Head of Middle School Report

The Year 7 Orientation Camp, held last Thursday and Friday at Tandara offered a range of experiences and opportunities for the students to reflect on the year ahead. Team building challenges, group initiative tasks, high-ropes activities, study skills sessions, boys and girls sessions and leadership discussions kept the students busy and engaged throughout the two days. A highlight was Year 8 student Sarah visiting the camp to talk about her Year 7 experience, in particular her role as Middle School Ambassador. Sarah gave the students a valuable insight into what the students can expect in the year ahead. The Year 7 students must be commended on their attitude throughout the camp and the way they committed themselves to the activities and discussions that were held. The platform has been set for an exciting and engaging year ahead.

After Sarah’s interview, the Year 7s had the opportunity to nominate for the positions of Middle School Ambassador for 2015. It was fantastic to see 29 students nominate, showing the level of respect the students have for the position. After all votes were tallied, the final five boys and girls were asked to prepare a written response to four key questions which are to be reviewed by the selection panel. The four Middle School Ambassadors will be revealed at Monday’s assembly. Good luck to all nominated students.

It was great to see so many Year 7 and 8 parents attend the Information Session held in the school hall on Wednesday night. The session gave parents a detailed insight into the Middle School curriculum with all staff members presenting information about their subject area. Many questions were asked and answered. Parents that could not attend will receive an Information booklet today.

The Year 7 and 8 swimming program commences this Friday 13th February. The Year 7s will have their lesson at 11:00am and the Year 8s at 12:00pm. This 5-week program will predominantly focus on stroke development and water safety and survival skills. Students are reminded to bring swimwear, towels, thongs, goggles and medication in preparation for Friday.

Homework will begin for Year 7 students next week. To assist students to complete their weekly homework tasks, Homework Club will operate on Monday and Wednesday nights in the Middle School building. All students are welcome to attend with the session beginning straight after school and concluding at 4:30pm.

The first of five Cyber Safety sessions will begin next Wednesday 18th February at 7:00pm in the Middle School building. All Middle School parents are welcome to attend.

Don’t forget the family BBQ this Friday night beginning at 6:30pm. The night is a great opportunity to meet new families and enjoy a relaxing night on the school grounds. Hope to see you there.

Jason Przibilla
Head of Middle School
Cyber Safety Parent Session
For: All Middle School Parents
Date: Wednesday 18th February
Time: 7:00pm Session begins
Where: Middle School Building
Topic: Introductory Session

After school hours ‘Homework Club’ will recommence next Monday 16th and Wednesday 18th February and will run every Monday and Wednesday for the remainder of Term 1. The homework club will operate in the Middle School building from 3:20 pm to 4:30 pm and is open to all Year 7 and 8 students. Students involved in homework club will have the opportunity to receive assistance with their homework from the Middle School Staff. If your child is planning to attend after school homework club, parents will need to notify their Homeroom teachers through the student planner, e-mail, phone call or in person so we can keep a record of who we can expect each week. Parents will need to make arrangements to pick their child up at 4:30 pm.