



# Jamison High School

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An Outstanding Comprehensive High School

## NEWSLETTER

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### EVENTS FOR TERM 3 - 2017

DATE	DAY	EVENT
<b>WEEK 6A</b>		
21 August	Monday	Years 10/11/12 Ski Trip begins (till Wednesday 23 August)
23 August	Wednesday	Years 10/11/12 Ski Trip ends
<b>WEEK 8A</b>		
04 September	Monday	Year 11 Exams begin (end Friday 15 September)
06 September	Wednesday	Combined High Schools Athletics
07 September	Thursday	Combined High Schools Athletics
08 September	Friday	Combined High Schools Athletics
<b>WEEK 9B</b>		
13 September	Wednesday	TVET ends for Term 3
14 September	Thursday	Year 10 Exams begin (end Tuesday 19 September)
15 September	Friday	Year 11 Exams end
<b>WEEK 10A</b>		

18 September	Monday	Year 11 Camp begins (till Wednesday 20 September)
19 September	Tuesday	Year 12 Jamberoo
		Year 10 Exams end
21 September	Thursday	Year 12 Graduation Assembly
		Year 12 Reports distributed at Graduation Assembly
22 September	Friday	Colour Walk-A-Fun
		Last day Term 3

## EVENTS FOR TERM 4 - 2017

DATE	DAY	EVENT
<b>WEEK 1B</b>		
09 October	Monday	First day Term 4 for students and staff

## WHO'S WHO

<p><b>PRINCIPAL</b> Greg Lill</p>	<p><b>DEPUTY PRINCIPALS</b> Julie Tegart Luke Grahame</p>
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<p><b>SCHOOL CAPTAINS</b> Emily Simpson Braidon Berridge</p>	<p><b>SCHOOL VICE CAPTAINS</b> Frankie-Jane Holden Annaliese Peixoto Ishwari Naicker Alexander Higgins Samuel Grant Chadwick Wanschers</p>
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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



There has been so much happening over the last term with the introduction of the new finance model into New South Wales High Schools that I have been remiss in not welcoming some new permanent staff.

Firstly, welcome to Ms Sheena Bryant who joins us from Chifley College as head teacher PDHPE replacing Mr Chapman. Ms Bryant brings a wealth of experience, particularly in Stage 6 and her strong leadership is already making its presence felt in that faculty.

Secondly, Ms Elise Pfoeffler has joined the PDHPE department as the permanent replacement for Ms Blissett who was promoted to Head Teacher at The Ponds High School at the end of last year. Ms Sharlene Alfred has also been appointed as the permanent replacement for the ever popular Mr Vines in English who has retired. Finally, Ms Darab has transferred from English to Creative and Performing Arts to replace Mr Maidment who also retired at the end of last year.

On the subject of the financial reforms, we seem to be progressing through the series of changes well and we will very soon be back to normal in terms of being able to accept and process payments. To this end, I need to thank our excellent Senior Administrative Manager Lorraine Larwood and senior Finance Assistant Sheree Hutchen for the marvellous job they have done in ensuring that Jamison moves through what is easily the biggest administrative change in NSW Schools over the last decade with a minimum of fuss.

As I write, the Trial HSC is well underway and whilst I am looking forward to seeing those results at the end of the year because I know that this year we have had some very hard working students, I do need to warn parents that some students are in danger of not receiving their Higher School Certificate because of the non-completion of the mandatory assessment tasks necessary for the award of the HSC. If a parent is in any doubt over this, they should contact the Deputy Principal responsible for Year 12, Mr Grahame.

Can I urge parents too, to have a look at the new website if they have not already, and to make sure they sign up to the Facebook groups that have been set up to provide information to each year. Each group has tailored information, relevant to that year group only and is becoming our primary way of interacting with parents.

*G. Lill  
Principal*

## DEPUTY PRINCIPALS' REPORT



The School Facebook page continues to be a popular method of communication between the school and our parents. This term we would like to register as many parents as possible to the individual Year Group pages so that our Year Advisors can deliver more cohort relevant information including assignments and permission notes. If you would like to sign up to be a part of one (or more) of the relevant



Year Group pages please download the agreement form from our website or Facebook page, sign it and return it to the front office.

