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# Principal's Message

## Higher School Certificate update

### Special points of interest:

- Early leavers passes
- Library Books
- Concession Card
- P&C
- Calendar

Even though this information has been communicated in previous Drawbridge editions, it is worth noting again. There have been a number of changes to a small number of HSC courses as a result of COVID-19 circumstances. All students and parents are encouraged to visit the NESA website (<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/covid-19coronavirus-advice>) regularly to ensure they have clarity or to seek advice from Ms Dane or Mr Kennedy.

As well, NESA has partnered with ReachOut Australia to provide resources for students for the HSC which the following link will provide information on: <https://au.reachout.com/collections/stressed-about-study-during-coronavirus>

## Subject Selection for year 10 for the senior years 2021-2022

Adaptability is the key these days. And so subject selection for Year 10 for the senior years needs to be done differently but always with a weather eye on good communication. Unable to have an information evening for parents and students, we now **have on-line videos** from each head teacher and from Mr Mitchell and myself outlining, for example, critical information on the HSC and ATAR requirements, HSC course descriptions and a process to complete selections. This information will be available on **CANVAS Thursday 18 June**. I know that you will find these resources informative. We will be supplementing this information with a hard copy booklet which will be distributed on Friday this week, but the booklet is also on CANVAS and can be downloaded in sections or in the entire form.

As with previous years, we will be continuing with the **one-on-one interviews** for each Year 10 student. This is an essential part of our subject selection process, we believe, ensuring that each student has a personalised conversation to check compliance with NESA rules as well as to ensure that students have understood course requirements and all options available. These interviews will commence **on Monday 29 June in the Hall**. I'm certainly looking forward to seeing students grapple with the problem-solving necessary to select what they like, what they are good at and what will advantage them in their career pursuits.



## Year 8 subject selection for electives in Year 9 and 10

Students in Year 8 will be selecting 3 electives for study in year 9 2021 and Year 10 2022. Again, we will need to do things differently, so much of the information will be communicated on-line. We will inform you of this next term but please be assured there will be clarity and transparency with plenty of people available should there be any questions or issues.

### The show goes on with reports

Teachers and administrative staff are just finalising reports which will be available on -line in the coming days.

- Year 8 and 10 reports will be available on the parent portal on Monday 22 June
- Year 9 reports will be available on the parent portal in the last week of term, from Monday 29 June
- Year 7 reports will be available on the parent portal on Friday 24 July

### Parent/Teacher Evenings – again a new normal

Until restrictions are lifted, parent /teacher evenings will not be possible to conduct.

Following receipt of reports parents can contact the school for a phone interview with relevant teachers.

### School uniform

I want to congratulate the school community for their support of the school's uniform. We are nearly back to normal.

Please be reminded that the proper uniform is expected, including black shoes and the school's jacket. Hoodies will be confiscated but there is no surprise as we have been clear on this expectation. We want students to be warm so we suggest the school's jumper together with the school's jacket and a white t shirt under the school shirt.

The school's track pant should be worn for sport. Again, this will be monitored closely.

Thank you again for your support and vigilance of the uniform. It helps us enormously.

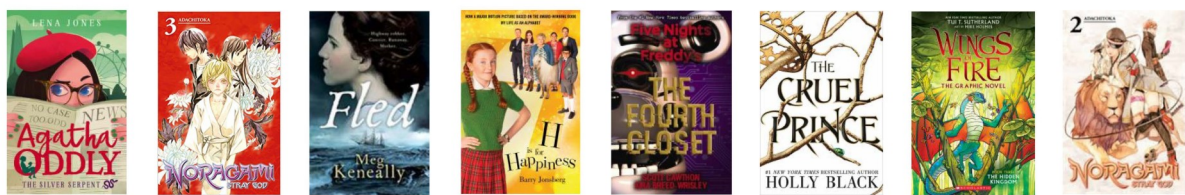
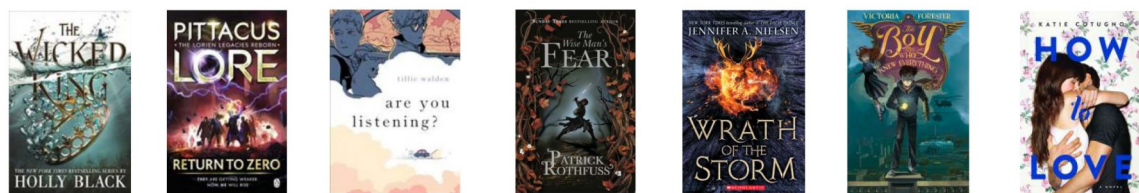
**Regards**

**Vicki Brewer**

**Principal**



# NEW! BOOKS in the Library



# Early Leavers Pass

Could all students & parents be reminded that if a student needs to leave school early, to bring a note in from home with the date, time and the reason for your early leaver. Students will need to show their classroom teacher 5 minutes before they need to leave so they can then make their own way to the Administration Office to sign out. Under no circumstances are they to leave the school grounds without notifying the Administration Office.

If a last minute appointment has been made for a student during school hours then a email, text or phone call to the school to advise us of when a student needs to leave can be arranged.

CASTLE HILL HIGH SCHOOL	
Late Arrival/Early Leaver Notice	
Name: _____	of Year _____
Date: _____	Estimated Time: _____
Reason: _____	
Phone call received from: _____	
Signed: _____	

# CONCESSION CARDS

All students who came to A1 and registered for a new concession card, these are available to collect from the Payments Office.

