



The Weekly Pines

Manly Selective Campus

Northern Beaches Secondary College

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From the Acting Principal

Big Band Bash

The first Big Band Bash for 2017 was held on Tuesday night. After only a few weeks of rehearsal, all of the ensembles performed pieces that were most impressive. With over 200 students playing or singing in often more than one of the ensembles, the finale involving all students from the Symphonic Wind Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, Concert Band, String Ensemble, Chamber Orchestra, Jazz Orchestra, Big Band, Stage Band, Swing Band and Jazz Combo was a wonderful way to end a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

Congratulations and thank you to all performers and special thanks to our ensemble directors, Craig Driscoll, Mark Brown, Brian Buggy and Liz Scott for their expertise, enthusiasm and guidance to ensure our students achieve such an impressive standard of performance.



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Earth Hour

Period 3 on Thursday this week we turned off lights, fans, air conditioners, computers and monitors to show our support for Earth Hour. The Environment Committee invited Nigel Howard, a Year 10 parent and expert in Life Cycle Environment Impact Assessment, to speak at the whole school assembly. He spoke about the ways we can reduce our impact on the environment, and also our energy bills, by being more conscious of our energy use and the implications on our planet if changes are not made. As a practical demonstration, 93 students inflated balloons to demonstrate the CO₂ emitted at the power station to run our school during the time taken to inflate the balloons. This equated to 344 litres.

Some questions worth thinking about include: Do all the lights need to be on? Could we put the blind up instead? Can we turn the lights and fans off at the end of each lesson? Are fans on when windows could be open instead? During Earth Hour, we reduced our energy usage by 63%. Our aim is to reduce our usage every hour through being mindful of our real energy needs and alternate options available.



Music Nights

The strength of the curriculum music program has also been evident this week with Year 11 performing their Baroque assessment pieces on Monday evening and Year 10 performing their radio plays on Wednesday night. Thank you to Lucienne Herft and Naomi Leviton for coordinating these impressive events.

HSC Minimum Standards for 2020

Year 9 students can prequalify for the HSC minimum standards by achieving Band 8 or above in their NAPLAN reading, writing and numeracy tests this year. Further details are provided in the flyer attached to this edition of The Weekly Pines.

Congratulations to:

- Ben W (Year 10) who has been selected in the NSW U15 Cricket Team to play in the National Championships in Queensland next week.
- Dylan G (Year 8) who won the U15 Mountain Bike Australian series and the championship last Saturday
- Emily H P (Year 9) who was chosen to represent North Sydney in the Opens Hockey team.
- The following swimmers who will represent our Region at CHS Swimming at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre to be held on Sunday 2 April - Tuesday 4 April;
 - Max O for 50m freestyle and 100m butterfly
 - Carolyn N in the 100m backstroke and 100m breaststroke
 - Tessa C in the 50m freestyle and the Girls 17 Years Relay team
 - Rhiannon M W in the 800m freestyle and in the Girls 17 Years Relay team
 - Claudia H and June L in the Girls 17 Years Relay

The link below can be used to access the program of events.

<https://app.education.nsw.gov.au/sport/EventHeader/View?eventId=895&subEventId=961>

Ms Cath Whalan
Acting Principal

From the Deputy Principals

Dylan G, a Year 8 student, won the U15 Mountain Bike Australian championship race on a very tough course last weekend. To date he has won both the series and the championship. He has put in a lot of hard work and he initiated his own training program. Congratulations Dylan on your determination, self-motivation and achievement.