## Year 12

Year 12 are just completing their Trial HSC exams now and are entering the final term of their HSC study which is a time when they should be really concentrating their efforts to make final improvements to their writing under exam conditions. Year 12 have had nearly four years exposure to and practice with ALARM (A Learning and Responding Matrix) as the school's preferred model for essay writing. ALARM has emphasised the need for HSC students to reach levels of higher order thinking in their responses, including CRITICAL ANALYSIS and EVALUATION. This will assist students in accessing higher achievement bands in their HSC. As ALARM has been integrated into teaching and learning programs for all years, we look forward to ongoing improvement as each cohort progresses towards their HSC. In the meantime, this current Year 12 needs to stay focused for the remainder of the term and continue with a rigorous program of revision and study while completing the last of the assessment tasks to the best of their ability.

## Uniform

Winter is well and truly upon us and we thank the students and parents who continue to support the school with the correct wearing of full school uniform. Remember the Daylight Uniform Shop is on the school grounds and is open Tuesdays from 12.30pm-4.30pm and Fridays from 7.30am-11.30am. Our friendly and helpful uniform shop manager Denise, will give you wonderful support in outfitting your child. Purchases can also be made online for time-poor parents and children can pick up their purchase directly from the shop on Tuesdays or Fridays.

Thank you to the students who support the school's policy on Southlands. Students are NOT permitted to leave the school and visit Southlands in the middle of the day. This is regarded as an unauthorised absence and there will be consequences. This includes students on study breaks. Senior students with study breaks are reminded that you must be in one of the following locations during a study period. The LIBRARY, a SPARE CLASSROOM or the SENIOR STUDY AREA. It is great to see many senior students using their study periods productively to complete homework, assessment and revision tasks.

A big thank you must go to all the parents who continue to support the school in encouraging their children to be safe, respectful, aspirational learners. This includes ensuring your children arrive on time and ready for work. School starts at 8.25am and students should be seated in class ready to start work by 8.30am. This means students should be on the school grounds by approximately 8.20am, ready to move to class on the first bell.

*Julie Tegart & Luke Grahame  
Deputy Principals*

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## JAMISON HIGH SCHOOL - AN OUTSTANDING COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL

August 2017

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

### SUBJECT: Facebook Year Group Trial

Jamison High is continually looking for new and innovative ways to increase communication with our parent community. It has been widely recognised that social media is one of such ways. The current Jamison High School Facebook page is actively used by the public and the data we get from it is encouraging.

As a means of complementing this public page, we have created closed year groups that our parents are invited to join. These groups are not open to the public and membership is by invitation only. To facilitate this process, we need you to fill in the details below and send it back with your child to the respective Student Adviser for that year group.

All parent members are bound by the Parent Code of Conduct which is attached. It is advisable to go through this document before any activity is created in the group. It should be noted here that all staff are bound by the DEC Code of Conduct.

Yours faithfully,

Principal



Please complete and return with your child to the respective Student Adviser

Parent/Caregiver Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Facebook ID:

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## PARENT / CARER - FACEBOOK CODE OF CONDUCT

### Rules of engagement

In joining our community on Facebook, Jamison High School follows the Department of Education Code of Conduct and Facebook Terms and Conditions.

### Tagging or naming student photos

Photos of students are posted with reference to Department of Education publishing permission forms, completed on enrolment and other parent permission forms. For privacy and protection, please do not tag photos of children and please do not name them in your comments. On rare occasions and with parental permission, students may be named by the school FB admin team. Tagging of parents or friends within the comment box is permitted with the understanding that all other rules of engagement are followed.

### Comments policy

Jamison High School encourages interaction from Facebook users with the understanding that the school does not endorse comments or wall postings made by members of the group. We ask that members making comments show respect for other users by ensuring discussions remains civil.

The school administrators regularly monitor the site and will remove comments that don't adhere to our rules of engagement.

We reserve the right to remove comments that are racist, sexist, abusive, profane, violent, obscene, spam, that advocate illegal activity, contain falsehoods or are wildly off-topic, or that libel, incite, threaten or make ad hominem attacks on Jamison High School students, employees, guests or other individuals.

Comments are also subject to Facebook's Terms of Use and Code of Conduct,

Remember . . . your name and photo will be seen next to your comment, visible to all members of the group.

We will not permit messages selling products or promoting commercial, political or other ventures.

Facebook encourages all users to use the "Report" links when they find abusive content.

IT NEEDS TO BE MENTIONED THAT THE PRIMARY MEANS OF  
COMMUNICATION  
WITH STUDENT ADVISERS IS VIA PHONE: 02 4731 6150

## CAPA HAPPENINGS

### OPUS Concert and Visual Arts Display

The CAPA Faculty staged a highly successful OPUS Concert on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2017. An appreciative audience of over 350 people filled the school hall to capacity to enjoy the 32 excellent acts, presented by our Year 7-12 Dance, Drama and Music students.



