

Jamison High School

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An Outstanding Comprehensive High School



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	TERM 3	
WEEK 10A		
September 27 th	Thursday	Year 12 Graduation
September 28 th	Friday	Last day Term 3
WEEK 1B		
October 15 th	Monday	First day of Term 4
October 17 th	Wednesday	BYOD for parents Year 7
October 18 th	Thursday	HSC Exams
WEEK 2A		
October 23 rd	Tuesday	Parent Connect Year 12 2019 6pm
October 24 th	Wednesday	Extension Class – Year 7 2019 Meet and Greet

WHO'S WHO

PRINCIPAL

Mr Glyn Trethewy

DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

Mrs Julie Tegart
Mr Luke Grahame

SCHOOL CAPTAINS 2018

Bailey Sims
Amanda Schembri

SCHOOL VICE CAPTAINS 2018

Hannah Chang
Kayla Godeschalk
Harrison Lodge
Kenesse Polutele
Arshbir Singh
Oliver Smith

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Principal's Message

A real highlight this term has been the induction of the new school leadership team. I had the pleasure of working with Year 11 students as they nominated and went through the leadership election process. The leadership potential at the school is very impressive and there have been significant contributions students have made to the life of the school. As I congratulate and thank the current school leadership team as they exit Year 12, I now look forward to working with our School Captains for 2019; Stephanie Small and Brock Hand as well as our Vice Captains Amyelia Clarke, Gemma Paton, Talia Tui, Jacob Berridge, David Palm and Ben Stewart. Congratulations to these students on their election to this important role.

In staffing news, Dean Maddock, one of our casual teachers, was appointed as a full time teacher in our Industrial Arts Faculty. Dean is a highly regarded and talented teacher who works well with all his students, most notably his Year 12 class who have produced some outstanding HSC major works. Dean is also our Duke of Edinburgh coordinator and we welcome him officially to our school.

Karen Atkins, our current relieving Head Teacher Wellbeing and former Head Teacher Administration leaves us at the end of term, having received a promotion through merit selection to Head Teacher Wellbeing at Blaxland High School. Karen has made significant contributions to student learning and wellbeing during her time at the school and she will be missed very much. Her legacy will be the many supportive and quality wellbeing programs that foster student engagement and success at the school. We wish her well in her new role. Mr Bromhead will step into the relieving Head Teacher Wellbeing position at the school.

With Year 12 approaching the end of their schooling, may I offer my personal thanks to the Parents and Citizens Association who have worked to provide graduation gowns and sashes to the students. Preparing for this has been very time consuming and has seen a band of keen volunteers in at the school on numerous occasions in the lead up to the graduation evening to size, prepare and allocate the gowns to the students and ensure the smooth running of the evening.

We have had many significant efforts this semester from our students in the Creative and Performing Arts. Congratulations to Farzana Kazi and Charlotte Gimson who had their artworks chosen for Operation Art, 2018. This is a state wide art competition for students from kindergarten to Year 10. Their works are currently on display at the Armoury in Sydney Olympic Park. We also had our dancers appear at the Nepean Dance Festival and have been successful in having a Year 9 student, Kobi Hind selected for the State Dance Festival.

NAPLAN results have been received by the school will be distributed to students in Years 7 and 9 before the end of Term Three. We are currently analysing student performance in these tests and this information will be used to drive whole school teaching and learning as well as assist us to individualise learning. It needs to be noted that NAPLAN tests are just one information source we use to measure student progress and while these results provide a valuable comparison on student performance, our school uses a range of assessment activities to get a more holistic view of student progress and achievement.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find information on *Tell Them From Me*. This is an important survey that we use to inform decision making in the school. We have been using the *Tell Them From Me* survey for 12 months and have gained valuable insights from students and staff. Now it is your chance to let us know about the programs and initiatives we offer at Jamison High School as we have opened the survey to our parent community. The link for the survey is below. It can be completed on any computer or mobile device
<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/zcgtd>.

We are currently seeking a new School Canteen operator to start next term. We have had valuable input from the Parents and Citizens, staff and students as part of this process. When we are able to announce the new canteen operator we will inform parents. At this stage it will probably be through our social media platforms during the holidays.

As discussed in the last newsletter, the school will be moving to a communication and finance program called *School Bytes*. Next term, important reminders and invoices for school excursions and contributions will be emailed directly to parents. The advantage of this system is that it links directly to the online payment portal at Westpac Bank. This program has been adopted by a number of schools and parents have reported it as an easy, convenient and safe way of making payment to the school. It will mean parents and students will no longer need to wait at the office to make payments, although if you prefer this method of payment will still be available. Please inform the school if you have recently changed your email address so that we can update our system and make the transition to this program.

