

Jamison High School

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An Outstanding Comprehensive High School



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CALENDAR EVENTS

	TERM 2	
WEEK 8A		
June 18	Tuesday	P&C Meeting Year 10 into 11 Information Evening
June 20	Thursday	Year 7 & 10 Vaccinations
WEEK 9B		
June 26	Wednesday	NAIDOC Day
June 27	Thursday	Western Sydney Careers Expo
June 28	Friday	Year 12 Bio Museum of Human Diseases Excursion

WEEK 10A		
July 2	Tuesday	Year 12 Parent Connect
July 5	Friday	Last Day of Term 2
WEEK 1B		
July 22	Monday	School Development Day Pupil Free Day
July 23	Tuesday	Students Return to School
July 26	Friday	All Schools Cross Country
WEEK 2A		
July 29	Monday	Trial HSC Examinations
July 30	Tuesday	Trial HSC Examinations
July 31	Wednesday	Trial Examinations Year 11 Biology Depth Study
August 1	Thursday	Trial HSC Examinations Year 10 Subject Selection Parent Mentor Meeting Afternoon Sydney West Athletics
August 2	Friday	Trial HSC Examinations Sydney West Athletics

WHO'S WHO

PRINCIPAL

Mr Glyn Trethewy

DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

Mrs Michelle Donovan (Relieving)
Mr Luke Grahame

SCHOOL CAPTAINS 2019

Brock Hand
Stephanie Small

SCHOOL VICE CAPTAINS 2019

Jacob Berridge
Amyelia Clarke
David Palm
Gemma Paton
Ben Stewart
Talia Tui

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Principal's Report

Our Annual Report for 2018 is now available on our website and will be a feature of discussion at the Parents and Citizens Association meeting next Tuesday 18th June. The Annual Report provides a comprehensive look at our schools overall achievement and the future directions we plan to take to drive school improvement. It is an account of the many programs and initiatives that operate at the school to support student learning and promote student achievement.

The capital works at the school continue and we expect that all class rooms will have operational air conditioning before the school holidays. The upgrade to air conditioning has been completed as part of the Cooler Schools program and has incorporated many of the air conditioning units that the P&C have funded over the years as well as adding more units to ensure that the temperature of classrooms is conducive to learning. The program has focused on ensuring every learning space is air conditioned. While there will be no air conditioning installed in the hall, the school has been investigating the installation of two large ceiling fans to circulate the air and help cool this important part of the school as it is used for PE classes, Creative and Performing Arts, examinations as well as formal assemblies.

As we approach the second half of Term Two, all students will receive an academic school report for the Semester. These reports will show information about your child's progress across all key learning areas. At the end of last year we moved to a new reporting package to manage assessment and reporting requirements across the school. We have a team that has worked to manage templates and ensure the timely and quality delivery of reports for your child. I would stress to parents that connection to school, completion of tasks and attendance in class to participate in the learning activities designed by the school are the key to student success. We support students through our mentoring program and Homeroom at the start of the day. In this time students can connect with their mentor and ensure they have everything required for learning for the day.

Last year a new canteen operator, Healthy Canteens, took over the lease of our school canteen. The service they offer the students and staff has been very well received. This year all schools are required to comply with the NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy. This is a key initiative to support the Premier's Priority to tackle childhood obesity. Having a healthy canteen is important as it means that students are more likely to develop healthy eating habits that will have a long-term impact on improving their lives. I am happy to report that we submitted our canteen menu for review and were awarded the Healthy School Canteen Badge and Certificate in May for compliance with this initiative. As a parent you can be assured that if your child purchases items from the school canteen they comply with the government guidelines with in excess of 75% of the menu items being every day food items and healthy choice options.

It has been good to see the support for the new school uniform. A reminder that from the start of next year only the new uniform will be accepted. With this in mind we continue to work with families to ensure that our school uniform reflects positively on the good name of Jamison High School. Wearing uniforms enhances school pride, unity, and community spirit. School uniforms are important and keep students focused on their education, not their clothes. They also increase student safety in schools and it needs to be noted that most parents and educators support mandatory school uniforms. With the onset of winter the uniform shop has reported strong sales of the new corporate casual pants and our students look very smart as they wear them to ward off the winter chills. Uniform items may be purchased online or at the School. Opening times are Tuesday 12:30pm – 4:30pm and Friday 7:30am – 11:30am.

