



The Weekly Pines

Northern Beaches Secondary College

Manly Campus



Academic Excellence ★ Personal Best ★ Giving Back to the Community

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Mr Alex Newcomb

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From the Principal

HSC Results & Celebration Morning Tea

Congratulations to our 2019 Year 12 students on their excellent achievements in the HSC examinations. Their individual and collective results were once again a result of the consistent effort and commitment of students, teachers, parents and the peer group.

Overall, our results were impressive, with 343 individual Band 6 results, and 16 All-Rounder students (Band 6 in all subjects used to calculate ATAR), from the cohort of 135 students.

Special congratulations go to: Hinata Suzuki (1st in Japanese and Literature studied at Saturday school of Languages, Chatswood), Maia Hopf (2nd in Music 2), Elden Loomes (2nd in Music 2), Megan Moshovelis (3rd in PDHPE), Moe Iwasawa (4th in Visual Arts), Victoria Kristensen (4th in Japanese Continuers), Lara Hather (5th in Society and Culture), Benjamin Crimp (10th in Engineering Studies), William Lam (14th in Legal Studies), Alexandra McKinnon (17th in Modern History) and to our

NBSC Manly Campus All-Rounders: Lachlan Burnet, Grace Dowse, Lara Hather, Maia Hopf, Tshintia Hopper, Moe Iwasawa, Hanano Kijima, Victoria Kristensen, William Lam, Elden Loomes, Catherine Lye, Stella Matthews, Alexandra McKinnon, Jessica Mendham, Megan Moshovelis and Xianda Ren.

Additional congratulations to Neve Morgan who has been awarded a Macquarie University Leaders and Achievers Scholarship for the B Media & Comm/B Science and to Hayley Gayfer who has been awarded a scholarship for the Computer Science UNSW Co-op program. We look forward to sharing more information regarding successful scholarship awardees early in 2020.

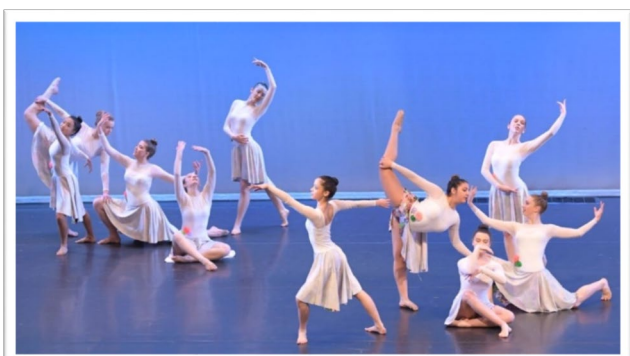
This morning we had the opportunity to celebrate HSC successes with many of our students at the morning tea in the library. It was a joy to hear how many of them have achieved the ATAR required for their preferred University course and we wish them all the best for their future endeavours as they 'pass on what they have received' to make a positive difference in society.



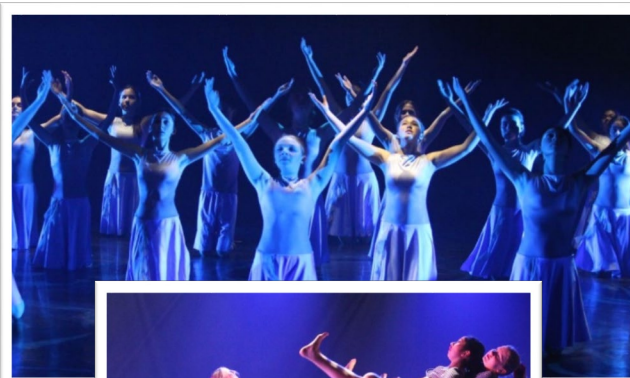
Presentation Evening

The successes and achievements of our 2019 prize winners from Year 7 to 11 were celebrated last Wednesday evening. This event is an annual highlight of the year and provides an opportunity for the school community to recognize students' achievements over the course of the year in all domains. The success of the evening is due to the support of parents and families, and excellent planning and preparation. Many thanks to Ms Harrison, Mrs Monteleone and Mrs Crawford whose organization helped to make this evening such a success.

