introduced in the beginning of the year. Students are able to interact and engage in class conversations in a more efficient and creative way. SLB has also been involved in outside activities where they had attended The National Young Leader's Day event.

On the 6th of March Mitchell's Senior SLB and Captains attended The National Young Leaders Day (NYLD) conference, hosted by Halogen. The presentation provided the leaders with valuable experience through the eyes of Australian heroes and role models, seeing them as real people and getting a chance to begin their own journey of leadership as young students. The National Young Leaders Day conference has given nearly half a million Australian students an experience they will never forget. The event provided a unique opportunity for students to hear from some of Australia's most high-profile people who shared their insights and knowledge on what it's like to be a leader. The student leaders attended several meets and greets and asked questions one on one with these high profile leaders, allowing them to gain firsthand knowledge on their experiences. The event consists of a total of 437 000 attendees and included 350 speakers across a span of 187 events. Overall, the NYLD conference has positively impacted the SLB's students, inspiring them to develop their leadership skills and providing them with great knowledge and opportunities in their venture to pursue one day becoming an influential and successful Australian leader.

### **Year 12**

The start of the new school year has brought many things new to Mitchell High School. Firstly, I'd like to welcome the new Year 7's to our school with open arms! I'm sure some pupils may find the initial transition period a little daunting, however, once everyone becomes settled in, suddenly high school will become such a fun and bustling environment.

The new year has also brought the rollout of the new Yondr pouches to MHS. As with all big changes, adapting to new expectations is always the most interesting and challenging aspect, however, MHS seems to be adapting well to the changes and the results speak for themselves. Both peers and staff have noticed a drop in technology-related incidents and heightened focus across the board. Students have also expressed that face-to-face interactions in the playground have rocketed. All of these positive expressions have displayed that Mitchell High School as a whole has adapted to the Yondr pouches optimistically.

### ***School Captains and Vice Captains 2023***





# PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

## YEARS 7, 11 & 12

Wednesday 17 May 2023

Details to follow

**MITCHELL  
HIGH SCHOOL**



# P&C MEETING

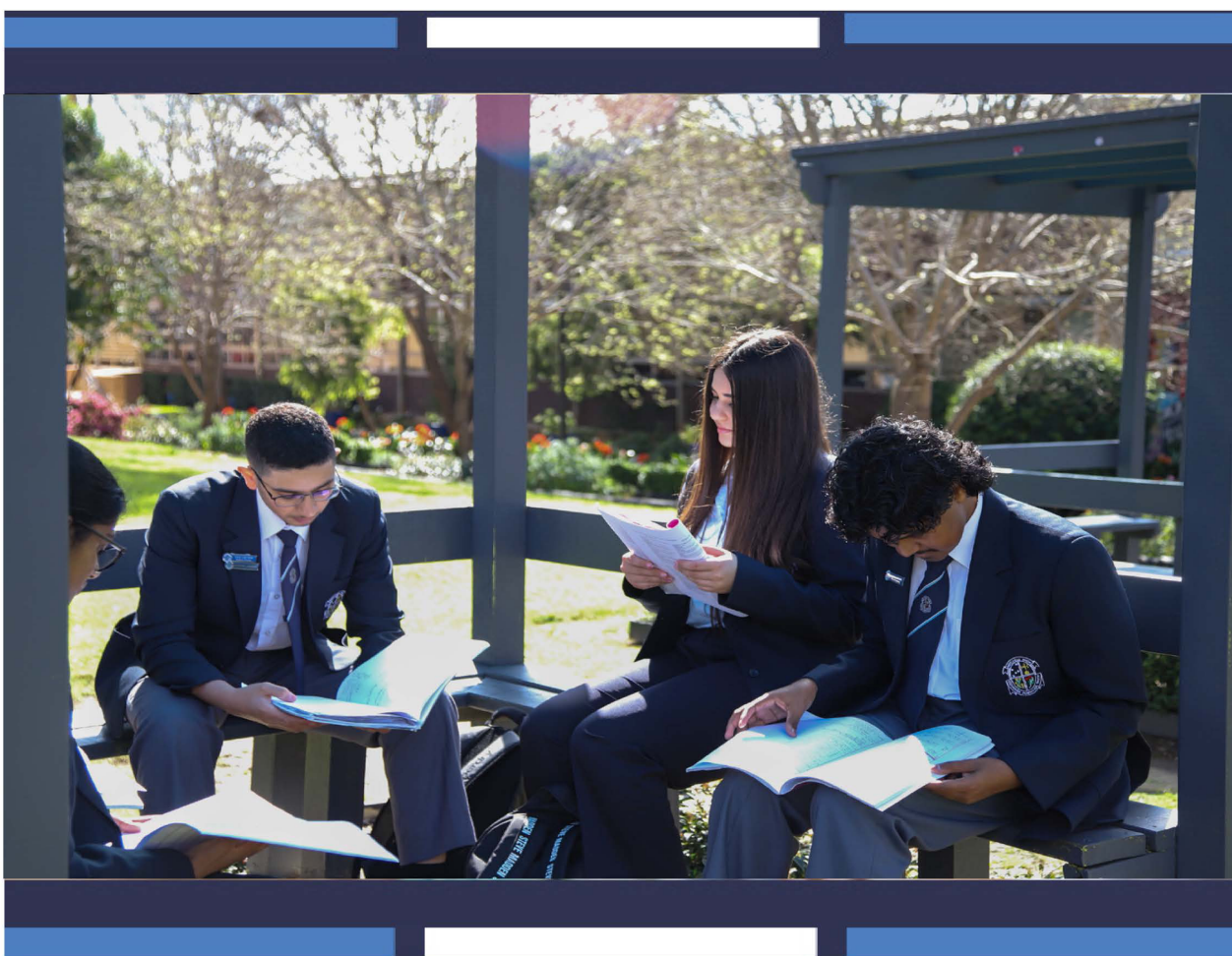


**24 May 2023**

**6.30pm in MHS Common Room**



# HOMework CENTRE



**Wednesday 2.15 - 3.15pm**  
**Thursday & Friday 3.00 - 4.00pm**  
**During School Terms**  
**MHS Library**





# **YEARS 9 & 10 HALF YEARLY EXAMS 8-12 MAY 2023**

**Respectful, Engaged & Active Learners**