As a final point, the school is in a transition to the new uniform. Next year students will still be able to wear the old school uniform, but as of 2020 all students will be expected to be in the new uniform. Our School uniform shop has recently had a 20% off sale and many parents have taken the opportunity to update uniforms. As a uniform school it is a pleasure to observe students wearing the new uniform and it creates a positive perception of our school in the local community. I draw attention particularly to the school jacket and school jumper. While we are very proud of our student achievements in sporting areas, when students make representative teams, they have the option of purchasing a uniform or representative hoodie/jacket for that particular sport. These jackets and jumpers are for a particular sporting team and are not school uniform. There seems to be a view amongst students that these representative hoodies and jackets are school uniform. This is not the case. Parents should use their discretion when purchasing sporting tops as they are not part of school uniform. A copy of the uniform policy is at the end of this Newsletter.

Finally, may I wish all students and families a safe and relaxing holiday. Normal lessons will operate right up until period 5 Friday September 28 and resume again on Monday October 15.

Glyn Trethewy
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Deputy's Desk



As I prepare this column Year 12 are about to enter their final week at Jamison High School. While this is a momentous and emotional occasion it is most important once the week is over and students have officially graduated that they settle into a pattern of regular revision. In between graduating and the HSC exams, teachers will be available to assist students with areas



they are unsure of, extra tuition and marking of practice exam questions. On a personal note, it has been a pleasure being associated with this group of students and both Mrs Tegart and I would both like to wish Year 12 every success for both their final exams and their future endeavours.

Year 11 have just finished their final exams of the Preliminary Higher School Certificate. From term four this cohort will officially commence Year 12 which means that all in-class assessment tasks and exams will contribute to each student's final HSC mark. Either their Mentor, Year Advisor or a Deputy Principal will interview each student in this cohort at the start of the term in order to put in place an Individual HSC Mentoring Plan to assist them to set priorities and goals in order to focus on the year ahead.

Research has highlighted the importance of the role parents can play in their child's learning outcomes. In light of our focus on Parents as Learning Partners, early in the new term we will be running our "We're all in this together" – focusing on the Year 11/12 cohort and their countdown to the HSC. This will involve a series of Parent Workshops addressing issues such as Homework, Assessment, utilising the ALARM literacy model, questioning techniques, Internet, Research skills and other relevant issues for our Yr 12 students, aimed at empowering parents with the necessary knowledge to best support their child through all areas and facets of school life. Stay tuned to Facebook and our school website for details. We are really excited about the prospect of working closely with parents during this and other forums as they are meant to be an avenue for open communication.

It has certainly been a busy school term. Whilst uniform is good, it is important to remember as we head into the warmer months, that students ensure all parts of their uniform are correct, particularly footwear and shorts. Boy's school shorts must be grey woven style, not stretch material. Once again we remind you that we are a workplace and therefore are governed by WH&S guidelines, therefore adequate protective footwear is required even if you are not actually in those specific areas of most risk. It is also timely to remind students of school policy in relation to mobile phones, that is, the use of mobile phones during the school day is banned and that consequences exist if this policy is continually breached.

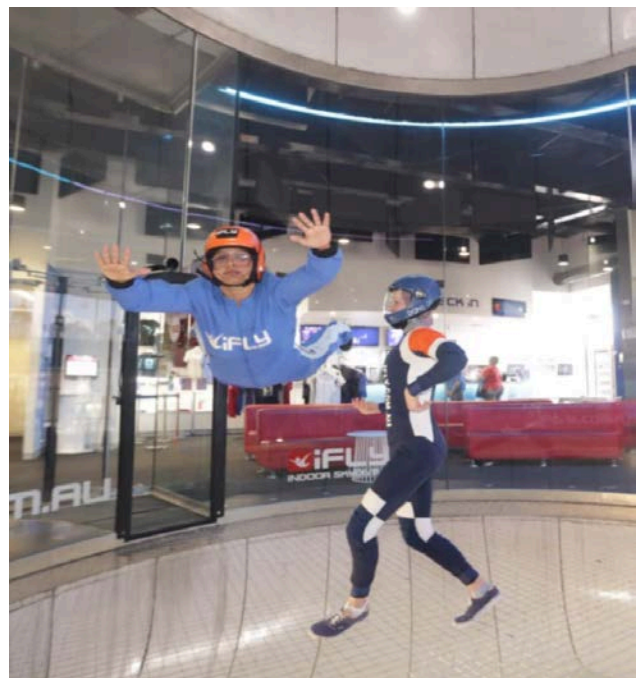
To finish off, I would like to extend a big thankyou from our school community to the staff and students that have worked, much of it in their own time, to organise such valuable learning experiences for students from all our year groups. It is always pleasing to be part of the many successes that take place in the Jamison High School community. Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday.

