



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

COVID-19 Update for CTHS Parents

In order to keep you abreast of the latest changes to the COVID-19 Learning Guidelines for Schools, I have included a range of key points and alterations for parents to be aware of.

These include:

School Attendance

Students should be at school unless:

- They have a medical certificate which states they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition and include the expected timeframe
- They are currently unwell
- Please note: In accordance with advice from NSW Health, parents and carers are reminded **NOT** to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms. The school will make arrangements for students, who present as unwell or have flu-like symptoms, to be sent home
- Students who have been absent due to flu-like illnesses are **NOT** to return to school until they have a negative COVID-19 test and are **symptom free**
- The school **MUST SIGHT** the negative COVID-19 test result **BEFORE** students can return to school.

Procedure after COVID-19 Testing

1. When your son/daughter obtains a COVID-19 test, please notify the school via email: cths@cths.nsw.edu.au or cths.communication@gmail.com
2. If and when a negative result is obtained, please **email a screen shot** of the **results**, including **your child's FULL NAME and YEAR**, to one of the above email addresses
3. The school will notify you when your child is able to return to school, once confirmation of a negative result is received and your child is symptom free.

Latest Changes

- **Parents/Carers** and other **non-essential visitors** are **NOT** permitted on the school site without an appointment. In line with this, the rear gate, which leads to John Purchase Oval and the Community Centre, will be closed between the hours of 9am and 3pm every day starting next Monday, 24 August
- Where possible, students will stay within their relevant cohort groups for all learning activities within the school
- Inter-school activities must remain within the local community or zone. We recently cancelled all Grade Sport with other schools and Intra-school Sport (involving travel to external venues) will be limited by number and distance to eliminate concerns
- All group singing (Choirs), chanting and use of wind instruments in a group setting is not permitted. **ALL Music Ensemble** groups have been **cancelled** as of Monday 17 August
- **ALL Dance** and **Drama Ensembles** have been **cancelled** as of Monday 17 August
- Community use of school facilities can continue, but the organiser must have a COVID-19 Safety Plan in place and they are responsible for compliance with distancing and hygiene requirements
- All camps, excursions (other than field trips to DoE Earth and Environment Centres), interstate and International excursions are still **NOT** permitted and are on **HOLD**.

HSC Drama Performance Evening

The incredible talent of our students was again evident this week with the HSC Drama cohort performing on Tuesday evening. Unlike previous years the event occurred onsite, but was not attended by parents as per current COVID-19 guidelines. However, the event was filmed and will be shared with parents once the HSC is completed. The monologues were outstanding and demonstrated the dedication and talent of our students. Congratulations to Ms Cannon, who helped prepare this group for the HSC and to the students themselves, who have put in many hours perfecting their performances. We wish them every success with their HSC performances on Tuesday 25 August.

Achieving Together

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HSC Drama Performance Evening



AP4 Examinations Conclude

Year 12 students will no doubt be pleased to see the back of the AP4 Exam period which concluded on Friday. The exams provide students the opportunity to experience an exam closely aligned in terms of structure, content and timing to what they will experience in the HSC. Year 12 teachers are working feverishly behind the scenes to have these marked and given back in a timely manner to provide meaningful feedback to all students. With so little time left of the term (25 days), it is important students take on any suggestions for improvements made and to use the remaining time wisely to complete outstanding units of work and revision activities which teachers may assign. This is a critical time to fine tune skills and answer any lingering questions which remain before students move into the traditional school holiday/stuvac period.

Year 12 Graduation and Formal Plan

You may be aware there is considerable discussion in the media of late about Year 12 Graduations and Formals. We felt it was important to keep you up to date with our plans at this stage.

Year 12 Graduation

The latest guidelines from the Department of Education indicate schools may hold a Year 12 Graduation Ceremony to recognise the completion of school at the end of Term 3, but parents will not be present. There is also the option to delay the Graduation until later in the year in the hope restrictions MAY be relaxed. Our plan, at this stage, is to hold a Year 12 Graduation at the end of this term. We will be streaming the event and a link to a live feed will be sent to all Year 12 parents/carers to allow them to share in this important event from the safety of their homes. Strict guidelines regarding social distancing will be followed within the MPC. Whilst this is the plan, we are keeping an eye out for any changes. If the Department of Health and Department of Education change the restrictions before the planned graduation we will assess the situation and inform you of any alterations to our plan.

Year 12 Graduation Dinner

At this stage, we will be holding a Graduation Dinner ONLY at Curzon Hall on Tuesday 10 November for Year 12 students and a small number of CTHS staff (essentially for supervision purposes). This decision has been made after consultation with Year 12 students, the NSW Department of Health and Curzon Hall.

