



Moorefield Girls High School

'Moorefield Matters' eNewsletter

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Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Carers

As you are aware, we unfortunately find ourselves in an extended period of Online Learning that has been scheduled until (at least) Friday 30 July. This week (Week 1, Term 3), the large majority of students have been online and engaging actively in their lessons. This is very positive and extremely important to ensure continuity of learning.

I hope to cover all of the necessary information relevant to our school in this newsletter and we will continue to share information as it is provided.

Online Learning – Timetable / Structure of the day

Our student timetable structure will continue as normal with the exception of Wednesday Sport (1 – 2.45pm) where students can do independent study or physical activity. Please note, our Fraser, Freeman, Cottee and Gilmore classes will run online lessons for periods 1 – 4 only (Monday – Friday) and provide alternative educational activities in the afternoon. For all students, we are also running the following activities throughout the week which **replace normal lessons** for Week 2 and Week 3

- Tuesday period 6 – *Writing for Purpose* with Ms Ma and Ms Sladek
- Thursday period 5 – *Tech tips* for students: get some top tips to make learning through Microsoft easier.
- Friday period 4 – *Student Wellbeing*: listen to our School Counsellor and Head Teacher Welfare talk to the students about looking after their mental health.

Information about these student sessions will be posted in each year groups Wellbeing Team.

Online Learning – Attendance

Engagement with online classes, including attendance in live lessons and completion of classwork, is being monitored which is a requirement of the Department of Education. If your daughter is not engaging, a staff member such as the Year Advisor or Deputy Principal will get in touch to support each student being able to participate in online learning. If a student fails to engage, they will be marked with an unjustified absence. Get in contact if your child will be absent from online classes due to other reasons, for example if they are unwell, moving house, or similar.

School is open for students of essential workers

Moorefield Girls High School remains open for those students who are unable to complete their learning from home. This includes children of essential workers. These students are supervised in the library and join all of their online classes.

- Staff and students are required to wear a mask indoors.
- Students are not allowed to attend school if unwell, even with the slightest of symptoms of COVID-19. Any student who attends school with symptoms will be immediately sent home and are not able to return to school until they have a negative COVID-19 test result or have isolated for 10 days.

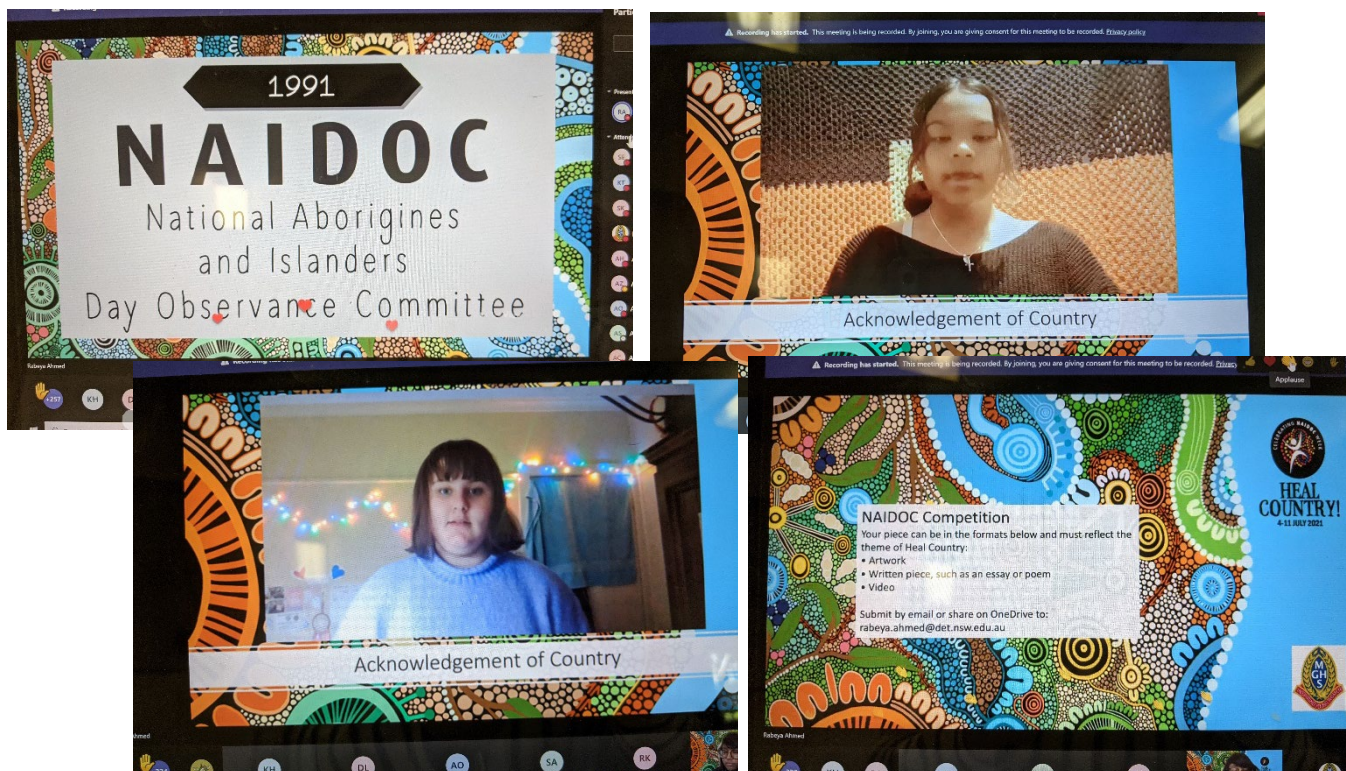
Year 12 – Keep calm, we've got this

Year 12 students are in our thoughts and teachers are putting a lot of effort into their online lessons with Year 12. At this stage, we have moved the Trial HSC examination period back by one week, to commence on Wednesday 18 August. Of course, we will need to reassess this arrangement if restrictions remain.

It is vital that Year 12 have a good routine each day. Important aspects include getting up in time for lessons, completing homework tasks (as they would normally be expected to do if at school) but also getting "off" all devices at lunchtime and in the afternoon for a period of time. We understand it is difficult to sit at a computer all day (teachers are doing this too) however let's persevere for the next two weeks and set up a healthy structure to the day to support learning.

NAIDOC assembly and High Achievers assembly

We had over 300 participants online for our virtual NAIDOC assembly and just as many for our High Achievers assembly this week. Students contributed to these assemblies and achievements were recognised and celebrated by our whole community. The full list of award winners for Semester 1 High Achievers will be posted in each year group's Wellbeing Team.





Stay safe

I would like to share with you the main messages from NSW Health to help us stop the spread and to play our part to protect our community.

"the ONLY reasons you should leave home include:

- *Shopping for food or other essential goods and services but make sure you do it alone, and only one per day*
- *Medical care or compassionate needs (COVID-19 testing and vaccination is a reason to leave home)*
- *Exercise outdoors*
- *Essential work, or education, where you cannot work or study from home.*

Masks must be worn when indoors, except when at home. Importantly, you should not have visitors to your house. Don't forget everyone in your family should get tested if anyone has COVID or has come into contact with someone with COVID.

Visit nsw.gov.au for the latest information on [restrictions](#), [testing clinic locations](#), [case locations](#), [face mask rules](#) and information on [vaccination](#)"

Ms Natalie Hale, Principal



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