

From the Principal

Week 4 Principal's video

In this video I address the ongoing discussion in the media and community around the ATAR, and how we can complement the ATAR with explicitly assessing students' capabilities beyond a number (capabilities like collaboration and creative thinking). Chev are starting this journey through collaboration with the University of Melbourne and the New Metrics project. Read more about another school's experience with New Metrics here: [To ATAR or not to ATAR?](#)

I also discuss generative AI, including Chat GPT, and how we can embrace new technology to amplify learning and adapt to a rapidly changing world.

Follow this link to watch the video: <https://youtu.be/lxZcWzbYJtg>

Finally, within this context, I invite you to attend a parent and carers forum to discuss the future of learning and schooling at Chevalier. Read more below.

Community Forum for parents and carers – Wednesday 15 March

The College will host a Community Forum for parents and carers from 6.30-8.00pm on the evening of Wednesday 15 March. The Community Forum will commence with a look forward as to what education might look like in 3-5 years and how that might impact Chevalier College. There will be an opportunity for parents and carers to reflect and provide insights and feedback.

Our community forum can provide an opportunity for parents and carers to share their thoughts, ideas, and pose their questions about the future of education at Chevalier College. This feedback can help school leaders, teachers and staff better understand the needs and expectations of the community and inform future decision-making processes. Through collaboration and partnership between parents and carers, and the College, a more coordinated and cohesive approach to the future of education will benefit our students and your children.

Book your spot here: <https://events.humanitix.com/parent-and-carer-community-forum>

Time changes to the end of school day

Berrima Buslines has the important job of transporting our students to and from school safely. However, they do not operate solely for students at Chevalier College. Chevalier is used as a transfer point for students travelling from other schools and the busses that leave Chevalier in the afternoon often have a connection to meet at Moss Vale or Bowral. This requires the first wave of busses to leave Charlotte Street at 3.35pm.

The tragic circumstances at Macarthur Anglican last week where a young man in Year 9 lost his life after being hit by a bus has prompted the College to review the process for our students who catch a bus in the afternoon. We want to ensure we have the safety and wellbeing of our students as our top priority.

At Chevalier we enjoy a sprawling campus of 100 acres; however, this means our current finish time of 3.30pm can make it challenging for students to arrive safely and calmly at Charlotte Street ready to board their bus. Throughout this week we have trialled a new system that has students waiting at a specified point in the John Fahey Centre car park for their bus. This means students are within our school boundary well back from the footpath and Charlotte Street. This change has been accommodated by those students who catch a bus leaving class at 3.25pm.

Due the success of this trial we are making a permanent change to our bell times as of Monday 6 March. Each lesson will be reduced by 1 minute to facilitate the end of the school day at 3.25pm. This will ensure orderly and safe boarding of busses. In the meantime, students who catch the first bus will leave class at 3.25pm whilst the rest of the school will leave class at 3.30pm for the week of 27 February to 3 March.

Mr Greg Miller
Principal

Learning and Teaching

Year 11 – Studies Advice Evening Video

If you were unable to attend our Year 11 Studies Advice evening or would like to refer back to the information provided on the night, the videos are now available on Canvas. Please click on the following link to access the videos: [Year 11 Studies Advice Evening](#).

Rebecca Graham
Assistant Principal – Learning and Teaching

Wellbeing

Students who are late to school

As a result of the current roadworks, several students are arriving late to school. Students who do not arrive in time for Home Room will be marked absent as teachers need to mark the rolls accurately.

If your child arrives at school after Home Room and you receive an SMS stating your child is absent, please reply to the SMS to advise us that your child is at school. Student Services will contact you as soon as possible to confirm.

Week 5 is Merit Review week

If your child is not on a full complement of merits and are eligible, they can undergo a merit review next week. Your child's Stage Coordinator can support them in this process if they are unsure.

Kelly Clunn and Natalie LaGarde
Assistant Principals – Wellbeing

Extra Curriculum

ISA Weekend Sport

ISA Round 10 is on this Saturday 25 February. [Click here](#) for fixtures and bus times.

ISA Swimming Carnival

The ISA Swimming Carnival will be held on Wednesday 15 March. Students will be informed of their selection in the team in the coming days.

Mountain Bike Training – NEW Bike drop-off arrangements

Due to the popularity of mountain biking at the College and the large number of bikes being dropped off in the morning, we are experiencing significant congestion and dangerous conditions for students in front of the bike containers.

To ensure an orderly and SAFE arrival we are asking that you please observe the following:

- Students and bikes are to be dropped off at car park Point A
- Parents are to supervise their child crossing the avenue road to the fields opposite car park Point A
- Students are to walk their bike on the grass to the bike container where a coach will be in attendance.

Thank you for observing these conditions and respecting our staff as we work to keep our school community safe.

Extra Curriculum sign-ups

Sign-ups for extracurricular activities, including winter sport, were held at school today. Permission notes were handed out and are due on Monday 6 March.

Expressions of Interest – Winter Sports Program

Chev is looking to add to our winter sports program with the recruitment of sports coordinators and winter sports coaches across numerous sports.

We seek passionate, dedicated, and capable sports coordinators and coaches to support and enhance our winter sport extra curriculum program and contribute to our teams' successes.

Positions available include:

- Strength and Conditioning Coordinator
- Coaching Coordinator – Winter Sports
- Coaching Coordinator – Rugby Union
- Coaching Coordinator – Netball
- Winter Sports Coaches – numerous sports.

Please visit our website for detailed information about each position and how to apply:

<https://www.chevalier.nsw.edu.au/our-college/employment-opportunities/>

Athletics Carnival – DATE CHANGE

The date for the Athletics Carnival has been changed from Friday 5 May. The new date is **Thursday 25 May**. Please update your printed calendar with the new date.

Coach Phillips

Extra Curriculum Administrator

Other matters

Year 7 Vaccinations - Wednesday 8 March

Please provide online vaccination consent for your child using [this link](#). You must have a Service NSW account and Medicare card to log in. Vaccination will only be provided at school if consent has been received.

We have been advised that NSW Health are experiencing some technical issues, so please do not leave this until the last minute, as your child may miss out. The school does not have paper forms.

Should you require further info please visit the [NSW Health School Vaccine homepage](#).

Applications for Extended Leave (5 days or more)

If you wish to apply for extended leave for your child/ren (5 days or more), from Monday 27 February you will need to complete an application form providing details of the proposed leave.

Forms can be accessed on our [Parent Essentials page](#).

Please note, if you have already contacted us regarding proposed leave for your child, you do not have to resubmit an application.

Upcoming Events

- ⇒ Year 10 and 11 Music Excursion – 27 February
- ⇒ Year 12 Retreat – 27 February to 1 March
- ⇒ New Family Welcome Cocktail Party – 2 March
- ⇒ Clean Up Australia Day – 3 March
- ⇒ Year 12 Wellbeing Incursion – 7 March

- ⇒ Year 7 Vaccinations – 8 March
- ⇒ Year 12 Hospitality Excursion – 8 March
- ⇒ Year 12 VET Work Placement – 13 March – 24 March
- ⇒ NAPLAN – 15 March – 21 March
- ⇒ Year 11 Wilderness Excursion – 15 March – 16 March
- ⇒ Mid-Term Break – 17 March

Community news

Clean-up Australia Day

Permission notes for Clean-up Australia Day are now able at Student Services!!

Be quick only a limited number of spots are available!

If you have any questions, see either Ms Rossiter or Alex and Lachlan; Sustainability Captains



Key phone numbers at Chev (put these in your phone!)

Attendance / Student Services – 4861 0528

Chev Shop – 4861 0540

Accounts – 4861 0582

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