

YEAR 7 BULLETIN

Term 1 Week 5



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

10 th March	Friday	Year 7 Immunisations
10 th March	Friday	Year 7-10 Year Group Excursions (Year 7 after Immunisation – Metro Cinemas, Lake Haven)
15 th March	Wednesday	Parents & Guardians Meet and Greet – 4:30 pm
15 th to 27 th March	Multiple dates	NAPLAN Testing Window
22 nd to 24 th March	Wednesday-Friday	Year 7 Camp – Great Aussie Bush Camp (Tea Gardens)
27 th March	Monday	GHS Athletics Carnival

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR YEAR ADVISOR

This week, 7I was the first class of Year 7 to engage in the LoveBites Junior program, a respectful relationship program focusing on friendships and some consent education. All of Year 7 will have a day engaging in the program over Semester One. The topics in the program are:

- Relationships and Social Media
- Helps or Harms
- Beliefs about relationships
- Communication
- Power
- Managing Jealousy
- Sharing Images

This week was the first week of awarding student attendance. We awarded four winners at our weekly Monday morning assembly, for students who had 100% attendance for the previous week. Well done to Cody-David I, Lakai B, Zac L and Oliver S.

Well done to most of the Year 7 cohort who are wearing our school uniform with pride. We are the best year group at this currently, well done! Please look to prepare students for the colder months with appropriate cold-weather school uniforms.

Sincerely,

Mr Mark Finlayson

IMMUNISATIONS & YEAR 7 EXCURSION

Next Friday 10th March, Year 7 have their immunisations, followed by the excursion to Metro Cinemas at Lake Haven. This is to support an “Adjusted Curriculum Day” for staff development. Please check your emails from me about the instructions and online consent form for the immunisations as well as SchoolBytes for students to attend the cinemas.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN is fast approaching with the test window opening on Wednesday 15th March. Please ensure students attend school each day to complete the testing and to attempt each test to the best of their abilities. If students are away, they will need to be followed up to complete the tests they have missed out on.

PARENT MEET AND GREET

I would love to see as many of you as possible at our Year 7 Meet & Greet BBQ and information session on Wednesday 15th March commencing at 4:30 pm until 6:30 pm. See further information below.

YEAR 7 CAMP – The Great Aussie Bush Camp

Please continue to make payments and ensure your child/ward’s online consent form is completed. If you have any questions, please call or email me.



<https://portal.schoolbytes.education/>

ATTENDANCE

If students are absent for the day, parents/guardians will be sent an Absent Notification by SMS or email to check where their child is.

A response as to why the student is absent is required by return SMS or contact the school office on 4393 7000 within 7 days. A signed note from the parent/carer can be handed into the front office on the student’s return.

More than two consecutive sick days require a doctor’s certificate.

CANTEEN

You can access the canteen menu and online ordering through the following web link:

<https://www.flexischools.com.au/parents>

SCHOOL CONTACT

If you have any questions, please call the school on 4393 7000 or email me at mark.finlayson9@det.nsw.edu.au

Supporting student attendance

If your child is:

- Sick
- Has a medical appointment
- Has to travel for family business
- Involved in Sorry Business

Let us know

So we can plan continued support for your child’s learning and wellbeing

Every day matters

PARENT MEET AND GREET continued...

All Gorokan High School parents, carers and families are invited to our annual Wellbeing and Parent Information Afternoon on Wednesday 15th March, from *9:30 pm to 6:30 pm.

This annual event is a perfect opportunity to meet the wonderful Gorokan High School staff, enjoy a sausage sizzle hosted by the SRC, and gain information about a variety of different topics relevant to students and school life.

The evening will begin with a BBQ and a chance to meet and interact with the wonderful Gorokan High School staff. All are welcome to attend, and we look forward to the opportunity to welcome our community to our wonderful school.

After our Meet & Greet in the COLA, families will be directed to areas in the school based on the Stage group of their students. Stage 4 (Years 7 and 8), Stage 5 (Years 9 and 10) and Stage 6 (Years 11 and 12) will each have information sessions relevant to the issues of that cohort. These topics will range in topics from Wellbeing and Welfare, GHS Learning Support, Accessing the Parent Portal and School Website, Attendance Issues and more. We encourage guests in the evening to bring along all questions and our knowledgeable staff will do their best to point you in the right direction.

We look forward to seeing and meeting the Gorokan High School Community on the 15th of March. For catering purposes, please RSVP your attendance by Monday 13th March through the front office at 4393 7000 or via email at Gorokan-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Time	Session		
4.30 – 5.30 pm	Gorokan High School Meet & Greet & BBQ – COLA		
5.30 – 6.30 pm	Stage 4 (Year 7 and 8) Gym	Stage 5 (Year 9 and 10) Hall	Stage 6 (Year 11 and 12) Library