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From the Principal

Outstanding HSC Results

Congratulations to our 2018 Year 12 students on their impressive achievements in the HSC examinations. Their individual and collective results were an outcome of the consistent effort and commitment of students, teachers, parents and the peer group.

Special congratulations go to: Amelia Reeve (1st in General Mathematics 2 (equal), Tea Hosmann (2nd in Legal Studies), Grace Underhill (3rd in Legal Studies), Aidan Campbell (7th in Legal Studies), Jenny Zheng (8th in Legal Studies), June Liang (9th in Legal Studies), Gabe Naylor (9th in Biology), Joel Sawyer (12th in Legal Studies), Sean Nuttall (15th in Chemistry), Janani Balasubramanian (17th in Legal Studies) and Jack Carfi (19th in Legal Studies).

Overall our results were quite an achievement, with 346 individual Band 6 results resulting in the school maintaining 10th rank in HSC success, and 18 All-Rounder students (Band 6 in all subjects used to calculate ATAR) from the cohort of 137 students.

Congratulations to:

Julia Chen Louis Festa Sarah Halnan Tea Hosmann Christopher Howteinfat Yanchin Liu Ella Martin Mia McFall Emily-Grace McTaggart

Sean Nuttall Jack Palmer Justin Soo Max Troughton Phoebe Tulk Grace Underhill Annie Weng **Nicholas Zaunders** Jenny Zeng

Well done also to the students who missed this list by one mark in only one subject!

It was wonderful to see so many of our Year 12 students visiting the school for a celebration morning tea this morning and sharing their success with their teachers. We look forward to hearing from them in the future as they go into the world and 'pass on what they have received' to make a positive difference in society.



Congratulations

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Staff Appreciation Awards

On Thursday evening, we were able to pay special tribute to members of our staff and community who have made a significant contribution to the students of our campus through the Northern Beaches Secondary College, Staff and Community Appreciation Awards.

Recipients from our campus included our wonderful cleaners Filomena Calvi and Rocco Pisto, Robotics Club coordinator Carlo Manfredini, and three of our wonderful teachers Madeleine Koo, Katy Shannon and Jen Walker. Citations read out on the night detailed each person's significant contributions to our school and students, for which we are most appreciative. We have so many members of our staff and parent community who would also have been worthy recipients of these awards; thank you also for your contributions this year.



Dance

I had the pleasure of attending the annual Manly Campus Dance Showcase on Thursday evening. This is the 7th Dance Showcase I have attended and each year the standard of the performances has further improved. The growth of the dance program from 23 dancers in 2012 to over 70 dancers in 2018 is a credit to the talent, passion and enthusiasm of our amazing dance teacher, Chloe Woodward. Congratulations and thank you to everyone involved.



Presentation Night

On Monday evening we hope you will be joining us as we congratulate our 2018 prize winners from Years 7 to 11. This evening is probably the most important in the school calendar, when we have the opportunity to recognize students' achievements over the course of the year in all domains, not just academic. The success of the evening is due to the support of parents and families, and excellent planning and preparation. Many thanks to Ms Harrison and Mrs Monteleone whose organization behind the scenes will help ensure the evening runs smoothly.

Big Band Bash

Our Christmas Big Band Bash held in the quadrangle on Tuesday night, was once again a wonderful showcase of our talented bands. It was great to see our students playing in the bands and having fun singing along to the Christmas carols. Thank you to the music directors Mark Brown, Craig Driscoll and Brian Buggy for their work on the night and also to all band directors for their support and guidance of our students throughout the year. Special thank you also goes to Sarah Dowse and the dedicated parents for their assistance on the night and throughout the year.



SHAPE Nomination for Design and Technology 2018 HSC

Congratulations to Ryan Van Dyk whose major product that looked at how technology could make English topic transitions more engaging was nominated for Shape 2018. He surveyed students and interviewed the English staff to understand the scope of the problem. His Virtual Reality





Product aimed to create preliminary interest in an English topic, allow students to explore and interpret meaning by themselves and provide stimulus to improve student's practical abilities and knowledge.

SRC Battle of the Years

On Tuesday the SRC end of year activity was held during recess and lunch. This year ChrisManly was replaced by Battle of the Years, a fun initiative that saw year groups working together to earn points for their year in the hope of winning a pizza lunch on the last day of term. Many thanks to the SRC Executive for their organisation and enthusiasm and to all students who joined in the fun.

















SRC Battle of the Years







Farewell and Thank you

Farewell and thank you to two members of staff who will not be returning in 2019. Naomi Leviton, our much-loved Music teacher, is taking time out from teaching to pursue a change in career. Eleanor McRae, our passionate Geography teacher, has been appointed to Asquith Girls HS in a permanent position. Congratulations to Naomi and Eleanor who both taught Year 12 for the first time this year. The number of Band 6 results their students achieved has set the bar incredibly high for future years! We wish both Naomi and Eleanor all the best and sincerely thank them for everything they have contributed to our school. They will be missed!

