

Jamison High School

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An Outstanding Comprehensive High School



NEWSLETTER

August 2019

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CALENDAR EVENTS

	TERM 3	
WEEK 4A		
August 13	Tuesday	P&C Meeting
August 14	Wednesday	Year 7 Parent Connect
August 15	Thursday	Year 10 Work Readiness Day
August 15	Thursday	HSC Dance Workshop
August 16	Friday	USNSW Coding Day – Year 11
August 16	Friday	Young Creators Conference – Year 7
WEEK 5B		
August 19-21	Monday-Wednesday	Ski Trip
August 19-23	Monday-Friday	TVET Trial HSC Exam Week

August 19-23	Monday-Friday	Year 11 Hosp. VET Work placement
August 20-21	Tuesday-Wednesday	Showcase
WEEK 6A		
August 27	Tuesday	Nepean Zone Gala Day
August 29	Thursday	HSC Drama Performance Exam
August 30	Friday	Year 11 Physics Depth Study Day
WEEK 7B		
September 4-6	Wednesday-Friday	CHS Athletics
WEEK 8A		
September 9-13	Monday-Friday	Year 11 Yearly Examinations
September 10	Tuesday	P&C Meeting

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

SCHOOL JUNIOR LEADERS 2019

Chelsey Marteene
Tiana Harrison
James Franklin
Riley Jones





Principal's Report

This week we have been celebrating Education Week with the theme of Every Student, Every Voice. Through our social media platforms we have been highlighting the programs and initiatives that operate at the school. We do hope you have been following these posts as we have celebrated learning at Jamison.

One of the programs of Education Week saw the Year 10 Science Extension Class assist Penrith South Public School with their Open Day. The Year 10 students supported the primary school teachers and their students in completing a range of STEM activities including making cardboard rockets, creating floating sail boats and designing engineering structures such as a Lego bridge, a tower platform and a pendulum swing. The Extension Class were also responsible for judging a competition where they observed some engaging resources designed by students from the primary school to showcase the "Moon Landing". The students had a fantastic day participating in and facilitating the learning of the primary school students through integrating the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Our Creative and Performing Arts Faculty were also well represented at the Penrith Valley Creative and Performing Arts concert held at the Joan Sutherland Centre on Monday night. Our musicians and singers performed with distinction. Special mention needs to be made of Tiana Harrison and Joshua Sabaten who were chosen to comper the evening.

Connor Burke's selection in the Departments Secretary for a Day was something that we as a school were very proud of. It is an Education Week initiative run by the Department where student leaders are selected to go to Head Office and work with senior education leaders. It is the highest level management in the department and students get to be part of the decision making within the organisation. Connor has returned to the Student Representative Council with a new commitment that in his words, 'our great school will always keep moving forward and that in Public Education every student will have a voice'.

We are now in the final Term for Year 12 students and they are currently completing their trial examinations. Year 12 Graduation will be held on Thursday the 26th of September at 7pm in the school hall. We have made a slight change to the ceremony this year. We introduced academic gowns as part of the ceremony last year and the P&C are funding a graduation sash for all graduates. We require students to arrive at 5:30 to get changed into their gowns and sash. Our Hospitality students will then be serving canapés and light refreshments in our main quad. I would remind families that we are requesting that each graduating student limit their guests to three people so that we can fit everybody comfortably and safely into the school hall.

In sporting events we had 40 students attend the Nepean Zone Sydney West Athletics carnival early this term with students performing across a range of events. Special mention needs to be made of Riley Bust and Yola Szymkow for making it into the Sydney West Athletics Team who will compete at State Athletics later this term. In further success we also had Talia Schempp make it through to the All Schools Cross Country Championships. Our State Rugby league U13 team played in the state championships. It is a modified format consisting of 24 minute games, no scrums, short, sharp and fast rugby league. There was a lot of parent supporters on the day to cheer on our boys. While the results didn't go our way the team represented our school well. We also had students represent us in the State Boccia final where we placed a credible fifth.

In work with our local primary schools we are developing partnerships focused around common writing programs. SOAP AIMS TO CLEAN, PEEL paragraphs and ALARM are all part of the common language we use at high school in the explicit teaching of writing. What we are exploring with our primary school partners is how they explicitly teach writing and how we can build on the work they do to fit our context. So far we have had our teachers visit the primary schools and observe writing lessons. Later this term they

will come to Jamison to watch us teach writing. The teachers will then discuss and share ideas and expertise in how we can support student transition of learning from Year 6 into Year 7.