Dance Showcase

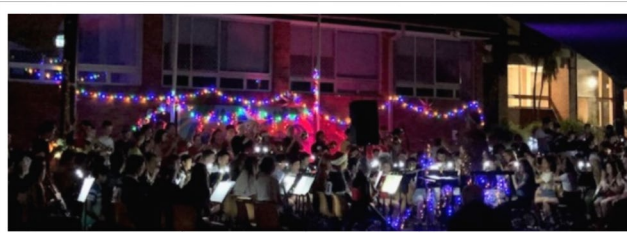


The annual Manly Campus Dance Showcase was held on Monday and Tuesday evenings this week. This is the eighth Dance Showcase I have attended, and each year the standard of the performances has further improved. The growth of the dance program from 23 dancers in 2012 to over 70 dancers in 2019 is a credit to the talent, passion and enthusiasm of our amazing dance teacher, Chloe Woodward. Congratulations and thank you to everyone involved, particularly to Mr Nguyen and the parents who gave their time to support the performers backstage.



Big Band Bash

Our Christmas Big Band Bash, held in the quad on Thursday night, was once again a wonderful showcase of our talented bands. It was great to see our students playing in the individual bands and then joining together to create a band of nearly 200 to perform Christmas carols. Thank you to the music directors Mark Brown and Brian Buggy for their work on the night and also to Tim Crow who stepped in for Craig Driscoll. All band directors are to be congratulated for their leadership and guidance of our students throughout the year. Special thank you also goes to Sarah Dowse, Stephanie Stoddard, Mel Corner and the many dedicated parents for their assistance on the night and throughout the year.



NSW Public Schools Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received a Certificate of Excellence for their contribution to the NSW Public Schools Instrumental Ensembles: Tobey Kuypers (Year 8) – Stage Band, Ayane Satsuma (Year 7) – Symphonic Wind Orchestra, Elinor and Jade Williams (Year 9) – Millennium Marching Band, Holly Matthews (Year 11) – Drama Company, Tilly Dearden (Year 10) Senior State Wind Band and Colina Zhang (Year 11) Senior State Dance Ensemble.



Farewell and Thank You

Farewell and thank you to our members of staff who will not be returning in 2020. Stephen Reading, who has taught Chemistry at Manly for the past twenty four years, is retiring as is Greg Purcell, an experienced member of the English faculty. Meredith Koovarjee, our much-loved Physics teacher, is leaving to embark on further study and Natacha Shaw, our wonderful Modern History teacher and Pastoral Care facilitator, has graduated in Psychology and is following her passion to become a school counsellor. We wish everyone all the best and sincerely thank them for everything they have contributed to making our school such a wonderful school.

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 2019. 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 well-deserved and enjoyable break so that you are ready for another year of learning, engagement and fun in 2020.

As I will be taking leave for Term 1, a special thank you to Kathy O'Sullivan who will be relieving in the role of Principal, Marisa Carolan who will be relieving Deputy Principal and Kate Munro who will be relieving Head Teacher English.

Finally, I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and best wishes for a happy New Year.

Congratulations to:

- Ben Britton (Year 10) who proudly represented Australia in the Australian U16 Futsal Team on tour in Brazil.
- Jared Li (Year 10) who debated with the Northern Sydney Representative Team in the Junior State Debating Championships. The team made it all the way to the semi-finals round undefeated, resulting in our overall rank of 3rd out of the 10 regions in the State.

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 welcome to phone or email the school any achievements that we may not be aware of, for inclusion in The Weekly Pines.

Cath Whalan
Principal



From the Deputies

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas?

Many people associate the festive season with positive feelings such as joy, kindness and generosity. They also increasingly view consumption of gifts as an integral component of the 'Christmas spirit'. As we head into the festive season we should consider the hierarchy of needs for ethical gift giving. The hierarchy of gift giving is based after Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs. The top signifies the 'ideal' gift giving category and each step of the hierarchy down signifies a little less 'ideal'. It's good to note that none of these options are not ideal. They all have their place on the hierarchy.

Give Memories: this one is pretty self-explanatory. Tickets to events make memorable gifts. Theatre subscriptions, tickets to sporting, music gigs or cultural events. Not only does everyone involved have something to look forward to past the initial gift-giving day, it is also something you/they will remember.