Happy Holiday

I am deeply grateful to all members of the NBSC Manly Campus for many ways in which you have contributed to our successes in 2018. Sincere thanks go to our teaching and non-teaching staff for challenging, encouraging and supporting the students in their academic achievements, organisational skills and ongoing wellbeing to ensure we continue to ensure this is an outstanding school.

Sincere thanks also to parents and community for your active support of our students and school. So many of the extra-curricular activities our students love so much would not be possible without your energy, enthusiasm and time.

Last, but no means least, I would like to thank the students of the school for making this another wonderful year and hope you all have a welldeserved and enjoyable break so that you are ready for another year of learning, engagement and fun in 2019.

I wish the Manly community a Merry Christmas and best wishes for a happy New Year.

Congratulations to:

 Year 10 students Grace Fisher (Year 10) and Eliza Lee (Year 10) who have been nominated for the Computer Science High School Fellowship Program that the University of Sydney is launching in 2019. An exciting opportunity; students participating in this program will study university created units in the areas of computer programming and information technology plus be mentored by academics and industry representatives working in this field.

- Isabella Lorenzo (Year 9) who has been selected in the Sydney North Softball team.
- Freya Green (Year 8) who was a member of the silver medal winning team at the NSW State Water Polo Championships held last week at Olympic Park.
- Mallika Aithala (Year 9) who has had an outstanding year of achievements in ballet. Amongst her achievements she has been a finalist in the Asian Grand Prix Hong Kong, won 1st place in Contemporary 14 years at Sydney Eisteddfod and the Ballet Championship at Northern Beaches Eisteddfod, come 2nd in the

Japan Estonia International Ballet Competition and been offered scholarships to the Asian Grand Prix Ballet Intensive Program in Hong Kong, Serge Lifar Kiev Dance Academy 2018, Ukraine and Royal Academy of Dance (Advanced 1), Australia.



In this regular feature we like to recognize students who have achieved highly in school and community events, competitions and activities. Demonstrations of the school ethos of *academic excellence, personal best* and *giving back to the community* deserve to be recognized. Parents are invited to phone or email the school any achievements we may not be aware of for inclusion in *The Weekly Pines*.

> Cath Whalan Principal

NBSC Manly Campus Presentation Night

Monday 17 December 2018 6:45pm for a 7pm start in the Freshwater Senior Campus Gym Any students receiving an award who are not attending Presentation Night need to notify the front office on 9905 3982

From the Deputies

At the start of the year, students in Years 8 – 10 completed a goal setting activity. Students were asked to write a postcard to their future self, outlining what they hope to achieve and what they hope to improve on by the end of this year. Next week, students will be receiving their postcards in the mail along with their Semester 2 reports. This is the perfect time for students to take the time to consider what they have learnt and how they have grown as a learner. Some questions to help get started –

- What are the 2 best memories you have of this year?
- What was your favourite event/excursion/special performance this year?
- In what area do you feel you have improved in the most?
- What are 3 new things you've learned, that you didn't know at the start of the year?
- What's the best piece of work/project/assignment you've done this year?
- What subject have you enjoyed the most? Why?
- What are 6 adjectives you could use to describe the best parts of this year?
- What have you learned about yourself this year?
- What are you most proud of this year?

As John Dewey has written, "We do not learn from experience.... we learn from reflecting on experience."





Kathy O'Sullivan (DP – Year 7, 9 & 11) Alex Newcomb (DP – Year 8, 10 & 12)

Canteen News

Flexischool orders will not be operating on the last day of school Wednesday 19 December.

Please order over the counter on the day.

The Term 1 canteen volunteer roster for next year is up and running, with spots already being filled. We would love you to consider signing up to help volunteer for a day in the canteen. No experience is necessary and you get to sample the great food that is being made on a daily basis for your children. You can also join together with friends and sign up for the same days. The roster will soon be shared with our incoming Year 7 parents, so <u>click on the link</u> to get the best choice of available dates.

Just a reminder if that your child is leaving Manly this year, you can log onto your Flexischools account and have any balance transferred straight back into your bank account.

Happy Christmas to all!

Lost Property

We are nearing the end of the school year and our lost property is overflowing with items and clothing.

Lost property has been put on a table in the foyer, near the office until Tuesday 18 December. If your child has lost an item or an article of clothing, please advise them to check the lost property as soon as possible.

Due to the quantity accumulated throughout the term, any unclaimed items at the end of term are donated to charity or disposed of.



