

Jamison High School

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An Outstanding Comprehensive High School



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CALENDAR EVENTS

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WEEK 3 B		
October 26-30	Monday - Friday	Young Mob Exchange
October 30	Friday	Valid
WEEK 4 A		
November 2-6	Monday - Friday	Year 7 & 8 Exams
November 2-6	Monday - Friday	Trade Readiness Bricklaying Course
November 3	Tuesday	Whitecard Course
WEEK 6 A		
November 17	Tuesday	Year 12 Graduation
WEEK 7 B		
November 24	Tuesday	Year 12 Graduation back up date
November 26	Thursday	Year 12 Formal
WEEK 8 A		
December 1	Tuesday	Year 7 - 2021 Orientation Day

WHO'S WHO

PRINCIPAL

Mr Glyn Trethewy

DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

Mrs Clarinda Oliveux
Mr Luke Grahame

SCHOOL CAPTAINS 2020

Emily Cox
Jalal Slaibi

SCHOOL VICE CAPTAINS 2020

Kalani Fitzmaurice
Ella Homan
Tamira Reid
Connor Burke
Jacob Craft
Kobi Hind



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



On Tuesday we made the decision to evacuate the school in response to what we now know was a hoax email threat. This impacted on a number of schools and has been the subject of Police investigation. We practice evacuations and lockdowns as part of our Work Health and Safety compliance at school. On Tuesday, the staff and student response was calm and orderly. The evacuation disrupted the Legal Studies examination and we are working with NESAs to put in a group misadventure for the HSC examinations that occurred on the day. We had increased counsellor presence at school to support students on Wednesday. It needs to be noted that in times such as these, our focus will always be on student and staff safety.

We are currently in the process of developing our School Strategic Improvement Plan for 2021 to 2024. We have been discussing key areas within faculties and teams. Areas we have looked at in detail have included High Expectations, Explicit Teaching, Effective Feedback, Classroom Management and Wellbeing. As part of this we have undertaken a review of our classroom expectations which includes the use of mobile phones. While we are a BYOD school and see technology as an essential educational tool, our BYOD program has a clear focus on laptop computers. Mobile phones are not part of BYOD. They can be a distraction and as a result impact on student learning. A reminder that our policy is that mobile phones are off and out of sight. Further refinement of our classroom expectations and mobile phone management will occur before they are implemented at school.

Year 12 students finished up at school in Week 1 of term. They are now well into their HSC examinations. With the changed restrictions, we are currently planning an open-air graduation ceremony for Year 12 students on November 17 and a backup date of November 24. Students will be limited to two guests and have been issued with numbered tickets. All guests will need to sign in on the night. In line with requirements these details will be kept for 28 days in the event of a positive COVID case and the need for contact tracing. We are also planning our Year 12 Formal for November 26. For the formal we will require students to be dropped off at the school, no parents will be allowed to enter the school site in order to comply with the requirements in regard to large gatherings. We have hired additional buses for students to travel to and from the formal venue. Details of the organisation have been communicated to our Year 12 parents via the closed Facebook group.

Planning and design work continues on the new multipurpose hall to be built at the front of the school. We are still in the consultation phase, but expect building to start sometime early next year. Thank you to Warren Apap who has agreed to be the Parents and Citizens representative throughout the design and building process. Information on the planning process is included elsewhere in this newsletter.

We are also planning our transition program for Year 6 into 7, 2021. This can occur from November 12, the day after the HSC finishes. Some of our Year 9 students will be acting as peer leaders for our new students. Our Year 7 Orientation Day on December 1 will only be available to students. We will be unable to have parents on site and as a result there will be no parental assembly to start the day. While the uniform shop will be in operation on the day and the office will be able to take payment, parents access to the school will be limited and students will walk from York, Jamisontown and Penrith South Public Schools for Orientation Day. Notes and information will be sent out to our parents of Year 7 2021.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT CONT.

With bans on large gatherings we have had to cancel our annual presentation evening. This is very disappointing as it is an important time to celebrate the year and recognise student success and achievement. Within the guidelines, we have decided to run hour long assemblies for students in each Year group in weeks 9 and 10 of term. At these assemblies we will present our recognition awards, Principals awards and academic awards. Parents will be unable to attend these assemblies.

