



HEAD OF YEAR 9

Newsletter

Ruth Donovan

TERM 2: BEING KIND

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 2 2025. This term, our overarching school value focus is Being Kind. I will be shifting to adopt this language in conversations with students when reflecting on their own wellbeing (being kind to themselves) and on any external reflections regarding other school areas (being kind to others). Shared language is a fantastic way to promote belonging and connectedness both at school and at home as well. If you would like to talk more about these school values and shared language, feel free to contact me anytime and we can have a chat.

With the release of report cards, students will also be receiving their Track Ed data via email. This shows students how they're travelling in relation to last term. As they set goals in Term 1 Connect regarding their Semester 1 goals, it would be a great time to do an academic and wellbeing review with your teenager regarding how they're travelling with their goals. If they're not meeting their goals, you could try discussing their current barriers or opportunities for further support. Spending time helping them to adjust or reassert these goals can help your child to feel a renewed sense of motivation and purpose.

Sometimes, being kind to ourselves is taking the time to be honest regarding what isn't working and reaching out for support. If you need help or something comes up in your conversations with your child, send me an email so we can explore tools and strategies to support your child to overcome any barriers to their goals.

Adair Donaldson – Codes of Conduct and Outside School Behaviour

On Tuesday the 29th of April, we will have a guest presenter, Adair Donaldson. Adair will be covering some content in response to the needs of our year 9s. Understanding codes of conduct within society and the impact of personal behaviour – both regarding habits and conduct – are important areas for students to understand. Adair will explore these with students to help them understand meaning and intent behind codes of conduct in general and here at school.

KEY YEAR LEVEL STAFF

Staff Member	Role	
Ruth Donovan	Head of Year	General Year Level Support
Kelsea Thompson	Guidance Officer	Social and Emotional Wellbeing Support
Georgia Simmonds	Head of Pathways and Performance	Academic Support
Cameron Drew	Deputy Principal	Year Level Oversight



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DATE CLAIMERS

- **21/04/25 Monday** – Easter Monday (Public Holiday)
- **25/04/25 Friday** – Anzac Day (Public Holiday)
- **29/04/25 Tuesday** – Adair Donaldson Presentation (During School Hours)
- **01/05/25 Thursday** – The Gap Experience (3:30pm – 6:00pm)
- **06/05/25 Tuesday** – Parent Teacher Interviews (2pm – 7pm)
- **Week 4 – House Week**
- **20/05/25 Tuesday** – Year 9 Gala Day
- **Week 6 – National Reconciliation Week**
- **16/06/25 Monday** – NAIDOC Week Assembly

SPORTS UNIFORM DAYS

9A; HPE/APP – Monday & Tuesday
9B; HPE/APP - Monday & Wednesday
9C; HPE/APP - Tuesday & Wednesday
9D; HPE/APP - Tuesday & Wednesday
9E; HPE/APP - Tuesday & Wednesday
9F; HPE/APP - Monday & Tuesday

9G; HPE/APP - Tuesday & Wednesday
9H; HPE/APP - Tuesday & Wednesday
9I; HPE/APP – Tuesday & Thursday
9J; HPE/APP - Tuesday & Thursday
9K; HPE/APP – Tuesday & Thursday
9L; HPE/APP- Tuesday & Thursday

CONNECT PROGRAM

This term, we will be looking at Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness (GEM) in action and Healthy Relationships. Specifically, we will be looking at 'Empathy' through the lens of 'Perspectives'. Having empathy for others is an important skill for building understanding and contextual knowledge about individuals other than ourselves. We then need to know how to create healthy relationships – both with our peers, staff and external community – which empathy is a key component of.

Hopefully you are also able to connect with our 'Being Kind' theme for this term for yourself. It's been a big start to the year and I know how hard you are all working to support your teenagers to get the most out of their education. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me anytime if I can be of assistance.

Kind regards,

Ruth Donovan
Head of Year 9