Glyn Trethewy

Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Deputies Report

Semester 2 is an exciting time of new beginnings and notable endings. As the days begin to get longer and slowly warmer we wrap up cold winter days to embrace Spring. We celebrate Semester One achievements and the many opportunities for ongoing successes within our school community.

Our 7 to 10 cohorts begin a new cycle of assessment and reporting and the opportunity to embrace the ethos that it is "Never too late to be great". Year 11 enter their last term of the Preliminary Courses and Year 12 of course navigate their last term of school before the HSC Examinations in Term 4.



This term began with our shared network staff development day. The Penrith Education Alliance (PEA) consists of our local high schools, Blaxland, Cranebrook, Cambridge Park, Glenmore Park, Erskine Park and Kingswood High Schools connecting to provide professional learning opportunities for all teachers within the network. The PEA Staff Development Day provides a valuable opportunity for teachers to come together to share knowledge and expertise to improve the learning and wellbeing outcomes of our students.

Year 12 students have recently completed the HSC Trial Examinations and now return to timetabled classes to complete their final term of high school studies before they begin to 'adult'. The Formal Graduation Assembly will take place on Thursday evening 26th September. Year 12 now need to develop a comprehensive revision and study program and apply one last great effort. HSC teachers will continue to assist students refine their knowledge and writing skills, provide extra tuition and feedback for practice exam responses. We would like to acknowledge and thank the dedicated teachers who facilitated HSC Study Workshops during the recent holidays.

Year 11 are preparing for the upcoming Preliminary Examinations over Week 8 and 9. We wish them every success. The selection process for the election of our new school captains has begun and we will celebrate our new school leaders' inauguration at a formal assembly towards the end of term.

Year 10 have been busy organising their subject selections for their Preliminary HSC year. A very important time for students as they are making choices about subjects that will aim to give them the best possible HSC outcomes and post school opportunities. Students have been assisted by their mentors since the beginning of the year and it is pleasing to see the level of engagement by our parents in this process. We recently had our annual Year 10 Subject Selection Parent Mentor Meeting Afternoon to assist our Year 10 students and parents in this important process.

The Year 9 Camp is in Term 4 and the information and permission notes have been circulated. The Year 9 Advisors require permission notes to be returned by the end of week 3, Term 3. The camp deposit of \$60.50 is due by the end of week 6 (29.8.19). The Year 9 Dinner Dance will be held on Thursday 19th September 2019 at Nepean Rowing Club. The total cost is \$80 and final payment of \$40.00 is due to the front office or online by Thursday 22nd August 2019. This is a new tradition at Jamison High School. As the school leaving age is now 17 we have minimal students leaving JHS at the end of Year 10 and as a school community we wish to meaningfully celebrate our Year 9 students as they transition from junior school into our senior school. Our Year 9 Dinner Dance replaces the need for a Year 10 formal and is a half way point to the Year 12 Formal.

Our Junior School have also been involved in subject selection with Year 7 selecting courses for Year 8, 2020 and Year 8 selecting courses for Year 9, 2020. Students have had many opportunities to make informed decisions with assistance from their mentors and also their classroom teachers.

STEM at Jamison High School has taken off this year with some great innovative projects and ideas. The Year 8 STEM initiative focused on the environment including relating learning activities to issues in our local area. All Key Learning Areas link their projects to the overall context of sustainable design. Year 8 STEM has continued into Semester 2 with a focus on Energy which incorporates a project on forces and ratios, innovation and emerging technology and the human body. Later this month, students will attend an excursion to collect the necessary data for the Science Year 8 Student Research Project, the Mathematics Ratios Assignment and the Industrial Arts Mechanical Toy Project.

Year 7 STEM initiatives are fully underway. Students have been involved in a Science research task and design of an ethical and sustainable animal enclosure. This was designed using Minecraft Education and was complemented by the Measurement Unit in Mathematics on Length, Perimeter and Area. Students have built a perpetual motion machine in Technology Mandatory that they will be using in a science experiment.

Keep tuned in for more news on STEM in the next newsletter.

Various welfare initiatives have been taking place for our Junior School, including programs from various outside agencies. We also have some exciting programs starting soon.

