

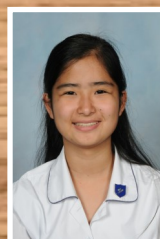
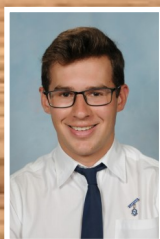
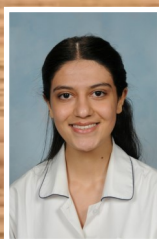
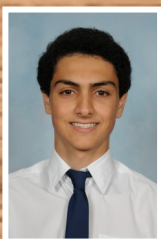
## Principal Matters by Mark Watson



### HSC Results

We were delighted by what are the best ever HSC results the school has achieved. We had seven students named on the *HSC All-Round Achievers Merit List*. To be an *All-Rounder*, a student had to achieve a band 6 (2 Unit courses) or band E4 (1 Unit courses) in at least 10 units of study. Congratulations to our All Rounders, Kate Farkas, Amin Habibi, Rojina Parchizadeh, Daniel Pavlich, Mitchell Rock, Mel Shishido and Kian Taylor. Mina Kearns was 5<sup>th</sup> in Earth and Environmental Science, Bar Peretz was 5<sup>th</sup> in Modern Hebrew Continuers, Lauren Nobel was 2<sup>nd</sup> in Chinese Beginners and Catherine Nobel was 5<sup>th</sup> in Chinese Beginners. We also had 123 students receive the highest band possible in at least one unit of study.

### 2019 HSC ALL-ROUND ACHIEVERS



Overall the Sydney Morning Herald ranked the school 86<sup>th</sup> in the State. We were the second coeducational public comprehensive high school in the State according to the Sydney Morning Herald. We were the first placed non-selective public high school in Mathematics Standard 1 and Standard 2; first placed non-selective public high school in Mathematics Extension 1 and Extension 2; and the third placed comprehensive coeducational public high school in English Studies, English EAL/D and English Standard.

Every subject was above state average, with the exception of two subjects with very small candidatures. This indicates that our results were strong for students of all abilities, not just our top students. There are many people to thank. Congratulations first of all to our Year 12 2019 students, their teachers who set the bar and standard high and to their families who were brilliant, working with us to achieve these results.

Save the date; all Year 12 students who were mentioned on the *All-Rounder* merit list or who achieved an ATAR of 90 or above will be invited back to the school for our High Achievers' Assembly on Monday, 10 February 2020. Congratulations to Year 12 2019. Stunning results!

### Year 12 Lunch

This year the HSC and ATAR results were published on the same day for the first time. This occurred on Tuesday this week. We invited Year 12 back for a Pizza lunch, it was a great opportunity for the year group to meet up and celebrate their tremendous results with their teachers and with each other.



### School Magazine

At the end of last week, the 2019 School Magazine was returned to the school from the printers. These were distributed to students this week and last week. Mrs Melville has done a fantastic job with the magazine as she does every year, capturing the atmosphere of the school. This year's magazine is exceptional so if you have not seen it, check your child's school bag, it is well worth a read.

## Staff Changes

We have a very small number of staff leaving us at the end of this year —

**Farewell Mrs Forbes:** This we said farewell to Mrs Karen Forbes who has been a member of our office staff for the past 22 years. She joined the St Ives Staff back in 1997 initially working a couple of days a week. Over this time she has seen a number of changes in the school including the current increase in enrolments and building program. Mrs Forbes has been responsible for the majority of the desktop publishing of the booklets we distribute. She has provided clerical support to the GATs programming and this has been appreciated by Mrs Gettens. Mrs Forbes is a very supportive, tolerant and flexible employee. I have never heard her complain, even when I suggested we introduce the weekly newsletter, which significantly increased her workload. She took it in her stride and has produced the newsletter with pride ever since. Mrs Forbes has been an absolute delight to work with and to all who meet her. We wish her well in her retirement.

In English, I would like to thank Mrs Bamford for all of her work this year. We wish her well at her new school. Thanks also to Mrs Power who stepped up to help us with a part time load in HSIE this year. Thanks and goodbye to Mrs Kam who has been working as a learning support officer in the Hearing Unit. We also thank Ms Button, Mr Dumbrell and Mrs Ishkanian for the positions they filled this year. We welcome them back into our pool of casual teachers who cover teachers on days when they are not available.

## Timetable Update

Student timetables for 2020 will be available during the last week of the school holidays in January. These will be able to be accessed through the portal in the usual way.

## Holiday Work

There will be a lot of work taking place at the school over the holidays. The final adjustments will be made to the refurbished C-Block ready for classes at the start of next year. Building work will also continue on the sports complex through January. B-Block will have ceilings replaced in stairways, corridors and one classroom. Our school wireless network will also be upgraded over January ready for the new school year. The school will certainly be a busy place over the break. A Project Update from School Infrastructure NSW is attached to this newsletter.



## New Bell System

We have been successful in a grant application to have a new bell/PA system installed across the school. Work on this will take place next year and it is hoped that the new system will improve communications across the school. Thanks to Mr Champion for his work writing and submitting the application.

## School Resumption

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone all the best for the festive season. I hope you all have some wonderful family time over the summer. School will resume after the Australia Day long weekend at the end of January.

