



Hawkesbury High School

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Principal's Update

16 March 2020

Our mission - building a caring and safe learning environment where great teaching supports and inspires all students to grow, develop and succeed.



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Mayor's Morning Tea

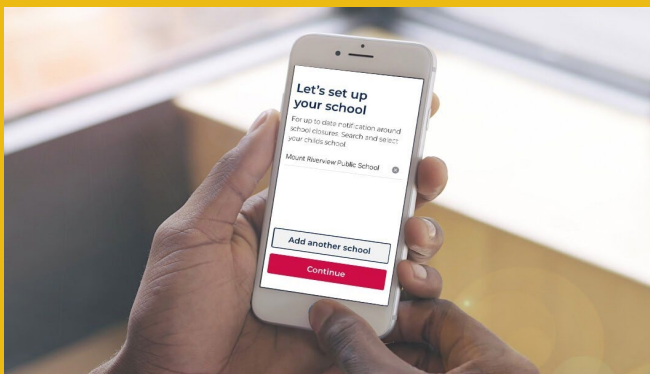
Hawkesbury High school leaders were invited to morning tea by the Mayor, Councillor Barry Calvert. Our school leaders were also hosted by Councillor Sarah Richards who gave students an opportunity to get a taste of Council proceedings and engage in two mock debates with students from other high schools. The Mayor also gave students an opportunity to ask questions about how the Council works and to contribute with ideas and suggestions on how the Council can support and serve young people of the Hawkesbury. It was clear that our young leaders take a lot of pride in living in the Hawkesbury and that they value the close-knit and harmonious area in which they live.

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For more information visit the school's website.



Open Night and Meet the Teacher

The school community was invited to participate in our annual Open Night on Tuesday, 3 March. Visitors had an opportunity to take advantage of student-led school tours, participate in faculty-based activities, listen to open air student performances, and talk to staff about the multiplicity of opportunities offered at the school. It was wonderful to see so many visitors attend the night, despite the rain. It was also wonderful to hear how impressed prospective students and parents were with what the school has to offer.

Parents of Year 7 students also had an opportunity to meet their children's teachers and learn more about the integrated curriculum model offered across all of Year 7. Parents visited their children's home rooms and learned more about project based learning that focuses explicitly on skills and capabilities that will allow them to succeed in the modern world. Parents also had an opportunity to participate in the Ready to Learn Survey, allowing the school to collect data that will enable us to develop parent workshops on strategies to support students' learning at home.

Student Tutoring

Hawkesbury High School currently employs two tutors – university students who each spend one day a week at the school working with our students. Rosie and Daniel work on days when their busy university schedules allow them to tutor our students – currently Mondays (Rosie) and Fridays (Daniel). Both Rosie and Daniel are available to work one on one or in small groups with all students, although seniors may have additional flexibility due to timetabled study periods. They are also available before school and during recess. Students are encouraged to approach Rosie and Daniel to make an appointment, or they can approach me and I will work with our tutors to find a suitable time. Rosie specialises in helping students with research, project management and essay writing, while Daniel's speciality is mathematics and physics. A number of students have already taken advantage of this opportunity and have reported to me that both Rosie and Daniel have been very helpful.

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

Current advice on COVID-19 is available on the school's website and on the Department's website on <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/school-safety/novel-coronavirus>. NSW Health have processes in place to identify any close contacts with confirmed cases. NSW Health and the Department of Education are in constant and close communication, as is the school. In the meantime, I ask everyone to monitor their own health, seek medical advice if they feel unwell and maintain good hygiene practices – as we would in any case. If you or your child develop flu-like symptoms you should seek medical advice, and if any case of COVID19 is confirmed in your family, please advise the school promptly.

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