



Moorefield Girls High School

'Moorefield Matters' eNewsletter

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UPCOMING DATES

Tuesday 15 February	School Swimming Carnival - Sans Souci Leisure Centre
Friday 25 & Monday 28 February	Zone Swimming Carnival – Roselands Pool
Wednesday 2 March	P&C Meeting – 6.30pm (staff common room)
Tuesday 15 March	Year 7 Vaccinations (Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis + first dose of HPV)
Tuesday 15 March	Year 8 Vaccinations (Second dose of HPV)
Tuesday 5 April	School Athletics Carnival – Sylvania Waters

Principal's Report

Welcome everyone to the 2022 school year. It has been rewarding to see the students return on site and we love to wave to families at the gates. An extended welcome to our new Year 7 parents and carers; we sincerely hope the girls have settled in well.

Term 1 is underway and we are travelling along nicely. I appreciate how the students and families have ensured the safety of the whole school community by using the Rapid Antigen tests, wearing masks as directed and staying at home when unwell. What is most helpful is the immediate communication from parents and carers when a student is required to stay at home following NSW Health guidelines. This is an essential part of our school management at this time and allows us to best support the girls.

On a brighter note, we have already had some huge successes in the first 2 weeks of term:

- The school was successful in gaining a \$10,000 grant from the Department of Education's Arts Unit to enhance our DRAMA program.
- Our school volleyball team, wearing the new sport singlets, won their Knockout game against Heathcote High School (2-0).



- Year 11's work on the Connecting Minds project with a school in the United Arab Emirates has been showcased across many media platforms. It provided our students with the very important opportunity to open our classroom doors to the world.

School photo day was last Thursday and you can still pay for your photos online using the envelope provided if you haven't already. The Swimming Carnival is this Tuesday and we are running the day with a few additional restrictions in place to ensure we are Covid safe. Unfortunately we cannot allow any parent spectators.



Our 2021 HSC students have been getting in touch with us about their future pathways, which includes over 70% of our girls being offered university places. We are very proud of their efforts and look forward to having our DUX speak to the students at assembly this term. The Year 12 Mentoring Program means every student has set learning goals, career goals and identified areas for support. Students are equipped with planners, study guides, study tips and subject specific guidance for assessment tasks. We look forward to even more success as a result of this program in 2022.

The school's welfare team is a critical part of our support structure for the students. These members of staff are people to contact for any wellbeing (or even general) concerns.

Rose Daniels	Deputy Principal
Christie Beynon	Head Teacher Welfare
Counsellor/Psychologist	Sonja Milinkovic / Claire Rokobauer
Year 7 Advisor	Kanti Jain
Year 8 Advisor	Karen Bailey
Year 9 Advisor	Leah Ponzio (filling in for Melissa McCauley during 2022)
Year 10 Advisor	Rabeya Ahmed
Year 11 Advisor	Emma Darling
Year 12 Advisor	Jacob Stern
Wellbeing Health In-Reach Nurse – Samantha Hillier (for connections to services outside the school)	

Lastly, I will be attending the Lions Club 'Youth of the Year' public speaking competition on Wednesday night to watch our school captain, Yasmin, deliver two speeches and be interviewed by the panel. She is well prepared and a confident, inspirational ambassador for our school.

As always, get in touch if you have a question or would like to discuss your daughter's progress.

Ms Natalie Hale, Principal

Deputy Principal's Report

I'd like to welcome all our families, both old and new, to the 2022 school year.

For the start of this school year we have been working with the girls to establish good routines so that they are engaged in their learning and focused on doing their best. We have had a series of year meetings as part of our welcome back this year. These year meetings have allowed us to communicate some important focuses for us at Moorefield.

Some of these focuses are as follows:

Attendance

I have included the following information about the impact that poor attendance has on student learning.

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Build friendships



Develop life skills

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight
 = **4** weeks  = Over **1** year missed



1 day per week
 = **8** weeks  = Over **2.5** years missed

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.

All absences require explanation. If your daughter is absent from school, or late to school, you will be notified by SMS. You are able to explain any absence by

- Reply SMS
- Note
- Email

School Uniform

The girls understand the importance of wearing our school uniform. If you need to purchase uniform items stock is available at Lowes at Rockdale Plaza.