Year 7 Report

WOW! What a year! As G23 finish off their first year of High School, the change they have undergone is truly remarkable. When they first arrived, they were Primary students walking in High School students shoes, whereas now they are well and truly High School students in their own right.

This last term has seen many Year 7 activities taking front and centre in the school calendar, starting with vaccinations to ward off diseases and a moving Remembrance Day Assembly to remind us of the sacrifices made for our country. The string ensemble performed an evening of delightful music at Mosman which entertained many parents and community members, once again showcasing the incredible talents of our Year 7 musicians.

CAPA (Creative and Performing Arts) was the next faculty to demonstrate the talents of our cohort with the CAPA Exhibition. Here we saw the artistic prowess of our year group with many exceptional art works on display.

Year 7 also partook in a workshop called REACH, where they learnt many life skills revolving around positive and respectful relationships.

My personal favourite event for the term was our junior band tour to South West Rocks. Over half of our tour group was from Year 7 and they performed to numerous primary schools in the local area to excited and thankful audiences. In the same week, we had the Praxis 'Curiosity Conference' where our year group presented their research to an amazed audience.

Last, but not least, everybody is excited for our activity day on the last day of school where we will walk to Warringah Mall to see 'Wreck It Ralph 2'.

Finally. I would like to wish everybody a safe and happy holiday and I look forward to seeing Year 8 on the first day next year!

> Mr Goykovic Year 7 Adviser

Year 8 Report

Congratulations Year 8 on successfully navigating your way through Stage 4! It has been another busy term with many activities and achievements that the year group has accomplished.

Term 4 started with our Student Leaders heading to the SRC Leadership Camp. This was an excellent opportunity for our cohort's representatives to provide a voice for the students, and make important decisions about the future direction of our school. Year 8 have been represented exceptionally well and the SRC have achieved some great results. The Year 8 SRC have created a Drama Club, fully student ran, that kicked off this term and has been a great opportunity for the students to follow their passions.

Year 8 students competed in the weekly Stage 4 Sport Competition that was created by Year 9 PASS to encourage higher participation in physical activity. The year group jumped at this opportunity, displaying excellent skill and great participation rates.

Orientation day came around and we had a huge number of students volunteering to be orientation guides. Year 8 were very excited to meet the 20 new students who will be joining their cohort next year. The students once again did an exceptional job in representing our school, making our new students feel comfortable and confident in joining MSC next year.

Our mighty debating team thrived this term, winning the Year 7 and 8 Premiers Debating Challenge at the State Final. It has been a privilege to sit in on some of their debates, showing the diverse skills that the cohort possesses.

Presentation night is fast approaching! The night is a celebration of the excellent achievements that this group of students have accomplished throughout the year. I am excited to see all of the academic awards, the commitment awards and all of the extra-curricular successes that year 8 have accomplished across the year. We are wrapping the year up with a fun activity day at Tree Tops on the Central Coast. The group will be traveling to the high ropes course next Wednesday and are eager to have some with their friends.

I hope you all have a safe Christmas and come back refreshed and ready to attack our next adventures together.

> Mr Blanch Year 8 Adviser

Year 9 Report

Term 4 2018 can be labelled as the busiest term our Year 9 have faced so far. The term began with the excitement and buzz of camp. It took a tiring 3.5 hours to get to the Foster Camp site but it was go go go the moment we arrived. Camp provided the opportunity for our students to challenge themselves and strengthen their friendships through activities such as high ropes, Zorb balls, archery, go-karting, water sliding and the dreaded MUD-WORLD challenge. Communication, cooperation and problem-solving skills were tested in the TEAM-CHALLENGE activity where teams of three students had to work together to scale an impossible high obstacle.

The nights were also filled with cheer and laughter as the cohort got together to compete in the "trivia night" and "challenge night" which tested their minds and bodies with tricky quizzes and games. Shout out to Gemma Cooper and Levi Newport for showing the grade the meaning of 'stamina' in the "last-person-standing" planking competition, and Ben Britton for owning the basketball challenge.

A very BIG thank you to the dedicated teachers who gave their time to supervise Year 9: Mrs. O'Sullivan, Mrs. Brien, Mr. Forsyth, Mr. Goykovic, Mrs. Low, Mrs. Lee, Mr. Nguyen and Mr. Leung.



Back at school, the whole year group undertook training to become next year's Peer Support Leaders or Peer Academic Leaders to guide our incoming new Year 7 cohort. Their enthusiasm and engagement during the training days was exceptional and the quality of their written applications was outstanding – Year 7s next year are super lucky to have such a lovely and dedicated bunch of mentors.

