



# FAIRVIEWS

*I Learn to Live*

Term 1 Week 5 Tuesday 21 February 2023

## Meet Our New Year 7 Year Advisers

Mr Anou



Ms Dao



Welcome Year 7 to 2023 and your new High School. It is a time to start fresh. It is the time to focus. It is the time to become the best version of yourself. We are all shy in some way but now is the time to get to know yourself, your peers, and do the best for yourself. Ask as many questions as you can. The worst question is the question not asked. Say "Hello" and "How are you" to your classmates and teachers. You will be at Fairvale High School for the next 6 years of your lives so make the most out of it by having a positive attitude and being a respectful individual.

Ms Dao has a History and English background and can be found in the Newling Staffroom. Mr Anou has a Music and Special Needs background and can be found in the Diverse learning Staffroom in Florey. We are both passionate about helping Year 7 as a whole and would like to see improvements in our students' learning and positive attitudes across our whole year group. We value respect, positivity, and friendliness.

We are here for you for the long run as you embark on your journey at Fairvale High School. Year 7, feel free to have a chat about any aspect of school or life. We will guide you in the right direction and will make your life at school as smooth and productive as possible.

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to Term 1, 2023. It is wonderful to see a new group of Year 7 students starting at Fairvale High. The staff are hopeful that 2023 will be a most successful year where our students can focus on their learning and put behind them COVID restrictions and learning from home. We still though need to be vigilant and continue to wash our hands, stay home if we are unwell and exercise good hygiene habits as we learn and work together.

We are fortunate to welcome the following staff to our executive team:  
Ms Cathy Christie - Deputy Principal (Years 7 & 8)  
Mr Clint Eagles - Deputy Principal (Inclusion & Support)  
Ms Grace Ghossain - Head Teacher Secondary Studies

Fairvale High teachers were happy with the 2022 HSC results with our students performing above state average in a number of Key Learning Areas, despite the hardship of past lockdowns and Year 12 students and their families contracting COVID during the year. Congratulations to the following students who achieved 90 plus ATARS:

- James Nguyen – Dux
- Nathan Luu
- Katie Vay
- Solina Chhoy
- Jane Ma
- Nathasha Rath
- Andrew Ton
- Grace Kouch
- Sebastian Le
- Kelly Kao

We trust that all our new and continuing staff have a productive year working together to improve the learning outcomes of our students. We can finally see the light at the end of the tunnel with construction around the school. The final aspects are being completed and our students are fortunate in being able to enjoy modern learning classrooms and a state-of-the-art Hall. We are in the process of refurbishing one of our older kitchens and work will be starting soon to increase the number of toilets we have available for student use. No doubt our students have also noticed that during the holidays covered walkways were installed between Newling and K blocks and air-conditioning completed in our Administration area.

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT CONTINUES...

A reminder to all parents/carers that if your son or daughter is sick could you please provide a text, email, or written note of **explanation immediately** after their absence. This provides the school with accurate records of attendance and assists our partnership in ensuring that students attend school every day. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Lastly, school photos are taking place on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February. There is the option to pay online and the photography company welcomes sibling and team photos, so please take advantage of this opportunity to capture fond school memories.

Our annual conference for staff will be taking place once again this year from March 17<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> and we will discuss the variation to the end of year Staff Development Days at the next P & C meeting on Friday 24 February at 9.30am. We look forward to seeing our parents/carers this Friday.

Regards,  
Dr. K Seto



## CHEFS CLASS

ENJOY A NIGHT OF GOOD FOOD PREPARED & SERVED BY FAIRVALE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

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## SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The weather was gloomy, dark and cloudy. Year 7s attended their first swimming carnival for High School. Students took the bus to Fairfield Leisure Centre and were greeted by some light rain. This rain was present throughout the whole day. There were competitors from year 7 to 12 and they had some great scores. Students throughout the day were able to have fun at the aqua park which had plenty water slides and big bucket splashes. Novelty events were held midway through the day and this is where Year 7 came together with great energy and Fairvale High School Spirit. Students had to race using paddle boards, balls, and blow up floaties. The atmosphere was electric as year 7s and competitors from 8 to 12 were cheering each other on. Towards the end of the day, the rain was extremely heavy. It did not matter because everyone had fun and enjoyed their day.



Year 7 can not wait for the next event where everyone can cheer for each other once again!

***Mr Anou & Ms Dao - Year 7 Year Advisers***

## ONSTAGE DRAMA EXCURSION

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023, Year 11 Drama attended the ONSTAGE Drama Showcase at the Seymour Centre Sydney. This HSC showcase comprises exemplary works from the 2022 Drama HSC practical examinations. Students were able to spend time in the exhibition hall viewing Band 6 examples of Individual projects such as Costume Design, Set Design and Poster Promotion material. They then watched a two hour showcase of Individual performances, Group performances, a video drama and a performance of an example of scriptwriting. Students enjoyed their first excursion (in close to two years) and found this showcase valuable in understanding what is necessary for their own HSC Individual and Group projects next year.