This year has presented many challenges. As a community it has been a pleasure to work through these challenges as we continue to offer quality educational programs. The flexibility and dedication of staff has seen us offer a range of programs that extend learning, even in the COVID restrictions. A highlight has been the inclusion of TAFE programs run onsite. Some of the work the students have completed has enhanced the school. As a part of programs we are offering, all student in Year 7 to 10 will be participating in a wellbeing day run by Creating Chances. The focus of the program will be looking at personal identity, individual and group choices and decisions, as well as online activity and dealing with social media. We have a long association with Creating Chances and value the programs they deliver.

Our next Parents and Citizens Association meeting will be on Tuesday November 3 starting at 7 pm . In line with Department guidelines, it will operate as a Zoom Meeting. Please contact the office on 47316150 if you would like to attend the P&C meeting. If you give us your contact details, including an email address, we will set up the meeting space and send details of how to log in prior to the meeting. The meeting will include discussion of Penrith Councils plans for pedestrian safety around Eileen Cammack reserve and the new multipurpose hall building. In addition, Penrith Rotary has offered to donate a defibrillator to the school if we help with their BBQ on a Saturday and Sunday over two weekends at Harvey Norman in the Penrith Homemakers Centre. The dates allocated to us are November 7 and 8 and December 5 and 6. If you can help out in a shift from 9 to 11:30 or 11:30 to 2 please contact the school and we will add you to the roster.

Some advice around gatherings prior to formals. Our Police Liaison Officer has informed us that the current public health orders need to be considered when students and parents are planning formal photos. This means gathering for school formal photos in public places (eg Nepean River- Regatta Park) social distancing still applies. No more than 30 people can gather outside in a public place which includes public parks, reserves, beaches, public gardens and spaces. It is an offence to not comply with a public health order. On the spot fines of \$1,000 can be issued.

Lastly, if you are planning holidays over Christmas and into January, the Department has advised schools that 2021 will begin with two School Development Days on the 27 and 28 January 2021. As a result, school will start for Year 7, 11 and 12 on Friday January 29 and 8, 10 and 12 on February 1.

Glyn Trethewy
Principal
Jamison High School

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Deputy's Desk

Term 4 is always a very busy time of the year in any school and Jamison High School is no exception.

Years 11 (now formally known as Year 12) have commenced their HSC courses in all subjects and all work now is examined in next year's HSC exams. Therefore, it is important that they have regular attendance and develop good organisational skills. Last week this cohort participated in HSC Mentor Plan interviews where students set their key goals for their HSC year and strategies were put in

place to achieve them. The key result of this process is that each student now has an individualised learning plan that will be reviewed and revised as the year progresses.

Whilst **Year 10** have completed their ROSA Exam there are still a number of subject areas that have assessment tasks due over the upcoming weeks and students are reminded to remain diligent in completing tasks to ensure they qualify for the issuing of a Record of School Achievement. In the second half of the term Year 10 will also have the opportunity to participate in work experience for up to two weeks and students are encouraged to liaise with our Careers Advisor in order to ensure that the necessary paperwork is completed to ensure their participation.

While **Year 9** are about to complete their Yearly Exams, a number of students from this cohort will also have the opportunity to participate in peer support training and will be working with our incoming Year 7 students early next year in order to make them feel welcomed and a part of the Jamison High School community.

Year 7 and 8 will be completing their final exams and assessment tasks for the year and are reminded to maintain their focus and enthusiasm in class for the remainder of the year. Students are reminded that this is a very important part of their schooling and should be preparing by doing regular revision at home and ensuring all assessment work is complete and submitted by the due date. If your son or daughter is sick on the day of an exam you **MUST** contact the school and take them to the Doctors for a Doctor's Certificate dated the day of the illness (exam).

School Reports and Clearance Procedures

Yearly reports for Years 7 to 10 will be distributed in the last week of term. Towards the end of November students will be given a **Clearance Form and Invoice** for school fees (if applicable). The clearance procedures will need to be completed to ensure students reports can be distributed on time.