We also have a range of items for sale (both new and second hand) which girls can purchase at our uniform shop. Ring our office if you would like more information.

Diaries and Planners

We have provided student diaries to all girls in years 7, 8 & 9. However, all students are strongly encouraged to have a diary for school and ensure that they bring it every day.

BYOD (Bring your own device)

Moorefield Girls High School is a BYOD school. As such all girls are required to bring their laptop to school every day except Wednesdays (because of the impact of Sport). Please remind your daughter to make sure that their laptop is charged overnight and that they remember to bring it with them.

All teachers use Microsoft Teams to manage online learning for their classes. Microsoft Teams also allows teachers to share resources and to provide additional work for students to complete. Microsoft Teams also facilitates communication between students and between students and teachers during class time for example, when group tasks are set.

If your daughter does not have a laptop we do have a small number available for day loan, which girls can collect from the library before school if required.

Mobile phones

I'd like to remind families that our school allows students to have mobile phones with them to use during recess and lunchtime only. Mobile phones are to be switched off and kept in bags during class time. Students will not be required to use a mobile phone as part of any lesson. If a student has her mobile phone on during class time, it will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day.

A reminder also that students are not to take photos, video or to access social media whilst on the school site. Misuse of mobile phones is a serious issue and may lead to serious consequences.

If you need to contact your daughter, you may consider sending them a message which they can access during recess or lunchtime. For urgent matters, please contact the school and we will be able to forward your urgent message to your daughter.

Work for students who are self-isolating

If your daughter is self-isolating because she has been identified as a close contact, she will be able to continue with her schoolwork through joining the Microsoft Teams which teachers have made her a member of. Teachers post program and lesson materials as well as work sheets and assessment information in the Teams they have set up for their classes. Students will see Teams they have been made members of on the Microsoft Teams app.

In addition to this, students are also able to access learning material from on-line platforms which we provide for them. Students in years 7 – 10 have been issued with account login to access Education Perfect, which Students in years 11 and 12 have accounts set up in Edrolo. These learning platforms provide students with activities which align to teaching programs and topics for each subject. They also enable students to complete quizzes and tests and give them feedback on their progress. The links to the login pages for these are:

For students in years 7 – 10:

<https://app.educationperfect.com/app/login>

For students in years 11 and 12:

<https://edrolo.com.au/account/login/?next=/account>

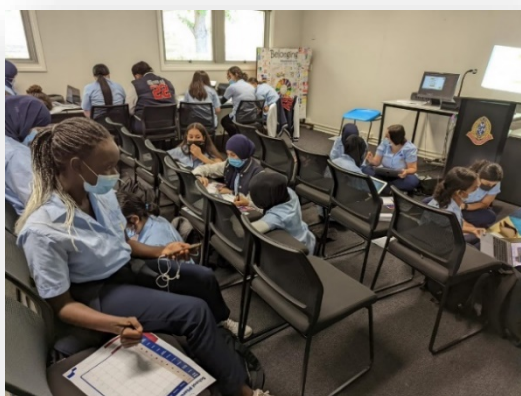
Lastly, students are also able to access learning materials from the NSW DoE website for parents on the Digital Learning Packs webpage. This site provides lessons for students in Years 7 - 10 which are aligned to the NSW NESA Syllabuses. Students can access digital learning packs through the student portal at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/learning-from-home/learning-at-home/2022-digital-learning-packs/secondary>

We encourage all our girls to continue to engage in these learning platforms so that they can continue to make progress during periods when they are unable to join us on-site.

Ms Rose Daniels, Deputy Principal

Year 11 Elevate Program

On the first day of Term 1, all Year 11 students participated in a workshop aimed at improving their study skills. This session was presented by Elevate and focussed on how to develop effective study notes and the best strategies for studying. Through a range of activities, the students understood the importance of being organised and improving their time management in their senior years.



A huge thank you to all teachers who were involved in putting together and running workshops for Years 11 and 12 as part of our focus on self-regulated learning. These days we feel it is important in setting our high expectations and giving the girls opportunity to develop the skills which we all know are crucial to their success.

