



The Weekly Pines

Manly Campus

Northern Beaches Secondary College

Academic Excellence ★ Personal Best ★ Giving Back to the Community



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From the Principal

Year 12 Graduation

On Monday afternoon we acknowledged Year 12 2017 at their graduation ceremony, held at Freshwater Senior Campus. This enjoyable event was an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our students and reflect on how significantly they have individually and collectively represented the school ethos of *personal best*, *academic excellence* and *giving back to the community*. Once again the students looked most impressive in their formal attire!

A special thank you goes to all those who made the Year 12 Graduation such a success; Ms Agum and the Year 11 parents who coordinated the afternoon tea and Ms O'Sullivan, Ms Rixon and Mrs Monteleone who ensured the ceremony went so smoothly. A huge thank you also goes to Craig Driscoll, the Jazz Ensemble and our most impressive Year 12 performers, especially Hinano, Clippe, Jessica, Gianni, Sebastian, Sam and Samir. Thank you also to our out-going School Captains Rupert and Maya for their engaging and reflective farewell speeches and to Ms Munro for her heartfelt address and advice. Last but not least, thank you to all the Year 12 parents who have supported the students throughout their 13 years of schooling and in particular the HSC.

Year 12 2017 started at Manly on my first day at the school and it has been a joy to see these Year 7 boys and girls become such outstanding young men and women. I wish them all the best for the future beyond school, and sincerely hope they keep in touch through the Manly Alumni web portal. We look forward to seeing as many students as possible at the HSC Celebration Morning Tea from 10am on Friday 15 December.



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Jazz Night Out

Congratulations to the 90 Manly Campus jazz student performers, guest artist (Dan Barnett on trombone and vocals) and our enthusiastic and inspiring jazz director, Craig Driscoll who thoroughly entertained the 220 guests from start to finish at Events at Dee Why on Saturday night. From all accounts the night was a huge success and I look forward to being able to attend next year.



Strings Soiree

Tonight the wonderful Strings Soiree will be held at Mosman Art Gallery, starting at 7pm. All families and friends of Manly Campus are invited to this 'not to be missed' annual event featuring the String Ensemble conducted by the wonderfully experienced and enthusiastic Brian Buggy and the Chamber Orchestra conducted by the very talented Elizabeth Scott. This is a chance to farewell our wonderful Year 12 strings students. No bookings are required, but there will be a small entrance fee at the door. I look forward to seeing you there!

Attendance

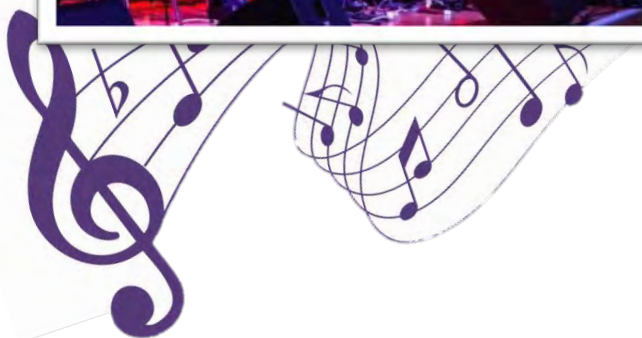
Parents are reminded that full attendance is expected until the end of the year as per the school calendar. Any exemptions for family or travel reasons must be approved in writing prior to this time, with fair notice, or they will be recorded as unexplained leave on reports and attendance files. A copy of the Department of Education Compulsory School Attendance Information for Parents is attached to the end of this newsletter.

Cath Whalan
Principal

From the Deputy Principals

Year 8

I am very pleased to announce that Team Chevaz were awarded a Highly Commended Award in the Middle School Division for the Write a Book in a Day Competition. Congratulations Eliza Lo Russo, Amelie Letchford, Hannah Lovlin, Zahra Chew, Chloe Bracher and Vivienne Paduch. Team 2 also



