



February 2018
Welcome Message



Welcome to the MCSS 2018 School Year

We have had a great start to the school year with students across both campuses now settling in to the busy school routine. The summer break over, students and staff are now looking to the semester 1 activities and a build-up of school work and a range of extra-curricular enrichment activities.

Exciting news for students is the **ACT Government School Chromebook Rollout** for all students in Years 7-11. The Year 7-10 students receive their devices on Monday 12 February and Year 11 will have to wait until Wednesday 21 February. Please return your authorisation notes if you wish to access a Chromebook for your student.

At the beginning of this year we have commenced our transition to the NEW School Administration System (SAS). This Education Directorate led system aims to maximise the efficiency of the administration in our schools. At present, the transition to this system is in phases with the first concentrating on attendance. This change means that the previous digital roll marking tool we used – APPSENCE – will no longer be used. After week 3 this term we will be activating the SMS functionality of the program that will alert you of any variation to your child's attendance in each lesson.

Later this month a comprehensive newsletter full of celebrations and students experiences will be distributed. It is now timely to share key information that is important for parents and carers, as well as students. Please note the schedule of **Important Term 1 Dates** on the reverse page of this message.

Our thanks go out to all families of high school campus students for their special efforts in preparing students with the new uniforms this year. This reflects strongly the pride and commitment they too have for MCSS. **Student photos occur on Friday 16 February for all year levels.**

In welcoming new and continuing students for 2018 we take the opportunity to promote that they set goals and seek to succeed in all that they do. With the support of parents and carers in the home environment, students will be in the best position to achieve these goals.

Involving parents and carers is important, including participation in special events on each campus for our new **Year 7 (5.00pm Tuesday 27 February – Meet the Teacher Evening)** and our College level students in **Year 11 and 12 (6.15pm Tuesday 27 February – College Pastoral Care & Assessment Evening)**. Both events are on the same evening for the convenience of parents with students across campuses. If you are unable to attend please contact the school and provide any information that will assist the school in supporting the performance and success of your child at MCSS.

The **MCSS Swimming Carnival at Big Splash on Thursday 22 February** is an opportunity for both campuses to contribute to the positive culture of our school. Through participation each student will build on their pride in our school. The House points competition will be determined by participation alone, so everyone attending this year will be a winner. **(Permission Notes to be distributed in week 1)**

We welcome a number of new staff to the school for 2018 in both teaching and school support roles. Across the two campuses they join a team of over 100 staff who work in a dynamic and rewarding school environment.

Finally, if the **contact details** for parents/carers and **student medical information** need to be updated, please contact the school. This information is extremely important for ensuring communication to support all students at MCSS.

On behalf of all staff at the school, best wishes for a successful 2018.

Michael Battenally
Principal

Lee Pietrukowski
Associate Principal

Jesse Sidhu
Associate Principal

Graeme Cook
Associate Principal

**MCSS
Mission**

“MCSS fosters a supportive environment of respect, trust and intercultural understanding. Each student is encouraged and challenged to earn, grow and accomplish personal, academic, social and vocational excellence.”

MCSS Term 1 2018 ~ Important Dates

| Date | Event | Details |
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| 22 February - Thursday | MCSS Swimming Carnival (7-12) | All day (9.00-300pm) at Jamison Pool (Big Splash, Macquarie) |
| 13 February – Tuesday | AST Preparation (QCS test) | 9.00am College – Year 12 (Tertiary) |
| 16 February - Friday | Student Photos (7-12) | Student ID and Photo Pack's |
| 21 February – Wednesday | Board Meeting P&C Meeting | 5.30-7.00pm @ College Campus 7.00pm @ College Campus |
| 27 February – Tuesday | Meet The Teacher Evening (Year 7) College Pastoral Care & Assessment Evening (Year 11/12) | 5.00pm for Parents & Carers at High School Campus Library 6.15pm for Year 11/12 Parents & Carers at College Campus Library |
| 12 March - Monday | Canberra Day Holiday | Public Holiday |
| 13 March - Tuesday | College Moderation Day | No classes for Year 11/12 |
| 21 March - Wednesday | MCSS Pasifika Community Evening | 5.00-7.30pm College Café/Courtyard |
| 22 March – Wednesday | Harmony Day Assembly (7-12) | High School Campus Gym |
| 27 March - Tuesday | Year 10 Information Night | 6.00-7.00pm High School Campus |
| 26-28 March – Mon, Tues, Wed | Year 7 Camp | Pambula - NSW South Coast |
| 26-28 March – Mon, Tues, Wed | Year 6 Transition Program | Local Primary Year 6 students experience MCSS on scheduled days |
| 28 March – Wednesday | Board Meeting P&C Meeting (AGM) | 5.30-7.00pm @ College Campus 7.00pm @ College Campus |
| 30 March – Friday | Easter Good Friday | Public Holiday |
| 2 April - Monday | Easter Monday | Public Holiday |
| 10 April – Tuesday | Parent Teacher Interviews (7-12) | 4.30-7.00pm at College Campus |
| 12 April – Thursday | Year 10 College Transition "Taster" | 9.00am at College Campus – Year 10 |
| 13 April – Friday | MCSS School Cluster ANZAC 103 Year Commemoration Ceremony | 10.00-11.00am High School Campus Gym |
| 13 - 29 April | Autumn Break | Relax and Recharge for Term 2 |
| 25 April - Wednesday | ANZAC DAY | Public Holiday |
| 30 April – Monday | Term 2 Commencement | All students Year 7-12 |

Parents/carers and students to access (view online or request by emailed) the student daily notices and the student calendar using the links 1)MCSS Calendar <http://tinyurl.com/44uzywz> and 2)MCSS Daily Notices <http://tinyurl.com/3qmjtsc> For registration please check on www.sobs.com.au Parents can use the 'My profile' page to update their details and also to change their email address. SOBS MCSS notice links are also available on the MCSS website.