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P&C MEETING UPDATE – DECEMBER 2022

Dear parents and carers,

We had an excellent HSC Parent Information Session this month via Zoom. Thank you to our Year Advisers, Deputy Principals, Head Teacher Special Education, and the SRC for their presentation. We also thank those parents and carers who attended online.

We covered several topics, including:

- The Year in Review
- Building Update

We also had a brief P&C Meeting, which was led by Mr Alfred Grasso (President).

Next meeting: Our next Parent Information Session will be held at 6:30pm on Monday, 06 March 2023. These meetings are for us to share information with you, and we benefit from these meetings just as much as you do.

Your presence and ideas are what we need!

Thanks to everyone who logged into our meeting. I look forward to continuing to work with our parents and community members in 2023. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Michael Lane
Relieving Principal

P&C MEETING: THE YEAR IN REVIEW



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AGENDA

- ❖ **Acknowledgement of Country**
- ❖ **Principal's Address** – Mr. Lane
- ❖ **The Year In Review** – Deputy Principals, Year Advisers, SRC Coordinators & SRC
- ❖ **Question time**



CECIL HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

Acknowledgement of Country

I acknowledge the
custodians of this land,
the Darug People.

I pay respects to the Elders,
past and present and to those of the future,
and to the traditions,
of Aboriginal Australia.



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PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

MR MICHAEL LANE

PRINCIPAL



Support Unit

- Students in the Support Unit have had an amazing year in 2022! What a busy year of learning it has been! Throughout the year, students have been working hard with the support of their teachers, improving their reading and writing, their knowledge in Maths and Science, their creative skills in Music and Visual Arts, their knowledge of good nutrition and cooking ability in Food Technology and their understanding of the world in HSIE.
- Students have been working with Heroes with Ability, increasing their fitness and skills while having lots of fun collaborating with each other. Special Olympics Australia delivered a wonderful Inclusive Sports Program to the Year 7 and 8 students to help improve their fitness and physical skills and to learn to be a team player and have fun.
- In 2022, students have again been getting out and about in the community, going to bowling, community access and work experience. The highlights have definitely been participating in Shining Stars and Schools Spectacular, where students showcased their fantastic dancing skills in front of thousands of people in the audience.



Support Unit

- Walking the red carpet at The Waterview in Bicentennial Park for the Nova Employment Focus on Ability Short Film Festival 2022, with Year 12 student Eric Huynh a finalist in the awards, was another highlight in 2022. His family and teachers could not be more proud of him and his film.
- Last week, the inaugural International Day of People with Disabilities assembly was a fantastic success! Staff and guest speakers focused on the importance of inclusion and every person achieving their full potential, but of course the student performers stole the show and the hearts of the audience.
- Of course the best way to finish off a wonderful year is CAMP. The students will be heading to Stanwell Tops in Week 9 for an overnight camp. The students and staff are very excited!



Year 6

- Our year began with visiting local primary schools and hosting the ***Taste of High School Parent Information Evening*** to familiarise future students and their parents/guardians with our school context in Terms 1 and 2.
- In Term 3, Year 6 students were provided with the opportunity to hear about the personal experiences of Year 7 CHHS students through a ***Meet and Greet***. This allowed Year 6 students to gain a perspective of high school through the lens of familiar faces from their primary schools.
- In Term 4, we organised an ***IMPACT Buddy Mentoring program***, allowing selected students across local primary schools to take part in additional transitional activities led by their Year Advisers and SRC leaders to help familiarise them with their new high school setting. Some activities students took part in included ice breaker and art activities, learning to read a high school timetable, using the school diary effectively as well as a tour of the school.



Year 6

- To conclude the year, we hosted our ***Orientation Day*** for the 206 Year 6 students enrolled to attend CHHS next year. We planned a range of team building, wellbeing and mini high school style lessons to further prepare students for their high school journey. Some activities that students took part in included the CHHS Amazing Race, making their own terrariums, engaging in a fun Science experiment and interactive computer lesson, as well as creating a delicious chocolate treat!
- The feedback we received from Year 6 students has been overwhelmingly positive and they are all very excited to be joining the Cecil family next year!



Year 7

- Ms Zaidan, Mr Howard, and Mr Banks are immensely proud of Year 7 completing their first full year of high school. It has been a strange year to start their senior schooling journey with everything from COVID-19, floods and abysmal rain. The cohort has turned up each day with smiling faces ready to show how they are successful, responsible and respectful individuals. We congratulate them on their fantastic first year and are thoroughly looking forward to the continuation of their education at Cecil Hills High School. Some of the stand out moments from this year for Year 7 have been their First Day of School and the Year 7 Camp in term 2.
- Their first day of school was completely unique compared to any other student in recent history as due to COVID-19 they had no Orientation Day to prepare themselves, had to wear masks and were restricted to certain areas in the playground due to social distancing requirements. They met all of these challenges without hesitation and completed their very first day of high school.



Year 7

- The Year 7 Camp was a particular highlight for the year group as they travelled to Tea Gardens for a 3 day adventure with many exciting opportunities. Students loved to participate in activities such as kayaking, abseiling, raft building, dual flying fox, the high ropes course and a giant swing. Their favourite activity though was participating in the Mud World obstacle course, while getting to throw plenty of mud on their exhausted but very proud Year Advisers.
- Congratulations to Year 7 on a fantastic and highlight filled first year!



