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Dear Families

There is so much going on in Term 2, it is exceptionally busy. I am taking long service leave for three weeks from June 12 to June 30. Luke Chapman will be Principal in my absence and Rowan Brookes will come into the Executive Team in a Deputy role.

Continuing our focus of high expectations

- 1. There are positive signs of improvement in the **school uniform consistency**. This is an important part of enhancing the school identity, spirit and improving the school profile in the local community.
 - I know winter makes it more difficult to get clothes dry but students are encouraged to be organised. Please be reminded that all leggings and pants that are any other colour than **navy blue** are not part of the Hampton SHS uniform. Hoods on any clothing is also not part of the uniform policy.
- 2. We will also focus on aiming for 90% attendance, except when students are unwell.
- 3. We want students to strive to achieve satisfactory results in school work, **being** organised for class and completing work on time.
- 4. Ensuring **mobile phones** off and away as soon as students enter the school grounds.

Curriculum updates

- Year 11 and 12 exams and ESTs are now finished, student attitude throughout this time is to be commended.
- Year 10s have a busy end to Term 2: Exams this week followed by work experience next week, then Year 11 2024 course selection.
- We now have Instrumental Music in place for Year 9 and 10 the school is funding a Voice and Classical guitar teacher as the Department's IMSS program can only run in Year 7 and 8 due to it being a new program. Now we have Voice, Classical Guitar, Flute and Contemporary Guitar. Altogether, 33 students are involved, a fantastic start to our Music program. Arts teacher Nicole Whiteside is doing an excellent job coordinating this.

Recruitment

- Tahlia Thompson is our new for Program Coordinator for HASS.
- The indomitable Student Services Manager Glendah Migro is leaving us permanently today for Port Hedland where she will be working in the behaviour and engagement program there. We wish her all the best and I know you will join me in thanking her for all her work with our Year 7, 8 and 9 students. Danielle Larkin from Kambalda West DHS will start in Term 3 and has spent time here this week with Glendah to undertake a working handover. With some timetable juggling, Brayden Little will return to the SSM role for weeks 8-10.

- Aleisha Hansen is our new Program Coordinator Learning Support. Her many years of similar experience at Ballajura CC will greatly benefit our families of students with diagnosed conditions and will be well supported by our diligent EA team. Amanda Hunt has been working in the role since last year and has made wonderful and lasting relationships with students, staff and families – thank you from the Hampton community for all the hard work. She is such a highly effective teacher, we are thankful that she is returning to our HASS Department.
- Our new Aboriginal and Islander Education Officers (AIEO) Cezera Critti-Schnaars on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and John Morrison on Wednesdays and Fridays will be doing innovative work in our Aboriginal education space.
- We have quite a few staff on leave and succumbing to ill health at this end of the term so there is a bit of relief in classes. Sometimes this makes things a little inconsistent for students as we try and maintain our focus areas of wearing the uniform, coming to school each day, mobile phones off and away on the school site and completing all their work on time.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Our second parent interview night is coming up on Thursday 29 June, we look forward to having the opportunity to share information, students are encouraged to attend with parents and guardians.

Regards

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