

TURRAMURRA

HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Families,

I would like to firstly welcome you back to Term 1 at Turramurra High School. I hope your children have enjoyed some relaxation and fun during the holidays and I look forward to an exciting year watching them grow into the wonderful young adults they are already becoming.

Although our students have already completed one term of Year 12, this is a very important time to support your son/daughter. This year needs to be approached as a team: with students, teachers and parents working together to achieve the best outcome for your child. Students need to maintain a consistent study regime whilst looking after their own mental and physical wellbeing. It is helpful if a timetable is kept which shows due dates for assessments, examination dates and any regular activities such as work or sport commitments. It is advisable to keep this timetable in a prominent position so that you as parents and your child are aware of all activities and due dates. I would also like to bring to your attention that your children will be completing three terms of schooling this year, with the HSC occurring during the first few weeks of Term 4 (although no classes for Year 12 will be running any longer).

I would also like to take the time to remind parents and children of the different members of staff who are able to offer support to students here at Turramurra High School, these include:

- Their chosen mentors (*chosen in Year 11*)
- Mr. Mark Crewe as their Year Adviser
- Ms. Janine Steele as the Assistant Year Adviser
- Mrs. Julie Arrigo as their Deputy Principal
- Mr. Andrew Harrison as their Career's Adviser
- Mr. Justin Cogley and Ms. Julie Robinson as the school counsellors
- Mr. Dave Merrick (Head Teacher Welfare) and Ms. Nadia Kudiarskyj (Wellbeing Support Officer)

I can't stress enough the importance of allowing adequate time to fully prepare and complete assignments. This year will bring your students a range of new opportunities, as well as challenges to overcome, however by maintaining a balance in work/personal life, taking care of themselves as well as each other, this year will also prove to be extremely rewarding. Thoroughly review the Year 12 assessment schedule for 2020 (available online on the school website in the Year 12 tab) with your child and put in place a plan for organising work. Assessments must be handed in on the due date. If not handed in by the due date they will receive a zero (without sufficient/acceptable documentation such as misadventure forms), this WILL affect their HSC. If your daughter/son does not understand the task or how to get started encourage them to seek help from their teacher.

I would also like to point out the following upcoming dates to note:

- **Swimming carnival:** Wednesday 3rd February
- **School photo dates:** Friday 19th Feb – Week 4, Term 1
- **Elevate education seminar:** Monday March 1 (3:15 pm)
- **Trial Examination Period:** Thursday 22nd July - Friday 6th August, Term 3.
- **HSC Examination Period:** Tuesday 12th October – Thursday 4th November, Term 4

Please also refer to the website listed below for further information regarding key dates for HSC related matters.

<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/hsc/key-dates-exam-timetables>

Many thanks,

Mr Mark Crewe
Year 12 Adviser