



Term 4 Week 9

14 December 2018

UNIFORM SHOP OPEN TIMES

2018 END OF TERM

Tuesday, 17 December 2018: 8.30 - 11.00 am

Wednesday, 18 December 2018: 8.30 - 10.30 am (extended hours, last day of 2018)

Thursday, 20 December 2018: closed

2019 BACK TO SCHOOL WEEK 1 OPEN TIMES

Tuesday, 29 January 2019: 8.30 - 11.00 am (extended hours)

Wednesday, 30 January 2019: 8.30 - 10.30 am (extended hours back to school Years 7, 11, 12)

Thursday, 31 January 2019: 9.00 - 11.00 am (back to school hours Year 8, 9, 10)

Year 7 2019 Book Pack - last day to order is Wednesday, 19 December by 4.30 pm

Deputy Principal Matters by Nathan Lawler



HSC results

We were so excited to learn on Thursday our HSC results for the class of 2018. The school's HSC results were the strongest they have been in some years. Student performance in each HSC course is measured against defined standards. HSC marks for each course are divided into bands and each band aligns with a description of a typical performance by a student within that mark range. For a 2 unit course, Band 6 indicates the highest level of performance. We had 45 students who achieved a band 6 or equivalent in one or more courses. When the Sydney Morning Herald releases its rankings each year they look solely at the number of top performers (band 6 students) in courses. In 2017, we were ranked 204th and in 2018 we came in at 113th. When calculating this ranking all NSW high schools are considered (both government and non-government schools). St Ives High is ranked the 11th public, non-selective high school in the State.

Each year the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) releases an All-round Achievers List. For students to make this list they must have achieved a result in the highest band possible (Band 6 or Band E4) in 10 or more units of courses in their current pattern of study. We had four students who made the all-rounders list for 2018 - Lucinda D, Laura G, Behbod I and Sarah S. Behbod I also made the top achievers list for 9th in the State for English (ESL) and congratulations should also be extended to Ivan C who achieved 5th in State in Spanish Extension, studied through Saturday School of Community Languages. Many thanks to our teaching staff for leading our students and encouraging them to achieve their personal best. There will be further information to come regarding our students and their results in next week's newsletter edition.

Diplomacy Competition Success

From 3 to 9 December, two of our year 10 students, Eliana S and Alexander L, competed in the National Finals of The Evatt Competition held in Hobart, Tasmania. Evatt is run by UN Youth Australia and branded as 'Australia's largest diplomacy competition'. It consisted of teams of two students assuming the role of delegates for a nation on the United Nations Security Council, and having to bargain and negotiate with others to achieve their own aims. In the first seven debates Eliana and Alexander represented Equatorial Guinea, a small West African nation.

Together, they were chosen, based on their diplomacy, public speaking, teamwork and overall effectiveness, to proceed to the Grand Final for Evatt 2018, placing them in the top 15 teams in Australia, representing China on the Security Council. To have already beaten over 250 teams from around NSW was a massive achievement, to then place within the top 15 is an incredible testament to their hard work. We wish them well in all future endeavours.



Presentation Day

On Friday, we held our annual Presentation Day. This is essentially a celebration of student learning and sporting achievement. Those who achieved academic and sporting excellence were celebrated. To our parents that attended, you were most welcome. It is always very special to have you in attendance. Many thanks to Mr Noronha and Ms Cartwright for their organisation. Congratulations to all the students who received an award.

Year 8 – Resilience Camp

In 2018, we decided to reintroduce the Year 8 camping experience. On Monday, we returned to Camp Somerset, which is located on the very scenic Colo River. Students were placed into groups of 20 as they embarked on a three day camping expedition. For many students this was the first time that they have camped. Students were required to contribute to meal preparation, clean up after meals and setting up and disabling their tents. The focus of the camp was encouraging students to move outside their comfort zones. This program definitely challenged the students as they trekked between camp locations and worked in teams to achieve common goals. Many thanks to Mrs Regan for the huge amount of organisation and also to the Year 8 teachers who went along.

Year 10 Camp

Also on Monday, our Year 10 students travelled to Wyee (near Morrisset) for their annual Year 10 camp. Over the three days, students were engaged in a number of activities that encouraged them to work together. The high ropes is always a popular activity as it involves students to continually communicate and trust one another. A highlight is always the Year 10 formal, which we hold on site. Our Year 10 formal tradition involves teachers serving students their meals and students and teachers dancing away to the hired DJ. A huge thanks to Ms Paterson and the teachers that attended the Year 10 camp.



Building Update

As you may be aware, in 2019 we excited to be undergoing a school refurbishment. In the short term this will involve the temporary relocation of industrial and creative arts spaces into specifically fitted demountable classrooms. In the longer term we are looking forward to modern teaching spaces for our students. One of the other exciting aspects to the building works will be the construction of a double court basketball complex, which will provide an excellent facility for the school. Watch this space for more updates.



Last Day of School

A reminder to parents that as we come to the end of the school year, school will break for the summer holidays on Wednesday 19 December at 3:15pm. The school will be fully operational up until this time and it is our expectation that all students will be in attendance up until this time. Many Year 12 students will have assessment tasks to complete between now and the end of the year. If for some unforeseen reason your child is unable to attend school, please follow normal leave procedures contacting the school with an explanation for your child's absence and the exact dates they will be away.

If You Are Not Returning

Please contact the school if your child will not be returning to St Ives High School next year. Our planning for 2019 is very advanced and it is critical that we know how many students we will have in attendance. Our staffing is dependent upon this. If there is a change in your child's/family's circumstances over the holidays, please send the school an email.

