



Meeting Details	Term 2, Week 5 - Monday 23 May 2022 Face to Face in the School Library and Via Zoom link, 5:30pm – 7:00pm
	Join Zoom Meeting https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/66057223687?pwd=aGs0elRpSGdKZSthLzArWki4MEQ0dz09
	Meeting ID: 660 5722 3687 Passcode: 277650

Agenda Items

Details

Term 2 Updates

- **Welcome to Term 2** for our first face-to-face (and blended Zoom) P&C Forum, after many months of COVID impact on our meetings.
- **Term 2 is a busy term with** NAPLAN, Transition events Y6 into Y7 and Y10 into Y11, Half Yearly Reports, Tell Them from Me surveys, Sporting Carnivals and the return of many extra-curricular activities.
- **Library Refurbishment now complete** - Welcome (in person) to our newly refurbished Library, which prioritises our learning culture, research, senior students and study.
- **Dux 2021 Announcement** - Evelyn Mee has been announced as the Dux for the Class of 2021, being our highest performing HSC student. Evelyn will be coming into the school for a morning tea when the honour board is updated and we will formally acknowledge this at our Year 12 Graduation Assembly.
- **Annual Enrolment Return 2022** is completed, with our student numbers and adjusted total enrolment:

Year	M	F	Total
Y7	110	89	199
Y8	83	89	172
Y9	127	95	222
Y10	107	113	220
Subtotal (7-10)	427	386	813
Y11	95	97	192
Y12	80	81	161

Total: 1,166 Adjusted to: 1,235.661

- **School Crossing Update** – Thank you to the P&C for their support in advocating for the crossing around our Parkway site to be constructed. I met with Newcastle Council representative Ryan Tranter on Friday 29 April (Term 2 Week 1), when midway through our meeting, the Lord Mayor arrived. They supported verbally to have 1-2 crossings around the school and agreed to work with School Infrastructure to plan the crossing to be installed in conjunction with the school re-build. A pedestrian traffic assessment (count/survey) was last done in 2016 and is to be re-done. They stated that in 2016, only 100 people were

recorded as exiting the school via the Parkway Avenue gates at 3pm. I contested this to be possibly inaccurate in 2022.

- **School Safety** – Parents/carers are reminded to support student safety to/from school on the roads, streets and public places in our city landscape. Student safety is paramount, and ongoing reminders through PB4L, Parkway, parent/carer letters are intended to encourage conversation and actions for keeping our kids safe and well in our community.
- **School Re-Build Update** – Still no formal announcement of the re-build government approval, awaiting NSW Treasury sign off. Attached/Tabled is the latest correspondence, sent to all parents and community late in Term 1 (28 April).
- **Staffing Update** – Hayley Edwards was success in being appointed as our Head Teacher English (replacing Rachel McNeilly) and we have our Head Teacher PDHPE Panel and LAST teacher merit selection panels running at the moment. Our third Deputy Principal is now substantively appointed - Joel Anderson. Thank you for the P&C representation and support of these merit processes. We also have 2 appointments via transfer – PDHPE Teacher Alexandria Brown (starting T3) and Jennifer Barnicoat in English (starting T4).
- **Canteen** – I met with the Canteen supervisor after last P&C feedback. P&C views on pricing, choices, serving sizes and options all given to our supervisor and taken on-board very positively.
- **Annual School Report 2021** – This document summarises the school’s achievements and areas for improvement against our plans. Key initiatives and actions against our Strategic Improvement Plan (SIP) and School Excellence Framework (SEF) are reported on within. Karen White as President has been sent a copy of this to share, which was completed at the end of last term and now found live on our website.
- **School Improvement Plan (SIP) 2021-2024** – This term, many initiatives and activities are on hold, as we manage through possible COVID staffing shortages. We have launched our completed visual representation that summarises our SIP actions (below), which was collaboratively developed across the last 12 months. Many teams are still working and actioning our plans, however this is being done carefully within the capacity for us to release and support staff with the priority to minimise disruption to classes.



