

# St Ives High School ST IVES MATTERS

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### Deputy Principal Matters by Nathalie Bodley

#### Year 10 Peer Leader Training

This week our Year 10 Peer leaders for 2019 commenced their training. Transitioning from Year 6 to Year 7 is an important event and our new Peer Leaders have now embarked on helping to make this process a positive one for our 200 plus new year 7's for next year. Reflecting upon what leadership is and what it means to be a positive mentor, the 64 strong group participated in many activities to aid our

new students to a smooth transition, including on how to manage a group of excited 12-year olds! A second, half-day workshop will take place on Monday, 17 December, where students will work with their partners to refine the workshops they will hold next year. Of course, these Peer Leaders will welcome Year 7 2019 at Orientation Day on Tuesday, 4 December.







#### **HSC ARTEXPRESS Success!**

Following their nominations, it was confirmed this week that Sarah Simmonds and Nick Budisetio had their bodies of work selected for the prestigious exhibition of year 12 HSC artworks. Nick's work was a very beautifully crafted video called "Present" which is about how we understand the concept of time. Sarah created a collections of orks "Beautiful Abstractions: Ugly Truths" exploring found objects, mostly rusted and weathered, like scraps and slithers of the industrial workshops which define our horizons and pollute

our skylines. Congratulations!

ARTEXPRESS is an annual exhibition program featuring exemplary bodies of work from the New South Wales Higher School Certificate Visual Arts examination. From 8,770 students who submitted Bodies of Works for the HSC Visual Arts Examination, 402 students were nominated for ARTEXPRESS. From these nominations, 240 bodies of work were selected to create nine exhibitions, representing schools from across NSW.





#### Year 9 Art Masterclass Art Exhibition at the St Ives Village Shops



I hope many of you will have a chance to see artworks by these talented students who surpassed all expectations in the mastery of coloured pencil miniatures and oil painting. The students devised and curated the exhibition themed "Colour" and most completed the two works, though some were still wet when they were being hung! On Monday afternoon we had an "opening" well attended by students, parents and a few admiring Grandmas! The exhibition is on the Ramp at St Ives Village Shops until Sunday afternoon. Both sets of works were judged by Lyn Thompson, miniature artist, painter and

printmaker, who was most impressed with the level of ability demonstrated by the students, mostly of little experience.

Thanks to Mrs Gettens for organising and hanging the paintings. Prizewinners, miniatures: 1st Kiara U, 2nd Olivia Y, 3rd Emily H.

Highly Commended: Nina K Mia C, Charlotte M, Isla J Prizewinners: Oils: 1st Kiara U, 2nd Isla Jo, 3rd Nina K Highly Commended: Holly C, Phoebe W, Harriet B













#### **School Spectacular Excursion**

On Friday 23 November, Year 7 GATS and Extension students were taken to see the School Spectacular performance for schools at Homebush Arena. The show started outside the arena with some Korean music and dancing when the students sat down to eat lunch. The show theme was celebrating the extraordinary and began with some music from the "Greatest Showman" musical. The circus theme was continued through the first half of the show, and there was a giant pinball machine made up of dancers and musicians. An exceptional performance was the large orchestra accompanying more than a thousand singers involved in the combined choir. Styles of music included classical, jazz and pop and there were lights and huge television screens which transformed the stage for each different scene. All of our students were amazed by the talent of fellow students from throughout NSW who were inspiring in this outstanding performance.











#### A Mural of Remembrance

Outside the western entrance to A block is a mural slowly taking shape. It is a remembrance mural reflecting the two wars, the Vietnam war and UN peacekeeping operations in which Australia has been involved. Furthermore, the painting reflects those of indigenous background who may have served and women who are often the untold heroes of Australia's military conflicts. The mural also has a Japanese blossom tree which when mature will add to this corner of the school and all those who serve. Chiara B and Liz H of year 10 were the lead artists in the mural, and their efforts are outstanding.



#### Moving from the Schoolstream APP to the Sentral APP

We are simplifying the way we communicate with parents by moving away from Schoolstream and bringing everything to Sentral. From 2019 we will only be using the Sentral app for "Push Notification" - (messaging via an app) and schoolstream will cease to operate at some point this year. This will enable us to target messages to year groups, class groups and individuals and provide a one-stop shop. We will send out an email with app keys and instructions - if you already have the app installed it should now be working but may need an update. We aim

to have all parents on board, and our technical support crew will be working to ensure all parents can utilise this service.