At the start of this Term students in Year 7 and 9 sat the NAPLAN tests in the school hall. While we have the capacity to run these tests online, we made the decision to complete the pen and paper versions. Next year we expect to move to the online version of the tests. Following on from this we have also been working through the Minimum Standards tests for Year 10 and 11 students. The NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) has implemented the HSC minimum standard to help ensure that students have the key literacy and numeracy skills for life after school. Students in New South Wales will need to demonstrate a minimum standard of literacy and numeracy to receive

the HSC credential from 2020. The HSC minimum standard is set at level 3 of the Australian Core Skills Framework (ACSF). These skills are essential for everyday tasks and learning after school such as writing a letter for a job

application or understanding a mobile phone plan. The standard is assessed through online tests across three areas: reading, writing and numeracy. The minimum standard online tests are 45 minutes long and include a multiple choice reading test, a multiple choice numeracy test and a short writing test based on a choice between a visual or written prompt. We are working to ensure that all students meet minimum standards and therefore qualify for the Higher School Certificate. It needs to be noted that students who do not meet the HSC minimum standard can still

- Sit the HSC exams.
- Receive an ATAR for University applications
- Receive a ROSA
- Receive a HSC minimum standard report.

It has been a pleasure to watch the development of STEM initiatives at the school. Year 7 students recently attended Featherdale Wildlife Park to study animal enclosures, only to return to school and have classes cancelled for a day so they could be immersed in the world of a computer game, Minecraft. There was considerable planning to make these days possible and it involved maths and science teachers working collaboratively to plan, develop and deliver the program. With expert training from Department personnel on the educational application of Minecraft, the day was a huge success and saw students working in groups to develop animal enclosures of their own design. This project based learning approach where students work collaboratively to design a solution to a real world issue has many applications of high level science and mathematical concepts and higher order thinking skills all tied up in it that it was a highly valuable learning experience for our students. Our dedicated team of staff who work on the STEM initiatives ensure that Jamison is a leader in this field and offers students quality, engaging and authentic learning experiences.

Congratulations to Makayla Collett who has been completing a School Based Traineeship as part of her Higher School Certificate. She is a finalist for the School Based Apprentice/Trainee category at the New South Wales Training Awards at Bankwest Stadium on 21 June. Congratulations also to the students in Year 10 who were part of the Shakespeare Carnival that our school hosted and good luck to our Aboriginal students who will be part of Vivid during the final weekend of the festival.

Information notes have gone out regarding our Year 9 Spring Dance to be held in Term 3. The school organises a Year 9 Spring Dance to mark the end of junior school and a Year 12 Formal to mark the end of senior school. These two celebrations are the only Formals that Jamison High School organises and runs. Any other Formals for other year groups are not condoned or organised by the school.

We have recently updated our sign in procedures for visitors to the school to ensure our students are safe. All visitors to the school need to enter via the administration office, unless it is for a school organised event such as a formal assembly. It is important that we have an accurate record of people who are on site at school. Students are also reminded to be safe when travelling to and from school and to report any incidents with the public that may occur during times before and after school.

Finally, may I recommend the current fundraiser for the P&C, the Entertainment Book. Even if you only use a few of the vouchers, you can make your money back and your purchase will enable the P&C to purchase items for the school and support your programs and initiatives that will support student learning.

Enjoy the upcoming holidays. Term Three resumes for staff on Monday the 22 July. Our staff will be meeting with other teachers from across the Penrith Valley in faculty groups. The Penrith Education Alliance was formed many years ago and sees valuable teacher collaboration and sharing of practice and expertise from across local high schools. For students, school will resume on Tuesday 23 July.

Glyn Trethewy

Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Bulletin June 2019

Reflecting on the semester that has almost passed, I continue to be amazed at the fabulous achievements of our students in a wide range of settings that are not just limited to the classroom. I would therefore like to start by congratulating the vast majority of our students for their efforts this year (thus far) and would also like to thank parents for their continued support and encouragement of the programs that we provide. I would also like to extend that appreciation to the hard work of our staff that make those educational experiences happen.



Year 12

Year 12 have just over 13 weeks of formal schooling before they begin their HSC Examinations. Students will sit their Trial HSC examinations commencing Monday July 29th. The Trial HSC is crucial for students as it mirrors the expectations of the HSC Examination. Most examinations are 3 hours in length and therefore require students to have the necessary knowledge and skill to use the allocated time wisely so as to achieve their best. Students should now be in a regular study pattern, practising past papers and accessing staff for feedback and advice. Year 12 will receive their Trial HSC Examination timetable shortly giving them the opportunity to use their term break to study. Many teachers avail themselves during the school holidays to run extra study groups/activities for students, whilst not compulsory; they are a valuable resource for students to build their knowledge and confidence. There are also many valuable online resources for students, including:

<https://studentonline.bos.nsw.edu.au/> - Instant access for NSW students to news about your HSC. Check enrolment details, past exam papers, practice tests, HSC key dates and timetables.

