



Monday 3rd November 2025

COLO HIGH SCHOOL

Principal Update

School Improvement Projects

- PA System on the back oval will be installed in the January School Holidays
- 2x long jump pits on the back oval are still being finalised. Astro Turf and real turf will be installed in the coming weeks.
- Science Staffroom upgrade has been approved and will take place in the Christmas Holiday period.
- 3x outdoor undercover areas have been ordered for future installation.
- Awning over Emergency Evacuation Shed has arrived and construction class will be completing later this term.

World Teacher's Day

At last Friday's World Teacher's Day, we sincerely thanked all our staff for their dedication and the hard work they put in beyond the school day from 8 am to 2:20 pm. Their commitment continues to inspire and support our students every day. We also celebrated with delicious brownies and coffees made by our Hospitality and Café and Barista students, generously funded through a corporate donation. It was a wonderful way to recognise the amazing contributions of our teachers and staff.

Key Dates Year 12

As our Year 12 students prepare to finish their HSC next week, we want to acknowledge the hard work and dedication they have shown throughout their senior years. Important upcoming dates for Year 12 include Sign Out Day on 10th November, the Year 12 Formal on 18th November, and the HSC Results BBQ on 18th December. We wish all our Year 12 students the very best in their future endeavors and look forward to celebrating their achievements together.

New Shorts Released

This week we are excited to announce the release of the new unisex microfibre shorts, which have been introduced as part of our school uniform options and community consultation. We have sent communications to the community along with photos to showcase this new item. We believe these shorts will be a popular choice among students, offering a more comfortable and practical option for their daily wear. A big thanks to Jodie for her hard work in making this happen – her efforts have been invaluable in bringing this new uniform item to our school community.

Changes to Presentation Assemblies

We are currently reviewing our Presentation Assemblies to enhance the recognition of student academic success. To better celebrate our students' achievements, we have introduced new ways to acknowledge



their hard work and dedication, ensuring that their academic accomplishments receive the recognition they deserve.

Some of the main changes are:

- **Striving for Excellence (Academic Excellence)** - 4 students in each mandatory course 7-10 (students placed 2nd - 5th in course results) 2nd place getter in 7-10 elective courses and Year 11 courses.
- **Striving for Excellence (Improvement Awards)** – for student who have seen significant improvement in a course. 2 core subject faculty based Academic Improvement Awards per year group.
- **Year Adviser Awards** – Reduced the numbers of these awards and they have a wellbeing lens. 5 students receive awards for consistent effort and/or improvement from a wellbeing angle. These awards are for students who don't sit in the top 5 but have had an amazing year of growth and maturity.
- **Citizenship Awards** - 3 students in each year group who have contributed to school beyond the classroom and are natural leaders and respected by their cohort
- **Outstanding Attendance** – we are not just doing 100% attendance. These are for outstanding attendance as determined by Attendance SAO/ Coordinators.

The other participation awards will now be recognised through our Colo Merit System. Staff will enter them as Silver Awards e.g. School Band, School Spectacular, Premier's Reading Challenge.

Head Teacher Administration Recruitment Panel Outcome

We are pleased to announce the outcome of the Head Teacher Administration recruitment panel. The successful candidate is Nicholas Kemp, who is currently serving in this role and will continue to contribute his expertise and leadership to our school. Please note that there is a 10-day appeal period during which any concerns or appeals can be submitted in accordance with our recruitment policies. We congratulate Nicholas on his appointment and look forward to his continued positive impact.

Thank you to the P&C for your ongoing support and involvement in our school community. If you have any questions or would like further information about anything going on at Colo HS, please feel free to reach out. We appreciate everything you do and I am grateful to work with such a small but committed team.

Regards,

Tara Cullen (Principal)