- The school office will be closed from Friday afternoon 20 December and open again on Tuesday 28 January 2020.
- Teaching staff will also return on 28 January 2020 for a school development day.
- Years 7, 11 and 12 begin on Wednesday 29 January and
- Years 8, 9, 10 begin on Thursday 30 January

Thank you for the year and have a wonderful break.

Best Wishes  
**Mark Watson**  
Principal

### UNIFORM SHOP HOURS WEEK 1

Tuesday, 28 January : 8.30-11.00am  
Wednesday, 29 January: 8.30-11.00am  
Thursday, 30 January 8.30-11.00am

## INTERNATIONAL VISIT—MIYAKONOJO NISHI HIGH SCHOOL



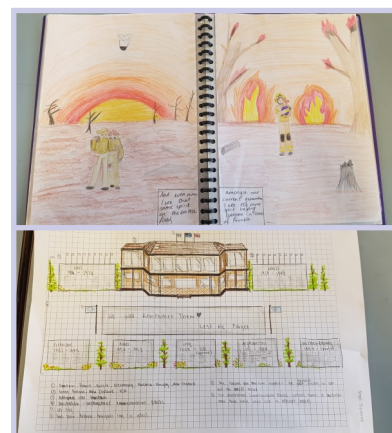
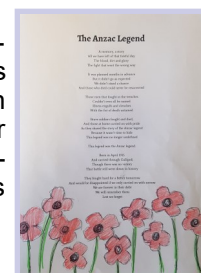
St Ives High school hosted a visit to a Japanese school on Friday 6 December. It was the first time that Miyakonojo Nishi High School visited Sydney and our school. There were 26 students accompanied by their deputy principal and teachers. After a warm welcome ceremony, students of the Year 8 Japanese class were buddied with the visiting students who spent the morning with specialised English teachers improving their language skills and enjoying a cultural exchange with Kirigami, paper balloons, calligraphy and bush dancing. The visit ended with sharing a lunch of Australian barbecue hamburgers under the trees of the school quadrangle.

**Khush Patel**  
International Visits Coordinator

## YEAR 9 HISTORY - 'WHY HAS THE ANZAC LEGEND ENDURED THE TEST OF TIME?'

On Monday 16 December, Year 9 History students presented their final products from their PBL project, 'Why has the ANZAC legend endured the test of time?' Students presented a range of products from graphic novels, poems, editorials and designs for new war memorials. The project focused on understanding the significance of the ANZAC legend since World War II. Students presented their work to Mr Terry James and Mr George Main from the Hornsby RSL Club. Both guests were thoroughly impressed with students creativity and thought provoking perspectives. Many thanks to our guests for coming out to visit our students work.

**Adam Noronha**  
HSIE Teacher



A big thank you to those who attended our last Bush Care Day for 2019 ... Richard Murnane, Peter Driscoll, Tracey Wallbridge, Eva Hunter and teacher, Ashleigh Fong.

Helping this close to Christmas was very much appreciated.

**Meredith Hunter, P&C Bush Care Coordinator**





Artist impression of the St Ives High School upgrade

## St Ives High School

### Project update and Summer holidays construction works

December 2019

#### Investing in our schools

The NSW Government is investing \$6.7 billion over the next four years to deliver 190 new and upgraded schools to support communities across NSW. In addition, a record \$1.3 billion is being spent on school maintenance over five years. This is the largest investment in public education infrastructure in the history of NSW.

#### St Ives High School

An upgrade is underway for St Ives High School. The project includes construction of a new multi-use indoor sport centre and refurbishing of the technical and applied studies facilities (Block C).

#### Progress summary

The Development Application for the new multi-use indoor sport centre has been approved by Ku-ring-gai Council.

Site establishment work is complete and main construction works are expected to start shortly.

#### Next steps

Work will continue on the new sport centre over the summer break. Works will include:

- relocation and extension of all in-ground services
- ground works including excavation and slab structural works
- upgrade of the school's existing wireless access points (WAP) to enable a seamless WIFI connection, upon completion of the new sport centre.

We are here to make sure that work is completed safely and efficiently and ensure that disruptions to the community are minimised.

We thank you for your patience during these works and are thrilled to be delivering this project for the school community.

#### For more information contact:

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Phone: 1300 482 651  
[www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au](http://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au)

## Frequently asked questions

### What works will be completed over the holidays?

Relocation and extension of all in-ground services.

Ground works including excavation and below slab structural works.

Upgrade of the school's existing wireless access points (WAP) to enable a seamless WIFI connection upon completion of the sport centre.

### What are the construction working hours?

All works are to be completed within the Development Application hours: Monday to Friday 7:00am to 5:00pm and Saturday 8:00am to 3:00pm.

No works will take place on public holidays or Sundays.

### Will construction take place over Christmas and New Year?

There will be no construction works during the Christmas and New Year holiday period related to this school upgrade project.

The Asset Management Unit will be undertaking maintenance activities in Block E to remove and replace ceilings in level 1 corridors and stair wells, and selected ground floor areas.

These works to occur from 19 December to 10 January.

No works will take place on public holidays or Sundays.

### What safety measures will be in place?

The site has safety management plans that will be strictly adhered to. Regular inspections will continue during the holiday period.

### What steps will be taken to control noise and dust impacts?

Hoarding and shade cloth will be erected to reduce noise and dust impacts on the school and our neighbours. Dust generated from the construction site will be hosed down as required.

### How will traffic be managed?

Traffic control and security measures will be in place where required for the safety of the community.



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