#### English can be so much fun!

Do you know what a zine is? Have you ever made blackout poetry? English class 10 X is now able to answer "yes" to these questions! Blackout poetry is a fusion of art and poetry, practised by artists and poets like William S Burroughs and David Bowie. With nothing more than some pages of old novels headed for the bin; white paper; glue sticks and black sharpies, the class created their beautiful poems and then turned them into their Zines. (A zine is a self-published

little magazine made with nothing more than paper, scissors and a photocopier). The next lesson the class had their own "zine fair" where they shared and read each other's work. Some feedback: "Intriguing", "fun" and "creative". It was fascinating to see the creative process and themes emerge!











#### **Maths Competition News**

Congratulations to three students, Mel S, Megan D and Lily C (year 11/12) who achieved fabulous results in this year's AMC (Australian Maths Competition). They competed in the Senior division (years 11 and 12) in this internationally respected competition. (30 countries compete worldwide.) Mel S achieved a High Distinction which places her in the top 5% of students. Given the nature of the students who enter this competition at the senior level, the top 5% is a fantastic result! Both Lily C and Megan D achieved Distinctions at the senior level. Well done to all three students!







Best wishes Nathalie Bodley Deputy Principal



On Thursday 29 November, students from Year 12 Software Design & Development embarked on their first experience to Google Australia. They were invited to attend a presentation led by software engineers from the company to talk about the future of digital technologies, their experiences working at Google and what they studied at school and university. The Q&A session that followed was an open session for students to ask questions about Google in general and the exciting projects the engineers are working on. After the Q&A session students toured around the offices and were

amazed at the different types of work and leisure environments Google provides for its staff, especially the variety of food in the cafes!















#### SAILORS WITH DISABILITIES

The Support Classes Hearing, Mrs Gambrill, Mr Ryan and Miss Crews all attended the excursion *Sailors* with *DisAbilities* on Tuesday. The purpose of the excursion was travel training and for students to be comfortable with using an Opal Card, transitioning from a bus to a train, to know when to give up a seat and to be safe on public transport.

The students also had a wonderful experience of sailing with adults who are very skilled on the water but are adults with disabilities. The yacht was quite impressive and has been in the Sydney to Hobart race.

The day was a total success. The weather was perfect and the connections were in our favour. The students also were very independent in finding their way home from Town Hall station. The students in the Hearing Support Classes come from various areas of Sydney.

#### Some student comments:

- The teachers gave the opportunities to students to experience travel training and to be comfortable with using an Opal Card. It was wonderful experience for students who travelled by a bus to a train as the teachers made sure the students are safe on public transport and which station would they get off. The students had a great time with adults who are very skilled with water and however they had disabilities as well. The yacht was quite classic boat and known as a racing boat. Every students were involved in yacht activities such steer the yacht, pulling the ropes and fenders. Plus, it was wonderful to see every students were involved it with their smiles as the sun was bright. It was a great day for hearing support students who experienced sailors with disabilities, travel training and great moments. Thanks to Mr R and Mrs G who organized this wonderful excursion for hearing support students.
- We went on the Sydney Harbour and sailed for 2 hours. It was really fun, especially when they let us lay up the front with our feet over the edge. We also enjoyed it taking turns to steer the boat. We walked back to the station and went home independently.
- We had an excellent time out on the water. Going up to the top of the boat and dangling our feet over the edge was fun. I learned a lot of complex knots and mastered them straight away.
- We went out to the sea around Sydney harbour. It was amazing and not too windy or cold. Each of the students got
  a turn to steer the boat. It was a fantastic day.
- It was so much fun to steer the boat and sit at the front of the boat and it is so relaxing.
- After lunch we walked to the boat and stayed on the boast for 2 hours, we sailed around the harbour. We needed to
  wear a life jacket. After we finished we thanked the volunteer sailors who looked after us. It was a fun day and it was
  quite windy but it was a part of travel training to get home.

