

Dear Parent/ Carer and Students,

I hope this communication finds you well, and that you and your family have enjoyed the school holiday period.

During the school holidays we have conducted several facility upgrades. These upgrades are a result of school identified improvements areas, community feedback and student voice, all aimed at offering students with the very best school experience and to offer our community with a school facility of the highest quality.

In summary, we are pleased to share that the facility upgrades finalised, or soon to be completed include-

1. 350 new lockers featuring laptop device charging capacity and a pad-locking security system
2. Two Dream Court Basketball (+Netball) Courts situated at the back of C-Block featuring seating and shade sails
3. A 2.4m high secure college fence line around the entire perimeter of the main school site
4. 120sq m storage shed for cycling equipment and resources
5. New delivery vehicle no-standing zone line markings
6. A new student bicycle, legal scooter, and skateboard shelter

During Term 3, the final touches will be completed to these facility upgrades, and they will be handed over to the school. We are currently working closely with the builders to coordinate this process and will inform students and our community accordingly as some may be handed over in stages.

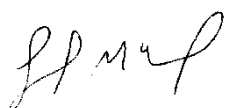
Please note that access to the school may feel a little different for students, staff and our college community given the new fence line, however despite providing added security, it largely remains the same. In addition to the existing M-Block entry at the front of the school, student access onto and off-site at the start and end of each day will be via several gated entry points. Gates will remain open until 9.15am of a morning and re-opened from 3pm for the end of day departure. Parent/ Carer access, and students entry/ exit between 9.15- 3pm each day will be via the Administration office only.

For students who ride to school, or travel to school on legal scooters or skateboards, we will soon have a new bicycle shelter installed for storage throughout the school day. Unfortunately, we will have to resort to a temporary arrangement for a few weeks until the shelter is installed- as such we will provide the On-2-Wheels room as an interim storage space for all student's bikes, legal scooters, and skateboards.

Also, over the school holidays, and in-line with correspondence in school newsletters throughout Term 2, you will note that Woolworths at Newcomb Central has closed for 9-months and temporary fence lines have been installed in the carpark. This will impact members of our community who use Newcomb Central for drop-off and pick-up. We ask that all member of our college community respect the worksite and encourage you to discuss with your student alternate arrangements for drop-off or pick-up should that be necessary.

We know that these facility upgrades to Newcomb Secondary College will be well-received by our entire college community, and in a time of financial challenge, we are very fortunate and proud to be able to continue to provide our community with a first-class learning facility and outstanding school environment.

Yours sincerely



Scott McLeod
Principal