Further details will follow for Year 12 parents/carers in a detailed letter outlining end of Year 12 arrangements.

Please note: this date was the last Curzon Hall had available for us prior to Christmas.

Boys' HSC Mentoring Program 2021

Recently, a number of staff had the pleasure of participating in a presentation by Peter Kerrighan, Head Teacher Teaching and Learning, Castle Hill High School. Peter was pivotal in the development and delivery of a Boys' Mentoring Program, targeted at the Year 12 cohort at Castle Hill High School, where they have witnessed some excellent results over the years. After deep analysis of our HSC results over the last few years, we believe there may be some benefit in undertaking a similar program here. Ms Morgan and Mr Robinson, from the PDHPE KLA, have willingly taken on the role of implementing this program at CTHS and have included some information for parents of Year 12, 2021 boys, in this *Network*. Listening to the benefits of the program at Castle Hill High School, I highly recommend it to interested CTHS Year 12, 2021 boys and their parents.

Year 8 Life Saving

Due to the updated guidelines from NSW Department of Health and NSW Department of Education, relating to COVID-19, we will unfortunately be cancelling the Year 8 Lifesaving Program in 2020. The program was due to be held on Friday 23, Monday 26 and Friday 30 October. These days will now become 'normal' school days, with all students following their usual timetabled lessons. At this stage, an alternative unit of work covering water safety, first aid and CPR will now be completed by Year 8 students in their regular PDHPE lessons. It is disappointing for our Year 8 students who will miss out on this fun and worthwhile activity, but also our Year 9 and 10 students who, in the past, have enthusiastically participated in the program as Junior Instructors.

Eddie Woo appeared on 'Kurt Fearnley's One Plus One show on the ABC

On Thursday evening, our own Mr Eddie Woo was interviewed by Kurt Fearnley in an episode of One Plus One. Kurt spoke to Eddie about his love for Mathematics and the online lessons which are a part of his Youtube channel, WooTube. They discussed teaching the future generations of students and what is needed to encourage kids to get engaged in Mathematics and improve their love of the subject.

If you missed the show, but would like to view it, you can catch it on ABC iView:

<https://iview.abc.net.au/show/kurt-fearnley-s-one-plus-one/series/2020/video/NC2030H005S00> or click on the following link from an ABC news article, where Eddie gives some tips to parents on teaching in the 'at home learning environment' which we experienced during lockdown: <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-08-21/one-plus-one-eddie-woo-homeschooling/12578726>

Mr Clements

CTHS HSC Boys' Mentoring Program

What is this program? The focus for the program is to improve academic achievement in the HSC by setting challenging goals and consistently working towards those goals. Selected students will have access to regular individualised mentoring, be upskilled in the areas of organisation and planning and take part in group activities in order to provide support and foster camaraderie. The Program will begin in Term 4 2020 and continue throughout the selected group's HSC year. More information is available via our school website, <https://cths.nsw.edu.au/our-school/extra-curricula/cths-hsc-boys-mentoring/>

All Year 11 male students will attend an information session on Monday 24 August at 1.13pm in the MPC. Students will have the opportunity to collect an application form at the meeting or from the PDHPE staffroom. A completed application must be placed in the submission box in the PDHPE staffroom by Wednesday 23 September (Week 10).

Please address any questions you have about the Program to Jessica Morgan Jessica.Morgan34@det.nsw.edu.au or Grant Robinson Grant.Robinson@det.nsw.edu.au

Ms Morgan and Mr Robinson

CAREERS UPDATE

Key Dates for University Applications

- WSU [The Academy Global Leaders Program](#) - **OPEN NOW!**
- ACU [Passion for Business \(P4B\)](#) - **OPEN NOW!**
- ACU [Passion for Law \(P4L\)](#) - **OPEN NOW!**
- University of Adelaide [Alternative Entry Pathway](#) - **closes 28 August**
- La Trobe Aspire [Early Entry Scheme](#) - **closes 31 August**
- University of Canberra [Fast Forward Program](#) - **closes 31 August**

August University Open Days

Open Days are an opportunity to answer any questions and find out everything else you need to know about university before you enrol. Due to COVID-19, universities have changed their open days to virtual events. To register for an event, click on the name of the institution below:

- [Australian National University](#) | Online Saturday 22 August
- [UNSW AFDA](#) | Online Saturday 22 August
- [ACU](#) | Online Saturday 29 August

'How Influencers can Help' Workshop

Reminder about the 'How Influencers can Help' Workshop, Tuesday 8 September. Influencers, particularly parents and carers, are an essential part of the career information network for young people. Keeping up-to-date with scholarship opportunities related to career interests, co-creating a portfolio to address the scholarship conditions and consulting an independent career information website, such as [myfuture](#), are excellent places to start. Click here to [register](#) for this webinar.



