Dear Parent/Caregiver,

Year 7 2016

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the classes offered to your child as they enter High School in 2016 and to let you know that we will be providing an opportunity for you and your child to speak personally with a member of the Year 7 Learning Team.

As part of our focus on improving learning outcomes for our students we are planning to continue the Portfolio Class in 2016. The other classes will be created in consultation with our Year 6 teachers, the School Counsellor, Mr Sims, and the Year Advisers, Ms Naujok.

Our aim is to create happy, productive learning environments where all students will feel comfortable taking risks which help to extend student skills, knowledge and achievements in environments where all students perform to their personal best. Our teachers have high expectations of Year 7; it is a year of exciting new educational challenges.

The purpose of the Portfolio Class is to provide a program for students who are performing beyond their stage in a number of areas, and who are highly motivated to achieve their personal best. Curriculum will be modified to include extension.

Nominations for the Portfolio Class may come from the student, their teacher, their parent/s or a combination. Each nominating student will be required to submit two pieces of class work with their nomination form. Each work sample should be signed by their current class teacher, indicating that it is a representation of their current skills and ability. A Nomination form is attached. The students who are nominated will be invited to Moss Vale High to take part in a portfolio workshop on Tuesday, 11 August 2015.

During this workshop day a variety of activities will be offered to the students so that we can assess their capacity for success in such a class. Based on the student’s contributions on the day, along with relevant material gathered from your child’s Year 6 teacher, offers of placement in this class will be made in September.

Early in Term 4 parents of all students will be contacted by a member of the Year 7 Learning Team to arrange a suitable time for you and your child to speak with us about their talents, needs, interests, goals and expectations of High School. This discussion will be the beginning of your child’s learning plan.

Expectations of Year 7 students are high and movement between classes is always a possibility. Making the commitment and effort to perform to one’s best will be the first and most important requirement of students in all classes at Moss Vale High.

Ms B.Naujok  Mr T.Vandervoort  Mr P.Macbeth
Year Adviser  Transition Co-ordinator  Principal
2016 Portfolio Class Nomination

Please return to Moss Vale High School by Friday, 26 June 2015.

I would like to nominate (myself, my child, my student) for the 2016 Portfolio class.

Student’s Name: _______________________________________________________

Current School: _______________________________________________________

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Child Signature

____________________________________
Parent signature

____________________________________
Teacher signature

- Please note the parent and child must sign. This will acknowledge that they understand that your placement in the class be in part assessed by your participation in the Portfolio Workshop day on Tuesday, 11 August 2015.

Work Samples (2) attached are:

1) Title: ____________________________ Date completed: __________

2) Title: ____________________________ Date completed: __________

- Each work sample is to be signed and certified as the student’s own work from class activities in 2015.