



Moorefield Girls High School

'Moorefield Matters' eNewsletter

Issue 14 – Term 4, week 2

26 October, 2020

UPCOMING DATES

Tuesday 20 Oct – 10 Nov	HSC Written Examinations
Monday 26 October	Year 12, 2021 Retail Work Placement begins.
Wednesday 11 November	P&C Meeting via ZOOM, 6.30pm
Thursday 12 November	Year 12 Graduation - St George Motor Boat Club, 9.30am
Monday 30 November	Year 10 Work Experience begins
Tues 15 & Wed 16 Dec	Year 9 Camp to Taronga Zoo
Wednesday 16 December	Last day of school for students
Thursday 17 December	School Development Day (staff only)

Principal's Report

Welcome to Term 4. The last term in a year that has been challenging and different to anything we have known before. All Department of Education schools continue to work with some restrictions to keep us healthy and safe. Some of these include:

- Non-essential visitors (including parents and carers) are still not permitted on school grounds. Some parents will be invited to attend face-to-face meetings.
- Excursions are on hold unless in our local area and essential to the delivery of curriculum
- School Camps are allowed with COVID Safe plans
- Additional cleaning is happening throughout the day where desks and high-touch surfaces are sanitised.
- HSC students are completing their examinations and are being kept separate from the rest of the school community.
- Students who are unwell with flu-like symptoms must stay away from school and be COVID tested. Any student at school who presents with flu-like symptoms will be sent home immediately.

Thank you for your understanding with the implementation of these processes.

We are thinking of our HSC students as they sit for their final examinations. They have prepared well over the past couple of months with a lot of support from their teachers and Year Advisor. I have also noticed how well they support each other. This is what one of Year 12 students wrote to all of the other girls before the exams commenced:

"Dear Year 12, since this is the last week of our holidays, and things are starting to fire up 5 times worse than the end of last term, I want to say that if you work hard, EVERYTHING IS GOING TO BE OKAY!! I believe in each and every one of you, because every soul has what it takes!! P.S. if you still feel stressed, scream into a pillow, or have some chocolate ;) very therapeutic."



Students in Years 7 – 10 are also completing final examinations and assessments and have been advised in writing of the dates and content in each task. Semester Two reports will be issued towards the end of the term.

Chess Club has restarted in the library each Tuesday afternoon. We currently have a Chess Master tutoring our girls and will be enter competitions against other schools in 2021. Homework Club runs every Monday and Tuesday, 3-4.30pm in the school library where tutors and a teacher are available for help with any subject. I encourage parents to get their daughter to sign up for this invaluable resource. Students can see Ms Bailey for the permission note.

As I walk around the school, I often find engaging, hands-on lessons which are helping the students understand particular concepts. Year 7 Science learnt about crystallization (by making candy) and Year 9 PASS studied resistance and its impact on muscular strength and endurance. These lessons are the ones students remember the most.



Looking forward to welcoming our new Year 7 (2021) students on Tuesday 1 December at Orientation Day. Once again our numbers have increased for next year's enrolment as more and more families understand the opportunities we provide our students to achieve their personal best, both in and out of the classroom.

Ms Natalie Hale, Principal

Deputy Principal's Report

Home Study Leave for Year 11

Students will be able to access home study leave from Monday 2 November. Girls who have dropped a 2 unit subject at the end of the year 11 courses have been allocated to a study group in the library and issued with new timetables. If a student has been allocated to a study group in period 1 or period 6, they are able to commence school at the beginning of period 2 or leave school at the end of period 5.

In order to maintain access to this leave, a student must maintain a school attendance rate of over 90% and meet NESA requirements for all their subjects. These conditions must be met at all times and will be monitored on an ongoing basis throughout this term and next year. Any student who fails to meet these requirements will have their home study leave withdrawn.

Regular School attendance:

Promoting strong engagement in learning remains a focus for us. The information below highlights the impact that attendance has on learning.