<http://hsc.csu.edu.au/> - An information network that serves the Higher School Certificate (K12) needs of students, teachers, schools and subject associations.

Year 11

Year 11 will soon be receiving their mid-course Academic Reports. It is important for students to reflect on their results and develop strategies that will assist them in future examinations. Teachers are busy working on developing higher order thinking skills with their students and also the development of literacy through the use of ALARM (a learning and response matrix). Teachers are focusing on providing feedback to students about their writing style and suggesting areas for improvement through the submission of draft work samples. Students are also being encouraged to reflect on their own learning style and to set clear, aspirational learning goals for themselves. Students have access to their teacher mentors to assist them in this process.

Year 10 Subject Selection for Year 11 2020

Year 10 students have now begun the process of selecting subjects and patterns of study for their senior school years (i.e. Year 11). At Jamison High School we provide a very comprehensive Mentor program. The program involves meetings and guidance from teacher mentors and parent and student interviews to ensure that students are able to make informed choices for their interests, abilities and future directions.

Year 10 and their parents will have the opportunity to attend our Subject Selection Evening. Staff will be on hand to give students the opportunity to discuss course requirements and senior commitments. Thanks go to Christine Dane for her continued organisation of this very valuable process in particular the Subject Selection evening.

Year 9

The students of Year 9 continue to have access to a wealth of engaging and enriching educational experiences. Students involved in the The Duke of Edinburgh's Award at the school will have the opportunity to go out on their practise expedition next term in the Glenbrook National Park. On this trip they will learn valuable skills such as map reading, bush survival and campcraft while working in a team environment. My thanks goes to Mr Dean Maddock for coordinating this project.

Year 8

Year 8 have continued to have a high participation and success rate in the many carnivals and sporting events that have been held this term. This has included representative Cross Country and Athletics and has seen many of them successfully gaining a position to represent our school and the region in the Sydney West Athletics Carnival.

It has also been most pleasing to see so many of this year group heavily involved in our recess and lunchtime PBL Sporting Competitions.

Year 7

With the excitement of starting at a new school and participating in activities such as Peer Support and a High School camp for the first time all now relegated to the recent past, it is pleasing to see how the students of Year 7 have now settled in to the day-to-day routine of our school. With the distribution of reports soon to take place, it will be most important for students (and their parents) to carefully read the comments that teachers have made on the challenges and achievements students have faced in the first semester and reflect on areas for improvement in the classroom in the second half of the year.

Uniform

Now that winter has made its presence clearly felt, parents and students are reminded that school jumpers, sloppy joes and jackets are available from the Uniform Shop. I would also like to take the opportunity to remind parents and students that grey and black jumpers are not part of our uniform and are not to be worn. Garments with hoods are also not acceptable as a school jumper. Footwear must also comply with the NSW Department of Education and Training Guidelines in relation to safety (WH&S). Students' shoes must be all black, the entire foot is to be covered by the shoe, they must have a solid sole and firm leather uppers.

A full list of uniform requirements can be located in the school diary. The school also has a small stock of school jumpers/uniform items in the clothing pool. The school uniform opening hours are Tuesday afternoon 12.30pm – 4.30pm and Friday morning 7.30am – 11.30am

A reminder that Day 1, Term 3 is a Staff Development Day where staff will be meeting with faculty's in the Penrith School Alliance to share resources and develop strategic direction in relation to Literacy and the Australian Curriculum.

We hope you enjoy a safe and happy holiday break.

Luke Grahame/Michelle Donovan

SPORTS REPORT

Boys U/15 AFL

On Friday 7th June, a group of Year 7, 8 and 10 boys competed against Blaxland High School in our first ever AFL team. They fought hard against a team with more experience and managed a final score of 68-7. Jude Nawiesniak (Year 10) and Morgan O'Brien (Year 7) were our two points scorers. All boys represented our school with incredible sportsmanship and should be proud of their efforts.



Girls Open Touch Football

On Friday 31st May, our Open Girls Touch team competed in a round robin competition after qualifying by winning their first three games. They were successful in qualifying for the semi-finals and went down with a loss of 6-2 to Hills Sports High School.

During Term 2, Year 8 PDHPE classes will be participating in a **Sporting Schools Funded Football (soccer) program** delivered by Western Sydney Wanderers. The program will be conducted in student's regular timetabled PDHPE classes on Thursdays in Weeks 3, 5 and 9 of Term 2.



OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT
KICKSTART
SOCCER PARTNER



This term Year 7 and 8 students, PBL Leaders and House Captains along with some members of staff will be participating in the **NSW Premier's 10 week Sporting Challenge (PSC)**. Students will be in class teams and can track their physical activity habits in class with their log books or utilise the free PSC tracker app.