Parents are asked to ensure that any school textbooks are returned and that all elective subject fees are paid – the invoice will outline the fees that are due for payment. We would also request that the **General School Contribution** (School Fees) be paid. They represent an important source of funds in maintaining the high standard of education at Jamison High School. If you are experiencing financial hardship and are unable to meet all or your child's elective fee commitments, please contact the Principal so that alternative arrangements can be made.

Finally Term 4 is a very busy term with many activities occurring. It is important to maintain a focus on our core values of **SAFE, ASPIRATIONAL, RESPECTFUL LEARNERS**. This will ensure we continue to uphold the standards of Jamison High School.

Luke Grahame

Deputy Principal
Years 7, 9 & 11



Clarinda Oliveux

Deputy Principal
Years 8, 10 & 12

"So, my child is sometimes late for school - does it matter that much?"

School is usually the first place where children are made aware of the importance of regular timekeeping.

Arriving early will boost your child's confidence for the day, and set them in the right frame of mind for learning and achievement. If a child arrives late the whole class is disrupted and the teacher has to repeat the same things over and over again-losing valuable teaching time. Punctuality and good attendance will always be important—at school now and later at work.

Help to make sure your child is given a good start in life by ensuring they arrive at school on time.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What time does school start?

School **starts at 8:25**. Students are to make their way to home room at the sound of this bell. All students should be seated in home room by the 8:30 bell. A student who arrives after the 8:30 bell, must report to the office to sign in.

What Do I Do If My Child is Late to School?

You may do any of the following:

1. Accompany your child to the front office and provide a verbal explanation
2. Phone the school to provide a verbal explanation
3. Send a written explanation with your child when they arrive to school on the day they are late

What to do if my child is persistently late?

If your child is persistently late, they will be interviewed by their mentor or year advisor and an improvement program will be implemented. Consequences may be imposed if there is no improvement made.

What can I do to help my child?

Below are some common reasons for students arriving late to school and what you can do to support your child:

Overslept	→	Have a back-up plan in case the alarm fails to go off
Late Night	→	Go to bed early - <i>save the late nights for the weekend</i>
Can't find my ... <i>shirt, book etc</i>	→	Be organised and have everything ready to go the night before
Dawdling on the way to school	→	Walk faster!
Stopping off at the shops	→	Leave the shops by 8:15
Missed the bus	→	Parent to ring the school, written explanation to follow
Appointment <i>e.g dentist, driving test</i>	→	Do your best to avoid scheduling appointments during school hours



**Attendance
Matters**

Every student. Every day.

2021 SCHOOL TRAVEL APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

To assist with any enquiries schools may receive about student travel applications, we have provided some information below. We have also attached an information sheet on School Travel for 2021 if you wish to share this in your school newsletter.

Applications for student travel in 2021 opened on Monday 12 October 2020.

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass for 2021 can now apply online. A new application should be submitted if a student is applying for a school travel pass for the first time or requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who have changed school/campus, changed address, repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [re-apply or update their details](#).

Where there is a change of distance eligibility based on a student's grade, the system will automatically update a student's entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition which is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply. [Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Applications need to be submitted before **31 December 2020** to ensure that current student entitlements are updated and their current entitlement/card remains valid. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2020, the system will automatically cancel an entitlement/card and a new one will need to be issued.

Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2021.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the commencement of the new school year from their nominated operator, this may be distributed via the school or sent direct to their address. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/Parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

CHANGES TO SCHOOL STUDENT CONCESSION CARDS

Tuesday 13 October 2020

Around 200,000 school students will join [tertiary and TAFE students](#) in using the Transport Concession Entitlement Card.

As part of the move to standardise concession cards, the Transport Concession Entitlement Card is replacing the following cards:

1. Senior Secondary Student Concession Card (16 years and over) – also issued to Mature Secondary Students (18 years and over), Distance Education Students and Home School Students.
2. Proof of Age card (when a student under 16 years of age looks older)
3. Boarders Rail Pass



Students need to carry a concession entitlement card if they're travelling on a Child/Youth Opal card or a child/concession ticket.