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Build friendships







Develop life skills


education.nsw.gov.au



Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

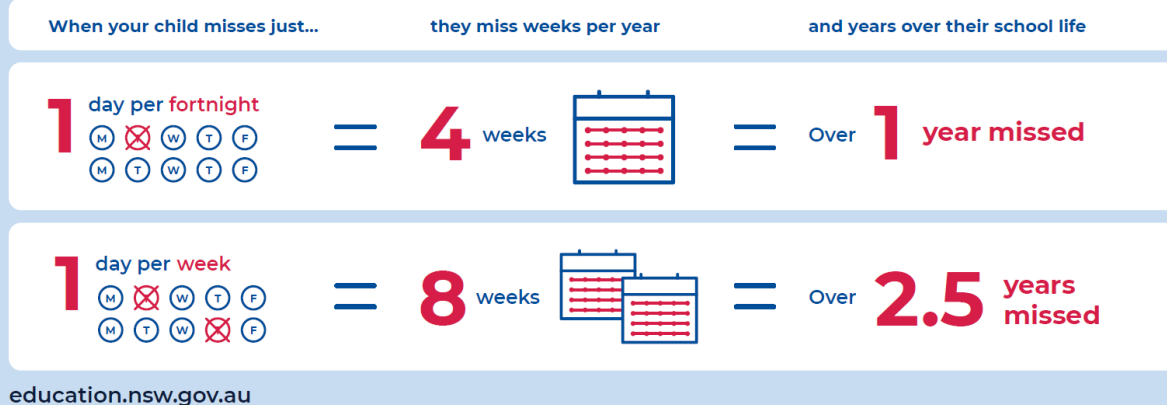
When your child misses just...	they miss days per year
5 mins per day 	= 3 days 
30 mins per day 	= 18 days 

 Patterns of lateness can have a serious impact on your child's education.

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Days missed = years lost

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Ms Rose Daniels, Deputy Principal

Social Media Tip from *Safe on Social*

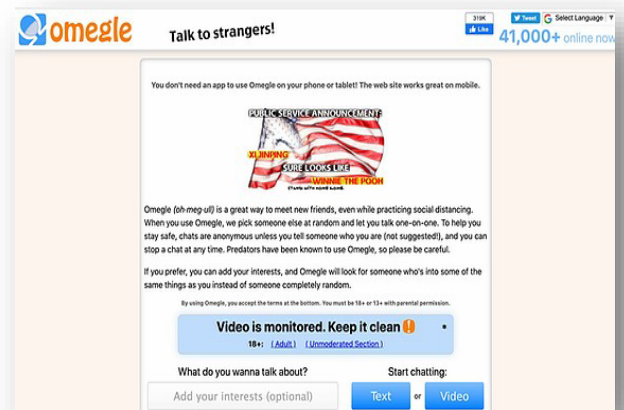


Omegle

Advice from Kirra (Safe on Social):

We've been warning parents about Omegle as it's something of an internet cockroach; it just won't die. The site (which has the tagline 'talk to strangers' on its homepage) is disturbing and a serious concern that parents need to be aware of.

It was banned from the Apple App shop and from Google play years ago, and can only be accessed through its website. It's free and offers online chats with random strangers via text, voice or via video link and there is no requirement to register or identify yourself.



Omegle warns users that 'predators have been known to use the site, so please be careful'. It offers no function for reporting online abuse or inappropriate behaviour on its site and instead, offers the following advice: "Use Omegle at your own peril. Disconnect if anyone makes you feel uncomfortable".

To get started, a user outlines a few of their interests and is then connected to a random stranger to initiate either a text chat, voice chat or a video link. It's important for parents to have a few strategies in place that help to establish ground rules. Here are some of our tips:

1. Our first tip is start a conversation with your child. Without naming the app (the last thing you want to do is draw a kid's attention to an app they may not have heard of and then may go looking for) ask them a few questions like below.

Is there anything to be gained from talking to strangers? Have you ever done that online? If so when and what? Discuss that they should never share real name, age, phone number, or address with people you don't know online.

