

PRINCIPALS NEWS

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Well, last week was the first full week for our students returning in 2025. It's great to have all of our students back learning for another year.

I mentioned last week about the continued push for student diaries in 2025. I would like to thank you for your support around expectations for your children to have their diaries at school each and every day. It is pleasing to see the number of students using them along with the number of students that have received awards in them under our new merit award system.

Over the course of the last two weeks we have held year meetings to remind our students of the Picton High School core values. They include not touching others or their personal property respecting the facilities and spaces around the school and being responsible learners in allowing others the opportunity to learn in a safe and positive environment. We will continue to hold high expectations for all of our students in meeting these values and will continue to have zero tolerance in relation to fighting, damaging school property or being in the possession of a vape. I asked for your continued support in reinforcing these messages with your children at home.

Last week we had a number of students involved in extra curricular opportunities which has been pleasing to see so early on in the year. Congratulations to the students who have received a GO foundation scholarship for their involvement and participation in the program.

Last week we also had selected students from year 7, 8, 9 and 10 involved in the Deadly Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) incursions. Congratulations to all the students involved in both these events and thanks to Grant Murray our Aboriginal Education Officer for organising these opportunities for our Aboriginal students.

In the sporting arena, we have had seven of our students represent MacArthur Zone at the Southwest Sydney touch trials. Congratulations to the three students who were selected for the Southwest Sydney team! We wish them the best as they go on to represent Picton High School in the wider Southwest Sydney Sports Association.

Please find below a couple of events occurring this coming week:

- 19th February UWS Fast Forward Future Student engagement conference Yr 12 students
- 21st February UOW Discovery Day Yr 12 students

THE WEEK AHEAD

PHS SWIMMING CARNIVAL 25TH FEBRUARY

ZONE SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS 28TH FEBRUARY



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