It was especially pleasing to have two Drama performances, presented by Year 8 and 10 Elective students, included in OPUS, for the first time. Year 8 Drama students will be staging a 20 minute play, as part of the next SHOWCASE event, which is scheduled for Term 4 on November 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.



The Sound and Lighting Team for OPUS was led by two ex-students of Jamison High, Stephanie Samuels and Andrew Saoullis. It is always wonderful to have former students return to be a part of school events.

A high quality exhibition of Year 7-12 Visual Arts works was also on display in the Community Room in conjunction with the concert. People's Choice Awards were also a feature of the exhibition.





## Penrith Valley Performing Arts Festival

Congratulations to Joshua Sabaten (Year 7), Rhiannon Paget (Year 8), Malakai Power (Year 9), Amyelia Clarke (Year 10) Logan Hayes (Year 10), Ashley Hernandez (Year 10), Cameron Marrian (Year 10) and Stephanie Small (Year 10). These students have all been selected to perform featured items at the Joan Sutherland Centre in Penrith on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2017.

*Wendy Yeomans  
Head Teacher CAPA*

## COLOUR WALK-A-FUN

This year the Colour-Walk-A-Fun will be held on the last day of Term 3, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017. The event has been moved forward to allow our Jamison High School Year 12 students to take part in what will be a new and memorable tradition in the whole school community coming together to celebrate the end of their school careers. This year's event will be bigger and better than last year if that is possible. There are going to be more surprises and excitement this year. Let's remember what happened last year.....

Last year's Colour Walk-A-Fun was a whole school community fund-raising event scheduled to support Mental Health Month in October. Funds raised were allocated to the air-conditioning of school spaces. All year groups from 7 to 11, school staff, P& C members and parents became involved in what is now known as the Colour Walk-A-Fun. The wider community were actively involved. This resulted in the Regentville Fire Brigade attending to hose down staff and students in a *Water Run*. Local MP Stuart Ayres donated funds, local business owners donated prizes, P&C members provided a BBQ and parents and Year 11 students assisted with the *Colour Run*. All staff and students were involved in activities, which included a "Team Theme" Fashion Parade, Colour and Water Runs, an impressive and colourful whole school Flash Mob-Dance Off, Gala Ball Games and a final whole school Hokey Pokey. The outcome for all participants was an unprecedented sense of belonging to a happy and supportive school community, which highlighted 'The Jamison Way'. Apart from raising over \$8500, we experienced a significant sense of school pride and overall wellbeing.

Notes will soon be going home. **It is vital that students return the permission note and colour and/or food order form to the front office to ensure smooth organisation of the day and avoid students being inconvenienced.**

Last year's event was such a successful day we expect this year to be even more fantastic!!!

*Michelle Donovan  
Head Teacher Design & Digital Technology  
Librarian*



## SCHOOL BUS and PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PROMOTION

“Slow down to 40 when bus lights flash – see a new video clip:

<http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/campaigns/be-bus-aware/index.html>

School buses pick up and drop off children on roads all across NSW. Buses use signs and flashing lights to warn drivers that they are picking up and dropping off children. You must slow down to 40km/hr when bus lights flash and look out for children crossing the road. Be Bus Aware and help keep our kids safe.”

## FLIP OUT PENRITH

A promotional poster for Flip Out Fundraising. The background is a vibrant green with a blurred image of a stadium. At the top, the words 'FLIP OUT' are written in a large, stylized, green font with a black outline, and 'FUNDRAISING' is written below it in a bold, black font with a white outline. Below this, the slogan 'WE PUT THE FUN IN FUNDRAISING!' is written in a large, bold, white font with a black outline. Underneath the slogan, a smaller line of text reads: 'FLIP OUT IS HERE TO HELP YOU RAISE FUNDS FOR YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY ORGANISATION, CHARITY GROUPS, SPORT CLUBS & TEAMS, SCHOOL EVENTS AND MUCH MORE.' In the center, a hand holds a clear glass jar filled with Australian dollar banknotes. A white sticker on the jar reads: 'HOLD YOUR NEXT FUNDRAISING EVENT AT FLIP OUT.' At the bottom of the poster, a black banner contains the text: 'ASK OUR FRIENDLY STAFF FOR MORE DETAILS.' Below this banner, in a smaller font, it says: 'CONDITIONS APPLY. APPROVED ORGANISATIONS ONLY. SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY.'