2. Make sure your use iOs Screen Time for Apple devices or another filter to block 18+ content at home and on devices.
3. Ban phones from the bedroom and bathroom and put healthy usage boundaries in place.
4. Remind them if they ever see anything distressing to let you know so you can help them.
5. Talk to children about online privacy issues, making sure they know to never identify personal information such as their full name, address, age, school and don't ever post photos in school uniform.
6. Make sure the young people in your care know that under no circumstances they should go and meet up with anyone they meet online.
7. As always we encourage parents to please report harmful or illegal content here:

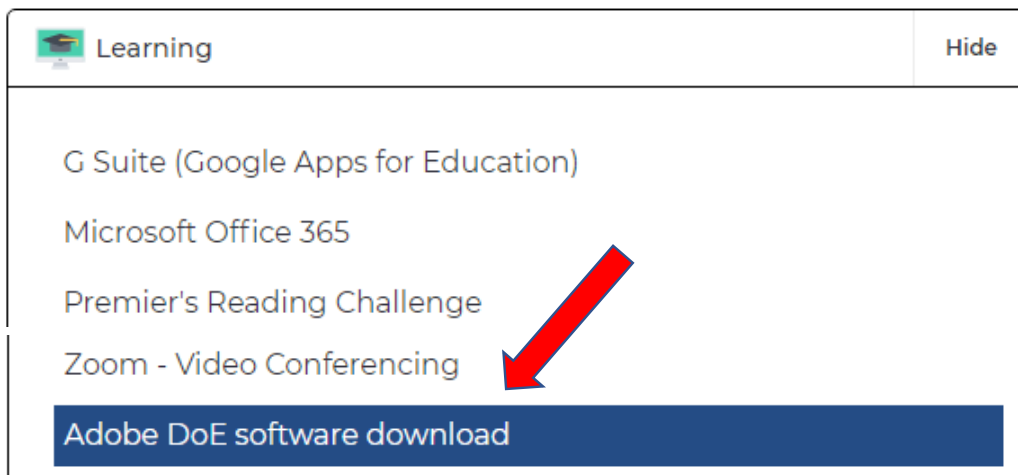
www.esafety.gov.au

<https://crimestoppers.com.au>

Adobe Creative Cloud – free access

All NSW Department of Education students are allowed to install Adobe software for free on personally owned devices. Students can access Adobe software via the Student Portal.