Eligible students aged 16 years or older will be able to use a Transport Concession Entitlement Card as proof of entitlement when using a Child/Youth Opal card within the Opal network, or when travelling on child or concession fares in NSW.



Children aged between 4 to 15 years do not require a proof of entitlement for concession travel.

However, if they look more mature, they can get a Transport Concession Entitlement Card to verify to authorised officers that they are under 16 years old.

Valid older style cards can continue to be used. Senior Secondary Student Concession Cards and Proof of Age cards will remain valid until the end of March 2021. Boarders Rail Passes can be used until the expiry date shown on the card.

There are no changes to eligibility for the cards. As with previous years, students can use the cards as soon as they receive them. Schools will start to receive the new cards from mid-October this year. **Cont +** [Click this link Find out more](#)

CAREERS NEWS

There has been lots happening in Careers and Transition at Jamison High School.

University Early Entry and UAC applications

Students in Year 12 who were interested in courses at university have been busy applying either directly to the university or through UAC (University Admissions Centre). A number of students have been offered early entry to one of their preferred courses already, who applied directly to a university.

The HSC results and ATAR are released on the 18th December. Students who have applied to UAC have until midnight on the 19th December to change their preferences. University places are offered through UAC based on the ATAR on the 23rd December.

Work Experience for Year 10

Traditionally at Jamison High School, Year 10 students complete a compulsory week of Work Experience during this term. With the recent easing of restrictions, under current Department guidelines, students can undertake work experience, provided the employer has a COVID Safety Plan. Work Experience is an important part of the curriculum and the career planning process. It provides students the opportunity to:

- develop skills and attitudes that may assist them in the transition from school to work
- gain insights into a specific career/field by trying out a job in a chosen industry
- experience the real world of work and collect career information
- secure casual or part-time employment if desired
- gain a work reference

Students will be given a note this week about how this program will run this year.

All Year 10 students must complete a Ready for Work Certificate before commencing their Work Experience placement and a Workplace Learning - Safety Induction and Test. The links for these certificates are in the Careers Google classroom..

White Card accreditation

We have held a number of White Card courses this year for students to gain their accreditation for working in a construction workplace. We have another course running on the 3rd of November for those interested students.

‘Experience It’ Engineering incursion

A number of Year 7 - 9 girls were involved in an Engineering incursion hosted virtually by Engineering Australia. They were involved in activities where they made a bionic hand, rocketry, Microbits Musical and worked out the suitability of installing solar panels. These activities were hosted by Australian National University, University of Newcastle, University of Technology and Macquarie University.

TAFE YES (Youth Engagement Strategy) Programs

TAFE are providing the opportunity for students to be involved in a YES program in a number of different areas. The Year 10 students who expressed an interest are participating in courses such as Interior Design, Aged Care, General Health Care, Animal Care and Landscaping.

The Landscaping YES program is being held here at school and the students are working on a project where they are learning the skills involved in paving and horticulture. A big thank you goes to Elite Soil & Sand, who have been very generous with helping with the provision of materials for this project.



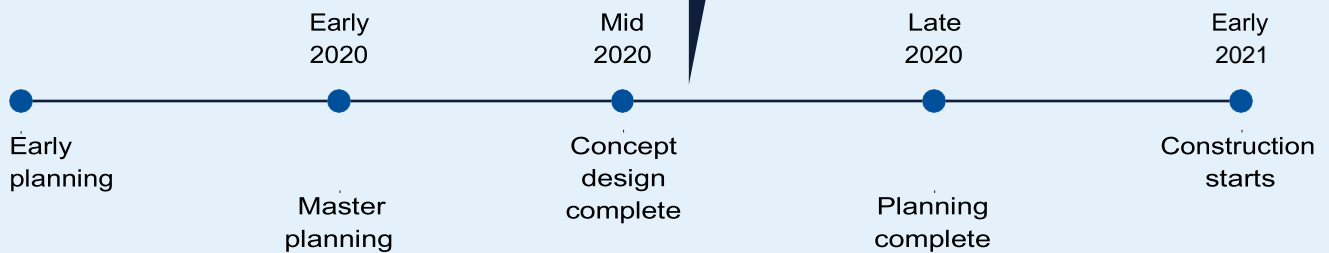
Jamison High School – New Multi-purpose Hall

Planning update

September 2020

NSW Department of Education – School Infrastructure

Process timeline



Investing in our schools

The NSW Government is investing \$6.7 billion over four years to deliver more than 190 new and upgraded schools to support communities across NSW.