During the second last week of term, the SRC introduced a new event to the school: "Battle of the Years" where year groups competed with each other in various competitions and games to win points towards an all-expense-paid Pizza party for the end of year. It was a sea of colours on the battlefield with Year 7s dressed in green, Year 8s donning their blue TAS aprons, Year 10s in their ominous black colours and Year 11s in their pretty pinks. The efforts all the year groups put into coordinating their colours was sensational but it was Year 9s that surpassed all expectations and out-dressed all the other year groups with their bright red colours.

The overall competition was fierce and it all came down to a battle between Year 9s and Year 11s for the first place. It was a tough challenge and although Year 9s lost the final dodgeball battle to Year 11s, our friendly Year 11 cohort have kindly agreed to share first prize with us. Thanks heaps Year 11! This means Year 9 will be enjoying the last day of the school term with a joint-Pizza party with Year 11s before heading to the movies to see "Ralph wrecks the Internet: Wreck-it-Ralph 2". I would like to express special big thanks to the Year 9 SRC for going the extra mile to ensure all Year 9s were fully involved and excited for that event.

Next year all students will be doing an ILP. The Year 10 Independent Learning Project is an extended self-directed inquiry driven course that provides students with the opportunity to devise a concept-based project that they complete under the supervision of a mentor teacher over a period of three terms. The projects students devise and complete may be design, art, entrepreneurial, research, subject specific, or a combination of these. The purpose of ILP is to give students freedom over their own learning, whilst developing essential skills for success in senior school, as well as in the real world. These skills include: creativity, critical thinking, self-directed learning, time-management & organisation and reflective thinking. During the holidays it would be a good idea for students to start thinking about their options and ideas for ILP. The best and most enjoyable ILPs always reflect the passions and interests of the students, so this is where you should start. Some questions to ask yourself might be: What areas of interest do I search for online if I have spare time? What do I really enjoy doing? What might I like to do in the future? What is it about modern life that needs to change? So, whilst your holidays are a time to rest and revitalise, they also provide an opportunity to identify an area of interest that will make your ILP an immensely exciting, engaging and rewarding learning experience.

I hope you all have a fun and safe summer holiday and I look forward to seeing everyone again next year as mature, diligent and highly motivated Year 10s!

> Ms Truong Year 9 Adviser

Year 10 Report

Year 10 have ended their last ever term as juniors with vim and vigour as they enthusiastically embraced the opportunities and challenges of work experience or ABW. Whether it was experiencing a working week as a vet, a pilot or as part of a team at a TV station, Year 10 were fabulous adverts for their own 'personal brand' and wonderful ambassadors for our school. As discussed with Year 10 during their Careers lessons and in our Year Meetings, we teach people who we are through our actions, words and behaviors. So whether we are on the job hunt, a student, or gainfully employed, we must think, act, and plan according to the 'personal brand' we are aiming to develop. With the surge of social media, we have not only the ability, but we now have the need to manage our own reputation, both online and in real life. Future employers will Google you before

they even invite you to an interview and how we interact with people, both online and offline, builds up an image of who you are over time – your 'personal brand'. I encourage all of Year 10 to think about their own 'personal brand' over the holidays and what they can do, online and offline, to ensure they are teaching others who they really are and creating the opportunities they need to succeed.

Another exciting experience for Year 10 this term was our excursion to The Invictus Games where we saw the human embodiment of 'unconquered' all around us. The resilience, tenacity and determination of the athletes was inspiring, and at times tear jerking, as we saw time and time again the importance of connection, camaraderie and goal setting in the recovery of the human spirit and the vital role of hope in healing.

Commerce students had the entrepreneur experience of creating and running their own popup food stalls which provided them with an authentic (and hopefully profitable) foray into the business world. The inaugural SRC Battle of the Years saw Year 10 resplendent in black (the coolest of all colours for the coolest of all year groups) and representing their cohort with their usual good humor and laid back competiveness.

The exam period this term was another exciting opportunity for Year 10 to put into practice some of the study strategies and skills they have been acquiring during their ILP lessons, and to demonstrate their academic knowledge and understanding. Whilst some students may argue that they experienced nervousness rather than excitement, as I have discussed with the year group, the only difference between excitement and nervousness is our perception of them nervousness is worry or thinking the worst whereas being excited is thinking positively and hoping (or knowing, if you have prepared sufficiently) that something good will happen. Harvard Business School psychologist Alison Wood Brooks calls this "anxiety reappraisal". Dr Wood Brooks did a series of experiments in which she made her study volunteers do all manner of 'terrifying' things: public speaking, karaoke and

Maths. In each of these trials, she found that when the participants reframed their jitters as excitement, and not anxiety, their performance improved. Their hearts still beat with a frequency that signified arousal, meaning that their brains and bodies remained on high alert. In other words, nervousness and excitement are not so different on a physiological level, as both emotions suggest that some kind of uncertainty lies ahead. It's just that excitement suggests that this potentially uncertain future is something to look forward to, whereas anxiety suggests it's something to be feared. Brooks uses the terms "opportunity mindset" and "threat mindset," with the former linked to excitement and the latter linked to nervousness.