Give Time: For those short on time, give someone a helping hand yourself, as many people are on leave over the Christmas / New Year period, this is the perfect opportunity to give someone a helping hand. Offer to help a family member with some gardening or painting or to babysit young ones.

Upcycle: Look at what you already have around the house. Do you have old toys you can re-purpose or can you refurbish furnishings?

Buy Second hand: visit your local thrift shop or Facebook marketplace; there are plenty of items that you can purchase, some that may even be brand new.

Make: What's better than a handmade gift? Pinterest has a ton of ideas if you are in need of a little inspiration.

Buy Ethical: If you are going to buy new, consider supporting companies that are ethically and environmentally responsible.

Buy: if you are going to buy something consider small businesses. Etsy is made up of amazing small business owners and is a great place to start.

There is a huge range of choice before you need to resort to buying new gifts. What ethical gifts are you going to give this season?



Alex Newcomb (DP – Year 7, 9 & 11)

Kathy O'Sullivan (DP – Year 8, 10 & 12)

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

LOCATED NEAR THE CANTEEN

Next open

Tuesday 28 January 2020
8:30am-10am

**After this the second hand uniform shop
will be open before school on the
first Tuesday & third Thursday of the month
8:15am – 9:30am**

Coordinator Marg Martin - Please contact Marg if
you would like to place an order
margaret.martin@optusnet.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)
contact Sarah Cole: sarahlcole24@gmail.com

GIRLS in STEM

It has been an exciting first year for our GIRLS in STEM program.

We started out by attending University of Technology Sydney's STEAMPunk Girls Course on Project Based Learning at the Powerhouse Museum in Term 2. This allowed us to organise and receive feedback on our planned lunch-time Girls in STEM program. Our aim was to equip girls with STEM skills to attempt to solve real-world problems. We wanted to create opportunities to network with industry professionals, have Q&A with guests and interactive in/excursions.

GROK

Fast forward a few months and we now have an amazing group of young girls exploring future career paths and gaining valuable skills and experience. We started by bringing a small group together with the aim of learning how to code. The school was generous enough to pay for a number of GROK memberships, which is a platform that makes learning to code really easy and understandable. We have previously used this program and found it extremely beneficial and we are excited to share this experience with so many people! On Tuesday Wk 9 we brought together everyone to have a day dedicated to furthering our knowledge as well as being able to share our understanding and chocolate!

Arcadis

In August, six of us attended an industry-led STEM program at Arcadis Consultancy. We participated in various construction, brainstorming and engineering activities and had the opportunity to learn about the wide range of career pathways branching from engineering through a Q&A session with the engineering consultants. It was an eye-opening experience for all of us as we gained exposure to the career opportunities and skill sets that we hadn't previously associated with engineering.

SWAE

Our final incursion for the year was a visit from the Sydney University Women in Aerospace Engineering group. We were joined by some girls from Mackellar and started the day with a presentation from the Sydney University Rocketry Team. They played videos of their rocket launches and brought their winning rocket in to show us how it worked. This was followed by a session on satellites and climate change where we brainstormed ways to combat the world's problems. After recess, we rotated through a variety of activities that included making and firing rockets, exploring aerodynamics, coding flight paths and testing them on drones and a flight simulator. The event was enjoyed by all, being described as educational, interesting, fun, inspiring, motivating and insightful.



We are looking forward to expanding our group in 2020 and offering more opportunities for girls to explore STEM.

Merry Christmas

Steph and Thilara
Girls in STEM Coordinators

2019 Australian Geography Competition

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Australian Geography competition. Over 73,500 students from 792 schools across Australia entered the competition. NBSC Manly Campus had a number of student geographers who performed at an exceptional level and as a school we were placed third nationally. Additionally, twenty four students achieved a result that placed them in the top 1% in their year group. This incredible outcome builds on the success of our school over the years. Students in Years 8 to 10 and Year 11 and 12 Geography participate in the competition during March each year.

Of particular note is Lauren Griffiths who came in the top 1% and who is participating in the Geography Big Week Out at Kangaroo Island this week. Only 16 students are chosen for this honour. The event is a mix of stimulating and hands-on geography activities designed to challenge and extend high-performing Year 11 students. In addition to the experience the week is used to prepare, assess, and select a four-member Australian team who will compete at the 17th International Geography Olympiad to be held in Istanbul, Turkey in 2020.