Learn Digital Marketing with Google

Google is offering a free course on the fundamentals of digital marketing. This course is ideal for anyone wanting to start their own business online, or to learn new skills for work. The course is run completely online in a series of informative and interactive videos. On completion of the course you will also receive a recognised certification. Find out more about the course here:

<https://learndigital.withgoogle.com/digitalgarage-au/course/>

[digital-marketing](#).

NSW Premier's Student Volunteering Awards Program

A reminder for Year 12 students to return their Volunteering Logbook to the Careers Advisers by Friday 11 September (Week 8). Students who participate in the Premier's Student Volunteering Program and return their logbooks will receive a certificate to include in their work portfolio.

Mrs Ferguson and Ms Tenedora

CONTACT US

The CTHS Careers Advisers are available for Zoom interview meetings with both students and parents. You can arrange a meeting by contacting us via email:

Mrs Ferguson
christine.ferguson@det.nsw.edu.au

Ms Tenedora
francesca.tenedora3@det.nsw.edu.au



NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK 2020

This year, National Science Week is taking place from Saturday 15 to Sunday 23 August.

All around Australia there will be a huge variety of live online events, virtual tours, competitions and fun activities to participate in and grow your STEM knowledge.

Take a look at what's on and find a whole bunch of resources here:

<https://www.scienceweek.net.au/>

ParentLine^{NSW}

Call 1300 1300 52

Parent Line is a free telephone counselling and support service for parents and carers with children aged 0 to 18 who live in NSW.

CTHS Library

Share your Love of Reading!

The library wants to know what your favourite books are. Fill in one of the 'Recommended Book' slips at the library help desk with your name and year, the TITLE and AUTHOR. You can provide as many suggestions as you like. The book does not need to be one that is available in the library. Each entry (ie book title) will go into a draw to win your choice of a Dymocks or Oliver Brown voucher. Your love of books will also be part of a new display!

Science Week in the Library

The saddest aspect of life right now is that science gathers knowledge faster than society gathers wisdom. Isaac Asimov.

Science, an evocative word encompassing everything and ever-expanding as understanding accelerates. From Virginia Apgar to Ahmed Zewail, atoms and astronomy to zygotes and zoology, there is a topic to appeal to everyone. Discover the simple and the complex, explore your environment, marvel at the beauty of the world around you, discover the intricacies of connections, be amazed! Science Week is short, but the pursuit of scientific insights and critical, creative thinking will continue. Why not make a science news story a daily/weekly thrill!

NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Time passes quickly when you are reading, so, remember to finalise your reading record by Friday 28 August.

Ms Halder and Ms Sorensen



COVID-19 Procedure for Early Leave

If a student needs to leave school early, they **must** provide a **note** from their parent/carer giving reasons for their partial absence. Students must **hand in the note** at the **student window before 8.30am** where they will be issued with a leave pass. They then present this pass to their teacher and leave school at the appropriate time.

Due to the recent COVID-19 directive from the NSW Premier, Gladys Berejiklian, **parents/carers are NOT permitted on school grounds** unless they have a prearranged appointment. **Therefore, please arrange to collect your child from outside the school.**

CHERRYBROOK ATHLETICS CLUB



Registrations Now Open

Registrations close 5th September

www.cherrybrookathletics.org.au

Registration & payment only available online

Finalise Registrations & Uniform Collection

Sunday 30th August 11.30am – 3.30pm

Friday 4th September 6pm – 8:30pm

Little Athletics

5 – 16 years

**Para, Senior &
Master athletes**

Friday Nights

5:45 – 8:30pm

October - March

**Greenway Park
Oval 2**

**Shepherds Drive,
Cherrybrook**

**Coaching
available**

COVID-19 Collecting from Sick Bay

Parents/Carers collecting students from sick bay must:

1. Notify the front office on arrival at the school, either via the boom gate intercom or by calling 9484 2144.
2. Remain in the school carpark and your child will be sent out to you.

CALENDAR - Term 3 Week 6B

Monday 24 August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RoP Activity • Boys' Mentoring Program Meeting
Tuesday 25 August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HSC Drama Practical Exam
Friday 28 August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HSC Assessment Task - Design and Technology