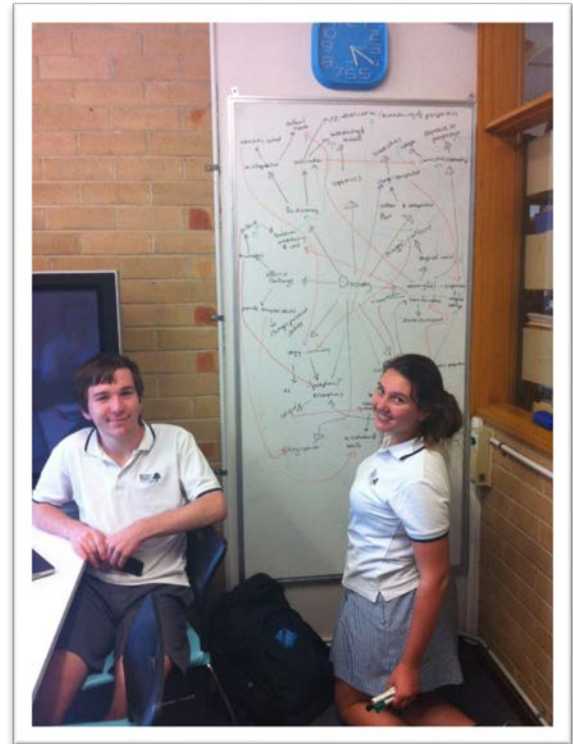


Year 10 have had a very dynamic week with the submission of many of their assessment tasks, continued careers lessons and further development of their ILP projects. Students also thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to tap into their creativity by attending the craft workshops run weekly on Tuesday by Miss Giuffrida. Wednesday's music evening was a hit with students showcasing their skills in the area of radio production and performance. The scripts were exceptionally clever, well executed and had humour and wit featuring as a prominent aspect among the repertoire of sound effects and music. In sport, students have enjoyed the inter-house dodgeball competitions run at lunch time. Congratulations to the Year 10 house captains involved in running this exciting event.

Also, congratulations to Ben W for his selection in the NSW Under 15s Cricket team, playing in the National Championships in Queensland next week. We wish him and his team every success. MSC would also like to wish Dorisa N well in her preparation for the ice-skating workshop in

Finland the May. This is in readiness for World's early next year.

Year 12 started their Half Yearly examinations with the Advance English paper. These formal assessment periods give the students practice in the examination environment so that they are well prepared for the HSC in October. I encourage students to refer to the Senior Wellbeing Resource booklet over the next two weeks. This booklet



Kim S and Thomas F preparing for the Advanced English paper

includes practical strategies covering a wide range of topics and issues to help you get through the examination period.

Ms Kathy O'Sullivan
Deputy Principal - Years 8, 10, 12

The theme for my report this week is 'Years 7, 9 and 11 students are alive with the sound of music.' Year 7 have had a jam packed week starting with their HSIE excursion on Monday followed by their SRC elections on Tuesday. Well done to all those students who nominated to be a representative for their year. We certainly have many very talented public speakers. Congratulations to those who were elected to the SRC for 2017. Also, it was wonderful to see so many Year 7 students participating in the Big Band Bash, many playing a wide range of instruments. As the year progresses

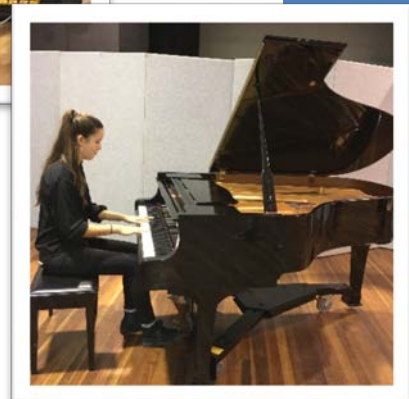
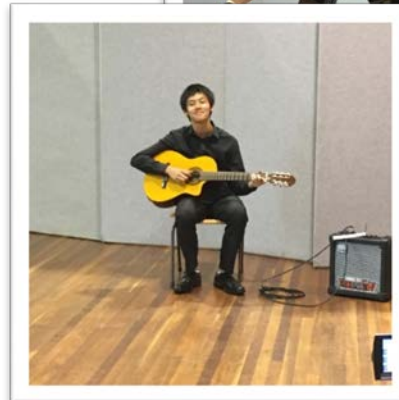
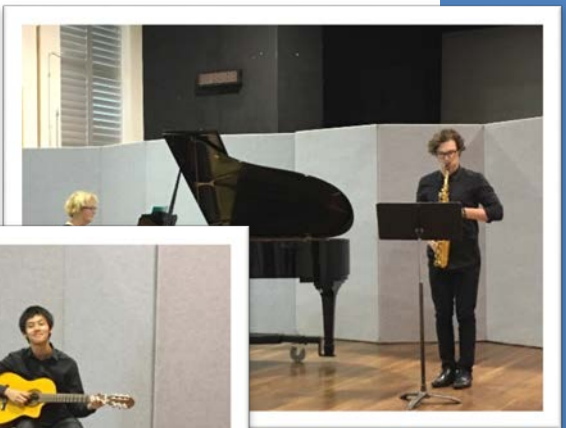
we are starting to see on display many of the fabulous attributes of this group.