COVID-Smart Plans Term 2

- **The school is currently on further eased COVID-Smart school operations** – Protocols and explanations of this level of school operations can be found on the [NHS Website](#).
- **Current COVID Protocols Include** – Surveillance rapid antigen testing (RAT), hand hygiene, staying home if you are sick, social distancing, mask wearing indoors in Support Unit, mask wearing if you are a close contact, managing limitations on large groups in venues and COVID Safety Plans for all activities.
- **Staffing** – The impact of COVID this year has been significant on staffing each day through sickness and COVID contact, casual shortages and disruption to staff extra-curricular activities. We have a consultatively agreed process for how to manage cover and possible staff shortages, when we do not have the teachers to minimise disruption to lessons.
- **Parent COVID Advice** - Departmental COVID-19 Advice for families is updated regularly and available at this [LINK](#)
- **RAT Kits** – Round 4 distribution issued to students last week at Assembly on Tuesday 17 May. This is the last provision the Department of Education is issuing through schools at this stage, to our knowledge.
- **COVID - Any questions, comments or concerns?**

Uniform

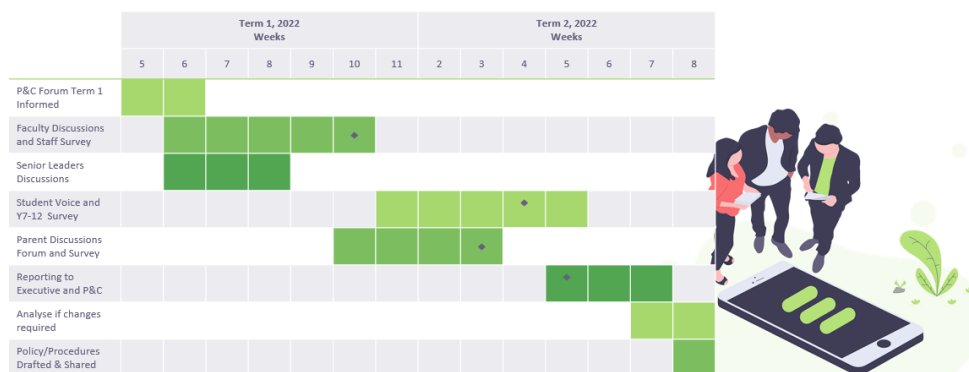
- We have tendered for the contract/license to supply uniform to NHS last term.
- The successful tender has been decided last term – we are awaiting Department advice to inform the successful company.
- Presentation to P&C and consultation on this is proposed to be held over until Term 3, to allow the successful company to be invited to present to our next meeting.

Mobile Phone Consultation Update

- Parents/Carers, Students and Staff have all been invited to participate in the forum, as summarised below and communicated to parents/carers through P&C, emails and Parkway.
- Our open Parent Forum was held on Wednesday 6 April 4-5pm (Term 1, Week 11).
- **Tabled** – Presentation given at the Parent Forum for those who missed it.
- **Parent Survey Link still live until next week:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MWSTZG5>
- Our open Staff Forum was held on Wednesday 30 March (Term 1, Week 10)
- Our Student Forum in focus groups to be held later this week - Wednesday 25 May (Term 2, Week 5)
- **Student Survey Link live now:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8L8ZJC5>

NHS Mobile Phone Consultation Timeline

◆ = Survey Reporting Point



- The question guiding this consultation is: **“What impact are mobile phones having on learning at NHS?”**
- Support material given for consultation includes:
 - PB4L lessons (for students), educational material and video content to reflect on the issues
 - “Review into the non-educational use of mobile devices in NSW schools – report” Source: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/strategies-and-reports/our-reports-and-reviews/mobile-devices-in-schools> A review by Dr Michael Carr-Gregg with the support of Susan McLean and Associate Professor Amanda Third.
- **Where to next?** – Summarising and evaluating all the data, reporting on the data and proposing any possible changes in procedures (if required).

NHS Mobile Phone Policy From Consultation into Action



Aboriginal Education

- Forum Presentation – Joel Anderson (Deputy Principal)

Attendance

- Forum Presentation – Janene Rosser (Principal)