## Robert Ryan and Cherie Gambrill Hearing Support Teachers











#### CAREERS UPDATE

#### Year 10 Work experience in Week 8

I have issued students with a Safety & Emergency Procedures Card, which they must carry with them at all times in case of an accident and give to their treating Doctor. My name and the school number 9144-1689 needs to be written on the card as well as parent/guardian contact and Medicare number. I also gave out a booklet so students can keep a daily journal and have the employer write an evaluation report for their resume. If any student didn't receive these documents please send them to see me. They are however on my Google classroom.

#### Year 9 Work experience in 2019 Term 4, Week 8, 2-6 December 2019

I have emailed to students and uploaded to Google classroom the work experience forms for 2019 with instructions for completing them. Some places which have a high demand for work experience require students to apply 1 year before work experience so some students need to make contact with employers this year.

#### **Careers Advisory Service**

The Careers Advisory Service is a phone, web chat and email service for NSW students who have completed the HSC and need further career or tertiary education advice. The service is provided by the Department of Education and is staffed by experienced Careers Advisers. Open on 14,17 & 18 December 2018 Phone 1300 300 687 and webchat 9am -5pm Email 24 hours. <a href="https://www.careersadvisoryservice.com">www.careersadvisoryservice.com</a>

#### University course comparison site

The Department of Education and Training in partnership with the Tertiary Admissions Centres across Australia, have developed a new national higher education admissions information platform. The new website 'Course Seeker' contains a national course comparison tool which allows students to search, select and compare up to four higher education courses nationally across different institutions and/or study areas. The website also allows students to filter course search results by ATAR, mode of study, study area and location. 'Course Seeker' will provide prospective students with transparent information about Australian higher education admissions. This information will assist students in making choices regarding their tertiary education study. Visit the website at <a href="https://www.courseseeker.edu.au">www.courseseeker.edu.au</a>.

#### **UAC** tool for choosing university courses

UAC has developed a brief new tool to assist students to choose university courses based on their school subjects and estimated rank. https://www.uac.edu.au/course-compass/

#### Google Classroom -for careers information and discussion

I have created a Google Classroom for each year group for careers information and discussion as an alternative to emails, daily notices, newsletter articles, year meetings and interviews. The code to join has been sent to student's school emails. Please encourage students to join.

#### Applying for university timeline

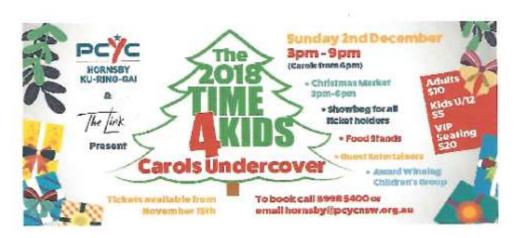
November 29 -SRS early offer round 2.
December 6 -SRS early offer round 3.
December 13 -HSC results released.

December 14 - ATARs released on UAC site and Year 12 Pizza & Poppa lunch at school.

December 20 -December Round 2 offers.
January 11 -January Round 1 offers.

For more information on any of these or other careers matters visit the Careers Adviser or email Mr Holmes at <a href="mailto:neil.holmes@det.nsw.edu.au">neil.holmes@det.nsw.edu.au</a> or call the school on 9144 1689 ext 116.

Visit my free careers website at <a href="http://www.careeradvicensw.com">http://www.careeradvicensw.com</a> to view career videos, take career tests, view subject selection resources, links to all universities on bonus points, scholarships, elite athletes schemes, alternate entry to university, the job market, SRS and more.









# NSW Public Schools Millennium Marching Band

- Do you like music and performing?
- Do you want to be part of a great team and make friends from around NSW?
- Are you looking for something different to a concert band?
- Would you like to perform at events like the Sydney ANZAC Day Parade, Schools Spectacular, Southern Stars, Invictus Games, NRL and Basketball Games, and Olympic Welcome Home Parades?

If so, the NSWPS Millennium Marching Band is for you!!

The NSW Public Schools Millennium Marching Band is a dynamic music ensemble full of energy and drive with a focus on fun and entertainment. It is a unique opportunity for students from Year 7 to Year 12 to make new friends and perform both nationally and internationally. Rehearsals are held over one weekend each month.

# Join us at our Open Rehearsal Saturday 1 December 2018

9:00-3:30pm at Galston High School

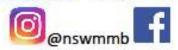
Performance for families at 2:45pm
The MMB Boosters provide lunch (\$5) & drinks (\$1)



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