Students in order from front row to the back row -

Seated on stairs - Gberrella Rouil

1<sup>st</sup> row standing - Katelin Trinh, Laleiah Lakisoa-Mapuna, Adeline Thwaites

2<sup>nd</sup> row - Sama Al Hadaya, Zahraa Al-Asadi, Fiona Villanueva

3<sup>rd</sup> row - Epineri Tikoduadua, Angela Younatan, Gia Anh Hoang

4<sup>th</sup> row - Lupe Toefoki, Harven Eshaq

***Mrs Semenov - Dance/Drama Teacher***

## MOTIV8 DAY

Year 7s first day at Fairvale was filled with teamwork, sportsmanship and a great positive attitude. Students came to school with mixed feeling including being nervous, excited or shy. Students were split into their four houses and from there, our little year 7s gained excitement for what was to come.

Motiv8 had amazing coaches who ran unique hybrid sports with year 7s. They had 9 hybrid sports on rotation throughout the day. Year 9 peer support leaders were in attendance to support year 7 and made them feel confident.

Year 7 enjoyed a BBQ lunch and were able to meet new peers on their first day of High School. Little friendship groups were starting to form and Year 7 began to feel comfortable meeting new peers.

Overall, students had a fantastic day and were keen for the new school year of 2023. Lets continue our positive attitude, meet new people and learn as much as we can!



## IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a point in time assessment of literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. Each year students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in tests for writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

From 2023, NAPLAN is moving to Term 1 and will take place from **Wednesday 15 March to Monday 27 March 2023**. The reason for this change is so that results can be returned to schools earlier in the year which will support teachers to understand the learning needs of their students and plan accordingly.

NAPLAN tests are just one part of our school learning assessment program and questions are primarily based on knowledge, understanding and skills gained from the prior year of schooling.

In preparation for NAPLAN 2023, our school will undertake activities to help students to become familiar with the format and functionality of the online tests. These activities are not an assessment of student ability and will not be marked.

Students and parents can access the [public demonstration site](#) to familiarise themselves with NAPLAN and the types of questions and tools available. Excessive preparation for NAPLAN is not required nor recommended.

*NAPLAN 2023 Information for parents and carers* is attached. If you have any further questions about NAPLAN, please contact your child's teacher.

Resources include:

- [Public demonstration site](#)
- [NESA NAPLAN website](#)
- [NAP parent/carer support page](#)
- [Watch a video that explains tailored testing](#)



## COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier, and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children

All children under the age of 17 are required by law to attend school regularly. The Department of Education requires that students must attend every school day unless ill. Research has shown a strong correlation between high attendance rates and higher academic achievement.



Too many absences—excused or unexcused—can keep students from succeeding in school and in life.

How many are too many? 10% of the school year—that's 18 missed days or 2 days a month—can knock students off track.

### At Fairvale High School, the school day starts at 8:40am

By encouraging your child to arrive at school on time each day, you are providing support to: -

- Ensure that your child does not miss out on important announcements and learning activities scheduled early in the day.
- Help your child learn the importance of punctuality and routine.
- Give your child time to greet their friends before class.
- Reduce classroom disruption.
- Improve your child's school attendance record - arriving late to school is **recorded as a partial absence and** must be explained by parents.

### What if my child must be away from school?

Parents are required to explain the absences of their children from school promptly and within seven days to the school via telephone, SMS messaging, email, written note signed by the parent / carer or provide a medical certificate.

**Justified reasons** for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease,
- having an unavoidable medical appointment,
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday,
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral).

### My child won't go to school what should I do?

Contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Early and direct contact with the parents of students who are absent from school is a proven way to improve regular attendance and to build a positive relationship with parents in relation to school attendance.

Fairvale High School recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school. We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.



## DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 1 2023

# SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

### Fairvale High School

Day of Photography

## 24/02/2023

1. Please wear your full school uniform
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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	6 March	7 March	8 March	9 March	10 March
<b>Week 7</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lansdowne Zone Swimming Carnival</li> </ul>				
	13 March	14 March	15 March	16 March	17 March
<b>Week 8</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SSW Regional Swimming Carnival</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NAPLAN Online Test</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NAPLAN Online Test</li> <li>• Junior Athletics Carnival 7, 8, 9</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NAPLAN Online Test</li> </ul>
	20 March	21 March	22 March	23 March	24 March
<b>Week 9</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NAPLAN Online Test</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NAPLAN Online Test</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NAPLAN Online Test</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NAPLAN Online Test</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NAPLAN Online Test</li> </ul>
	27 March	28 March	29 March	30 March	31 March
<b>Week 10</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NAPLAN Online Test</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Geography Competition</li> </ul>		

Please Note: The above events and / or event dates are subject to change.

If you have any questions, please contact the school on - 9604 3118  
or visit the website - [www.fairvale-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/](http://www.fairvale-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/)