



Hawkesbury High School

Caring Learning Connecting



Principal's Update

21 February 2019

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



Student mural celebrates our cultural heritage



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The school mural with the turtle motif was mounted in the COLA quad on Thursday. The mural was conceptualised and painted by our Aboriginal girls who aimed to celebrate our cultural heritage. The six long-neck turtles represent the six high school year groups, with each turtle inheriting design elements from the preceding turtle, yet increasing in size and complexity on the journey from Year 7 to Year 12. The paths leading to the meeting place in the middle of the mural represent the strong partnership between Hawkesbury High School and our six partner primary schools. The positive message of connectedness, collaboration and growth is wonderfully captured by our students in this outstanding artwork. The turtle motif will also become part of the school's branding to acknowledge that we live and work on traditional Aboriginal land. The mural will be officially unveiled on the evening of 5th of March, the school's Open Night.

There has been a lot of media attention lately on the use of mobile phones in schools. While the school's discipline policy clearly defines appropriate use of mobile phones, the school is in the process of reviewing this policy. A Community Forum will be held at Hawkesbury High School on Tuesday, 19 March, on the topic of mobile phones in schools. We would like to encourage parents and community members to attend this forum and present their views on the use of mobile phones at Hawkesbury High School. This is a very controversial issue, and we are keen to reflect the community views and standards when developing school policies, including our policy on the use of mobile phones. More information in relation to this forum will be published shortly on Skoolbag, the school's website and on Facebook.



The school's Open Night will be held on Tuesday, 5 March from 5 to 7 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit the school and have a chat with our teachers, take a look at our facilities such as the Emily Reinhardt Learning Centre, The Hub, the Senior Study, the school gym and the audio/visual studio that is currently being set up. Hawkesbury High School is a caring and supportive learning environment, and we look forward to connecting with our community on Open Night.



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Safe. Team Players. Achiever. Respectful

HAWKESBURY HIGH SCHOOL
Welcomes you to
OPEN NIGHT

TUESDAY 5 MARCH 5:00 PM

BBQ and student performances in the COLA, guided tours, faculty displays, Q & A, and much, much more all afternoon.



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Safety Notices

The school would appreciate if parents observed the following notices to ensure Hawkesbury High School remains a safe learning environment:

- Please do not use the staff car parks to drop off and pick up your children. There is ample street parking available on both Hibberts Lane and Kurmond Road where teachers are on supervision before and after school.
- All parents and visitors must sign in at the front office. If you have an appointment, the office staff will notify the appropriate staff member who will meet you at the front office. When dropping off items for your child, please drop them off at the front office and they will be delivered promptly to your child.

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