Yesterday I was fortunate to accompany Year 9 and 10 Music classes to the production of *Aladdin* at the Capital Theatre. Studying musical production is part of their curriculum and going on the buzz in the air and excited conversations on the way home on the ferry, everyone left feeling very inspired. Who knows we may see some of these students on the stage in the future? Many thanks to Ms Leviton and Ms Herft for organising this great excursion.



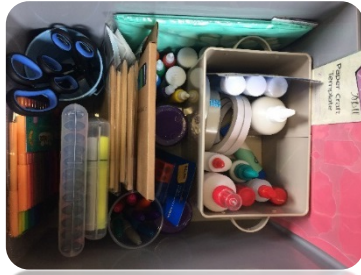
Across Years 7, 9 and 11 music has certainly been a theme for this week. On Monday night Year 11 music students put on amazing performances as part of their assessment schedule. The high level of performance was a great credit to their teacher Ms Herft. The theme was Baroque period music from 1600-1750. Thanks to Ms Herft and her incredible class of musicians: Aiden C, Ben D, Jesse D, Bennet F, Daniel H, June L, Grace U, Mara V and Jerry Z. Of course they backed up again as leading musicians for the Big Band Bash!

Ms Deb Rixon
Relieving Deputy Principal – Years 7, 9, 11



Craft Club

Our Craft group started this Tuesday at lunch time and we created some beautiful things in a calm and peaceful environment. We were able to disconnect from the business of the school term and craft ourselves calmly into the present!



Remember that all are welcome to come and create/ draw/ colour every Tuesday lunch time.

If anyone would like to donate craft supplies to the group it would be greatly appreciated as we want to keep the group and its activities continuing throughout the year.

Hope to see you Tuesday!

Ms Guiffrida
English Faculty

Attendance

Please be advised that the only way to report your child's absence is:

1. School App
2. Email directly to the school
3. Phone the school office

Absences must be advised to the school by 9am.

Please note an SMS only works as a direct response to the school absence / late notification sent to you.

You cannot directly SMS the school to notify us of your child's absence.

Ms Deb Rixon

The Entertainment Book



The Entertainment Book is on sale at the school again this year, raising funds for upgrades to the performance space. This can be ordered in either digital or hard-copy format.

For those of you who haven't experienced the benefits of digital version of *The Entertainment Book* yet, those that have made the switch have found it incredibly easy to use and use it substantially more than they otherwise would.

A few benefits of the digital version are:

You don't need to carry around the book

You get access to it almost immediately – just download *The Entertainment Book* app so no need to wait for the actual book

You can easily see on a map all the eligible restaurants and activities (e.g. cinemas) around your current location or in a specific area

You can easily look up if the restaurant you are currently eating in has a discount before paying the cheque

You can share it amongst a few people to each have on their phones for any time they're out

Either version costs \$70, with 20% of all sales going to the school for the performance space, while only a few nights out throughout the year will easily recoup the initial cost.

So if you're interested in supporting the school while making some big savings, go to:

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/20042i6> to order your copy.

Any purchases made before 3 April 2017 will also receive Early Bird Bonus Offers you can use straight away.

Mr Jamie Kay

Languages

BONJOUR – KONNICHIWA – CIAO!

2017 MANLY EASTER CHOCOLATE CHALLENGE

on **Language Perfect** starts
THIS SUNDAY AT 6pm

Details at
<https://www.educationperfect.com/c/#2MECC>
or ask your teacher.

**A beautiful basket of Easter chocolates
goes to the winning class.**



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**“Knowledge of languages is the doorway
to chocolate.”**

- with apologies to *Roger Bacon, philosopher*

English

Years ago, I read an article by Australian author John Marsden on the importance of developing what he called ‘a sensitivity to language’ in order to be a compelling writer. He defined this sensitivity as the tendency to respond strongly to beautiful, evocative and clever writing when we see it. He wrote, *“Some people collect thimbles, some collect old cars, some, believe it or not, collect telephone cards, but the person who wants to be a better writer has to be a collector of language.”* This notion resonated strongly with me as I remembered the journals I’d kept as an English student, my own collections of powerful quotes from the novels and poems I’d loved to read.

So when I moved into Room 138 this year, I had a mission: to put together a collection of beautiful words and lines from some of my favourite texts in order to create a classroom environment that inspires and encourages a love of language. Thus was born the ‘Wall of Beautiful Words’, a still growing gallery of some of the most evocative writings by authors and poets such as Sylvia Plath, JD Salinger, Arundhati Roy and John Keats, designed using the website canva.com.

