

MURRUMBURRAH  
HIGH SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL:  
MR DALE RANDS

# Mercury



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5 February 2021

## Term 1

- **P&C Meeting**  
Monday 8th  
February
- **Swimming  
Carnival**  
Thursday 11th  
February
- **Year 7 & 10  
Needles**  
Thursday 25th  
February
- **School Photos**  
Friday 5th March



# Year 7, 2021

Welcome back to Murrumburrah High  
School for 2021.

## School break times

*Monday, Tuesday,  
Thursday & Friday*  
11.25am to 11.55am  
1.55pm to 2.25pm

*Wednesday*  
11.05am to 11.35am  
1.35pm to 2.05pm

We extend a very warm welcome to all  
students, and in particular to Year 7 who  
begin their High School education.

## Principal's Report

Welcome back everyone to another year at Murrumburrah High School and a special welcome to our new Year 7 students and our new students into Years 8, 10 and 12.

I really hope that everyone was able to enjoy some down time over the summer break and catch up with families or friends. As usual for me catching fish was my holiday and eating a healthy, freshly caught, fish meal each night for 2 weeks was fantastic. Followed by jobs around the house!!!

The start of our new 2021 school year has been very settled and a very pleasant beginning. Staff and students alike are very happy to have a pretty normal start to the year without too many obvious health guidelines to follow. Unfortunately, not everything is totally normal but students will not really notice the difference as it is more to do with staff and organisational type matters, paperwork etc. It is a pleasure to be able to have parent activities again onsite (albeit with a restriction on numbers to 30 indoors and 100 outdoors) but this will be fine for our school setting. P&C meetings will start again next week and our President Sarah and I are looking forward to welcoming existing and new members to our first meeting of the year. On the front cover is a photo of our new Year 7 students who have settled in very well and are clearly enjoying the start of their High School years.

I have also included in my report a photo of our new staff that we welcomed into the school. Ms Vickery (who joined the school in Term 4 last year) is contracted for the year as our Art teacher and will be helping out in other areas as needed. Mrs Cunningham and Ms Tozer have also been employed for the year to provide a learning support role to assess the educational needs of our junior students and provide small group intensive support in the areas of numeracy, literacy and reading. The State Government has provided funds to schools to enable us to evaluate and assist, after many students in the state may have suffered with the lockdowns and the strange year we had. It is great that the government has recognised this need and provided valuable funding to employ extra staff for the year to provide such an essential support program. Students will be organised into small groups of up to 5 students and provided support once or twice a week for 6 months, specifically targeting their areas for development.





## Principal Report Continued

MHS staff all attended a professional learning day in our school hall titled The Accidental Counsellor. This training was invaluable as it provided staff with expert skills and advice on the what, when and how to help students that have specific needs from a staff member. The school only has a counsellor on site one day per week and this training will enable staff to better understand and be better able, to help students in need. As a small school and also a small community we all work together for the good of our students and this course will just be another layer on top of that support.



I hope everyone has a good Term 1 and I look forward to seeing all our parents at anytime should you wish to book a time to come in and have a talk.

*Mr Dale Rands*  
*Principal*

## Captains Corner

Firstly we would like to welcome everyone back from what we hope was a safe, relaxing holidays and a good start to 2021.

This year our goal is to get more involved in our local community, as well as growing our school community. We hope to attend more local events and continue to encourage the students at MHS into their new school year as we look forward to what 2021 brings for us as a school.

Thank you  
*Amity & Jordan*



## ÷ Reminders ÷

- **Enrolment / Student Forms** - Thank you to those parents who have already returned their forms, if you have not, can you please return these by **Monday 8th February**.
- **School starts at 9am**. It is expected students are at school by then. School concludes at 3.25pm.
- **Should a student need to leave school** during the day it should be for a valid reason. They need to bring a note from home and present it to the Deputy Principal before school. Phone calls to the office should only be used in emergency situations. Phone calls and texts on a student phone will never be accepted.
- **Phones** - The school has a very strict policy on phone use in the school. Phones are never to be used in class unless under the direct supervision of the teacher and then only for educational purposes. If a student is using their phone in class they will be given a direction to turn it off and put it away. If the student doesn't put their phone away they will be directed to take their phone to be locked up at the front office for the remainder of the day. Continual offenders may have to have their phone collected by parents.
- **Contacting your student** - If you would like to contact your student, please either call them during break times or contact the front office to leave a message. Please do not call or message your student during class time as they will not be able to answer it.
- **Basic everyday uniform** is a school shirt and navy shorts (not black). Jeans, jean shorts, and leggings are not uniform and are not to be worn to school. Inappropriate clothing, including revealing items or those with inappropriate logos and slogans are not acceptable. Parents will be called to bring up appropriate alternate clothing or take students home.
- **Absences** - Parents are required to explain students absences on the day of their return. This could be by directly replying to the SMS from the school, phoning the school or sending a note with an explanation.
- **Returning Permission Notes** - Parents and students are reminded that notes and money must be returned on or before the date specified, or your child will not be allowed to attend the excursion. Payment plans may be put in place in special circumstances, but must be organised ahead of time.
- **If your student is sick** - In accordance with NSW Health, parents and carers are reminded NOT to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms. If your child is unwell you will need to arrange a COVID test. Students and staff with Flu-like symptoms will need to be tested and provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result and be symptom-free before being permitted to return to school. Students who do not undertake a COVID-19 test will not be permitted to school for a 10-day period. Additionally they must be symptoms free for at least 3 days prior to returning to school.

