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## Re: Changes to Finishing Times for Students in 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the 2023 school year and look towards the upcoming academic year, I wanted to inform you of some adjustments to the finishing times for our students at Oran Park High School. These changes have been necessitated by timetabling demands, reflecting our commitment to providing the best possible education for our anticipated student cohort of over 1500 students.

Beginning in 2024, there will be changes to the finishing times for different year groups. It is crucial to communicate these changes in advance to ensure that both students and their families can plan accordingly.

- Years 11 and 12:

To accommodate the needs of our senior students, Years 11 and 12 will continue to finish school at 1.30 pm on Tuesdays (both Week A and B). This early finish allows for dedicated study leave and caters to those students who attend TAFE, ensuring they have the time and flexibility needed to excel in their senior studies.

This is a privilege and may be revoked if students are issued N-Warning letters for incomplete work. Students would then stay till 3pm to be supported in completing that work.

- Years 7, 8, 9, and 10:

For students in Years 7, 8, 9, and 10 the school day will conclude at 2.30 pm on Monday afternoons (both Week A and B). We believe this adjustment will optimise our timetabling structure while maintaining a balanced and effective learning environment. Our students already study over the mandated minimum hours for their courses as prescribed by NESAs and will continue to do so after this change occurs.

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- Supervision and Support:

Supervision will be provided at school until 3.00 pm on Mondays for those students who require it. This additional time ensures that students have a safe and supportive environment in which to complete homework or engage in extracurricular activities.

For students catching buses after school, our current supervision practices at school will continue to ensure their safety and well-being until their bus arrives.

- Siblings and Local Primary Schools:

Students who pick up siblings from local primary schools are kindly requested to remain onsite at Oran Park High School until 3.00 pm. This measure is in place to support the processes implemented by our partner primary schools and to ensure a smooth transition for all students in the afternoon.

No high school student should be at their sibling's primary school before 3.00 pm without prior permission from both schools.

We understand that changes to daily routines can have an impact, and we appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we implement these adjustments for the benefit of our students' education and overall well-being.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding these changes, please do not hesitate to contact the school on 02 4634 7700.

Thank you for your continued support.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'B. Mitchell'.

**Brad Mitchell**

**Principal**