This week, Year 10 are beginning to work on their own creative writing as they prepare a narrative exploring the concept of ‘Change’. I’ve challenged them to curate their own wall of words in the classroom to get them thinking about the magic of language and how powerfully it can allow us to convey the complexities of our innermost thoughts and feelings.



These are some pictures of my ‘Wall of Beautiful Words’ as well as contributions from Year 10. I’ll leave you with the wisdom of author A.S. Byatt, *‘You can’t speak your own language properly if you don’t have a store house of singing things in your mind.’* Here is our collection of ‘singing things’!



Ms Kate Munro
English

Book Review

– *Slaughterhouse Five* by Kurt Vonnegut (1969)



Recommended for: Year 10 and older, students studying Year 12 Ext 1 English or those who like satirical novels with a sprinkle of Sci Fi, links to Modern History, and an absurdist twist.

This deceptively quick read is a complex exploration of ideas and issues surrounding war, fear and existential tension. It follows the protagonist Billy Pilgrim who becomes caught in time travel and mirrors the author's traumatising experiences of being an American prisoner of war who was privy to the firebombing of Dresden during WWII. The novel uses humour to address many sad realities about war and explores the way in which it impacts the expression of character and identity.

If you enjoyed *Catch 22* or *The Catcher in the Rye*, this book will probably speak to you too.

Reviewer: Ms Izossimova
English

HSIE – Year 7

On Monday 20 March, Year 7 attended a day workshop at Macquarie University Ancient History Museum. The workshop consisted of 3 different activities, with students experiencing a hands on task where they analysed genuine artefacts that dated back thousands of years. They also attended a lecture on ancient Egyptian mummification processes, with students getting a detailed understanding of the process and the importance of this within their culture. The final part of the workshop was a guided tour of the Museum, developing their analytical skills through observation and seeing the importance of gathering evidence. Throughout the day the students were highly engaged and enjoyed experiencing what, for most of them, was their first university environment.



Mr Jamie Kay
HSIE

Praxis

You're Invited! PRAXIS A STUDENTS ONLY

Praxis Presentations

How will your MSC news corps maintain its integrity whilst staying ahead of the pack?

Join us on
Tuesday, 28th March, 2017
2.10pm-3.20pm
School Hall
Manly Selective Campus



Guest experts:
Paul Barry (Host of ABC's Media Watch)
Jonathan Barrett (Reuters Correspondent, Deputy Bureau Chief Aust & NZ)
Andrew P Street (SMH columnist & author)
Nick Ryan (SMH breaking news journalist)

RSVP to Bianca Hewes
bianca.hewes@det.nsw.edu.au



SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

LOCATED UNDER THE TAS BLOCK

Open first Tuesday of the month:

8:15am – 9:30am

& the third Thursday of the month:

1:30pm-2:30pm

Co-ordinators Marg Martin & Chris Schaller

Please contact us if you would like to place an order

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

School Finance

Changes coming

Manly Selective Campus

will transition to the new NSW Public Schools' finance system and a new bank account on **22 May 2017**. To ensure a smooth transition, there will be changes to the way we accept payments from parents and carers.

Everything stays the same until 12 May 2017

Direct deposits (POP – Parent Online Payment):

As of **12 May 2017**, we will no longer accept direct deposits into our current school bank account as we prepare to close this account and transition to the new one. Any payments made using direct deposit (POP) after this date cannot be properly allocated to a student's account in a timely manner. Please ensure you have made any outstanding direct deposits before **12 May 2017**.

EFTPOS payments: We will not be able to accept EFTPOS payments between **17 May and 22 May 2017**. Please ensure that you have made any outstanding EFTPOS payments before **17 May, 2017**. From **23 May 2017**, EFTPOS payments will be accepted as before.

Cash and cheque payments: Between **17 May 2017** and **22 May 2017**, we will also not be able to accept payments by cash or cheque as we prepare to close our current bank account and transition to the new one. Please ensure that you have made any outstanding cash or cheque payments before **17 May 2017**. From **23 May 2017**, cash and cheque payments will be accepted as before.

A note from Westpac about your financial privacy: Please note: As a Westpac-hosted solution, cardholder and account details will be held securely helping to protect the school and its customers from fraudulent transactions as well as assisting in meeting the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCIDSS) compliance requirements.

After 23 May, everything returns to normal

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we transition to our new finance system.

If you have any questions, please contact Judy Boylan, the School Administrative Manager.