NSW Premiers

SPORTING CHALLENGE



JAMISON HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Carers

This year our school has registered to participate in the NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge.

The purpose of the Challenge is to encourage students to participate in sport and physical activity to lead a healthy lifestyle.

Over a ten week period Term 2 Weeks 1-10, our Year 7 & 8 PDHPE classes and Year 12 PBL/House Captains will be monitoring physical activity levels during class time, at recess and lunch as well as during sport lessons. Physical activity outside school hours will also count towards the Challenge award. The aim is to work towards an average at least 60 minutes of activity a day for ten weeks.

Our school will be working towards a class-based award at the conclusion of the Challenge.

We would like to invite families to support us in encouraging students' healthy use of leisure time and to experience the joy of being active together.

Students are encouraged to download the free PSC Tracker app for smart phones, to aide in recording and monitoring their physical activity levels. Class groups will also be issued with a logbook to record their daily physical activity. Students will also be able to enter data with the assistance of their PDHPE classroom teacher.

Students completing the Challenge will receive a personalised certificate (Diamond, Gold, Silver or Bronze), signed by the Premier of New South Wales.

Physical activity is valued for its physical, social and emotional benefits. It also helps young people to develop communication skills, confidence and resilience.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of the Challenge, please contact Mrs Bryant or Mr Gillett who will be pleased to talk further with you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a horizontal line at the bottom.

Mrs Bryant
Head Teacher PDHP

AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

"A massive congratulations to our SRC students who held Australia's Biggest Morning Tea this term. They showed their dedication to civics and citizenship by putting on a morning tea for Jamison High School Staff to raise money to support those affected by cancer. Jamison High School raised over \$200 which will go towards supporting those in need."



The students took the opportunity to extend their sincere gratitude to the staff for attending Australia's Biggest Morning Tea and making it such a wonderful success.



SYNERGY DANCE FESTIVAL

Mrs Lamont and myself would like to congratulate the Dance Ensemble and Dance Company students who had the privilege of performing at the *Synergy Public Schools Dance Festival*, held at Penrith Panthers last week.

Students have shown outstanding dedication and commitment throughout the semester, attending rehearsals each week to prepare for these performances. In most cases this meant taking time out of their recess and lunch to rehearse.

The support and attendance from Mr Trethewy and Mr Wormald was also greatly appreciated, as they attended the evening performance on Tuesday 4th June.

The girls are to be commended for their exceptional behaviour when attending each performance. It has been a real delight to take these students through such a wonderful experience and we could not be prouder. We look forward to the upcoming auditions and performances over the next few weeks.

.Miss Mitchell

Dance/PDHPE Teacher



SHAKESPEARE CARNIVAL

On Tuesday Night 11th June, Year 10 Drama students performed pieces from Shakespearean plays at the Regional Shakespeare carnival, hosted by Jamison High School. We were joined by over 60 students from a range of public and private schools from as far as Lithgow and Crestwood.

Our students performed with distinction in the Duologue, Scene and Devised "mash-up" sections of the event and were very well received by the audience and the panel of adjudicators.

They have been placed on the short list for the State Shakespeare carnival in two sections. We are very proud of our students and look forward to their performances in "Mother" at the Q Theatre in a couple of weeks.





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UNIFORM SHOP Price List

NAME: _____ YEAR: _____

DATE: _____ REC# _____

<i>ITEM</i>		<u>PRICE</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>QTY</u>	<u>TOTAL INCL GST</u>
Girls	JNR Sky/maroon Blouse	35.00			
	SNR White/maroon Blouse	35.00			
	Grey Shorts	37.00			
	Grey Skirt	42.00			
	Grey Ash Grey Pants	40.00			
Boys	JNR Sky Shirt	35.00			
	SNR White Shirt	35.00			
	Grey Shorts	37.00			
	Grey Chino Trousers Beltloop/elastic Waist	40.00			
Unisex	JNR Maroon Wool Jumper	72.00			
	SNR Navy Wool Jumper	72.00			
	Corporate Casual Pants	40.00			
	School Jacket	65.00			
	JNR Fleecy Top	32.00			
	SNR Fleecy Top	32.00			
	JNR Sky Polo	36.00			
	SNR White Polo	36.00			
Sports	Sports Shorts	32.00			
	Sports Polo	38.00			
Accessory	Apron	09.50			
	Cooking Hat	03.50			
	School Hat	11.00			
	White Socks Regular x 5	20.00			
	White Socks Short Cut x 5	20.00			
	School Tie	20.00			
	Black Tights	09.50			

Tuesday 12:30pm - 4:30pm & Friday 7:30am - 11:30am CLOSED SCHOOL HOLIDAYS Shop Phone number: 0422888364 (only available during shop opening hours)

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