This is the largest investment in public education infrastructure in the history of NSW.

The NSW Department of Education is committed to delivering new and upgraded schools for communities across NSW. The delivery of these important projects is essential to the future learning needs of our students and supports growth in the local economy.

Planning for a new multi-purpose hall at Jamison High School

We are currently undertaking planning for a new multi-purpose hall at Jamison High School. Concept designs have been now been completed and the design is being developed by the team as we plan this exciting project.

The project will include indoor sports courts, space to accommodate seating, sports and large equipment storage rooms, toilets, and back-of-house facilities. The hall will enable the school to hold performances, assemblies and other events and could also be used by neighbouring schools.

Progress summary

Funding for the planning phase of the new hall project was approved in mid-2019 by the NSW Government. This funding allowed early planning works to commence enabling an understanding of the requirements of the school. Early planning typically involves the development of a business case, design development and preliminary site investigations.

The project team will continue the development of the design for the new multi-purpose hall.

Site investigations will begin shortly and the community will be notified ahead of time. Site investigations may include drilling for borehole samples. Schematic design and the tender process to construct the new multi-purpose hall is expected to start later this year. We expect construction to start in early 2021 with the aim of completing the hall in late 2021, subject to planning approvals.

How can I get involved?

We are committed to working together with our school communities and other stakeholders to deliver the best possible learning facilities for students.

The project team will work closely with representatives of the Jamison High School community, including a P&C representative, as part of the Project Reference Group (PRG). This group will meet monthly to review further design development and monitor progress of the project.

Community feedback is important for all school projects. For more information, questions or to make a comment please email us at schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au.

Keep in touch

The SINSW website will continue to have up-to-date information about the project in your area. You can also continue to contact us via our community information line and email on the details below.

For more information contact:

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E-CIGARETTES/VAPING



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In the media there has been increased attention towards the use of Vapes. We take this issue seriously due to the negative health effects vaping can have on young people who are often unaware of the risks associated with it.

Vaping is the act of inhaling a vapour produced by an e-cigarette or electronic vaporiser. This vapour can contain nicotine and other substances. The devices are small and can easily be hidden in a pocket or a bag. The most popular disposable vapes resemble large USB sticks or highlighter pens.



The examples of vapes (as pictured above) contain 5% nicotine which is the equivalent of a strong pack of cigarettes or 300 puffs. Nicotine is addictive and can harm brain development. It can also impact learning, memory and attention.

Selling of vapes and e-cigarettes to people under 18 years of age is illegal.

The vape device and accessories are a prohibited item at Jamison High School, during the school day and when in school uniform. Vaping, selling vapes or being in possession of vapes could result in a suspension. Students who are in the company of others who vape will be regarded as equally guilty in aiding and abetting those vaping.

We are asking parents to be informed and speak to their children about this ongoing concern, for them to make positive decisions for themselves. Additional information to support parents and students can be found at <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/tobacco/Pages/e-cigarettes.aspx>

UNIFORM SHOP



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Jamison High School UNIFORM SHOP Price List

NAME: _____ YEAR: _____ DATE: _____

REC# _____

ITEM		PRICE	SIZE	QTY	TOTAL INCL GST
Girls	JNR Sky/maroon Blouse	35.00			
	SNR White/maroon Blouse	35.00			
	Grey Shorts	37.00			
	Grey Skirt	42.00			
	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			
	Microfibre 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 Shirt	38.00			
Accessory	Apron White	09.50			
	Cooking Hat	06.50			
	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			
	Eco Bag	01.00			

Tuesday 12:30pm-4:30pm & Friday 7:30am-11:30am CLOSED SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
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