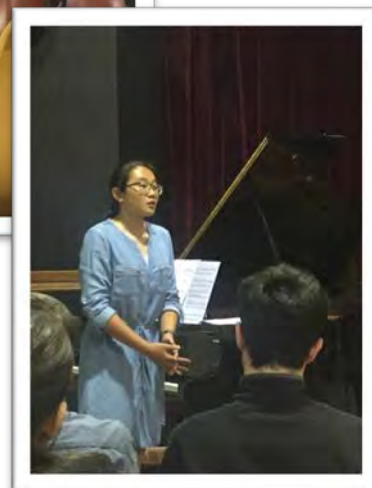
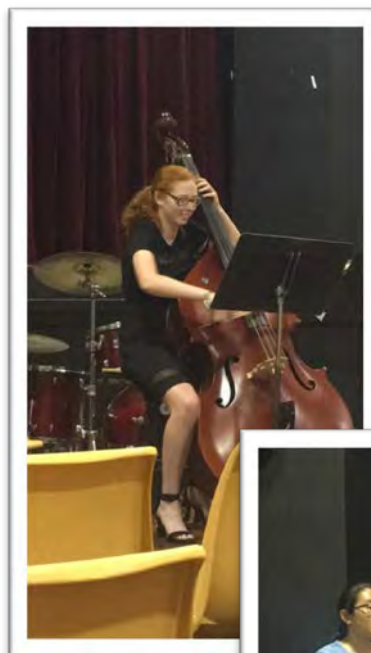
received a Commended Award for Highest Sponsorship. Congratulations Gemma Cooper, Levi Newport, Hannah de Mars, Max Oldham, Jed Morrison, Matt Morrison, Mia Schwartz and Melissa Chen.



Year 10

Once again I was blown away by the musical talent in this school. Congratulations to the Year 10 Elective Music class for their impressive Farewell Performances. Our extremely talented students entertained those fortunate enough to be in the

audience with a wide range of Australian pieces. Thank you also to Ms Leviton for her guidance and encouragement of these students over the last two years.



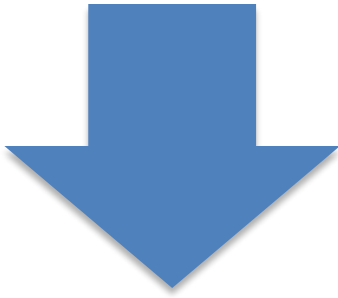
Year 12

The Year 12 Graduation ceremony took place on Monday at Freshwater Senior Campus. This enjoyable event was an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our students with their family and teachers. As Deputy Principal for this year group for the past 2 years, it has been an absolute pleasure to see these young people grow into the outstanding young adults they have become. An example of this is from an email we received from a parent who supervised the formal -

The Zest venue staff were absolutely glowing about "what lovely kids" and the politeness and good manners of the MSC students.

Even the hardened security staff kept commenting on what "great kids" they were and how they were the best formal group they have ever had to supervise!

Kathy O'Sullivan
Deputy Principal – Years 8, 10, 12



Year 7

Congratulations go to Charlotte Camburn who has made the Sydney North Open Girls Cricket team. I am sure that many of the girls will be feeling inspired by the record-breaking batting display by all-rounder Ellyse Perry in the women's Ashes test earlier this week. Next week, the students will have the first opportunity to showcase their artwork alongside their older peers in the Visual Arts Exhibition in the hall. I am looking forward to seeing what our next generation of creatives have come up with over the year, and I hope that parents and community take the opportunity to do so too.

Year 9

I had the pleasure of joining the students on the first day and night of their camp this week. It was great to see the students encouraging each other to overcome any fears and get involved in the activities. Unfortunately, the teachers lost the challenge night to some very talented students, but we were pleased to get some scores on the board and a few laughs (we will blame our sporting injuries). Without pre-empting further reports, all has been going well and I'm sure a happily exhausted crew will be back to share further stories.



A huge thank you goes to Ms Brien, Mr Forsyth, Ms Giuffrida, Mr Goykovic, Mr Leung, Ms Munro and Ms Truong for giving their time and energy to ensure this outdoor education adventure is such a success.

Year 11

The HSC journey is well underway, with students expecting to complete their first assessment tasks in most courses before the end of the term. Students should be reminded to balance their study with adequate amounts of time to do the things that keep them relaxed and having fun. Research supports a common-sense approach that happiness increases academic engagement and performance. Students are reminded to look out for each other, do more of what makes them happy and always reach out for support if needed.

Mr Alex Newcomb
Deputy Principal – Years 7, 9, 11

Help Needed!

