

# TURRAMURRA

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## HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Year 11 Families,

Welcome to Term 2! The students have settled diligently into the challenge of Year 11 and we hope that they had a chance over the holidays for some leisure time as well as academic pursuits.

I, Sarah Andrews, have recently taken over the role of Year Adviser as Sam Vaz has stepped into the relieving role of Head Teacher Welfare. As a result, Lucas Dawson has joined our team as the Assistant Adviser. We are excited to work with you to support the students.

If you are wondering how you can support your child's learning you can visit the NESA website. This site offers various guidelines for assessment, past examination papers, syllabus and responsibilities of your child.

<http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/home/>

Each student has an assessment schedule for all of their subjects. This can be found on the school home page under Staff, Students and Parents Links. Scroll down to Year 11 and you will find the assessment schedule, study period procedures, illness misadventure form and other resources. Alternatively you can use the link provided below.

<https://turramurra-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/learning-at-our-school/hsc-and-preliminary-information.html>

To help students manage their time, and to organise for upcoming assessments, it is helpful to place a calendar in a visible place in your home and mark all due dates for assessments. This can help to allocate satisfactory time to each assessment, around school, homework, social, and family time.

If your child needs help organising their time please, do not wait to seek assistance. As Year Adviser and Assistant Year Adviser, we are here to help, and so are classroom teachers – we are available to provide encouragement and positive support. Students can also access a library study skills session by speaking with any of the teaching staff in the library. These sessions can cover but are not limited to: time management, diary organisation, prioritising, goals setting, effective study routines etc.

Further support that has been established for Year 11 students, is an Academic Mentoring Programme that sees students having access to a nominated teacher to provide them with guidance and support. Please note, however, that this is not a tutoring programme. Students also have access to the THS Senior Student Google Classroom which provides them with electronic resources around wellbeing, successful study and where to access resources etc.

School time is always a valuable learning time, and every day of the school year should be looked upon as an important learning opportunity for your child. They are almost half way through their Preliminary year, missing any days of school unnecessarily is detrimental to a student's learning experience. Please remember to send in a note or an email when your child is absent. It is also important for your child to arrive at school on time for

their first lesson. It is their responsibility to catch up on all learning missed while absent. Please encourage them to reach out to their teachers, Year Advisers, Head Teacher Welfare (Mrs Vaz) for any assistance in this.

HOW (homework club) is on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 3 – 4pm in the library. In the lead up to, and during the examination weeks, it would be beneficial for students to use this time to make notes and revise for their examinations. Learning Support staff and subject specific staff are on hand to help students with any questions. If your child has study periods during the day they are encouraged to use that time wisely.

Please ensure that your child wears the correct uniform each day including Thursdays. We offer a school jumper, bomber jacket, a girls' stylish black cardigan and blazer for the cool winter months. Students can now also wear their sport jacket each day. It is unacceptable to wear hoodies or non-school jumpers and students will be asked to remove them.

Turrumurra High School uses **SchoolStream** to notify parents, students and staff of upcoming excursions and events. We are also able to let parents know if there are any delays with excursions or of any emergencies. Go to the school website [www.turramurrahighschool.com.au](http://www.turramurrahighschool.com.au) and scroll down to the bottom of the home page and click on the School Stream icon to find how to download the app. A school calendar is also available for checking events on the website.

Please see below for some upcoming events this term. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us.

**TERM DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**21st April** – Cross Country Carnival

**4th May** – Athletics Carnival

**5th May** – Zone Cross Country

**5th May** - Student Performance Review Evening

**19th May** - Life Ready Program

**11th June** - RYDA Excursion

**16th June** - Zone Athletics Carnival

**14th June** – Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

**June 21-25** – Spirit Week

Kind Regards

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