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PROPOSAL FOR NEW TIMETABLE ARRANGEMENTS IN 2014

Dear Parents

Bass High School is currently considering a proposal for the introduction of new timetable arrangements for 2014. The proposed model includes:

- Extending lesson times from the current 50 minutes to 60 minute lessons;
- Reducing the number of periods from the current 6 to 5 periods in a day;
- Starting the school day at 9.00am sharp with period 1 (not homeroom then period 1 at 9.15am as we do currently);
- Ending the school day at 3.00pm not 3.15pm as at present.

Underpinning these changes is the belief that extended lesson times provide more opportunities for teachers and students to cover course material with more varied and in-depth learning activities and strategies. The proposed arrangements would also reduce the number of transitions (or changes from one class to the next) with less interruption to learning.

The proposed model is consistent with all Department of Education and Communities and Board of Studies curriculum requirements. We are currently in dialogue with bus companies to examine the possibility of changing afternoon bus times.

We will provide a number of options for parents seeking further information on this proposal. You can do this by:

- Attending an information session at the next P&C meeting on Thursday 8 August starting at 6pm at school;
- Reading information posted on the school’s website about this proposal at http://www.bass-h.schools.nsw.edu.au
- Contacting the P&C President, Ingrid Winter, on phone: 9726 3644 for more information and questions;
- Emailing the school at: bass-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au with your questions or requests for further information.

I encourage all parents to attend the next P&C meeting or to contact the school as detailed above.

Yours sincerely

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