If you have any concerns about your child please don't hesitate to contact the school.

## ÷ P&C News ÷

Welcome to the 2021 school year!

With a number of families finishing up at MHS at the end of last year, we'd love to see some new faces join our P&C Committee. We meet on the second Monday of each month during school terms and we are a great bunch, even if I do say so myself!!!

Our first meeting for 2021 will be held on Monday 8th February at 6pm in the Staff Common Room. For any new families that might not know where that is, just park in the bottom car park near the hall and we will meet you there.

Hope to see you Monday night.

*Sarah Rowan*  
*P&C President*

## COVID Safe Check-in

From Term 1 2021, all visitors must check in at all NSW public schools using the Service NSW app.

Please look for the COVID Safe QR code posters when you entering the school. You must also sign in at the Front Office. Parents and carers who are only dropping off and picking up students do not need to check in using the Service NSW QR code.



## ÷ Clothing Pool ÷

If any families have old uniforms (skirts, shirts etc) that your student has grown out of or no longer needs. We would love to hear from you.

Please contact the school on 6386 2755 to arrange a delivery time.

## Service NSW— Mobile Service Centre

The Services NSW—Mobile Service Centre will be next in Harden;

**Date:** Tuesday 23rd February 2021

**Time:** 9am to 12pm

**Location:** Corner of East and Albury Street, Harden.



**Service  
NSW**

## ÷ NSW School Vaccination Program ÷

Each year NSW Health works in partnership with schools to offer the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school vaccination program.

In 2021 the following vaccines will be offered:

YEARS	VACCINE	NUMBER OF DOSES
Year 7	Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine	2-doses at least 6 months apart
	Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine	Single dose
Years 10	Meningococcal ACWY vaccine	Single dose

*Parent Information Kits* that include an information sheet, consent form and privacy statement will be sent home to parents/guardians. To consent to the vaccination of their child, parents/guardians are advised to:

- read all the information provided
- complete the consent form, including signing their name next to the vaccine/s they would like their child to receive
- return the completed consent form to their child's school
- ensure that their child eats breakfast on the day of the school vaccination clinic.

Please note that, to improve vaccination completion, students will be opportunistically offered any missed doses during Year 7 or 8 (for HPV and dTpa vaccination) and during Year 10 or 11 (for Meningococcal ACWY vaccination) or consent signed in 2020.

Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so by writing to the school Principal or phoning the school. The Procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health website at [www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/withdraw\\_consent.aspx](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/withdraw_consent.aspx).

**A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at each clinic a physical card. Details about vaccinations given at school will also be uploaded to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) to support complete vaccination histories.**

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Barbara Wilson MLHD Immunisation Coordinator, Albury PHU on 1300 066 055.



## MHS School Driver Training Program

1 hour = 3 Log book hours

Contact the School to find out more information.



# 2021 School Dates

Term 1	Wednesday 27 January to Thursday 1 April
School Holidays	Monday 5 April to Friday 16 April
Term 2	Monday 19 April to Friday 25 June
School Holidays	Monday 28 June to Friday 9 July
Term 3	Monday 12 July to Friday 17 September
School Holidays	Monday 20 September to Friday 1 October
Term 4	Tuesday 5 October to Friday 17 December
School Holidays	Monday 20 December to Thursday 27 January 2022

## Year 7 & 10 Needles

Reminder to please  
return your  
immunisation notes by:

**Monday 8th February  
2021**

## Murrumburrah High School - Term 1, 2021

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
February	3	8 P&C Meeting	9	10	11 Swimming Carnival @ Harden	12	13	14
	4	15	16	17	18	19	20 Gundagai Show	21
	5	22	23	24	25 Year 7 & 10 Needles	26	27	28
Canberra Show—Farm Club Excursion								
March	6	1 Regional Swimming @ Leeton	2	3	4	5 Newsletter School Photos	6	7
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	8	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	9	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
YEAR 12 EXAMS								
April	10	29	30 Parent Teacher Interviews	31	1 Athletics Carnival	2 Newsletter GOOD FRIDAY	3	4
		YEAR 12 EXAMS						

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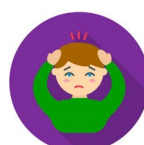
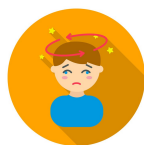
Preparing our students for tomorrow's challenges through learning

## WORD SEARCH

### Photography

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### STUDENTS ABSENT OR SENT HOME DUE TO DISPLAYING ANY FLU LIKE SYMPTOMS MUST BE TESTED

The Australian Government, Department of Health defines flu like symptoms as: runny nose or sneezing, cough or sore throat, fever and chills, headache, body aches, vomiting, and diarrhoea (more common in children).

- Students must not return to school until they return a negative COVID-19 result and are symptom free.
- Schools must sight the negative COVID-19 test result prior to allowing students and staff to return to school.
- A screen shot of results should be emailed to;  
[murrumburr-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:murrumburr-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)
- Please contact school administration staff on 6386 2755 if you need support emailing results.