Best wishes

Nathan Lawler
Deputy Principal

SEARCHES, STORIES AND SUPERPOWERS...2018 GATS ACTIVITY DAYS

Students were divided into teams made up of year 7T, 8T and 9T. The Year 9's were the leaders and had a long list of questions that had to be answered once the bus had dropped us at North Sydney. They headed over the Harbour Bridge and into The Rocks, then to the city, answering many types of questions. One task was to busk at Circular quay for 30 seconds! In the afternoon we watched *Fantastic Beasts ...The Crimes of Grindelwald*.

We enjoyed viewing student videos and photos the next day before heading to the Moving Bodies Centre at Mt Kuring-gai for a 2.5 hour session of parkour and Ninja Warrior skills, conquering the four warped walls, a spider wall, cargo net, ladders and floating doors. Pizza was welcome on our return to school. As always students demonstrated high engagement and a willingness to explore new experiences. They made friends in other year groups and learnt to work together. Well done T students!!

Patricia Gettens
Head Teacher Creative Arts
Gats Coordinator



WATER AWARENESS 2018 BALMORAL BEACH
Monday 3 December to Friday, 7 December 2018

What a fabulous week for Year 7's water awareness program, and the weather was amazing. This compulsory part of the PDHPE syllabus aims to achieve the following outcomes:

- the development of water sense and water confidence
- the encouragement of water safety practices
- the development of team work and social interaction between staff & students
- the improvement of swimming technique and endurance
- and to assist in the development of responsible behaviour in a water environment



This year 200+ Students rotated through many activities including rescue throws, survival skills, entries and exits, lap swimming and stroke production, beach cricket and beach volleyball, flags, and biathlon, just to name a few. The beginner groups had AusSwim teachers to assist with their water skills and all managed to attempt a swim by the end of the week PFD free. A huge congratulations must go to the following students who should be very proud of their efforts and accomplishments throughout the week: Sienna L, Dinal J, Tabitha W and Thomas P who showed amazing resilience to brave new conditions. All students became very efficient and adept at most facets of their learn to swim program.

This was testament to a great achievement and also a celebration of their hard work and perseverance. Additionally students were taught about sun safety and also completed a theory component. Many students learned or experienced totally new skills, and for some it was their first time in a beach environment. As the coordinator of the week I am very proud of all of the year 7 students for their persistent throughout the week through different weather conditions, new experiences and amazing behaviour.



On our final day we did a number of activities including a biathlon, flags, and a sand castle building competition. The sandcastles were built in a shorter period of time this year; however there were many excellent designs.

Congratulations to the following year 7 students who were victorious in these events:

Biathlon 2017 Boys	Intermediate/Advanced	Beginners
1st	Evan C	Seth S
2nd	Tully U	Shreyas S
3rd	Ryan F	Ahaz I
Biathlon 2017 Girls		
1st	Lucy W	Vake A
2nd	Tala G	Tabitha W
3rd	Isabella F	Hazuki O
Flags 2017 Boys		
1st	Tully U	
2nd	Elliott R	
3rd	Ryan F	
Flags 2017 Girls		
1st	Isabella F	
2nd	Amelia B	
3rd	Ella B	

"During the whole of Week 8, all of year 7 went up to Balmoral Beach and back each day. During this week, students had the opportunity to develop water safety skills, thanks to Mrs Terrey and all the dedicated teachers. Personally, I enjoyed being active and spending time with friends. Each day was organised with fun activities. This included volleyball, cricket, flags and several opportunities to get into the water. I especially liked challenging myself during the biathlon on the very last day. Once again, thank you to Ms Terrey for organising this wonderful week and all the teachers." Vania Z

What I Liked best from water awareness this week (2018):

- Jumping into the water/jumping off the boardwalk into the sea (lots of the same – jumping off the wharf/pier)
- Swimming in the deeper water
- Learning new swimming skills
- Challenge of overcoming fears
- Enjoyed playing beach flags
- I enjoyed all the activities available; *improvement could be to incorporate more activities rather than repeat the same*

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- All activities were good; too much swimming in cold conditions
- Enjoyed all activities; *perhaps have some free time in the shallower water*
- *More fun water activities than swimming laps*
- *Don't like the danger of the ocean so a pool would be better*
- Liked running on the beach
- *More safety based activities*
- Liked being able to try new things and taking on new challenges
- Liked playing games and socialising
- Like the varieties of stuff available
- Learning how to do freestyle
- Enjoyed swimming and doing the biathlon
- Beach Cricket and Beach Volleyball
- *Improvements – less lap swimming and learning to dive*
- Learning different entries and exits
- Swimming in a PFD
- Lifesaving techniques and rescue throws
- Sprinting into the water as soon as we were granted permission
- How to make a dope sandcastle
- Hanging out in the sun with friends and learning sun safety



Thanks everyone for another successful week, and a big shout out to all the teachers who also volunteered their time for this program.

Sandy Terrey
PDHPE
Water Awareness Coordinator 2018



CAREERS UPDATE



Year 10 Work Experience in Week 8

More photos from Year 10 Work Experience



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 and 18 December 2018 Phone 1300 300 687 and webchat 9am -5pm Email 24 hours. www.careersadvisoryservice.com

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 www.courseseekeer.edu.au

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

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 neil.holmes@det.nsw.edu.au or call the school on 9144 1689 ext 116.

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