



# MOOREFIELD MATTERS



## PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

It has been an exciting two weeks as staff have been preparing for the year, and students have returned. We welcomed our new Year 7 students who have already proven to be a friendly and enthusiastic cohort. Their 'Orientation to High School' program focused on student wellbeing, self-regulated learning and setting up for success. This includes being organised and using the Year 7 Wellbeing Team and Sentral messages to know what is going on at school. Please check in with your daughter to make sure they have access to these platforms at home. Many things are new for Year 7 and we are all here to help and support a smooth transition. Don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

Our additional School Development Days at the beginning of the year allowed staff to engage with new curriculum as it is being rolled out, develop teaching and learning resources, and collaborate to set up the best possible learning experiences for our students. The year ahead will be a mix of business as usual and planning for the new co-educational setting. As you are aware, Ms Sophie Kapsimalis, is the new Principal appointed to lead the co-ed school and she will be present on site and at our events to form partnerships with you all, and seek your input as decisions are made about 2026. We welcome her to the role.

There have been a few staff changes at Moorefield Girls High School and I would like to introduce

- Ms Jackaman - our new Deputy Principal
- Ms Kearns - relieving Head Teacher English
- Ms Kay - filling in for Ms Werner-Hicky
- Ms Murphy - our new TAS teacher for Term 1
- Ms Batar - joining the office staff (Wed, Thurs, Fri)

Additionally, Ms Marland is relieving Head Teacher TAS and Mr Jain and Mrs Marshall have returned to their teaching roles after working in other schools.

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Thursday 13th February**  
Swimming Carnival

**Tuesday 18th February**  
P.A.R.T.Y. Program - Yr 11 CAFS

**Monday 24th February**  
Encore Showcase - Yr 12 Music

**Wednesday 26th February**  
P&C Meeting @ 6.30pm

**Wednesday 12th to 20th March**  
NAPLAN - Years 7 and 9

**Thursday 20th March**  
School Photo Day

**Tuesday 25th March**  
School Photo Catch-up Day

Our HSC results at the end of the year were extremely pleasing and we will celebrate our 2024 High Achievers and the DUX at a special assembly in a couple of weeks. Across the school, Moorefield Girls continues to see positive trends in our HSC achievement with growth in overall results and our value-add. Well done to all of our 2024 Year 12 students, many of whom have already started at university, TAFE and new workplaces.

Our first P&C meeting will be the Annual General Meeting, where we elect a committee including President, Secretary and Treasurer. I hope you can make it on Wednesday 12th March at 6.30pm in the common room (admin building).

*Natalie Hale*



## Do you have the Sentral App?

The Sentral App offers parents / carers an easy and convenient way to receive communications, make payments and manage permissions.

- Payments (school fees and excursions & incursions)
- Permission notes (excursions and variations)



## Sentral Parent App for iPhone and Android

Follow this link for more information and instructions  
on [how to install and use the App](#)



## DEPUTY'S UPDATE

### Hello from the new Deputy Principal

My name is Karen-Maia Jackaman and I am your new Deputy Principal.

I am very happy to join your wonderful school community.

To all our students, please come and say hello when you see me at school. I want to get to know you and hear your ideas. Thank you for making me feel so welcome. I am excited to be a part of the Moorefield Girls' team!

### Keep your nails safe

Long nails can be stylish, but they can be dangerous during sports and practical classes. To prevent injuries, all students need to keep their nails at a safe length. This is in accordance with NSW Department of Education policy.

Why this matters:

- Avoid injuries during sports and PE (both to your child and others)
- Work safely in practical classes like Food Tech and Design
- Type and write more easily
- Maintain good hand hygiene

We understand personal style is important, but safety comes first. Thank you for helping keep our school safe.