As Year 10 miraculously transform into Year 11s over the summer holidays, I would like them all to work on reframing any nerves they might have regarding their senior years and start Year 11 with an opportunity mindset, ready to flourish and thrive as they embrace these new horizons and create their personal brand that paves the way to success in all areas of their lives.



Ms Brien Year 10 Adviser

Year 11 Report

Year 12 2019 have had a successful and rigorous first term with the introduction of the HSC courses and the first round of assessments. I would like to congratulate each and every student as this first round of assessments is always a challenging time for the new Year 12. With the arrival of the jerseys the transition from Year 11 to Year 12 was ever more apparent. Well done to the SRC for pulling off an excellent new 'Battle of the Years' concept as a whole school celebration you should be very proud of yourselves.

Thank you to the students who assisted with Orientation Day, including the student exec and musicians who played. You were all very professional and your kindness and talents were appreciated by all.

I would also like to acknowledge the dance students who have worked hard to prepare for and present another amazing dance showcase. For some students this was their last dance performance of this nature at MSC and Ms Woodward will miss you very much. We all look forward to seeing your talents once more in next year's musical!

A massive congratulations goes to the accelerated Mathematics students who blitzed the HSC with their excellent results. Another huge congratulations goes to all students who are receiving an award on presentation night, given the academic nature of the school this is a great achievement.

I hope that students have a wonderful and relaxing holiday break and recharge their batteries for a busy and exciting year ahead as the new school leaders and the big fish of MSC.

I am very excited to be the Year Advisor for such a lovely grade and I look forward to seeing you through the HSC year ahead.

Have a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Ms Izossimova Year 11 Adviser

Teaching and Learning Report

It's been another busy year for the Teaching & Learning faculty! The year started on a high with Year 7 Praxis presenting their newspapers and Media Watch segments to an impressive panel of journalists, all of whom were blown away by the quality of the work produced by our news corps teams in such a short amount of time.

In Terms 2 and 3 the Praxis students worked in small teams to design games for community users, including the elderly, primary school students, and people with intellectual and physical disabilities. All teams pitched their final game designs to a panel including gaming experts, a registered nurse and a primary education expert.

The end of Term 3 saw all of Year 10 students exhibit their incredible Independent Learning Projects to their family and friends during the ILP Expo, with the best 40 projects presenting again to all of Year 9 at the ILP Showcase!

To end a busy year, Praxis students collaborated across the year group to design and run the inaugural Curiosity Con, which is a conference for local year 5 students, designed to generate curiosity in our world!



Congratulations to all of our students for working so well on their projects, and a big thank you to our fabulous Praxis and ILP teachers for supporting these important learning experiences!

> Ms Hewes HT Teaching and Learning

Praxis Curiosity Con 2018

Student Report

On Friday 7 December, Year 7 ran the Curiosity Con for Year 5 students from Balgowlah Heights, Harbord and Mona Vale primary schools. The activities that were available to the students included creating codes and puzzles, doing wacky science experiments or learning about the benefits of virtual reality. Curiosity Con also featured a keynote presentation from Petr Lebedev, who talked about the possibilities of alien life on planets in our solar system and the need for curiosity in the field of astronomy. Afterwards, Petr was joined by Kevin Wong, (a coder from Marvel Studios) and Emma Cook, (a Year 12 student from Manly Campus) to do a Q&A panel answering questions from the visiting students.







During recess, the Year 5 students visited the common room to view the expo stalls. These stalls were short interactive exhibits that the students

could visit at their leisure. During this time, presentations were being set-up in the language rooms which the students would visit afterwards. These presentations would continue throughout the rest of the day, ranging from creating Mag-lev trains to solving Arcane Escape Rooms.

At Curiosity Con, the Year 5 students participated in several interactive presentations and expo stalls. In the presentations, the students learnt about certain things such as space, codes and virtual reality. One of the presentations held on the day was about space. In the presentation, the students discovered more about constellations, their star signs, food that astronauts eat in space, and completed a science experiment about exploding stars. Overall the students cultivated their curiosity and enjoyed the day.







Cohen and Yasamin (Year 7)

Duke of Edinburgh Award News

Congratulations to students who have actively engaged in the Duke of Edinburgh Award program this year. It is a significant accomplishment alongside academic responsibilities.

Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards will continue to be signed off into 2019 as sections are completed.

Year 9 students in 2019 are encouraged to come along to a Bronze Information Evening at Freshwater Senior Campus 5.30pm Wednesday 13 February 2019.