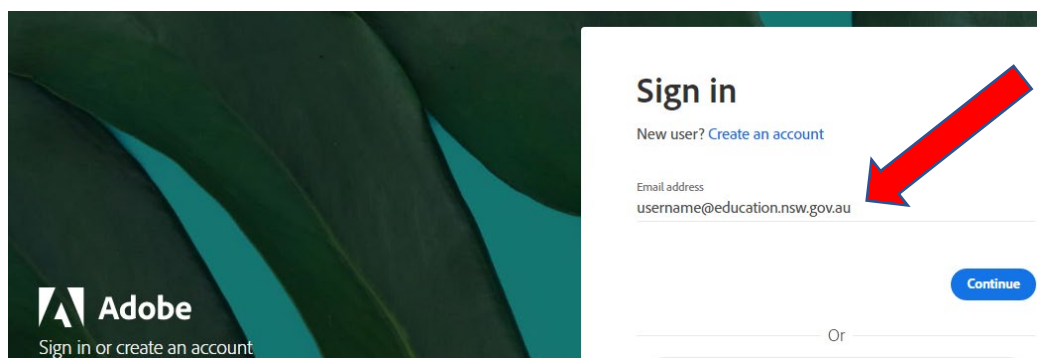
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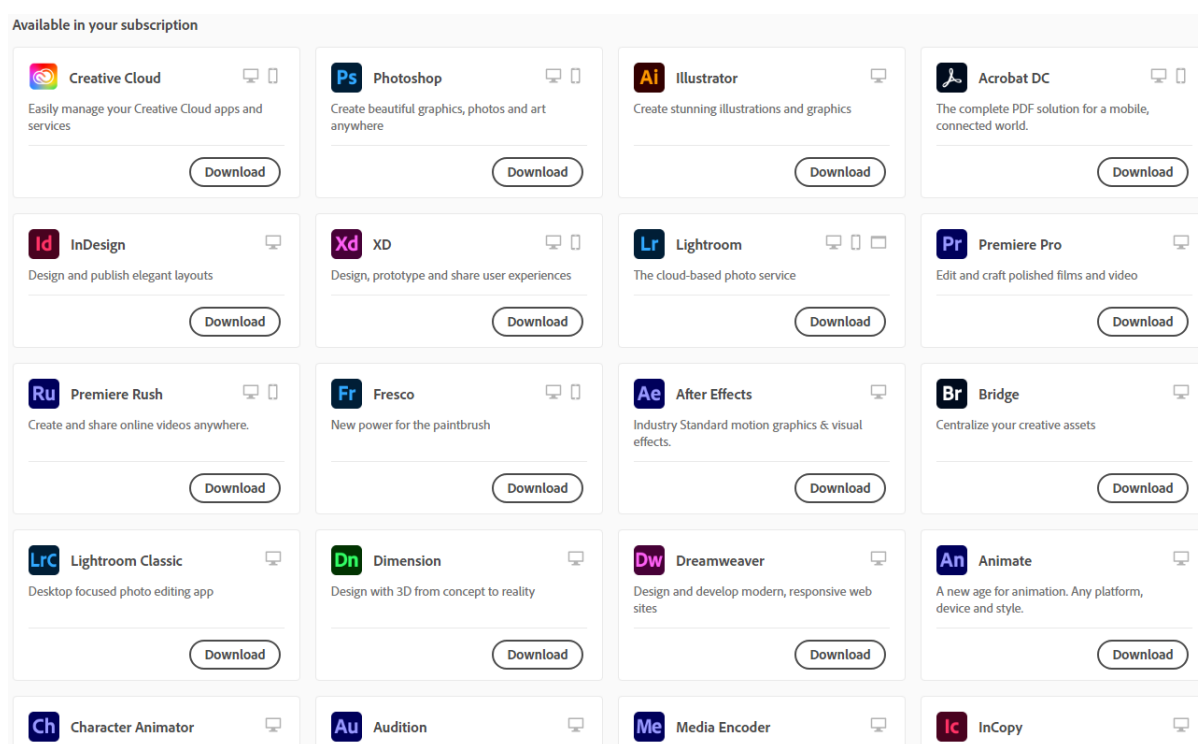
2. Select sign in.



3. Enter student's school email address



4. Select which Adobe programs you would like to download



Year 10 Work Experience

Year 10 Work Experience has been rescheduled for Week 8 this term, **Monday 30th November - Friday 4th December 2020**. Due to COVID-19 disrupting normal operations of businesses, only a handful of students from Year 10 have been accepted for the week.

Year 10 and I have worked tirelessly over the past two terms in networking and trying to continue to build connections with businesses in the local community. I would like to ask all parents that if

they know or have any affiliations with businesses in the community that could assist with Year 10 Work Experience in Week 8, that help would be much appreciated.

If you do have any connections and/or know of a business that would like to participate in Year 10 Work Experience, please let me know their contact details ASAP so that I can contact them. You can contact me via email, tanya.sheedy4@det.nsw.edu.au or phone, (02) 9587 6095 ext 130.

Thank you in advance for any help that you could offer our students in securing Work Experience. I look forward to hearing from you with any opportunities for our Year 10 girls.

Tanya Sheedy
Careers Advisor (Relieving)



Update your contact information

Please keep your contact details current by informing the school whenever there is a change. You can update by phoning the school (9587 6095), emailing moorefielg-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au, or collecting a form from the office.



*For more information about the events and activities of Moorefield Girls High School
visit our website at: <http://www.moorefielg-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/>*