



Principals Message

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Welcome to Term 2 as we rapidly flick past the days and weeks as we enter the halfway point of the term.

All students during this term will be completing subject specific assessment tasks and or exams to allow their teachers to measure student learning and progress against the syllabus outcomes. All students from Year 7 to 12 have been provided with an assessment book schedule or an assessment overview sheet. These documents provide students and parents readily available information for upcoming assessment tasks through the year. Many of the students in the younger years will greatly benefit by having their parents/carers assist them in preparing and completing upcoming tasks. If you have not received an assessment overview sheet or assessment book please contact your son's respective Year Advisor and they will happily provide you with a copy and will be able to answer any questions you may have.

A reminder that Homework Club runs every Monday from 3 to 4pm. This is great opportunity for any student to complete homework, work on any assessment tasks or prepare for an exam. Homework is staffed by our dedicated teachers and volunteers. We encourage all students to access this opportunity to further engage in their learning.

NAPLAN Year 7 and 9

During the last two weeks Year 7 and 9 students have been engaged in completing NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy). This year was the second year that JCBTHS ran the five NAPLAN tests that consist of reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy online.

As a school over the past five years, we have seen and been publicly recognised for our outstanding growth and achievement in students performing in the top two bands in Literacy and Numeracy against schools in our area and across the state of NSW.

Although the tests assess individual student learning at a point in time across the five domains the data collected on student performance is used across a national, state and school level to assess the implementation and effectiveness of literacy and numeracy strategies.

NAPLAN results will be provided to parents and the school toward to end of August or early September. Students in Year 7 and 9 who sat the NAPLAN exams will have their results posted home to their nominated postal address.

Semester 2 Reports and Parent Teacher Evening

Last Tuesday we held our Year 12 parent teacher evening. Parent Teacher evenings are a very important process of assisting students and their parents to understand the learning progress they are making in their subjects. The evening also provide the opportunity for parents to meet their son's classroom teacher face to face to forge the important learning relationship between school and home.

In the last week of this term (the week starting the 27th June) Year 7 to 11 parent teacher evening is scheduled. This year we will be holding two parent teacher evening that will consist of Year 7 and 9 on Tuesday 28th June between 3:30 and 6:30pm and Years 8, 10 and 11 on Thursday 30th June between 3 and 6pm. We have scheduled two report evenings in the week to ensure that there are more timeslots available for parents to speak with their classroom teachers.

Semester 1 academic reports will be emailed to parents prior to the evening along with a link to a booking sheet to schedule an interview with your son's teachers. A hardcopy of your son's report will also be available for collection on the evening.

We look forward to seeing you at the parent teacher evening. In the interim if you would like further information regarding your sons learning or wellbeing, please contact the school office and request to speak with your son's Year Advisor.

Successful Grant Applications

During the last twelve months the P&C in partnership with the school have been applying and have been successful in a range of grant applications. In our latest successful application, we were awarded second prize in the Ramsgate RSL School Care Package that was valued at \$3000. It was agreed that the funds would be used to purchase new bike racks for the students as part of our school quadrangle beautification program.

Currently our Business Manager Ms Meredith Maggs is in the process of applying for a Transurban Grant to assist the school to build an outdoor learning area in the STEM garden.

If you would like to be part of planning and or participating in fundraising events to support the school the P&C meet once a term. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 24th May. The following meetings are scheduled for Tuesday 9th August, Tuesday 18th October, and Tuesday 22nd November.

The P&C have also planned a fundraiser at Rockdale Bunnings on Saturday 10th September if you would like to assist or come down and support the event.

The P&C President Ms Irene Omeros can be contacted via email at jcbhspc@gmail.com if you have any questions/suggestions or you would like to become a committee member or volunteer.

Year 6 Robotics Transition Project

Each year JCBTHS facilitates a one-day immersive robotics program with our local primary schools to develop students' knowledge and skills in programming, building, decision making and working collaboratively. Under the guidance of our lead STEM teacher Mr Gerges and his selected student leaders they support primary school students' learning and curiosity through a fun filled learning adventure using Lego Robotics

equipment. The program also doubles up as a perfect opportunity for primary school students to experience high school life that will build their confidence to transition to a secondary learning environment. We look forward to welcoming our primary school colleagues and students to JCBTHS over the next two terms.

New Student Support Officer

As part of our ongoing commitment to developing and supporting student wellbeing we are very proud to announce our latest addition to our highly experienced and committed wellbeing team Mr Callum Franciskovic. Mr Franciskovic has been permanently appointed to JCBTHS as our Student Services Officer. He is a qualified psychologist and has worked for several years at Top Blokes Foundation. Mr Franciskovic will be working alongside Mr John Dangas on our Best Man Program. This term he will be focusing on Year 7 students and their transition to high school as well as supporting Year 12 students prepare for their final terms before their HSC starts by providing wellbeing workshops, study skills programs and counselling support.

Mr Franciskovic joins a highly experienced and professional wellbeing team consisting of Mr John Dangas our Student Support Officer, Ms Laura Alessandri our School Psychologist, Ms Sonja Milinkovic School Counsellor, Ms Samantha Hillier Wellbeing Inreach Nurse and Mr Nick Hedges School Chaplain. This team works in conjunction with our Year Advisors and is assisted by our Wellbeing Coordinator Mr Jason Bulfon and supervised by Mr Ben Yelavich our Student Wellbeing Manager. If you have any concerns regarding your son's wellbeing, please contact your son's Year Advisor as a first point of contact.

Excursions and Activities in 2022

As COVID restrictions ease we are providing opportunities for our students to engage in learning activities outside of the school to complement and strengthen their understanding and knowledge of subject content. This week Year 9 and 10 STEM students will be visiting the ANSTO (Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation) at Lucas Heights.

Later in the week Year 9 and 11 Visual Arts students will be attending the Archibald Exhibition at the NSW Art Gallery.

Further excursions and incursions have been planned by each faculty for the rest of the year

Wednesday Sport

Grade and recreation sport has finally resumed this term. Weather permitting sport will continue to run every Wednesday afternoon. To support the cost of hiring buses and purchasing sporting equipment we ask that all families try to pay the \$85 sports levy. If you have already paid your school fee invoice this payment was included. If you have not been able to pay your school fee invoice it would be appreciated if you could start off by paying the sports levy to assist in the costs associated with funding sport.

For the latest updates, information, news, and pictures of school activities please follow us on Facebook (James Cook Boys Technology High School) or access our webpage at <https://jamescookb-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/>