Year 10-12 students can attend an evening outlining the progression steps to Silver and Gold at 5.30pm on Thursday 14 February 2019.

> Ms Vicki Busse NBSC Duke of Edinburgh Award Leader

Premier Sporting Challenge

Premier Sporting Challenge: Leading With Action

On Tuesday, 30 MSC students attended the PSC Leading With Action workshop. The day involved all of our college campuses along with Willoughby Girls, and was designed to equip our students with knowledge about sport coaching. The selected students participated in 3 workshops, where they were taught how to coach each sport, and will now use this knowledge to run workshops for local Primary students early next year. It was a great day and will provide these exceptional students with a great leadership experience early next year.



SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

LOCATED NEAR THE CANTEEN

Next open Tuesday 29 January 8am-10am

Open thereafter on the first Tuesday and the third Thursday of the month 8:15am – 9:30am Coordinators Marg Martin & Chris Schaller

Please contact us if you would like to place an order <u>margaret.martin@optusnet.com.au</u>

christins@ozemail.com.au

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

Careers Matters



Year 10 - Australian Business Week

Student Report

In week 8, 23 Year 10 students went to Freshwater Senior Campus to participate in Australian Business Week, alongside students from Cromer, Mackellar Girls and Balgowlah Boys.



The participating students were divided into 9 groups of around 10-12 people, with each group working through a set of challenges, alongside a mentor who had been involved in business throughout their life, to simulate the running of a real business. Soon, each group had a set of decisions to make, starting with positions within the team. Positions such as CEO, Financial Manager, Marketing Manager and Operations Manager were quickly devised, followed by discussions of company names and logos.

After this easy morning, the real work began, as we were given only 30 minutes to make our first decisions and enter them into the "Business Simulation", for our virtual business, that then affected the outcomes of the simulation; a closed market in which we competed with all the other groups.

Throughout the week, we had 8 of these decisions to make, with each company having highs and lows, as we all gained the required experience to make more and more educated decisions on how to run our businesses. These decisions were the focus of the start of the week, with the results being crucial to later challenges. Towards the end of the week, we were also tasked with making a promotional advertisement and a trade display, as well as a company report and an oral presentation, evaluating how the week of business decisions had gone. Friday was judgement day, as well as the final award ceremony, in which awards were presented for each of the 5 categories.

Overall, the week was very enjoyable, and posed us with many challenges. It also allowed us to meet and befriend new people, make valuable industry contacts and develop our skills in running a business.

Daniel Drew

Year 10 Work Experience

This year, 120 Year 10 students chose to organise a week of industry experience by doing a work experience placement of their choice. I am loving hearing about all their new stories, skills and contacts and am extremely glad that so many students have commented that the week was invaluable in shaping their career planning.

In order to provide a snapshot of the diverse placements, here are a few testimonials from individual students:

"For Work Experience I went to a Creative Media Agency, Atomic 212°. Here I ran a Digital Marketing Campaign for a Neutral Bay Wedding Dress Shop. I started the week with little experience in the field and was given two days to complete a course on Google Ads. I completed the two-day course in a matter of hours. I then went on with analyzing the Clients website, figuring out their market, and creating keywords and a general direction for the ad campaign. Within a few hours, the ads I created were viewable across Google and other partner websites. I cannot tell you how amazing the feeling is seeing your work on the internet, especially after coming into this not knowing anything about the field at all. By Friday, I had collected Significant Data, and created a presentation to present in the Boardroom to the client. I solely conducted the meeting and the client was impressed with my work, and my Supervisor said I did a better job than most of his 25-year olds

could have done. Many thanks to Ms. Colby and Ms. Rixon for organizing this and many other events throughout the year. I am so grateful to have had this experience and it was a good taste of what is to come."

Jaydan Currie

"I was lucky enough to go to Ashurst, an international law firm in Sydney CBD where I was taught how to use legal databases, do research and read case files (such as Donogue v. Stevenson, a case about a snail found in a can of ginger beer). I was able to learn about different fields of corporate law as well as types of companies, director duties, and tortes whilst speaking to law students doing admin and paralegal work. At the end of the week, I was invited to attend high tea with associates and partners to farewell a colleague and speak to lawyers about their experiences at university, getting their first jobs and their challenges whilst undertaking a career in law. The experience was incredibly eye-opening and taught me a lot about an office environment



and what steps I could potentially take to pursue a career in law."

> Krishaa Tulsiani

"I went to the Mater hospital, shadowing an orthopedic surgeon as my "employer" for the week.