At the end of last term we held our Positive Behaviour for Learning Pizza Awards Day where students received a certificate, pizza and drink. This initiative recognises the safe, responsible and aspirational learners that we have at Jamison High School and rewards them for these efforts. Congratulations goes to Year 7 with 80% of their students attending the presentation.

Last term students in Year 10 attended the Fast Forward University Day at Western Sydney University. This day included students touring the university, and learning more about what tertiary education had to offer. They had the opportunity to participate in workshops and meet students who gave them an insight into life as a university student.

Students across Year 7 - 10 have been participating in the **DRUMBEAT**[®] Program. **DRUMBEAT**[®] is an acronym for Discovering Relationships Using Music, Beliefs, Emotions, Attitudes, and Thoughts. The students have enjoyed using the drums to explore issues such as peer pressure, emotions, communication and teamwork. This will culminate in a final performance in Week 5 of this term.

Bridging the Gap ran the highly successful SRC leadership day in Week 1 of this term. This was a fun day of team-building and activities focused on leadership principles and skills. Students will be able to use the skills that they have learnt on this day and apply them in their leadership at Jamison High School.

This term a small group of Year 7 girls are participating in Bridging the Gap's Worth, Strength and Purpose Program. This program involves interactive workshops and is designed to build resilience, identity and self-worth in teenage girls.

A mix of Year 8 students will soon be embarking on the Creating Chances 'Champions' Program which aims to create self-aware and responsible learners through experiential learning and sporting sessions. This program will run over 10 weeks and will lead to opportunities to participate in Creating Chances other programs in the future.

We currently have the Youth Frontiers Mentor Program running in the school. This program is a key initiative of the NSW Government and focuses on building self-esteem, confidence and communication skills of our students. Selected students across all year groups are participating in this program.

A significant number of students desire part time employment and several students in Years 10, 11 and 12 wish to transition into apprenticeships or fulltime work. Without question, the excellent reputation of Jamison High School within our local community assists our students gain employment. For this reason we ask parents and students to support our transitioning students by wearing the Jamison High School uniform with pride and grace. 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 school caps, footwear, shorts and socks. Once again we remind you that we are a workplace and are governed by WH&S guidelines, therefore adequate protective footwear is required. School

socks are white, black socks are NOT part of the Jamison High School Uniform. The school cap also available for purchase from the school uniform shop. We are very pleased with how our students have embraced the importance of wearing a school cap, particularly given the dangers of the sun as we head into the warmer months.

We would like to extend a big thank you from our school community to the staff who continue to dedicate their working lives to the care and futures of other people's children. Teachers continue to work, mostly in their own time, to organise valuable and engaging learning experiences to future proof the post school opportunities of our JHS students. As Deputy Principals we are always delighted to be part of the many successes that take place in the Jamison High School community.

Deputy Principals Michelle Donovan and Luke Grahame

SPORTS NEWS

Nepean Zone

The following students represented Nepean Zone at the Sydney West Athletics Carnival.

Yola Szymkow
Zoe Clarke
Bailey Hagarty
Cody Nelson
Loghan Spence
Skye Stevens
Ty Gill
Jayden Reid
Lachlan McCormack-Hottes
Manar Al-Zuhairi
Selene Neville
Tiana Harrison
Chelsea Sutton

Desiree Robinson
Emma Palmer
Joshua Jessup
James Rhodes
Lilah Piggott
Hannah Cromie
Aiden Romeo
Brad Mason
Natia Gallagher
Sienna Monardo
William Waugh
Chloe Campbell
Cooper Jeal

Sebastian Holloway
David Kingsley
Liam Dealtry
Dallas Graham-Withell
Michael Taylor
Talia Schempp
Ayva Burke
Chloe Miller
Hayden Schempp
Taylah Pollard
Riley Busst
Charlotte Gimson
Tana Graham-Withell

Congratulations to Riley Busst and Yola Szymkow for making it into the Sydney West Athletics Team that will compete later this Term.

Special mention to Talia Schempp for making it through to the All Schools Cross Country Championships.

