

# NEWSLETTER

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## Message from The Principal



Welcome back to our Nexus community for this new year of great learning and achievement. Our teachers, boarding parents and community support staff have been busy preparing for the year ahead and I'd also like to share some of the school priorities that we have been developing. You can see the main priorities after this message below.

It has been a delight to see our school alive and buzzing with so many new and familiar faces. With over a hundred and fifty new families and 17 new staff, we are a community that is growing both in numbers and from strength to strength.

Please note that from Monday there will be no metal cutlery available in our cafeteria at Secondary lunchtime. Every learner and member of staff has been provided with an eco-friendly cutlery set. If any learner loses their cutlery set then a replacement can be purchased from The Connexions cafe or the vending machine. Alternatively, one-use wooden cutlery can be purchased from the cafeteria.

I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter and seeing some of the wonderful things that have been happening as we begin another exciting school year.

*David Griffiths*

# 2024/25 Whole School Priorities



LEARNING FOCUS				
<b>Innovation</b>	<b>Inclusion</b>	<b>Relationships</b>	<b>Mindsets</b>	
Best use of AI to support learning  Develop a progressive programme of Digital literacy and Digital Skills	Development of DEIJ  Ensure a successful introduction of the FEP.  Development of EAL including in Boarding  Developing and Celebrating learner leadership  Support parents with limited English	Review assessment Policies & Practices  Investigate alternatives to IBDP for those seeking a vocational route  Develop Challenge for maths in Primary to Secondary  Raise profile of Sports in the whole school (physical development)  Micro-credentials throughout the school  Prep time for academics in boarding	Promote positive behaviours and learners taking responsibility for self care  Belonging in boarding: pride + ownership  Review and develop PTF  Workshops, CCAs and activities for parents  Induction for Boarding families as boarding grows  Greater learner and boarder 'Voice and Choice'	Develop outdoor learning to promote Global citizenship and stewardship of the natural world  Child Initiated focus in EY to Y2  Revisit the concept of mindsets and what it means to us today  More service opportunities (especially in boarding)
<b>Others</b>	Simplify Admin Processes   iSams implementation   Expand Boarding House   Enhance Early Years Provision			

## School Management System

You will see from the Priorities that we are in the process of moving our school management system from Engage to iSAMS, in line with all other Taylors Schools.

We been working on this for the past 12 months and much progress has been made. In the coming weeks, we will send information about how the change may affect you as parents.

The improvements include:

- A new One Stop Parent Portal allowing:
  - Access to information about your child including timetable
  - Notification of medical leave
  - The payment of fees online
  - Access to Academic reports for parents

Information and step-by-step guides will be sent as required and the 'go live' day will be in October 2024.

For Term 1 only:

- fees can be paid through the methods stated in the invoice, sent to your email except for the Online Credit Card Payment which is temporarily unavailable.
- CCAs will be managed Schools Buddy. Information about have to access this be sent to all parents on Monday 19 August.



# Primary

A big welcome back to all our returning learners in Primary and we also extend a warm welcome to the Nexus Community to our new learners and their families. It has been lovely to see our learners happy to be back in school and excited to see friends after the Summer break. Here are some of our learners enjoying team building and get to know you activities. I think we are in for a great year!





# Secondary

It has been great to welcome all new and returning learners and parents back to school for the start of the 2024/25 academic year. On Thursday all learners enjoyed a pastoral day with a number of activities including team building, sport and support for personal organisation. We also welcomed parents to induction events and workshops. Please enjoy these photos from the week.



# Secondary

Many congratulations to our IB class of 2024 who once again achieved superb results in their examinations. The overall average was well above the global score once again and we had some outstanding top scorers who achieved at the very highest level.

We wish all of our learners all the very best as they embark on their university journeys and look forward to hearing of their ongoing successes.

## IBDP Results 2024

Top Scorer Accepted to Oxford  
Over USD 1.5 Million in Scholarship Offers



Conner Han  
IB Points: 44



Erina Sam  
IB Points: 44



Hang Ching Loh  
IB Points: 44



Annette Peterson  
IB Points: 43




Dini Yap  
IB Points: 42



Jordynne Kruger  
IB Points: 41



Maria Chan  
IB Points: 40



## Fast Facts

<b>7</b> learners achieved above <b>40 POINTS</b>	<b>3</b> learners achieved above <b>44 POINTS</b>
<b>34.1</b> Average Score (above World Average of 30.32)	<b>+1.85</b> Average Value Added Score



# Boarding

We have had a great start to Nexus Boarding for this year, it was delightful to meet so many new Boarders and families. Our first day for new Boarders allowed us to get to know each other and start to find our way around the House and school. Welcome back to all of our returning Boarders, your happy smiles and excited chatting about summer is wonderful. We look forward to our busiest year ever in Nexus Boarding with over 100 Boarders keeping us busy!



**Vircle** - From Monday, all Boarding lunch vouchers will be added to our Boarders' *One Card* each day and credit issued automatically for each lunch. Please contact us if you experience any problems and we will assist all of our Boarders as this system begins.