



Principals Message

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I hope that you all have had a restful and enjoyable holiday break. Unfortunately our summer holiday period was overshadowed by devastating bushfires across a significant portion of the state and country. Our deepest sympathies go out to all those who have been affected by the fires and if there are any students or members of our community who require assistance or support our school and the Department of Education has services in place for any person that may need help.

Toward the end of the holiday period all schools received notification of the protocols to follow regarding the Novel Coronavirus. JCBTHS has continued to be informed by the Department of Education in the latest information updates on the Coronavirus and all steps are being taken to ensure that all students and staff are safe and well. In accordance with normal protocols staff and children who are unwell with respiratory illness should remain home until symptoms resolve. Further advice from the Australian Government Department of Health regarding the Novel Coronavirus can be accessed from the school website. We greatly appreciate your support and understanding in dealing with this complex issue as a school and community. If you have any concerns regarding the abovementioned please do not hesitate to contact me.

I would like to welcome our new Year 7 students and their families to the JCBTHS community. Our young men have made a very positive transition to high school and I expect that this is largely due to our very successful primary school to secondary school transition program.

Year 7 have just received their own laptops as part of our Technology Transition Program (TTP) that provides every student equitable access to the same level of technology to be used across the school and many students have taken up the opportunity to access the school lockers. All of our Year 7 students will participate in our literacy and numeracy testing over the next couple of weeks to allow our teachers to develop a better understanding of their individual students learning needs. Where necessary Individual Educational Plans or Personalised Learning and Support Plans will be developed in consultation with parents, students and the Learning and Support Team. Term 1 is a very busy period for Year 7 students with school photos, vaccinations, school camp, swimming carnival, meet the teacher evening, SRC elections and induction ceremony and Easter morning tea. Should any Year 7 parents wish to discuss their sons' progress please contact Ms H. Mehdi the Year 7 Advisor.

Last Wednesday we had our first P&C meeting for 2020. Congratulations to Ms Vicky Roussos who was once again elected P&C President for JCBTHS. P&C meetings are held once a term and dates for meetings along with the minutes from previous meetings can be accessed from the school's Website. For all upcoming events please use our school Website and access the Calendar section.

On Thursday 27th February we are having our Open Evening for prospective students. The evening will consist of demonstration lessons, school tours, the opportunity to speak with teachers, staff and students from the school, along with food and drinks stalls. Over the previous five years we have

doubled our Year 7 student intake attracting students from our local area and beyond. We have quickly gained the reputation of being a school of choice for boys who are interest in technology and learning STEM. We have one of the best Wellbeing programs that proactively supports the diverse wellbeing needs of all our students and a committed team of teachers and support staff that work closely with students, parents/carers and the community. Our continued growth in Year 7 enrolment is also due to the fantastic results we have been able to produce in improving students learning performance in areas of literacy and numeracy. Our value add and expected student growth exceed expectations and this significant improvement can be attributed to our focus on Literacy through our Reading to Learn program and the ongoing professional learning that our teachers participate in to continually improve their teaching practice.

There are so many fantastic opportunities for all our students to participate in at JCBTHS regardless of their year group and we look forward to seeing you throughout the year at our parent teacher interviews, our community events and our celebrations of student success.

Can all parents please note that we have limited car parking spaces in our carpark. If you are arranging to collect your son after school it would be greatly appreciated if you can organise a pickup place outside the school gates on the surrounding streets. If you do have to enter the school to pick up your son please arrive at least fifteen minutes before the school bell. The carpark is very busy with students and vehicles exiting and we appreciate your cooperation to ensure that the carpark is a safe place. If you are entering the carpark please ensure you give way to pedestrians and obey the 10-kilometre speed limit.

Week 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 29th January – Year 7, 11 & 12 Students return • 30th January – Year 8, ,9 & 10 Students return
Week 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5th February - P&C Meeting • 6th February - Year 7 & 8 Laptops issued
Week 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10th February - School Photos • 11th February - Year 10 & 11 Assessment Information Evening • 12th -14th February - Year 9 Camp
Week 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17th February - Homework Club begins • 18th February – STEM Club begins • 20th February - School swimming carnival
Week 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 27th February - School Open Evening • 28th February - Year 7 SRC Nominations
Week 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3rd March - Year 7 Vaccinations • 4th – 6th March - Year 7 Camp
Week 7	
Week 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17th March - Year 7 meet the teacher • 20th March - Cross Country
Week 9	
Week 10	
Week 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9th April - SRC Induction Ceremony • 9th April - Easter Morning Tea