



Principals Message

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Term 1 2022 proved yet again to be challenging in its own way. Although Covid 19 took a temporary back seat to the wet weather early in the term, Covid 19 disruptions become more apparent toward the end of the term with a rise in local cases. Although we were faced with many potential disruptions, we continued to provide the students with as many learning opportunities as possible and there were some fantastic successes that deserve recognition.

Year 9 camp

Despite the wet weather Year 9 set out on our Stage 5 Best Man camp in week 5 to Deer Park in the Royal National Park. This three-day camp is our second camp instalment for our young men to develop resilience, understanding, empathy and respect. Although the inclement weather placed additional demands on this gruelling three-day arduous adventure all the boys stepped up for the challenge.

This Stage 5 student camp has been specifically developed by the teachers from JCBTHS as part of our wellbeing program. All activities are led and run by the teachers and support staff that accompany the students. The series of three camps from Year 7, 9 and 11 systemically work on developing the positive attributes of becoming young men in a rapidly changing environment. The focus is to develop a self-understanding of the important role they play as men within our community and our society.

Year 7 camp

Miraculously the torrential rain eased just in time for the Year 7 Camp. The students and staff headed off to Tea Gardens located near Port Stephens. The boys participated in archery, water activities, high ropes and local sightseeing adventures. It was a great opportunity for the students to develop new friendships with their peers, the Year 10 mentors and the staff who attended the camp.

Year 12 2021 Graduation Evening

Despite the lengthy delay, on Thursday 29th March, staff, parents, and students were finally able to recognise the outstanding achievements of our Year 12 2021 cohort at our Year 12 Graduation evening. Regardless of all the impediments that these young men endured over two years they were still able to maintain focus and achieve some outstanding results. It was pleasing to see the boys and learn that most of them had moved into the next stage of their learning journey. Many of them had successfully transitioned into tertiary education and are in the early stages of fulfilling their goals.

We wish them and their families all the best in the future.

Year 6 Open Evening

On Tuesday 8th March we held our Year 6 Open Evening. This was an opportunity for our school to showcase our excellent teaching and learning, incredible school facilities and for prospective students and parents to meet our committed teachers and students. Despite the testing weather we had a positive turnout of parents and students.

We have successfully increased our Year 7 intake over the last five years and are working hard to insure we continue to promote and raise the profile of the school to ensure it is recognised as a school of choice for young men in our community.

Year 7 meet the teacher moved to Tuesday 5th April

Unfortunately, due to poor weather and an increase in local Covid 19 cases we had to postpone our Year 7 meet the teacher evening. The new date is set for Tuesday 5th April starting at 4:30pm. This is a great opportunity for parents and carers to meet their son's classroom teachers and staff to informally discuss their progress. There will be a sausage sizzle run by the P&C and a coffee cart. Please bring your son to the evening with you to meet his teachers and his new friends and their families.

Easter morning tea and Easter egg hunt

This Friday the 8th April is the last day of Term 1. To celebrate the end of term and upcoming Easter Break we will be holding a morning tea for students and staff. There will be free hot cross buns, raffles, and prizes to be won. Students will be able to wear mufti clothes and make a gold coin donation.

Year 7 students will participate in our traditional Easter egg hunt later in the day. Students are encouraged to bring in easter eggs during the week that will be used for prizes and the Year 7 Easter egg hunt. Chocolate eggs can be donated through the Student Services Office during the week.

ANZAC day

In accordance with JCBTHS tradition students are invited to attend the dawn service at Ramsgate RSL at 7am on Monday 25th of April. Representatives from the school community will be attending and any students that would like to attend as a school representative will need to obtain a permission note.

Students are also welcome to attend with their families on the morning of the 25th to pay their respects.

Term 2 dates important dates

School Cross Country – Friday 29th April

All students return on Wednesday 27th April (School will be open for staff on Tuesday 26th)

NAPLAN Tests for Years 7 and 9 start on Tuesday May 10th and go through to Friday May 20th

Year 12 Parent teacher evening is on Tuesday May 17th

P&C meeting Tuesday May 24th

Week starting 27th June Year 7 to 11 report night. Actual date to be confirmed

Further information will be provided to students and parents closer to the dates.

Requirements for Term 2

With the cooler weather arriving please ensure your son is dressed in appropriate JCBTHS winter uniform. Our winter uniform consists of either the black or maroon school jumper/jacket and long grey pants. In case of wet weather students are allowed to wear an additional wet weather jacket. Please try and ensure this jacket is black or dark blue. If your son is unable to wear his uniform on a particular day, please provide him with a note or contact the school office.

Track suit pants are not accepted as part of our school uniform except on Wednesdays where students in Years 7 to 10 can wear black track suit pants as part of their winter sport uniform.

No other coloured jackets or tops are accepted as part of our uniform. Should you require assistance purchasing a uniform please speak with your son's Year Advisor by contacting the school office on 9587 1770. Uniforms can be purchased from Lowes at Rockdale.

Health precautions for Term 2

Should you require any additional RATs before school concludes, please have your son attend the Student Services Office.

The use of RAT kits is an important step to support the health and wellbeing of our students and staff. They are a quick and easy screening tool to help detect COVID-19. It is a simple process of placing a nose or throat swab in a chemical solution which is put onto a scanning device. Results can be ready within 15 minutes. Use of RAT kits is highly recommended but not mandatory.

Unwell at school

Any student who is unwell and/or displays symptoms of COVID-19 will be asked to go home and stay there until they can complete a RAT or PCR test.

- If symptoms continue, they should stay at home and take another RAT in 24 hours or have a PCR test.
- If the second RAT or initial PCR test result is negative, the student or staff member can return to school.

What happens when a student tests positive for COVID-19

Under the new close contact rules, schools are no longer included in contact tracing. I will inform the school community of a positive case and advise families of the current public health advice, including monitoring for symptoms.

If the guidelines change updated information will be provided to families.

What we offer

Please note we have the following items for sale from our Student Services Room

Laptop Charger - \$40.00	Tie - \$30.00
Wired Mouse - \$10.00	Short Sleeve (S/S) Blue Shirt - \$42.00
Casio Calculator - \$32.00	Shorts - \$30.00
Pens – 3 Set - \$1.00	Trousers - \$30.00
Exercise Book 96pg - \$1.00	Sloppy Joe - \$40.00
JCBTHS Water Bottle - \$5.00	Sports Polo - \$43.00
Book packs - \$40.00	Sports Shorts - \$40.00
	Sports Jacket - \$67.00
	Cap - \$16.00

Thank you

For your ongoing support during Term 1. I hope you and your family have a safe break.

Happy Easter to those that will be celebrating Easter over the holidays and Ramadan Mubarak for those families celebrating the holy month.

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