



Secondary Spotlight

2nd February 2018
Term 2, Edition 4

Secondary Notices Monday 5th February

Residential Trips Preparation Meetings

Year 7: 6:30 p.m., Cooper Hall
Year 8/ 9: 6:00 p.m., Main Music Room
Year 10/11/12: 6:30 p.m., Main Music Room

Thursday 8th February

DCA Year 7, 8 and 9 Disco, Cooper Hall, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Monday 19th February Tuesday 20th February

Parent Conferences for Year 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, 3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Parent Conferences for Year 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Tic-Tac-Toe Homework Deadlines for week commencing Monday 5th February:

Year 7 - DT/Computing and Mandarin

Year 8 - Creative Arts and French

Year 9 - Geography

Student Wellbeing

The Year 11 students have received their mock examination results this week. Take the time to discuss these with them, congratulate their successes and begin to address any areas of development needed.

Study skills have also been high on the agenda as students in Years 11-13 attended an *Ace your Exams* workshop with Elevate Education. This seminar outlined the critical exam skills that will allow students to excel in the exam room, and how to prepare for excellence. Students were introduced to the different types of work they can do in preparation for exams and which are the most effective. The students were shown how to identify what they may have done wrong in their recent mock exams and how to ensure mistakes are not made in their real exams. Exam room techniques included stress management, panning, time allocation and answer structure.

Sports Report

This week the school took part in the final round of the ACSIS Basketball season with the U12 Boys winning against UWCD, 26-10. The U16 Boys and Girls teams play Chatsworth at the end of the week.

Our subject in the Spotlight this week is... GEOGRAPHY

Year 7: In Year 7 students have been discussing the impacts of tourism on Thailand. This has included excellent group work on how they could make tourism more sustainable.

Year 8: In Year 8 students have been discussing the impacts of people on the tropical rainforest and are about to start an assessment determining how they think we should use this environment in future.

Year 9: In Year 9 students have been studying the formation of extreme weather hazards including hurricanes and tornadoes. Students have begun to study the impact of hurricane Katrina in the USA, building their case study skills for iGCSE level.

Year 10: In Year 10, we have been studying the formation of volcanoes at different plate boundaries for our 'Hazardous Environments' unit of work. Students will be reviewing their knowledge of the unit so far in a mid-unit test next week.

Year 11: In Year 11, we have been studying the impact of population change and how we can alter population structures. Students will be going onto researching how we can close the global development gap.

Update from IB Coordinator:

This week our IB students enjoyed the booster session from Elevate Education, looking at different approaches and skills for study and revision. These will be applied immediately as they continue to fill in their study logs to ensure progress across their IB subjects.