If you are 16 years old, you are required to have a concession card to travel on public transport under a Child/Student Opal Card. If you have not requested one yet, please come to the Payments office to register for one.

This card allows you to travel on NSW Public Transport on a Child/Student Opal Card. The government will expect you to travel on an Adult Card (which costs a lot more) when you turn 16 years old, unless you can show them this Concession Card which advises them that you are still at school and able to travel on the Child/Student card. The fine can be \$125 so it is worth getting one.

senior secondary student concession card

Transport 20

Student's name in full

Residential address

Student's signature

Name of school

Signature of school principal or authorised representative

CASTLE HILL HIGH SCHOOL

For travel with child/concession fare on train, bus, ferry and light rail services within NSW as indicated on the reverse.

NOT VALID UNLESS FOIL SEAL IS ATTACHED

FOIL SEAL

Expiry date 31.03.21

FOR CONDITIONS SEE BACK FORM No. 202

Always carry card when travelling

## P&C News

Our AGM went ahead last night as scheduled. We were appropriately sanitized and distanced as we conducted our business. It has been an honor and privilege to lead the P&C of the CHHS community this year.

I would like to thank the outgoing executive team for 2019/20:

Vice President: Trinity Quinn

Treasurer: Victoria Larson-George

Secretary: Wendy Mynard

Executive team: Carolyn Vanderklauw, Ewa Graham, Elizabeth Madders, Grahame Rosolen, Greg Martin, Shefali Agrawal, Tracey Garnett.

We are very fortunate to have a highly functioning and effective P&C association and I value the collaborative relationship we have with the school, its teachers, staff and the executive leadership team. Thank you to Vicki and her executive team for the wonderful support this year.

I need to highlight Victoria, Trinity and Wendy who have supported me immeasurably during my time as president and in particular in recent months navigating the Covid situation. The midnight conversations, the constant communication, rapid responses to pertinent questions, the ability to focus on the issue at hand and make quick informed decisions during a time when the situation was changing daily and there was no one to guide P&C's through the situation we found ourselves in.

I would also like to thank all of our staff in the uniform shop and canteen who have supported all of our decisions during this time and worked very closely with us to re-work policy, procedures and every day practices as we embark on the slow path to resuming normal operations.

Our executive line up for 2020/21 is as follows:

President: Liga Hegner

Vice President (1): Trinity Quin

Vice President (2): TBA. Expression of interest received post AGM.

Treasurer: Victoria Larson-George

Secretary: Wendy Mynard

Executive team: Adam Harding, Grahame Rosolen, Greg Martin, Ewa Graham, Carolyn Vanderklauw.

We are excited for the year ahead and I am looking forward to working with such a dedicated and proactive team.

I would like to thank all of our members for making last night's meeting possible. A hearty welcome to all of our new members. We are very pleased to have you in our midst.

Liga Hegner  
P&C President

## Uniform Shop News



Winter



Sports



Summer

OPENING HOURS UNTIL THE END OF TERM 2

**Monday**      **8:15am-11:30am**  
                    **12:45pm-1:30pm**  
**Friday**        **8:15am- 11:30am**

OPENING HOURS TERM 3

WEEK 1

MONDAY 20TH JULY: 10.00 AM TO 12.30 PM

TUESDAY 21ST JULY: 8.15 AM TO 11.30 AM

FRIDAY 24TH JULY: 8.15 AM TO 11.30 AM

WEEKS 2-10

MONDAY **AND** FRIDAY

8.15 TO 11.30AM

Many stock items have sold out this term and new stock has been ordered.

Size 14 jumpers should be available early term 3

Track pants are now available in all sizes from 10 to XL. Same for boys and girls. \$40.00

ONLINE ORDERS are available to pick up at recess on Monday **or** Friday.

Margaret Pritchard  
Uniform Shop Co-ordinator

**N.B:** The Department of Education advises that non-essential adults are still not permitted on school grounds – please be aware this includes the uniform shop.

Please therefore utilize our online ordering, size exchange, and staff assistance to help your child find their size.

# Calendar

Monday 22nd June

Year 10 Subject Information Week Booklet and Videos on CANVAS All Week.

Year 8 & 10 Reports uploaded onto Parent Portal  
Careers UNSW Talk 12.45 to 1.30pm Live Stream

Tuesday 23rd June

Wednesday 24th June

Thursday 25th June

Friday 26th June

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Monday 29th June

Year 10 into 11 subject selection interviews

Tuesday 30th June

Year 9 Reports uploaded onto Parent Portal

Year 10 into 11 subject selection interviews

Group Photo Day

Wednesday 1st July

Year 10 into 11 subject selection due Online

Careers MY GATEWAY APPRENTICESHIPS TALK

12.04—1.29pm Zoom Meeting

Thursday 2nd July

Year 9 Reports uploaded to Parent Portal

Friday 3rd July

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July 4th to 20th July School Holidays

Return to School Tuesday 21st July 2020

Monday 20th July

Staff Development Day

Tuesday 21st July

Year 8 Subject Information Week

Wednesday 22nd July

Thursday 23rd July

Friday 24th July

Year 7 Reports uploaded onto the Parent Portal