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Farewell to Year 12

The last week of Year 12 has been one of celebration and has reflected a truly wonderful sense of school spirit. Year 12 have created a vibrant, happy atmosphere that allowed students and teachers to enjoy their last days together.

As the students continue their journey and begin their HSC exams, it has also been a milestone for the teachers who have shared the past six years with them.

Early next term Year 12 will begin sitting for their HSC exams. This represents the culmination of 13 years of schooling. The HSC exams can be a stressful time. However, thorough preparation balanced with a healthy lifestyle helps students manage this time and reduce stress. Quality support and guidance from home doesn’t go astray either.

From everyone at Corrimal High we wish all of Year 12 the best for their upcoming exams.

Head Teacher English

Max Crawford, our long standing and highly regarded Head Teacher English is retiring at the end of the year. This means there will be a new HT English selected by merit during the course of next term.

We wish Max well in his upcoming retirement.

Mark King
Principal

Early Departures from School

From time to time students need to leave school early for medical/dental appointments, or family/personal reasons. In this situation students must bring a note, explaining the circumstances, signed by their parent. Students need to hand these notes into the front office (or the sports department on Wednesdays) before roll call. They pick up their official Early Departure Pass at recess. If a student needs to leave prior to recess the pass will be issued straight to the student.

Students must not leave the school grounds without permission.

Illness

Students who become ill at school should request a note from their teacher and then report to the DP. The school will then contact the parent for permission to leave.

Students must not contact parents by mobile phone to organise their own leave – the school has a duty of care and must make these arrangements.
Library News

Young Women’s Forum, Port Kembla Community Centre

On 6 August, it was my absolute pleasure to accompany six of our Year 10 girls to a Young Women’s Forum at Port Kembla Community Hall. A number of Year 10 students have been attending regular sessions at school to discuss issues affecting young women today, hosted by the Wollongong Women’s Information Services. Other services on the day that provided the outstanding experience were: Port Kembla Youth Project, Cringila Youth Project, Headspace and Youth Drug and Alcohol Education.

The Wollongong Women’s Information Services and other group leaders provided a dynamic program, which we thoroughly enjoyed and learnt a lot from. Kiara Fensom, Victoria Kamaris, Kiah Matthews, Rebecca Shepstone, Emily Spirovski and Krystal Wells were the first group to present the posters they had prepared on contemporary issues.

All the girls spoke in a confident, articulate and informed manner. As the group spokesperson Rebecca Shepstone was exceptionally confident and an exceptional ambassador for the school. Their presentation was followed by ones from Figtree High School, Warrawong High School and Five Islands Secondary College. All these presentations were also highly impressive and informative.

In the course of my very long teaching career, I have organised and attended many school excursions. This excursion was an absolute highlight, due to the passion, vision and enthusiasm of the young women who attended.

On behalf of Corrimal High School, I would like to thank the six girls who attended the excursion for being exceptional representatives of our school. I would also like to thank Ms Kennedy for organising the day and particularly convey our appreciation to the local services in our community for providing such valuable opportunities and experiences for the young women in our local community. Our appreciation also goes to Therese Quinn, who works each week with a group of Year 10 girls, as the key link to Corrimal High School.

Ms Cutsforth
Teacher/Librarian

A Tale of a Visit

On 1 September Mr Monty Boori Pryor took time from his busy schedule to pay a visit to the staff and students of Corrimal High School. Over the one hour session, Boori spent time with students from Year 7, and students from our neighbouring primary schools, telling tales and jokes to his audience.

It wasn’t all stories and fun though. Boori came with a message which he told all the students was one of the most important life lessons that he has learnt and wishes he learnt earlier than he did. The award winning author wanted all to know that writing and literacy are some of the most powerful tools that people have. The tool is used not only to entertain but also to pass along messages to the audience – messages of reconciliation, recognition and creativity.

Boori helped students to understand that the writing process can be a long road but is worth the wait and our writing should be used to tell our own stories and to help others learn and grow for what we know and have experienced. We encourage you to be creative and tell us your stories.