We congratulate Lauren for her success in this national competition and wish her all the best for this exciting challenge.

Ms Karen Bowden & Ms Stephanie Foy
HSIE

Tides of Sound

On 6 December, Tides of Sound joined leaders from Freshwater Campus to perform Christmas carols at the War Vets in Collaroy.

Once again, Manly was warmly received and the students enjoyed both singing and chatting with the residents.

Ms Lucienne Herft
Music

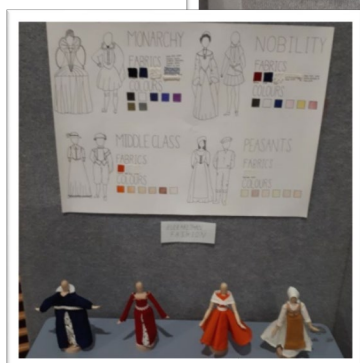
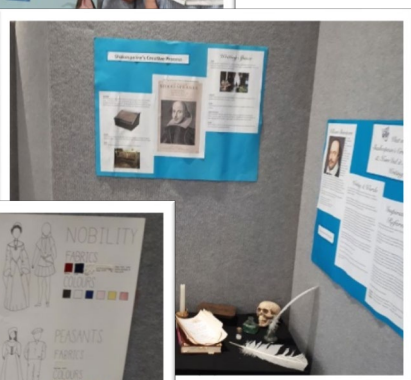


Year 8 Shakespeare Festival

He was not of an age, but for all time! – Ben Jonson

The Bard is indeed alive and well at Manly, four centuries after his death! Year 8 have been working hard this term on performances, presentations and products that celebrate the life, world and works of William Shakespeare. Yesterday they shared their work with the school community for the inaugural Shakespeare Festival. The celebrations included modified versions of Elizabethan bear baiting, tips on how to avoid the plague, remedies to fix every ailment, interactive models of Globe Theatre, hand-designed Elizabethan fashion, a live musical performance, theatre props from tragedies and comedies and even Shakespeare's writing desk.

Ms Madeleine Koo
English

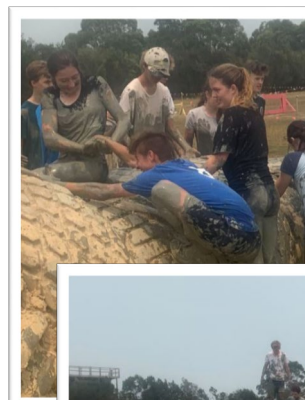


YEAR 9 PASS – RAW Challenge Excursion

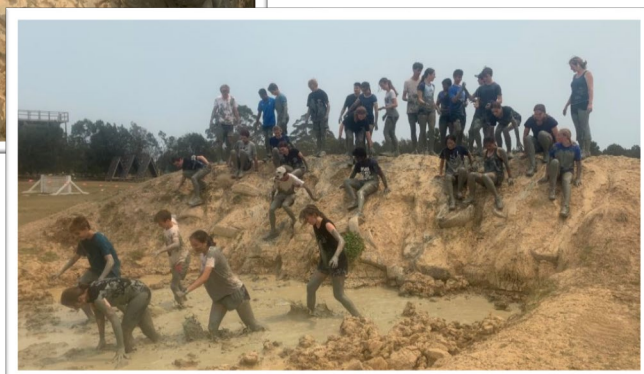


Student Report

On 9 December, both the 200 and 100 hour PASS classes competed in the RAW Challenge. The RAW Challenge is basically a mud and obstacle course designed to test fitness, determination and teamwork. The course was around 4km long, and scattered throughout the distance were various obstacles, ranging from climbing walls, monkey bars and our personal favourite; a waterslide into a massive pit of mud. The day challenged not only our stamina and strength, but also our ability to work cohesively as a team. We all had to participate, and help each other get over difficult obstacles. The challenge definitely brought our classes closer together, and we are extremely grateful that our teachers organised (and participated) in the course. We had an unforgettable day, and hope we can enjoy it again sometime.



Charlie Camburn (Year 9)



Curiosity Con

Curiosity Con 2019 - The Future!