Email: Judy.Boylan@det.nsw.edu.au



Bands of MSC

Big Band Bash # 1

The Freshwater gym was packed with parents, friends and family, to hear our first Big Band Bash. The 10 ensembles played an incredibly wide variety of music after their first 4-5 rehearsals from beautiful classical to toe-tapping jazz and popular hits. An additional bonus was James Meadows supported by Jazz Orchestra performing one of his HSC pieces. The roof was lifted when all 203 students joined to give us a massive combined item finale. This first Big Band Bash for 2017 demonstrated MSC band program is full of talented musicians and inspiring directors.

Congratulations to our students also for their impeccable behaviour and commitment to making the night special for everyone involved.

Thank you to our band directors: Mark, Craig, Liz and Brian. Thank you to all those who helped with the preparation of the hall, and dinner for the students, and to those who drove instruments to and from Freshwater. Special thanks to Allison and Michael Meadows who have been a dynamic duo calmly preparing the last 11 Big Band Bash events with efficiency and good humour. We welcome the new Big Band Bash coordinators from the Year 7 cohort, Sri and Vivek, and thank them for their role in coordinating this event.

Senior Band and Strings camp: 26 - 28 April

Permission and payment notes have been sent out to SWO, JO and SE via email for return by next Friday please.

New and Second Hand Band Blazers (for formal band uniform)

School blazers for most ensembles will be first required in July (Late May for JO). New blazers can be ordered through Pickles.

Allow three months for delivery.

Those wishing to buy or sell a second-hand blazer, please contact parent Dianne Turner at moogiet@optusnet.com.au. We only have a small number of second hand blazers available at present.



Term Two

Senior band and String Ensemble camp

Wednesday 26 - Friday 28 April at Kurrajong: SWO/JO/SE

Generations in Jazz Festival, Mt Gambier

Friday 5 - Sunday 7 May: JO, JC

Term 2 Band Meeting

Monday 22 May, MSC Library: All Welcome

NSW Band Festival

Saturday 27 or Sunday 28 May, UNSW: JO

Northern Beaches Instrumental Festival

Saturday 17 June, Pittwater High School: CO

Term Three

Wind and jazz band workshop (pupil free day)

Monday 17 July - at MSC (Compulsory)

NSW Band Festival

Saturday 22 July at UNSW: SWO

NSW Band Festival

Sunday 23 July at UNSW: CB/WE/SwB/SB/BB

Australian Schools Orchestral Festival

Sunday 27 August at UNSW: SE/CO

Band web site

For current information go to the band website at http://manlybandc.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

Calendar Term 1

Please check all dates and times closer to the event

Week 10	
28/03/2017	Year 11 Urban challenge, All day event
28/03/2017	Vaccinations
31/03/2017	Year 9VA, 9PDM, 9VDF, 11VA Excursion- "Artexpress"
2/04/2017	CHS Swimming
WEEK 11	
3/04/2017	CHS Swimming
3/04/2017	Year 11 Geography Excursion, Bantry Bay
4/04/2017	CHS Swimming

Calendar Term 2

Week 1	
24/04/2017	Senior Band Camp
24/04/2017	Staff development day - Pupil free
25/04/2017	Senior Band Camp
25/04/2017	ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
26/04/2017	Students first day of Term 2
26/04/2017	Senior Band Camp
27/04/2017	Senior Band Camp
28/04/2017	Senior Band Camp
28/04/2017	Past band camp concert at MSC at 6pm TBC
28/04/2017	School Cross Country
Week 2	
1/05/2017	Year 9 Bundanon Art Camp
2/05/2017	Year 9 Bundanon Art Camp
2/05/2017	Year 10 into 11 Subject Selection Evening
3/05/2017	Year 9 Bundanon Art Camp
4/05/2017	Year 7 Parent Teacher night
5/05/2017	School Athletics Carnival
7/05/2017	P & C Grounds Working Bee TBC, 9am-1pm
Week 3	
9/05/2017	NAPLAN Tests
10/05/2017	NAPLAN Tests
10/05/2017	Principal's Tour, 9:30 am, Bookings essential via Reception, 9905 3982
11/05/2017	NAPLAN Tests
Week 4	
16/05/2017	Zone Cross Country, Rat Park
19/05/2017	Yr 7 Zoo Excursion, all day, full school uniform