Deputy Principals Julie Tegart and Luke Grahame

YEAR 8 IFLY EXCURSION

On Wednesday 19th September 2018, a group of year 8 students went to iFly Penrith on a STEM excursion. They learnt how the surface area, wind speed and weight (concepts learnt in Maths and Science classes) interact to make flying possible. The session started with an education program run by an iFly educator followed by a demonstration of experiments in the wind tunnel. After the flying instruction and safety training, the fun part began when each student went in the wind tunnel for a flight under the supervision of highly trained and certified instructors. After a break, the students had fun playing aqua golf at Panthers. A big thank you to Mrs Reshma Upadhyaya for coordinating such an exciting excursion and well done to the students on their outstanding behaviour and enthusiasm!

Regards,
Leena Bucktwar
Mathematics Teacher
Jamison High School



KOORI CATCH UP

It has been a very busy year for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students! At the end of last term, four of our Year 10 students went on a weeklong cultural exchange to Cape York. The students were given the opportunity to dance, cook, and explore, as well as learn from Aboriginal communities in far North Queensland. At the beginning of this term, our Year 7 and 8 students graduated from the junior Young Mob program and our senior program commenced. Last week, Year 9 and 10 students participating in the Pathways to Dreaming program and went on an excursion to Muru Mittigar. Throughout this term, students participating in our Deadly Dreaming program will be working with Izzy on performance and writing skills, with the aim of creating a rap for the school.

Congratulations to one of our Year 10 students, Kobi Hind who successfully auditioned for the youth program at the Bangarra Dance Company, being offered a position in the 2018 NSW Public Schools Aboriginal Dance Company. We cannot wait to see you perform!



PDHPE REPORT

Recently a note was sent home advising of The Year 7 Nepean Zone Gala Day rescheduled date. Due to circumstances beyond our control, Jamison High Students will no longer be attending this event. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

Naomi Thompson
PBL Coordinator/PDHPE Teacher
Jamison High School



STUDENT HEALTH

To enable staff to support student health at school, on excursions and at camp, it is important that any paperwork that is sent home for this, is sent back to the school office ASAP. Health conditions such as; epilepsy, diabetes, severe asthma, anaphylaxis or a health condition that needs support at school, require an individual healthcare plan that is supported with documentation from the doctor.

Any medication that is required to be administered at school must also be supported with documentation from the doctor.

Students with anaphylaxis must carry a current personal EpiPen and ASCIA plan on them at all times on the school site and on an excursions.

If you have any concerns or require more information, please contact the school office on 47316150.

Kelly Morton
Student Health Coordinator





School Uniform Policy

We care about our students and their image in the community. One of the many aspects of Jamison High School that is respected by our local community is that our students wear their school uniform with pride. This has benefitted our students for many years as numerous employers are willing to offer our students apprenticeships, cadetships, part and full time employment as they present well in their school uniform in and around the local area. Jamison High has a strict uniform policy and therefore a NEAT and TIDY appearance at all times is essential.

SCHOOL UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

SHOES: (ALL) Black enclosed leather with black shoe laces — NO coloured markings/logos

JUNIOR STUDENTS (YRS 7 - 9)

- White socks for all students
- Blue embroidered school* polo shirt/shirt/blouse
- School* grey school pants/shorts/skirts
- School* sloppy jo/jumper/— Maroon
- School* Jacket — Maroon
- P.E/Sports Uniform — JHS PE shirt, Maroon School* short, white socks, sports shoes

SENIOR STUDENTS (YRS 10 -12)

- White socks for all students
- White embroidered school* polo shirt/shirt/blouse
- School* grey school pants/shorts/skirts
- School* sloppy jo/jumper — Navy Blue
- School* Jacket — Maroon, Yr 12 (pre ordered) Jacket
- P.E/Sports Uniform — JHS PE shirt, Maroon School* short, white socks, sports shoes

OPTIONAL

- School* cap
- Scarf— maroon, navy blue

N.B: School* refers to garment displaying Jamison High School (JHS) Logo



Tell Them From Me

It is your chance to let us know about Jamison High School. We have been using the **Tell Them From Me** survey for 12 months and have gained valuable insights from students and staff into the programs and activities that operate at the school. Now we are opening up the survey to parents. The **Tell Them From Me** survey is a complete evaluation system for measuring student engagement, wellbeing, classroom climate and other factors known to affect learning outcomes and we really want your input.

Please go to the following link to begin the survey on your computer, tablet or mobile device:

<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/zcgtd>

We estimate that it will take up to 20 minutes to complete the survey, but the information we get will be used to drive school improvement in coming years. The survey will be open until 19 October. We will put out a few reminders so that we get as many parents as possible to complete the survey.

The more feedback we get, the better able we will be to make the changes that will have long term benefits for your child. Please assist us to do this by taking part in the **Tell Them From Me Partners in Learning Parent Survey for 2018**.