4 February 2015

Dear Parent/Caregiver

Re: Stage 2 Visual Arts: Art

I am writing to firstly welcome you to NMHS for 2015 and provide you with some important information in relation to the Stage 2 Visual Arts: Art course.

The structure of the Stage 2 Art course is unlike other subjects, due to the complexity and length of assessment tasks. The subject will involve three major assessment tasks, including one folio, practical art works and an externally assessed visual study. Students will begin working on these tasks early in term 1 and will spend over a term completing each task.

To be successful in this subject, students must ensure that they complete homework each week and meet all deadlines, including due dates and checkpoints. Checkpoints throughout the year will accompany final due dates, to monitor student performance, completion of tasks and as an opportunity to provide feedback. Task details and feedback will be provided through DayMap and I encourage you to access this information via the Parent Portal and to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Due to the nature of the subject and tasks, throughout the year, there will be sessions organised after school and during the school holidays to provide students with additional support outside of class. These will be arranged in advance with students and I ask you to complete the consent form below to provide permission for the students to attend.

In term 4, at the completion of the subject, our students’ work will be displayed in the Annual Stage 2 Art, Design and Media Open Evening on the Senior Campus and at the Pepper Street Gallery in the annual school exhibition. This will be an opportunity for parents, family and friends to view our students’ work and for us to celebrate their achievements.

Students have a double lesson on Wednesday afternoon and the class and I, have added a third lesson to this so students will finish class at 3.50pm. Odd weeks students will finish at 3.30pm as I have a staff meeting to attend.

I thank you for your support and I look forward to working with you and your child throughout the year to ensure every success for our students.

Yours sincerely

Chic Stirling-Phillips         Panayoula Parha
Art and Design Teacher         Principal

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Please return to Ms Stirling-Phillips by Wednesday 11/2/2015

Student’s name: ..........................................................  PLG: ..................................................

I have received this letter regarding the Stage 2 Art course and do / do not provide consent for my child to attend after school and holiday sessions.

Signature: ................................................ (Parent/Caregiver)   Date: …/…/…