



# Message from the Principal



## YEAR 8 CAMP - THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

Year 8 Adviser Ms Sweeny has done an amazing job organising and executing Year 8 camp. For many of these students their primary school camps were cancelled. We were also forced to postpone last year's Year 7 camp due to COVID. Ms Sweeny came up with the novel idea of students camping on the school oval. This helped keep costs down for families and brought about a lot of excitement for students. Within the group there were seasoned campers and some who had not previously slept in a tent. Ms Sweeny arranged the purchase of the tents, prepared and cooked all of the food and ensured that the group had a great time. Many thanks to those staff who helped throughout Thursday and Friday, plus an extra special mention to those who stayed overnight. Ms Simic made it known that she is not a camper. She did however want to show her support and set up a mattress in her office for a restless night sleep. Great effort by all.



## YEAR 7 WELCOME NIGHT

On Wednesday evening we welcomed our Year 7 parents and carers onto the school site. It was great to meet many new parents and we hope that the information provided was helpful. A huge thanks to all of the staff who provided catering, stayed back to welcome parents and coordinated our very talented students musicians who provided some background entertainment.

Here were some of the key takeaways that apply to all students.

- Students should be supported to routinely set aside time each afternoon to complete school work. At times students will say, 'I have no homework!' The message should be that the time is spent completing homework, revising classwork and working towards completing assignments. **Those students who have a structured routine are the ones who come closer to reaching their potential.**
- Students should be encouraged to attend our **Monday and Thursday afternoon study/homework assistance sessions** held in the Library. On a Monday we have our Trailblazers on site to assist students and on a Thursday we have members of our Learning and Support Team on hand.
- **Parents are encouraged to purchase their child a diary.** With Years 7- 10 students unable to access their phones during the day it is important that students record their homework at the end of each period.
- **Get involved.** There are many clubs and groups running throughout the day.

#### YEAR 7 AND 9 NAPLAN

From Wednesday 18 March students will undertake the annual Naplan assessments. At this week's assembly the pathway towards these assessments was outlined. We are wanting students to feel calm when approaching these online assessments.

If students are wanting to undertake extra preparation to ensure they are feeling ready to achieve their best here are the following optional supports for students:

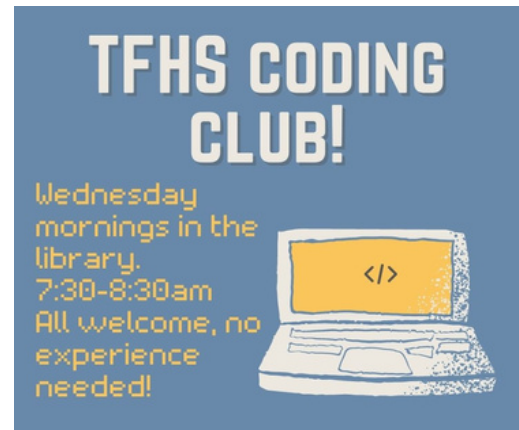
#### From next week

##### **Monday lunch breaks** (Weeks 5, 6, 7,8) –

Students can go along to the Maths Helpdesk in room E1007 during lunch break.

##### **Tuesday lunch breaks** (Weeks 5, 6, 7, 8) –

Students can go along to the Library and complete some past Naplan assessments and receive assistance with their writing.



#### **CODING CLUB LAUNCH - EACH WEDNESDAY MORNING IN THE LIBRARY**

in 2023 we have introduced a Coding Club for students to have the opportunity to learn computer programming and, when they have some experience, to work on projects every week with some assistance. Students will learn Python programming, which is one of the most commonly used programming languages, and is an extremely desirable skill in many jobs at the moment. It is very suitable for beginners, but also great for students with some experience. Once they get some knowledge, they can use it to build websites, data analysis, games, controlling hardware, and almost anything they can think of.

The sessions focus on teaching beginners the basics, then working through building some fun games, with the goal of the students being able to build their own project ideas when they feel a bit more confident. A huge thanks to Mr Cotterill for leading this worthwhile addition to our group of clubs/groups.

## ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

We are looking forward to next Thursday's Athletics Carnival. This is a compulsory school event and there will be activities for all students including those who are not wanting to compete. A reminder that students in Years 7-10 will not be on their phones. Parents wishing to take their children home directly from the carnival need to have them signed out at the end of the day with the Head Teacher Admin, Ms Harper. Please note we are wanting students to stay for the whole day.



## DROP OFF AND PICK UP

Please be aware that the top carpark is not to be used for dropping and picking up students. We often have students walking through this carpark, leading to unsafe situations.

Also, just a friendly reminder that when using the bottom carpark, please ensure that the drop and collect zone is used sensibly. Traffic conditions can be quite congested so some of you might consider dropping your child in a nearby cross street and students can cross at the lights.

## EXPLICIT TEACHING SURVEY

Please remind your child to check their email and complete the survey on Explicit Teaching. This will be useful as we move towards a whole school approach.

## Girls in Stem Day

Any girls interested in attending the 'Girls in Stem Day' at the Powerhouse Museum on Tuesday 7 March, please see Mrs Williams or fill out their details on the link below:

<https://forms.gle/38Ap39ShZ1Nhs2Rj8>





**Kelly Johnson**  
**Deputy Principal**  
**Years 7, 9 & 11**

## Staff Profile

### Where have you come from?

Killara High School

### Why The Forest High School?

I heard about all the wonderful opportunities that students had at The Forest and I wanted to be a part of the fun

### What have you enjoyed since joining The Forest?

Meeting the students and their families

### What would be your ideal holiday destination?

Italy - Sardinia

**OPEN NIGHT**



**INTERESTED IN ENROLING AT THE FOREST HIGH SCHOOL - COME TO OUR OPEN NIGHT AND SPEAK TO STAFF AND STUDENTS ABOUT OUR SCHOOL**

**4 - 7PM**

Book your guided tour here:

<https://www.picktime.com/TheForestOpenNight>

**MARCH 1**  
**2023**



## Upcoming Events

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### WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY

P&C Meeting - 7pm

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### THURSDAY 23 FEBRUARY

Athletics Carnival

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### WEDNESDAY 1 MARCH

OPEN NIGHT 4-7pm

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### THURSDAY 2 MARCH

Year 7 Clean Up - Period 4

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### TUESDAY 7 MARCH

Girls in Stem - Powerhouse Museum

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### 8-10 MARCH

Year 7 Camp

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### WEDNESDAY 15 MARCH

P&C Meeting - 7pm in School Library or via Zoom

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### TUESDAY 14 MARCH

Years 7 & 12 Parent Teacher Interviews

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### 20 - 22 MARCH

Year 11 Camp

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### FRIDAY 24 MARCH

School Photographs

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### MONDAY 27 MARCH

Years 9 & 11 Parent Teacher Interviews

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### THURSDAY 6 APRIL

Yarrabee Film Festival

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### FRIDAY 7 APRIL

Good Friday - School Closed

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