Year 12 Design and Technology

Request from Aidan, Year 12 D&T;
Hello, I am looking to create a project that looks at helping children who have ADHD or to help parents who have a child with ADHD. I have created a survey which will help me understand what sort of project might help parents like yourselves or your children.

To complete the survey, please see the below link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QJHXNMN>

If you are interested in the project or wish to help out more after filling out the survey, feel free to contact me on: cynda10k@gmail.com

Thank you



Visual Art



NBSC Manly Campus 2017 Visual Arts Exhibition

Featuring Years 7, 9, 10 and 11 Artworks
along with Year 8 Beach Paintings accompanied by Music
Soundscapes

(Please download the soundcloud app and bring a pair of headphones to the exhibition)

Monday 20 November 1-5pm
Tuesday 21 & Wednesday 22 November 9am-5pm
Thursday 23 November 9am-12pm

The exhibition will be held in the school hall
All Welcome

Year 9 Science

Over the next few weeks TWP will feature articles from Year 9 Science students from their scientific article. The brief was to create a one page 'magazine' style article with interesting, fun scientific facts.



Why Do People Have Blue Eyes?

Joyce Wang

Yr 9 Science Mr Crooks

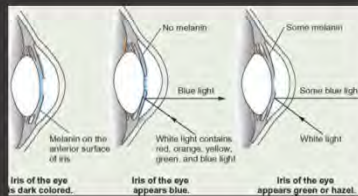
Different eye colours are determined by the different quantities of melanin in the iris, blue eyes have a small amount, green eyes have some while brown eyes have larger amounts. In January 2008, a research by a team at the University of Copenhagen proved that people with blue eyes all have one exact same ancestor. They traced it down a genetic mutation that was the cause of all blue eyes.



Common Ancestor - Genetic Mutation

From a study conducted in 2008 at the University of Copenhagen the theory that all blue eyes are the origin of a genetic mutation from 6000 to 10000 years ago.

Professor Hans Eiberg from the Department of Cellular and Molecular Medicine and the leader of the investigation, stated that "Originally, we all had brown eyes... But a genetic mutation affecting the OCA2 gene in our chromosomes resulted in... a "switch," which "turned off" the ability to produce brown eyes."



The OCA2 codes the P protein, regulating melanin (the pigment that gives colour to the eyes, skin and hair) production. The switch doesn't fully shut the OCA2 gene, but reduces the ability of producing melanin, which "dilutes" the brown pigment into blue. If the gene was entirely switched off there would be no melanin in the body, resulting in a condition called albinism.

Effects of the Mutation

The mutation of the amount of pigment in an eye is not a beneficial or harmful alteration, like hair colour and freckles it doesn't increase or reduce the chance of survival. "it simply shows that nature is constantly shuffling the human genome, creating a genetic cocktail of human chromosomes and trying out different changes as it does so."

Changes in Eye Colour

Once a person becomes older their eye colour has a small possibility of changing. Sometimes the change in colour is extremely serious for example from green/blue to brown (heterochromia). The change may be a symptom of a disease Fuch's Heterochromic Iridocyclitis, Horner's syndrome or Pigmentary Glaucoma.

Genetic Variation

Everyone with blue eyes have inherited the switch of colour at the same place in their DNA, while people with brown eyes have a lot of individual variation that monitors the production of melanin and therefore the change.



SAVE THE DATE

NBSC Manly Campus Presentation Night

Monday 11 December 2017

6:45pm for a 7pm start

at Freshwater Senior Campus Gymnasium

Students are required to wear full school uniform.

If your child is unable to attend please notify the office on 9905 3982

Bands of Manly Campus

Everyone's invited! Tonight!

Orchestral Soiree

Friday November 17

7pm at Mosman Art Gallery

This is one of the highlight events of the calendar and not to missed!

All families and friends of Manly Campus are invited to the annual strings soiree featuring String Ensemble conducted by the wonderfully experienced and enthusiastic Brian Buggy and Chamber Orchestra conducted by the very talented Elizabeth Scott.

The venue is intimate and the music is beautiful. This is a chance to farewell our wonderful Year 12 strings students. No bookings are required, but there will be a small entrance fee at the door.