Ms S Davis, Study Mentor

Term 1 Sport, 2022

Unfortunately, Grade sport has been cancelled for Term 1. Please do not make any payments for Grade Sport. Further information will be provided about Grade Sport in preparation for Term 2.

Payments for the swimming carnival (\$10) and athletics carnival (\$10) can be paid online or to the office. The \$2 donation for the cross country carnival will be collected on the day of the event.

Ms L De Chiara, Sport Organiser

Bayside Sportsperson of the Year

Ammrutha was awarded the Bayside Sportsperson of the Year on Australia Day. (Photo and Leader article below.) Ammrutha competes in the sport of Archery, often against adults in the open division of tournaments. Her dedication to the sport and balancing school life and social life is admirable.



LOCAL HEROES: from left, Sportsperson of the Year Ammrutha Vashetharan, Citizen of the Year Rachael Smith and and Young Citizen of the Year Tameeka Johnson.

Bayside's Citizen of the Year

RACHAEL Smith was named Bayside Citizen of the Year as part of Bayside Council's Australia Day ceremony at the Rockdale Town Hall on January 26.

Bayside mayor, Dr Christina Curry presented Rachael Smith with the Bayside Citizen of the Year award in recognition of her ongoing commitment to the Bayside community.

Rachael set up the Pantry4thePeople in Botany to provide anyone suffering from financial stress access to food staples during the COVID pandemic.

The Pantry4thePeople, open 24/7, is stocked with food staples donated by individuals and businesses.

The pantry idea has made a huge difference and Rachael is an inspiration to anyone wanting to help others in need.

Ammrutha Vashetharan is Bayside's Sportsperson of the Year.

Ammrutha started competitive archery in June 2017 and has won many Gold and Silver medals throughout her short sporting career.

She is currently preparing for the 2022 Asia Cup and

World Archery Championships.

Tameeka Johnson is Bayside's Young Citizen of the Year.

As well as focusing on her own swimming achievement, Tameeka mentors and encourages younger swimmers.

She also volunteers at sporting meets and carnivals.

The awards were presented as part of Bayside Council's Australia Day celebrations.

A total of 60 people from 29 countries took Australian Citizenship on the day.

Volleyball Knockout

The Volleyball team won the first round of the Sydney East knockout game on Wednesday against Heathcote High School, two sets to nil. The team has done an amazing job! All students have put a lot of effort into learning new skills, including proper rotation. This skill was used for the first time in this tournament. Congratulations team!



Ms S Ngan, Teacher, Science



New Playground Furniture

The new playground furniture in the main quad was purchased as a result of listening to what students wanted and working with our student leaders on the design. These seats (picture) will have umbrellas installed which are large enough to cover the seating. The new seating for the canteen area is also due by the end of this month.



Rapid Antigen Tests

By now, your daughter has been provided with 8 Rapid Antigen tests and I urge you to remind your daughter to go to the office, if for some reason she is yet to receive them. Students in our Freeman, Fraser, Gilmore and Cottee classes have been issued with some additional supplies. I will update parents as soon as we know if this distribution will continue beyond the first 4 weeks of school.

P & C Meeting

We are able to hold a P & C meeting on site (face to face) for the first time in over 6 months. We usually hold our meetings in Week 5 each term, on Wednesday nights at 6.30pm. (Please note, this term will be Week 6.) This will be our Annual General Meeting (AGM) and include the voting in of the executive positions such as President, Secretary and Treasurer. All parents are welcome and the P & C committee would love to see you there.

P & C dates for the year are: **Wednesday 2 March**, Wednesday 25 May, Wednesday 17 August, Wednesday 9 November - all at 6.30pm in our Staff Common Room (Admin block).

Facebook

Consider following our school's Facebook page – www.facebook.com/MoorefieldGirlsHighSchool. There is so much to celebrate at this school and we don't want you to miss out on all of our good news stories.

Sentral Student and Parent Portal

Please ensure you have registered for this via our website. www.moorefieldg-h.schools.nsw.edu.au clicking on 'Student and Parent Portal' along the menu bar. We are expanding the functionality of this App to add more information throughout the year, including assessment task notifications, notes and merit awards.

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 moorefieldg-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au, or collecting a form from the office.



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