### NAPLAN information for Year 7 and Year 9 parents

Year 7 and 9 will be doing NAPLAN in Weeks 7-8 this term. NAPLAN testing will take place from March 13-17. While NAPLAN is an important way for us to understand your child's progress in reading, writing, language and mathematics, it is just one of many ways we assess learning. Please ensure your child attends school on these days, well-rested and having eaten breakfast. Remember - NAPLAN is not about passing or failing. It simply helps us identify where your child may need extra support or new challenges. We encourage students to try their best but not to worry. The most important thing is that they come to school ready to show what they know.

If your child is feeling anxious, please let their Year Advisors know. We're here to help them feel confident and comfortable during the tests.

Students will need to bring their own devices (laptops) or borrow devices from the library. All students taking part in NAPLAN Online tests must install a locked down browser app suitable for their device. Instructions on how to lock down your child's browser can be found here: [Locked down browser | Online National Assessment Platform](#). Your child can also ask their Year Advisor for help.

### More information and resources

Information for parents: [Naplan for Parents and Carers](#) and [Quick Reference Naplan Parent Carer Information](#)

- [Arabic \(PDF 567 KB\)](#)
- [Simplified Chinese \(PDF 762 KB\)](#)
- [Filipino \(PDF 463 KB\)](#)
- [Hindi \(PDF 536 KB\)](#)
- [Indonesian \(PDF 469 KB\)](#)
- [Samoan \(PDF 484 KB\)](#)
- [Serbian \(PDF 477 KB\)](#)
- [Spanish \(PDF 485 KB\)](#)
- [Turkish \(PDF 474 KB\)](#)
- [Vietnamese \(PDF 480 KB\)](#)

*Karen-Maia Jackaman*



## ACTING DEPUTY'S UPDATE

Welcome back to another exciting school year!

I hope you and your families had a restful and enjoyable break. We are thrilled to welcome both returning and new students, especially our Year 7 cohort, who have made a fantastic start to high school. A huge thank you to our dedicated staff, particularly Ms Beynon and Ms Bailey for ensuring a smooth and supportive transition for our Year 7 students. Their efforts have helped our newest students settle in quickly and feel a sense of belonging from day one.

### Timetables and Subject Changes

Our timetables have been running smoothly, so far, but if any students experience issues, please speak to me as soon as possible.

For Year 9 and Year 11 families, please be aware that I attended communication meetings on Monday to discuss subject changes and withdrawals.

If your child is considering a subject change, they must:

1. Meet with me to discuss the change.
2. Complete a Change of Subject form.
3. Submit the form by 3:00 pm on Wednesday, 19 February (Week 4).

Students should continue following their current timetables until any approved changes are finalised.



### Mobile Phone Policy

A reminder that students are not permitted to use mobile phones at school, including during recess and lunch. Phones should remain in bags and not be used throughout the school day. For students wishing to purchase food from the canteen, please ensure they bring either cash or an EFTPOS card, as mobile phone use is not permitted for transactions. We appreciate your support in reinforcing this policy to ensure a focused and distraction-free learning environment.

As we embark on another year, I look forward to working closely with students, staff, and families to create a positive and productive school community.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Wishing you all a fantastic term ahead!

*Jason Bardas*





# Every Day Matters

A day away from school here or there doesn't seem like much, but absences add up.

## Why is attendance important?

Attending school every day gives your child the best opportunity and access to a wide range of learning, wellbeing and social connections.

Each day of school builds on what was learned the day before.

Your school is here to support you in getting your child ready and motivated for school every day.

When your child is absent, inform the school and provide a reason within 7 days. Notify the school in advance if you know your child will be absent. This helps make sure schools know where their students are and offer support for you and your family if needed.

Please contact your school if your child needs to miss school for any reason, so they can plan continued support for your child's learning and wellbeing.

[education.nsw.gov.au/every-day-matters](https://education.nsw.gov.au/every-day-matters)

### Did you know?

If your child misses as little as

**1** day per week

they will miss

**8** weeks of school per year

which adds up to over

**2.5** years missed over their school life