2019 Boccia Grand Final

After winning at the regional competition, our Boccia team competed at the State Finals on the 8th of August. It was a very competitive day and we ended up placing fifth out of sixteen teams from across the state. We learnt a lot and made plenty of new friends, and are keen to do even better next year. Congratulations to all students involved.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Regular attendance at school is fundamental to student learning. Students who attend school regularly are more likely to achieve educational success, and increase their career and life options. Poor patterns of attendance place students at risk of **not** achieving their educational, social and psychological potential and disadvantage them in the quality of choices they are able to make in later life. Jamison HS values the wellbeing of its students – this includes the attendance patterns of its students.

At Jamison HS, we promote and recognize good attendance through a system of positive rewards. Students with a perfect attendance record throughout the year are recognised with a regional award at Jamison HS' prestigious end of year awards ceremony.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is my legal obligation with regard to my child attending school?

Education in NSW is compulsory. This means **all** children from 6 - 17 years of age are legally required to attend school. After Year 10 and until they turn 17 years of age students must be either:

1. in school
2. in approved education or training
3. in full-time, paid employment or a combination of work, education and/or training.

Do I have to send my child every day?

Yes, it is a condition of enrolment that you send your child every day. Parents are legally required to send their child to school every day that the school is open for instruction or participation. This includes attendance in school activities such as swimming and athletics carnivals.

What Do I Do If My Child Is Away From School?

Send a written explanation with your child on the day your child returns to school. This is a **legal requirement** and must occur within **seven school days**.

What Do I Do If My Child Is Away for a Prolonged Period (more than three days) Due to Illness?

Phone the school to explain the circumstances and the expected duration. A written explanation must be supplied on the day your child returns to school.



Work Experience at Jamison High School

Many people are perhaps not aware that throughout the year, several students engage in a Work Experience program and or a placement with a host employer in our local community. In a range of placements, students learn a variety of skills specific to each site and gain necessary work ready skills. At times, students do a fantastic job and in recognition, get offered a part-time and or a full time position/traineeship.

Teachers and students acknowledge that Work Experience could not take place without the support of employers, big and small, in our local community. Employers give up valuable time to train our students in a variety of skills ranging from Work, Health and Safety matters, customer service, cash register operation, packing goods, stock replenishment, servicing vehicles to preparing food in a fast-food restaurant, cafe or in large commercial kitchen.

Employers do not have to take part in our Work Experience program, but they do so because they want to help prepare students for future careers. Employers sometimes state they also feel a moral obligation and want to give something back to their local community. Our frequent contact with employers shows us that their generosity does not predicate 'profit before people'. And in the end, while our students are building work ready skills, they will hopefully come to realise that like employers who give generously, they will also develop a moral sense that will enable them to give back something to their community in time to come.

At Jamison High School, we constantly celebrate our students' achievements and growing confidence at every turn, and in this case, while on Work Experience. We wish to thank the growing list of service providers and employers in the local community for their time and patience. The assistance and experiences they give our students enables them to balance ambition with realistic goals and aspirations, grow in confidence and maturity. It is a great support as students navigate their life and career paths so that positive choices are made and followed.

Thank you to the following Work Experience Employers

Bob Jane T Marts, Penrith
Woolworths, Southlands
Sinclair Ford, Kingswood
Penrith Mazda
Flower Power, Penrith
Coffee Club, Nepean Shopping Village
King and Lewis Electricians Pty Ltd, Emu Plains
Penrith City Council
Little Triumphs, South Penrith
Armour Automotive, Kingswood
Priceline, Southlands
High Street Music, Penrith
Productivity Bootcamp, Nirimba TAFE
Michael Riggeri, Barrington Group
Apprenticeships R Us Parramatta
Lamrocks Solicitors, Penrith
Warwick Perks, Nepean Hospital
Enrique Gonzalez-Australian Careers Business College
Ariel Leonard Fire and Rescue NSW

Target, Penrith Plaza
Coles, Nepean Shopping Village
Blaxland Veterinary Clinic
McDonalds, Emu Plains
Little House of Coffee, (Flower Power) Penrith
Poles Patisserie, Nepean Shopping Village
Kooyong, Penrith
The Good Guys, Penrith
Podium Trailers, Narellan
The Smash Repair Centre, Penrith
MultiSecure, Penrith
Integrity Security, Rydalmere
Penrith Police Station
Tolson Plumbing, Mulgoa
York Public School
Penrith South Public
Heartland Holden, Penrith
Toyota, Kingswood
Anaconda, Penrith





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**Jamison High School
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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