International Tour to Poland, The Czech Republic and Germany, 2019

On Tuesday evening, Hayes Travel presented an impressive itinerary for a tour proposed by the band committee and the wind and jazz band directors for April/May 2019.

Information about this senior band tour has also been sent by email to all eligible band members in wind and jazz bands in Years 8-10 (Years 10-12 in 2019) including students joining intermediate Manly Campus bands in 2018.

It would be spectacular to make this tour happen! The committee request band members and families get behind it by spreading the word and returning their expression of interest form and deposit by 8 December.

Enquiries to sarahdowse@gmail.com

Help needed:

Dee Why-Manly Fun Run co-ordinator of volunteers for band fundraising 3 February

The committee needs a parent to help source (in late 2017) and coordinate 60 volunteers (mainly students) for the drinks stations and course marshalling at the locally based Dee Why- Manly Fun Run on Saturday morning 3 February. Liaise with organiser from Fairfax. Assisted by the 2017 coordinator of this very successful fundraiser, Angela Aguam. Requires some experience with group emails and, ideally, with excel. A short but essential job with half of the funds raised going to the International tour. To volunteer please email sarahdowse@gmail.com.

Jazz Night Out: WOW!

95 Manly Campus jazz student performers, guest artist (Dan Barnett on trombone and vocals) and our enthusiastic and inspiring jazz director, Craig Driscoll, thoroughly entertained the 220 guests from start to finish at the Showroom at Dee Why on Saturday night. Every one of the four jazz bands played out of their skins with the junior bands playing to a standard to nudge the senior bands. The high energy grand finale saw all 95 students playing together and parents on their feet dancing. Four and half hours of jazz was never enough!

Special thanks to parents, Antje Kaldor and Helen Dransfield, for their superb coordination of the event, to Naomi L and Ben for their help coordinating the students and to Justin L from Year 9 who excelled himself capturing the night in photos. Thanks also to the parents who volunteered to move gear there and back and a big thank you to all the parents and their extended families who supported this year's Jazz Night Out as its very appreciative audience.

Save this date: Big Band Bash

Tuesday 12 December

Reminder to all parents, friends and families to save this date and join us for the informal, all-ensemble concert at Freshwater Gym 7-9pm.

Thank You Jazz Orchestra: Year 12 Graduation

JO played together for the very last time on Monday to represent the school and honour the Year 12 graduates. Thank you JO and to all who transported the equipment.

Term Four Calendar

Orchestral Soiree

Friday 17 November - Mosman Art Gallery.
Rehearsal 4pm, concert 7pm: **CO/SE**

Junior Band Regional Tour

Monday 27- 30 November: **CB/SB/SwB**

Year 7 Orientation Day

Tuesday 5 December- Manly Campus Hall: **WE/SE**

Presentation Night

Monday 11 December - Freshwater Campus gym:
WE

Big Band Bash # 2

Tuesday 12 December - Freshwater Campus gym:
All ensembles except JO

Band web site

For current information go to the band website at
http://manlypandc.org.au/?page_id=34

Band Names

Wind Stream:

SWO~Symphonic Wind Orchestra; WE~Wind Ensemble; CB~Concert Band;
SE~String Ensemble; CO~Chamber Orchestra

Jazz Stream:

JO~Jazz Orchestra; BB~Big Band; SB~Stage Band;
SwB- Swing Band; JC- Jazz Combo



Term 4 Calendar

Please check all dates and times closer to the event

| Week 7A | |
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| 20/11/2017 | Visual Arts exhibition, in the hall |
| 24/11/2017 | Years 7-11 |
| 22/11/2017 | School Spec Rehearsals, Times |
| 23/11/2017 | TBC, Qudos Bank Arena |
| 24/11/2017 | School Spec Performance, Qudos |
| 25/11/2017 | Bank Arena |
| 24/11/2017 | TEAM Praxis A Expo |
| Week 8B | |
| 27/11/2017 | Year 10 Work Experience/ABW |
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| 1/12/2017 | |
| 27/11/2017 | Junior Band Tour for CB, SwB and SB |
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| 30/11/2017 | |
| 29/11/2017 | P&C Meeting, 7pm in the library, all welcome |
| 1/12/2017 | TEAM Praxis B Expo |
| Week 9A | |
| 5/12/2017 | Year 7 2018 Orientation Day |
| 5/12/2017 | Dance Showcase 7pm |
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| 6/12/2017 | Performance Space |
| 6/12/2017 | Years 8 - 11 2018 new students, Orientation Day |
| 7/12/2017 | ChrisManly |
| Week 10B | |
| 11/12/2017 | Presentation Night, Years 7-11, 7pm, Freshwater Senior Campus Gymnasium |
| 12/12/2017 | Big band bash, at Freshwater |
| 14/12/2017 | Yrs 7-10 Activity Days TBC |
| 15/12/2017 | Duke of Ed Gold Qualifying Hike, Kosciuszko |
| - | |
| 19/12/2017 | |
| 15/12/2017 | ATAR Morning Tea |
| Week 11A | |
| 18/12/2017 | Staff Development Day |
| - | |
| 19/12/2017 | |

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

LOCATED UNDER THE TAS BLOCK

The second hand uniform shop will NOT be open Tuesday 5 December due to orientation day.

For any orders please contact

Co-ordinators

Marg Martin and Chris Schaller

margaret.martin@optusnet.com.au

christins@ozemail.com.au

Donations of washed good quality uniforms are most welcome and can be left at the school office

All proceeds go to the P&C for school improvement projects.

For second hand band blazers (buy & sell) please contact

Diane Turner: moogiet@optusnet.com.au

For new and preloved band polo shirts please contact

Kim Luong: kimmanlyband@gmail.com



NBSC Manly Campus Dance Showcase 2017

Featuring performances from the contemporary, jazz and musical theatre ensembles, Year 9 Elective Dance students, plus additional solos and duos from some of our most talented performers

Tuesday 5th December 7pm

Wednesday 6th December 7pm

Tickets at www.trybooking.com/SYHZ





Would you love to be the boss of your family for a whole month?

ABC ME wants to put YOU in charge of your family's money and you'll get to decide how it's spent!

ALL of it! For a MONTH!

We're looking for young people between the ages of 13 - 16 years-old, who want to show their family how things *should* be run, to be part of this brand new TV show!

If you want a chance to call the shots and spend the cash, then apply here www.newteentvshow.com.au

For further queries, or more info, please email Angela at angela@mcavoymedia.com or call her on 0409 540 131



Building Healthy Relationships with Young Teens

Tuesday 21 November, 6.30 - 8.30pm

This interactive workshop will help you develop useful strategies and skills on how to approach difficulties in the relationship, how to negotiate, and set boundaries, while creating mutual respect.

Mona Vale Memorial Hall, 1 Park Street, Mona Vale

Free

Suitable for parents and carers (of young people aged 11 - 15 years)

Enquiries: Youth Services Team on 9970 1629

Bookings essential: youthbookings@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au
(limited numbers available)



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Positive Parenting Evening

Wednesday 22 November, 7 - 9pm

Parents and carers are invited to join an evening that offers a formula for building positive family relationships, promoting better social connections and a healthier lifestyle for teenagers.

Presented by Gitta Laub - Child and Adolescent Parenting Educator at Northern Sydney Local Health District

Barrenjoey High School, Coonanga Road, Avalon

Free for workers, parents and carers of teenagers

Enquiries: Youth Services Team on 9942 2681

Bookings essential: youthbookings@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au
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Improve Your Teen's Sleep

Thursday 23 November, 6.30 - 7.30pm

An interactive workshop to help parents and teens make informed decisions about sleep health and treatment options. Hosted by Lisa Maltman from *The Sleep Connection*.

Northern Beaches Council Civic Centre, Dee Why

Free for workers, parents, carers and teenagers

Enquiries: Youth Services Team on 9942 2681

Bookings essential: youthbookings@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au



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Discobility Junior

Friday 8 December, 6.30 - 9pm

Celebrate the end of year at Discobility Junior, a dance for high school students with disability. There will be awesome tunes by DJ Andy, a photo booth, and loads of prizes to be won!

PCYC Northern Beaches, 40 Kingsway, Dee Why

\$10 entry (includes food and drink)

Family, friends and carers welcome

Enquiries: 9942 2681 or youth@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au



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Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.





My child won't go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Policy library*

The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Wellbeing and Learning* website

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

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