THE VIEW

“Whether you think you can or think you can’t, you’re right.”

Henry Ford

Congratulations to our Year 12 Class of 2019. This week marks them officially finishing the routine of school life as they have known it for many years. While the rest of the school has a lovely break at the end of this week, it becomes one of the most hectic times of study for our Year 12’s. They will (hopefully) use this time wisely as they gear up for their final preparation in readiness for their looming HSC examinations.

To all of our students, but especially our current Year 12’s, Henry Ford’s saying above represents how much a positive attitude can help in determining success or failure in any particular project or aspect of life, including examination results.

Mindset is a powerful phenomenon and it can potentially make or break a situation. Henry Ford had two epic fails, including bankruptcies, before he finally achieved success with his Model T Ford. Although the cars were a success at first, they were not affordable to buy. So a new challenge presented itself to make the car more affordable. Rather than giving up, Ford’s can do, positive attitude created a way to produce the cars more cheaply using an unheard of revolutionary ‘production line assembly method’ to reduce the overall cost of each car. His quote inspires us to never give up, no matter what … to keep going, to have a strong sense of belief and strive to do our best.

God created us with the ability to be positive and proactively work to make things happen with His support. Philippians 4:13 states “For I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.” So make the choice to be positive, let God strengthen us and help us know that we can achieve. Don’t let negative thinking limit our possibilities.

Jennifer Foster stated in Wall Street Insanity Journal that “It is only when the reality of what we think we CAN do becomes greater than the reality of what we cannot do that results begin to manifest.”

So, what do you THINK you CAN do?

Indecision wastes time. Time is too valuable to waste. Henry Ford observed that “most people get ahead during the time that others waste.”

Do you want to waste time and simply give up? Alternatively, you could confidently follow Ford’s lead and reject the ‘t’ in can’t.

Think that you can … for you are right!

Hayley Ferris
Head of Secondary
CLASS

Year 6 STEM Urgent Rocket Tubes
If your child has not yet brought in a cardboard tube for their rocket they will need to bring one in on the first day of Term 4, Monday October 14 or risk missing out on making a rocket to launch. An empty clingwrap or aluminium foil tube is ideal. Thank you for noting this.

Years 3 & 5 NAPLAN Results
NAPLAN results were sent home to parents this week for Years 3 and 5 students.

GENERAL

Crossing Carparks
To ensure the safety of everyone, we ask parents and students use the marked pedestrian crossings when crossing the campus and carpark areas. Crossing in front of the bus circle area where there is no pedestrian crossing is extremely dangerous. Thank you for noting this.

SPORT

After School Sport Program – Term 4
Avondale School has joined the Australian Sporting Schools Program and will commence in Term 4 with five sports on offer to students in Years 3-6.

The program will commence Week 1 of Term 4 and run from 3.30 – 4.30pm on the following days:
- Mondays: Cricket
- Tuesdays: Basketball
- Wednesdays: AFL
- Thursdays: Tennis and Chess

The cost for each sport is $35.00 for the 7-week program. A link will be emailed out to parents in the coming weeks for bookings and payments.
ICAS Maths, Digital Technologies and Science Competitions

Last week students from selected Mathematics, Digital Technologies and Science took part in the annual ICAS Competitions. This has been the first year that UNSW Global Assessments have conducted the ICAS tests online. We would like to inform parents that there have been some UNSW deployment issues which have thwarted some of the ICAS testing. As a result Secondary students will not have the opportunity to complete the ICAS Science competition this year. That said, selected Year 9-12 students have recently sat the ICAS Mathematics and Digital Technologies papers.

SPORT

Year 7 Dance

Year 7 have been doing dance with the College students for the past few weeks. They have been working on small group performances as well as whole year group performances. A good time was held by all.

Years 7 & 9 NAPLAN Results

Please note that the Year 7 and 9 NAPLAN results have been sent home this week via Australia Post.
ALL SCHOOL

Uniform Shop Holiday Hours
Full summer uniform is required from the first day of Term 4. Please note there is no crossover period. For all your summer uniform needs, the Uniform Shop will be open two days in the second week of the School Holidays:

SUMMER LOVIN’ UNIFORM SHOP SCHOOL HOLIDAY HOURS
Tuesday: 8 Oct, 12:00pm - 4:30pm
Wednesday: 9 Oct, 8:30am - 4:30pm
(Closed Monday, 7 Oct, Public Holidays)

Regular operating hours will resume during Term 4.

LIBRARY

Wheelers eBooks and eAudiobooks
Just a reminder for Secondary students and families that you can use eBooks and eAudiobooks to read and listen to as you travel. Just use your device to access the iCentre Landscape page and browse in the Wheelers eBooks and eAudiobooks for a huge choice of great stories.

K-6 Term 3 Library Prizes
Congratulations to the 289 students from Kindy to Year 6 who borrowed and read informative and imaginative library books EVERY week this term. What an amazing effort! Students chose their prizes during library classes this week.

Private Music Tutors
Are you interested in having music lessons? We have many great tutors and instruments available to learn on. Please contact tutors directly to arrange lesson times.

Piano
Kylie Stacey / 0409 939 302
Sandi Lowe / 0447 006 209
Cybèle Coutet (AMEB) / 0423 455 977
Jan Hughes / 4977 2037
Henry Higgins / 0490 0404 308
Sophie-Lee Johnson / 0490 451 781

Voice
Cybèle Coutet (AMEB) / 0423 455 977

Strings
Henry Higgins (cello) / 0490 040 308
Esther Albert (cello / violin / double bass) / 0439 420 661

Woodwinds
Meldi Arkinstall (flute) / 0413 548 985
Fred Cracknell (saxophone / clarinet) / 0404 082 151

Brass
Fred Cracknell / 0404 082 151

Guitar
Jake Bisognin / 0400 389 612
Toby Zeuschner / 0405 405 131
Henry Higgins / 0490 0404 308
Garry Lowler (group lessons / ukulele) / 0438 608 180

Drums
James Dennett / 0401 549 084

A new $100 Creative Kids Rebate can be put towards the cost of registration, participation or tuition fees for creative and cultural activities such as music lessons with registered teachers. You can apply for an active kids voucher at Service NSW online or in person.

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