Student Report

Curiosity Con is a full day conference run by Year 7 students aiming to spark curiosity in the minds of over 100 Year 5 students. We had students attend from Mona Vale Public School, Harbord Public School, and Merrylands East Public School. The theme for this year's conference was THE FUTURE!

To run the conference all of G24 had to devote a term of Praxis lessons to organise and create their specific workshop, stalls or other roles in their small teams. These teams included Presenters, Expo Stalls, Event Managers, Design Team and Keynote. The reason that we endeavored to create the Curiosity Conference was to develop our critical thinking, design thinking, creativity, time management, and organization, communication, and collaboration.



We invited Dr. Nick Tothill as our keynote speaker. As well as Annabel Astbury (Head of ABC Education) and our very own Vivienne Paduch (Climate Activist) as panelists. Our day began with a short talk Dr. Tothill about the future (and past) of space. This was followed by a discussion with our panelists in which both year 7s and year 5s were able to ask our panelists any questions they had in order to increase their curiosity.

After a delicious recess of fruit and chips, the students began their first workshop - all run by year 7 students. After three workshops for each group, the year 5 students left our campus with massive smiles.



Our Year seven cohort worked extremely hard for countless weeks to collaboratively create our full-day conference, and we are very proud of what we achieved.

Sam Daykin and Joel Huxley (Year 7)

Upcoming Events

Information Evenings

Year 10 Information Evening

Week 2, Wednesday 5 February 2020

6:30pm in the school hall

Year 7 Information Evening

Week 2, Thursday 6 February 2020

6:30pm in the school hall

Year 9 Information Evening

Week 3, Monday 10 February 2020

6:30pm in the school hall

Year 11 Information Evening

Week 4, Monday 17 February 2020

6:30pm in the school hall

Year 8 Information Evening

Week 4, Thursday 20 February 2020

6:30pm in the school hall

Students and Parents are expected to attend these important Year group information evenings.

Band Auditions

Year 8 -12 Band Auditions held during Week 1 and 2

Strings Audition Saturday 1 February

Year 7 Band Auditions held on Saturday 8 February

P&C Meeting

Wednesday 12 February

7pm in the Manly Campus Library

All welcome to attend.

Year 7 Camp

Wednesday 12 February – Friday 14 February

Duke of Ed Information Evenings

Duke of Ed Bronze Information Night

Wednesday 12 February

Freshwater Senior Campus Theatre, 5:30pm

Duke of Ed Silver and Gold Information Night

Thursday 13 February

Freshwater Senior Campus Theatre, 5:30pm

NBSC Manly Campus Open Day

Tuesday 18 February, 9:30am-11:30am

All welcome to attend

School Photos

Friday 21 February

2020 School Carnival Sport Dates

28 February 2020	School Swimming Carnival
12 March 2020	Warringah Zone Swimming
20 March 2020	School Athletics Carnival
3 April 2020	School Cross Country
29 May 2020	Warringah Zone Athletics
4 June 2020	Warringah Zone Cross Country

Special entry for carnivals will not be accepted. The only exception to this rule is if you are absent due to attending a school sport pathway event, e.g. Sydney North Trials.

Ms Leanne Cowan
PDHPE

Year 7 Report

As the year rapidly comes to a close, I would like to congratulate all Year 7 on their efforts and their successes during the year. They have established a very positive reputation within the school. Their energy and enthusiasm is impressive as well as the way they have bonded together to form a coherent group. This term Year 7 have dominated the assembly area during recess and lunchtime and it is great to see the way they interact with each other – aside from the fact that they all have appeared to have made significant improvements to their handball skills.

Congratulations must also go out to all those students who have had individual success during the year. This extends from Year 7 students who achieved Principal's Awards, to those who have been successful in various sporting competitions or had a role in the school musical, to individual success in several academic competitions. Well done all!

Term 4 has been very full with several activities or events happening outside the classroom. Having steeled themselves to take part in the immunisation programme, Year 7 also had the opportunity to participate in the Science faculty Cosmodome incursion and spent Wednesday afternoons at Dee Why beach as they complete their summer sports programme.

The students recently completed Curiosity Con which saw them design and deliver activities to challenge Year 5 students from local and invited primary schools. Their efforts were impressive and they are to be congratulated.

