



2021 Planning – Year 5/6 Forum (20 May 2020)

On Wednesday 20th of May school leadership and Year 5, 6 and 7 teachers met with all Year 5/6 students to commence planning for 2021. This is the first year when all Year 6/7 students will leave and move onto high school - as you may be aware, primary schools will no longer offer Year 7 in 2022.

At the forum, open ended questions were asked to stimulate our thinking. No actions were put in place as yet, as it was our first opportunity to alert all involved of the differences in 2021 (ie both year 6 and year 7 students will be leaving at the end of the 2021 year). The items listed below were discussed.

Items discussed:

- **Leadership program**
 - ✓ Program in Term 3/4
 - ✓ Applications
 - ✓ Leadership positions in 2021
- **Jumpers/shirt**
 - ✓ A Year 6 and a Year 7 design?
 - ✓ One design for all?
- **Graduation**
 - ✓ A large group
- **Aquatics 2020 / Camps 2021**

Important things to note:

- Approximately a third of the students had already begun thinking deeply about the changes. A third were aware of the changes, but hadn't really thought much about it. The remaining third showed signs of realising this was going to happen next year!
- The group had varied feelings about moving to high school. Some of the feelings shared were anxious, worried, excited, keen, eager, ready/not ready and I've got this!
- Discussion about each of the points above and what could be possible? Why would it be suitable? We discussed points like, do we need to expand the number of School Captains /leaders in 2021? If so, why is this important?
- Participation in the Leadership Program in Term 3 and 4 this year – will be all students (Years 5 and 6)

- Process for students to have their say/Student Voice for our Student Forum throughout the year was shared. Class meetings will occur in individual classes (Room 10, 14, 13 and 16). Class meetings are now more important than ever (the dot points above are to be discussed at each meeting (it was also noted that there may not be things to discuss/ raise at each meeting but the dot points will be tabled at each). Any ideas/ suggestions / questions to be shared with Student Leader Team to then discuss at SRC and/or with the school's leadership team and teachers. This process will continue throughout the year.
- We may not have the answers right now but once we have them, we will report back to all students.
- Decisions/agreements will be made by all students and the staff at Clapham Primary – noting that the agreements / decisions may not suit everyone's preference/s. The best "on balance decision/agreement" will be made considering all points of view.
- A suggestion box will be set up for students to place questions / ideas / suggestions. (Suggestion Box has been purchased) – Cassie to work with Upper Primary Classes to identify location for suggestion box and process.