TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

This year Technology in Years 7 and 8 has changed from a term by term rotation (with an alternative program in term 4) to a 13 week cyclic rotation. This means that disruptions in term one are accounted for and the lack of choice for electives in term four are made fairer. It also means that as teachers, we are able to concentrate more on delivering meaningful, programs that are properly linked to the National Curriculum. It also means that students are better supported in finishing their design projects during class time.

HOSPITALITY UPDATE

In the area of VET Hospitality, we have had a major overhaul. We now have three classes enrolled in Vocational Education. There is a line of Year 10 Hospitality doing commercial cookery, a line of Year 10 Hospitality doing Food and Beverage service and a line of Year 9 Hospitality doing an introductory course. Over the holidays our facilities were upgraded to turn the classroom into a café enabling us to deliver the Food and Beverage (Front of House) course. Students from all three courses will be trained up in many areas of the Hospitality and Catering Industry with some of the students hopefully qualifying with a full Certificate 1 in Hospitality by the end of the year. One of our initiatives is to train the students as budding baristas in order to increase the caffeine intake by the teaching staff. We will be looking for a suitable name for this coffee conglomerate so watch this space.

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