The reality of medical practitioners requiring early morning starts quickly hit me as I blearily rubbed my eyes on the way to watch my first surgery of the week: a collarbone lengthening at 7:30am. I nervously greeted all the nurses, surgical assistants and fellows in the staffroom before I was ushered into the change rooms to get into my scrubs for the morning; a very stylish disinfectant-blue set, no less. It started off a week of clinical consults, discussion of the merits of one surgical procedure of another, learning about the preparation before and recovery after surgery, the importance of physiotherapists in both, and how much time an orthopedic surgeon actually spends operating. I was also lucky enough to go with my supervisor to a different hospital one day, to see how they operated under different conditions in a different area with a different demographic.

I had the pleasure of meeting patients and professionals from all walks of life, having conversations about international fellowship programs; different cultures' attitudes towards the practice of medicine; how practitioners interact with their patients; how every – EVERY – orthopedic surgeon has a dictaphone with them wherever they go, and how incredibly rewarding it is to be a medical professional. I feel truly lucky to have had this opportunity."

Eleanor Fogarty

"I was lucky enough to gain a place at Airservices Australia in Melbourne for my work experience. This involved a week of simulator training, touring the facilities and observing the fire fighter drills. I had the chance to visit the controllers' headquarters and learn more about their role in Australian airspace, including listening in to the conversations between pilots and controllers. The highlight of my week was using a simulator to experience the real

demands of an air traffic controller, which has cemented my ambition to aim for this in the future."



Jason Wu

Work Experience 2019

If you are currently in Year 9, the tentative date for your work experience block next year is T4W7, 12/11/19 – 29/11/19. Places at popular placements such as Taronga Zoo go fast so get in early! Below are details about an opportunity to apply for work experience at SBS.

SBS is opening up its Work Experience applications for Year 10 and Year 11 students for next year. Please note it is Sydney based. There's more info around dates and application process (video entry) in the link <u>SBS Careers</u>.

Successful placements get the opportunity to go behind the scenes and check out SBS's Operations, programs, exclusive filming and live shoots for a one week placement in 2019.

Griffin Theatre Ambassadors

Congratulations to Charlie Bosler, Alana Manfredini, Kristin Withana and Holly Matthews for successfully applying and being offered a place in the 2019 <u>Griffin Theatre</u> Ambassador Program. This is a great opportunity for these students to gain invaluable industry experience in theatre and see some quality Australian plays.

Pathways2uni

Pathways2uni provide FREE professional, transparent and unbiased student counselling and advice to help guide students through a range of pathway program options into universities and colleges. They can be contacted through our <u>pathways2uni.com.au</u> website or phone: 0425560527 to arrange to visit their Sydney CBD



office in Wynyard on L2, 11 York Street any time from now until February next year.

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Junior Band Tour to South West Rocks

There were great concerts, great attitudes and great teamwork throughout the junior band tour last week. Congratulations to the entire tour group.

Concert, Swing and Stage Bands brought their signature tour concert to primary schools at South West Rocks and Nambucca Heads and the Aspect Hunter special needs school in Thornton. All the concerts had the primary school audiences and teachers cheering, smiling and dancing in the aisles.

Several of the principals and staff members said the concert was the best performance they had ever experienced at their schools.

Set-ups and pack-downs went from one hour down to 25 minutes as the group got slick with their teamwork. To add to the laughs on tour was the new Grinch movie, sightseeing, Craig's commentary on the coach microphone, the fantastic pool at the accommodation and the traditional last night 'talentless quest'.

A big thank you to Craig Driscoll and the support team of Branko Goykovic, Sarah Dowse and Naomi Leviton.



Big Bash Christmas under the stars on Tuesday

All ensembles played at this informal and fun endof year concert in the quad on what was a balmy night for a picnic and music under the stars. The four directors and their students presented a range of fantastic pieces including some Christmas favourites as Santa and his elves made an appearance to wish everyone a great holiday and Happy New Year.

Thank you to Big Band Event coordinators Sri Rajagopal and Vivek Nagarajan and the other volunteer parents who assisted with the students' food and the decorations. Thank you to Chris Palmer and the student who gave invaluable assistance with the lighting.

Big Band Bash was a wonderful way to end the band year with all ensembles playing together.



Ms Leviton's Wedding

Congratulations to Jazz Combo, Jazz Orchestra and their director Craig Driscoll for their professional performance at this special event on Wednesday. By all reports, there was dancing to the very end of the night.



Big Band bring Christmas cheer to the Cerebral Palsy Alliance residents

The Big Band played today for the residents of the Venee Burges residential house at Allambie at their Christmas lunch celebrations. To start the event, our students were treated to a brilliant concert by the residents themselves as they sang renditions of ACDC, John Lennon and more. The residents are born entertainers.

Thank you to Big Band for giving back to their community and representing Manly Campus in such a great way for Christmas.



WE to play at the Presentation Night, Monday 17 December, Freshwater Gym

All WE students will walk with a teacher from the foyer to Freshwater Gym on Monday at 9am for set-up and rehearsal.