Year 8

- What a fantastic year the Year 8 students have had in 2022! So many achievements in their learning and contribution to the community. Year 8 students had their first opportunity to start making their own academic choices through their Innovation Electives. They have spent the year developing their Cecil Skills in collaboration, communication and innovation through various subjects, including Street Art, MYOB, CSI, School of Rock and Survivor. They have baked, drawn, investigated and taken on new challenges along the way.
- The 25th anniversary celebrations provided an opportunity for Year 8 students to showcase their cooking skills and raise money for charity. Through their food stand and collaborative effort, they were able to raise a massive \$760!
- Speaking of charitable work, some Year 8 students have been involved in volunteering outside of school this year. We are so proud of them and their contribution to the community, which has included making packs of essential items and cooking for people needing extra support.
- Year 8 has also had guest speakers and workshops throughout the year at their Connect meetings, including a visit from our Police Youth Engagement Officer. Recently, the girls participated in the Butterfly Foundation workshop and the boys in the Command Academy workshop to focus on their resilience and leadership skills.
- Year 8 is concluding the year with leading the annual collection of gifts for a local charity, after decorating the tree beautifully in the school foyer and bringing some Christmas cheer to visitors to the school.



Year 9

- **Vouch for Lismore**

Two events we had to support the schools affected by the floods. 1) Mufti Day to raise money which we then purchased vouchers with. Vouchers for departmental stores and retail stores to assist with school stationery, food, drinks, essentials. 2) Stationery Drive.

- **Mother's Day Breakfast**

Celebration for Mother's Day up at the library. Catered a delicious breakfast which Year 9 students assisted in decorating the library and arranging the food.

- **Attendance Vouchers**

We have had over 40 students each term who have attended every single day this year. During every fortnightly grade assembly, we have distributed a whole heap of Grilled Vouchers.

- **Camp 2022**

After 2 prior attempts at organising. Camp is finally going ahead this week – The Great Aussie Bush Camp!

- **Brainstorm Production Term 2**

Year 9 took part in an incursion from Brainstorm Productions which was centred around bullying both verbal and physical - along with social media implications.

- **Knockout Under 15's Basketball Teams**

Both the girls and boys' teams did really well! Boys made it to the second round and the boys came 8th in the state!



Year 10

- Year 10s have had a very busy and productive year. We started off the year preparing students for Year 11 & 12 subject selections whilst also assisting students in transition into appropriate apprenticeships.
- We also successfully ran the first Father's Day Breakfast BBQ at Cecil Hills High School with students coming to school and assisting as early as 7:00 am in the morning.
- To further support our cohort's development into their next phase of their lives, we and the Careers Team have assisted in organising work experiences for all students during Week 9 this term as well as interviewing each student and their families about their subjects for Year 11 & 12.
- CAPA students also performed and showcased their many talents and efforts they have worked on all year in our CAPA Showcase.
- We also invited Batyr to conduct an informative session about mental health and strategies to assist them during times of distress.
- To end the year and celebrate Year 10's many achievements, we went on a Rewards Day to Cables Wake Park.



Year 11

- **Senior Leadership Team**

Over thirty fantastic students nominated, interviewed, and gave speeches to showcase why they would make excellent school leaders. The twelve person leadership group will work hard in 2023 to leave a lasting legacy at CHHS.

- **Life Ready**

The Life Ready Program prepared Year 11 for some of life's challenges as they move towards their independent lives and gain more responsibilities. Workshops by Brent Saunders, Tony Hoang, Sally Bassuni and Tomorrow Man and Tomorrow Woman provided the year group important information for life outside of school.

- **bstreetsmart**

Students attended the bstreetsmart event at Qudos Bank Arena which promoted safe behaviours on that road as drivers, riders and passengers. As Year 11 begin to take to the roads themselves, there were important lessons learnt about road safety.

- **Ski Camp**

The SLR and PDHPE classes had the wonderful opportunity to tear up the slopes of Thredbo. The student group were able to embrace the flora and fauna of the Snowy Mountains and gain some real world experiences.



Year 11

- **Biggest Morning Tea**

Year 11 successfully hosted the Biggest Morning Tea for staff and senior students. The event raised over \$900 for the Cancer Council.



- **Starting HSC**

The grade kicked off their exciting HSC journey this term. Throughout Term 4, the welfare team will be working with students to help identify career and life goals as our grade embarks upon their last year in high school.

- **Careers Talks**

Popular motivational speaker Glen Gerreyn visited the school twice in 2022 to help deliver empowering messages to the Year 11 grade. The students were able to gain important insights about setting life and career goals, as well as planning for their future.

- **Co-Curricular Achievements:**

- A number of legal students participated in the Mock Trial competition for 2022. The students had successful wins against other high schools
- The debating team returned in 2022 with a number of notable wins across the Premier's Debating Challenge
- Year 11 students also had successful runs across Basketball, Volleyball, Football, Swimming, and Athletics.



QUESTION TIME

This presentation will be available via email and the school website.

