

## Principal Report P&C

- We are hoping that we will officially know who our new Principal is by the end of this week and in turn know if they are able to commence Day 1 Term 3.
- On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May and Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May the executive staff at MAHS held our annual conference. Friday provided time for staff to do professional learning in 'Using Data with Confidence' and 'Cognitive Load Theory'. As an executive we are working to ensure that data informs practice and improved quality teaching and learning strategies within the classroom. As part of our data analysis we have decided to investigate a whole school writing strategy to improve writing from Year 7 – Year 12. On Saturday we evaluated and discussed our discipline, wellbeing and communication procedures. We will be making this a priority for the remainder of the year to ensure that all our procedures and processes fully support our growing student population. We are very thankful to Camden HS who provided us with 2 Deputy Principals to look after the school for the day.
- As a result of our exec conference our Rel HT Admin Rachael Alexander has begun a breakfast club on a Thursday morning. She has engaged all our casual teachers to come in and assist with preparing breakfast including toast, crumpets, milkshakes, cereal and juice. She has also been able to get donations of equipment and supplies for Woolworths. This has been highly successful with many students meeting down in C Block on a Thursday morning and engaging in a positive way with our casual teaching staff.
- I had the pleasure of attending VETsteddFOOD an event at Camden Civic centre put on by VET students. This involved a concert and lunch for the elderly. Students from construction made props for the stage, food and beverage students served food, kitchen operations students cooked the food and business services students organised the events. It was great to see how the different areas of VET worked together and was a great experience for our students who were involved.
- Careers Week will occur next week for Year 10 with workshops, visits from ex-students, subject selection information ending on Friday with mock interviews. This will lead into subject selection next term for Year 10 into Year 11 2020.
- We undertook a VET audit last week which was very successful we have a couple of signs we need to replace in our workshops and kitchens but overall they were impressed with how VET was travelling at MAHS.
- Rowena Dickson our DP has run a Year Advisers half day workshop on developing the YA role statement, streamlining counsellor referrals through the YA and the development of a wellbeing space in the library. The wellbeing space will have information, a computer to self-refer to the counsellor, soft chairs to sit and chat. As well as being a safe place it will also provide information on where students can get support.
- We held our second twilight staff meeting for the year where we looked at dealing with students with trauma, developing a positive classroom, supporting students with additional needs and the development of a wellbeing space in the library for students.