In the evening, WE students arrive wearing their formal band uniform at 6:25 pm for 7 pm start.

WE members to assist with the truck pack and gear return at 9 pm.

Call out for volunteers:

Dee Why-Manly Fun Saturday 2 February

We have been offered the opportunity to help out at this local fun run and raise funds for Band. Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter for this event on the first weekend of term next year. We are seeking 65 willing volunteers (some over 18). It's a fun and very easy way to fundraise for us.

To volunteer please email Band president Mel Corner andyandmel@gmail.com

Last rehearsals and school instrument and mouthpiece return Week 10

Please note the dates for last rehearsals below. Students with school instruments or mouthpieces <u>must return them by Tuesday</u> for return of deposits. Please ensure Craig marks this equipment off as they are returned.

Auditions in 2019 and change of details

All band and strings students will audition in the first two weeks of school next year. No action is required from existing students with no changes to their details or instruments for 2019. A timetable of auditions will be emailed to you in late January.

If any existing student wishes to make changes to their instrument, wishes to discontinue a whole stream or have a change of contact details, please advise the band ASAP via this link

https://www.cognitoforms.com/ManlyCampusBan ds/ 2018ChangeOfDetailsForm

Selling your school blazer? Need a larger size?

You may be a graduated Year 12 student that wants to sell their blazer?

It may be time to get a larger blazer and sell your smaller one to the incoming students for 2019?

Please contact Dianne Turner at <u>moogiet@optusnet.com.au</u> to sell or to add your name to the list to buy a second-hand blazer in 2019.

Best wishes for a very happy and peaceful Christmas, New Year and well-deserved holiday to all directors, staff members, band program members and their families.

Term Four: key dates

Presentation Night, Monday 17 December, Freshwater Gym, WE

Last rehearsal CB & CO Monday 17 December

Last rehearsal BB Tuesday 18 December

Last rehearsal JO Wednesday 19 December

Term 1, 2019 Calendar

Please check the dates closer to the event

| Week 1B | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 29/01/2019 | School development day |
| 29/1/2019 | Second Hand Uniform shop will be open from 8-10am |
| 30/01/2019 | School resumes for Year 7, 11 and 12 |
| 31/01/2019 | School resumes for Year 8, 9 and 10 |
| Week 2B | |
| 4/02/2019 | Year 8 English/Geography Excursion |
| 6/02/2019 | Year 7 Information evening for parents and students, 6:30pm |
| 7/02/2019 | Year 10 Information evening for parents and students, 6:30pm |
| Week 3A | |
| 11/02/2019 | Year 11 Information evening for parents and students, 6:30pm |
| 13/02/2019 | Principal's Tour TBC |
| 13/02/2019 | P&C meeting, 7pm in the library |
| Week 4B | |
| 18/02/2019 | Year 9 Information evening, for parents and students, 6:30pm |
| 21/02/2019 | Year 8 Information evening, for parents and students, 6:30pm |
| 22/02/2019 | School photos |
| Week 5A | |
| 25/02/2019- 27/02/2019 | Year 7 Camp |
| 25/02/2019 | Year 10 History & Geography Excursions |
| 25/02/2019 | Year 12 Music Night and Masterclass |
| 25/02/2019 | Band meeting, 8pm in the library |
| 1/03/2019 | School Swimming Carnival |

| Week 6B | |
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| 6/03/2019 | Year 11 Life ready - Urban Challenge |
| 7/03/2019 | Open Day TBC |
| 7/03/2019 | Year 12 Parent Teacher Night TBC |
| 8/03/2019 | Year 7 History Incursion |
| Week 7A | |
| 11/03/2019 | Years 8 & 9 Disco TBC |
| 12/03/2019 | Zone Swimming |
| 12/03/2019 | Year 7 Disco, 6:30pm |
| 12/03/2019 | New parents welcome evening, 6:30pm |
| 14/03/2019 | Selective High School Placement Test |
| 15/03/2019 | School Cross Country P5 & P6 |
| Week 8B | |
| 19/03/2019 | Year 7 Parent Teacher Night, 3:45-6:45pm |
| 20/03/2019 | Principal's Tour TBC |
| 20/03/2019 | P&C meeting, 7pm in the library |
| 21/03/2019 | Year 11 Life Ready - Drug Ed |
| Week 9A | |
| 25/03/2019 | Digitial Nutrition parent seminar |
| 26/03/2019 | Year 7 HPV dose 1 & DTPA |
| 28/03/2019- 5/04/2018 | Year 12 Assessment block |
| Week 10B | |
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| Week 11A | |
| 8/04/2019 | Year 9 Parent Teacher Night TBC |
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