



From the Acting Headmaster

24th June 2022

End of Term 2 Letter

As we end Term 2, I would like to extend my thanks to the parents and carers at Blue Mountains Grammar School. Term 2 has perhaps been as unpredictable as the preceding 2 years, yet we have achieved much as a community. That is on the back of the exceptional effort of our team and the support of our entire community – Thank you, everyone, for the part you have played. We have good reason to again be proud of our community, notably how we finished the term.

I have been in the Acting Headmaster role for just over three weeks, and yet in that time I have had the opportunity to engage in so many events worthy of mention. In particular, I would like to acknowledge the staff, students and parents who contributed to these events to ensure our young people maintained momentum in the learning experiences. Some of these events included:

- The Careers Expo - with a presence from several universities, businesses, NSW Police, the Australian Defense Force, TAFE NSW, and more, this event set a new standard in service to our students and community. It also speaks into the future partnerships the Blue Mountains Grammar School team is establishing.
- The Winter Ball - an exquisite evening held at the Fairmont Resort. It was a unique opportunity for our students to enjoy new levels of maturity and celebration. With presentations from the BMGS Alumni, and a sense of celebration with families, this event has left indelible memories for everyone involved.
- Joseph and The Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat - a fantastic celebration of everything that being a Junior School student in a school musical is meant to be. The colour, energy and execution brought a smile to everyone who saw the production. And as expected, there were plenty of cute moments as well.
- Subject Selection Evenings - Not one but two evenings with lots of helpful and valuable information for students in the window of selecting their subjects. Having staff available to explain, unpack and direct student and parent questions has contributed well to planning for next year.
- Saturday Sport - amid the complexity of rain, soggy grounds and inclement weather, our team of staff have managed to still play a significant number of games this term. It is important to remember that Saturday sport is a big commitment for our staff. I am grateful that the willingness to engage allows our students to represent our community.

Staffing Changes

Junior School

In the coming weeks, we will farewell Mrs Sheree Cunneen, our Stage 1 teacher at the Springwood campus. She is an outstanding educator and a collaborative colleague and will be missed. However, we are fortunate to have Mrs Jannine Walker joining the Junior School team at Springwood. Mrs Walker has abundant experience, both here and internationally and is most recently coming from Hills Grammar School. She is very excited to join our team. Additionally, there will be some changes to the OSHC staff at Springwood, which will be communicated as a new team is organised. You can read the Head of Junior School, Mrs Rachael Newton's, letter [here](#).

Senior School

I am pleased to say that there are no changes to staffing in the Senior School this term. You can read the Head of Senior School, Mr Owen Laffin's, letter [here](#).

Upcoming Events in Term 3

Please access your [parent portal](#), which has up-to-date school calendar events.



Conclusion

As we head into term three, I trust that the content within this communication helps with your planning. I commend the end-of-term letter from our Head of Junior School, Mrs Newton and the Deputy Headmaster, Mr Laffin, to you as well.

I trust that the coming break will be a time for reflection and refreshment. We look forward to seeing everyone back for an exciting term 3.

Kind regards

Steven Coote

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