Week 5	
22/05/2017	Band Meeting at 8pm Library
22/05/2017	Year 8 High Resolves, 9am-1:30pm
22/05/2017	Project Penguin Brookvale Project Day 1, 9am-12pm
23/05/2017	Year 12 Parent Teacher night
23/05/2017	Project Penguin Curl Curl Project Day 1, 9am-12pm
24/05/2017	History Competiton Years 7-10
26/05/2017	Zone Athletics Carnival
Week 6	
31/05/2017	Project Penguin Curl Curl Project Day 2, 9am-12pm
31/05/2017	Project Penguin Brookvale Project Day 2, 9am-12pm
1/06/2017	Year 12 Economics UBS Excursion
Week 7	
6/06/2017	Year 8 & 11 Parent Teacher night
8/06/2017	Project Penguin Curl Curl Project Day 3, 9am-12pm
8/06/2017	Project Penguin Brookvale Project Day 3, 9am-12pm
9/06/2017	Regional Cross Country, Gosford
9/06/2017	Night of Stars
Week 8	
12/06/2017	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
14/06/2017	Year 11 and 12 Careers Night 6.30pm
14/06/2017	Principal's Tour, 9:30am, Bookings via Reception, 9905 3982
16/06/2017	Musical All Day Rehearsal, all day, in the Hall
Week 9	
19/06/2017	School musical
20/06/2017	School musical
21/06/2017	School musical
22/06/2017	School musical
22/06/2017	Project Penguin Expo Day at the Zoo
23/06/2017	School musical
24/06/2017	School musical
25/06/2017	School musical
Week 10	
27/06/2017	Vaccinations Year 11 and 12, in the Library

Science is not only a disciple of reason but, also, one of romance and passion.
Stephen Hawking

HSC MINIMUM STANDARD

ADVICE FOR PARENTS OF YEAR 9 STUDENTS 2017

March 2017

In 2020, your child will need to meet a minimum standard of literacy and numeracy to qualify for a Higher School Certificate (HSC).



PRACTICAL LITERACY AND NUMERACY SKILLS



The minimum standard will ensure that your child is ready for further education and training, employment and life after school.

The standard is set at Level 3 of the Australian Core Skills Framework (ACSF), a nationally agreed standard of functional literacy and numeracy.

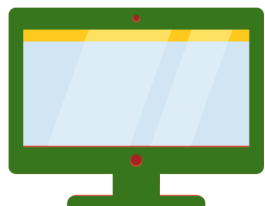
It means students can do things like:

Find the time and date of a music concert on an online ticket website	Calculate the quantity of paint required to paint a room	Estimate distance, travel time and costs for a transport route
Take notes from a lecture or training session	Create a personal weekly budget in a spreadsheet	Write a job application letter
Measure quantities to follow a recipe	Follow safety instructions in an equipment manual	Enter data in a computer-based management system

MULTIPLE OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET THE STANDARD

Your child will show that they have met the standard by passing new online reading, writing and numeracy tests.

They will take the online tests at school. Your child can take the tests up to twice a year in:



- ✓ Year 10
- ✓ Year 11
- ✓ Year 12
- ✓ for up to five years after they start their first HSC course.

Students can take the tests from next year when they are in Year 10.

Visit the demonstration site to see sample test questions:

<https://hsliteracynumeracy.nesa.nsw.edu.au>

YEAR 9 NAPLAN: A CHANCE TO PREQUALIFY FOR THE STANDARD

Your child can prequalify for the standard by achieving Band 8 or above in their Year 9 NAPLAN reading, writing and numeracy tests this year. This means that they won't have to take the online tests.

It is important for you to know that not all students are expected to achieve Band 8 in their Year 9 NAPLAN tests this year.

Your child will not be stopped from getting the HSC on the basis of their Year 9 NAPLAN results.



Your child's literacy and numeracy skills will continue to develop and it is expected that they will meet the standard either by the end of Year 10, Year 11 or Year 12.

Your child's school will provide support for them to meet the standard to get the HSC.

MORE INFORMATION

Contact your school principal for more detailed information about the minimum standard, or visit the NESA website:

<http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au>

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- hang glide,
- build bridges,
- mountain bike across real mountains,
- Travel overseas on exchange,
- Dive the coral reefs,
- Gain leadership qualifications,
- Tackle white-water rapids in a kayak,
- Examine the importance of conservation,
- Serve the community and understand good citizenship,
- Plan and participate in your own challenging expeditions,
- Develop skills in the visual, performing, and literary arts,
- Make new friends with similar interests and extend your social life:
 - The possibilities are endless.

Earn the Queens Scout award and gain Uni bonus Points.

Brooky Venturers meet Tuesday nights

14 – 18 year olds

6.30 – 9pm at Brookvale Scout Hall

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