I would like to thank the 2019 SRC members, Chae-Eun Kim, Liam Lehane, Samuel Rose, Esther Schroeter, Tom Woods and Isabel Young for their efforts during the year in helping make the year a success for all. To all Year 7, enjoy your holidays, take time to relax and do some different activities. I'll see you all next year.

Ms Josinta Chandra
Year 7 Adviser

Year 8 Report

Another year finished and another term over! As we approach Year 9, we must take this opportunity to say goodbye to Stage 4 and hello to Stage 5, farewell to junior school and hello to middle school!

It's been a jam packed year, with this term being just as busy as the previous ones. Our cohort has again shown its true colours with participation in all activities and every time we rose to the challenge.

It started early with all of the usual assessments taking place and being submitted in every subject ahead of report writing season for the teachers. Then as if by some miracle, I was invited to be a guest at our Food Technology Critics day. Here I was treated to a Mexican feast, while I watched all the other guest around me, be it teachers or family, enjoy their delectable delights. All the meals were presented in a professional format with the menus, place settings and service that one would expect from a Michelin star restaurant! I would highly recommend going if you too are one day lucky enough to be invited!

A mini excursion into UTS was organised for a team of students who participated in 'Write a book in a day' who managed to raise the 5th most money in Australia, with Maya Simon raising the most money of any individual, for Children with Cancer. This activity allowed each group to design, write and illustrate a children's book which was then professionally published and given to Children in hospitals undergoing treatment.

Many activities were undertaken though out the rest of the term culminating with Band Tour in week 8. We took our group of Year 7 and 8, as well as a Year 9 student to Port Macquarie where we toured around local schools showcasing our Jr Concert Band and Jr Stage Band. The local school students were treated to a concert where they learnt about all the wonderful instruments in our bands and how they operated, whilst all receiving a marvellous musical entertainment.

Finally we enjoyed our activity day where we went to Warringah Mall Hoyts to watch Jumangi – The Next Level. We walked to the Mall, watched our

movie and returned for a picnic lunch to end off the school year in style!

I would like to wish you all a safe and happy holiday and I look forward to seeing you all (and our new enrolments) next year for our journey into Year 9 and beyond! Without a doubt we know who we be... we will always and forever be G23!!!

Mr Branko Goykovic
Year 8 Adviser

Year 9 Report

After two terms of looking after Year 9, I set myself the goal, in Term 4, of getting to know every member of G22 in addition to them getting to know me better. This involved a number of getting to know Mr Crooks quizzes during Year assemblies (where they discovered I had ordered the same type of pizza for 20 years) and informal chats throughout the term.

However, the biggest single avenue of interactions was the organisation of the Year 9 camp in Forster. With buddies, cabins and finally activity groups to coordinate, I had many conversations to allocate these to everyone's satisfaction. Then with the Forster camp surrounded by bushfire and therefore cancelled, I had the opportunity to do it all again for the relocation to Morisset. It was all worth it in the end with everyone having an outstanding time at the new site, which provided many challenging and exciting activities for both students and teachers. Thanks again to the students who did the school proud with their enthusiasm and engagement as well as the fabulous teachers who gave up their time to also come along and participate with gusto. These were Ms Rixon, Mr Nguyen, Miss Truong, Dr Molnar, Miss Prideaux-Remin, Mr Forsyth and Mr Newcomb.

Whilst on camp, the whole year group undertook training to become next year's Peer Support Leaders or Peer Academic Leaders to guide our incoming Year 7 cohort. Their drive to be part of this process during the training evening was exceptional and the quality of their written applications were outstanding – Year 7 next year are lucky to have such a lovely and dedicated bunch of mentors.

Year 10 2020 will be welcoming 12 new students to the cohort. We had the opportunity to meet these students at their orientation day this term. Thank you to all the brilliant Student Orientation guides who showed them around the school and made them feel so welcome. We are really looking forward to them joining us next year.

Finally, Year 9 and 10 finished term with a splash, during their activity day at Jamberoo.

A last thank you to all the students, staff and parents who have made my transition into this role during the year so easy - I am a very lucky Year Adviser. I hope everyone has a fantastic and safe Christmas break and see you all when we begin the new adventure of Year 10.

Mr Richard Crooks
Year 9 Adviser

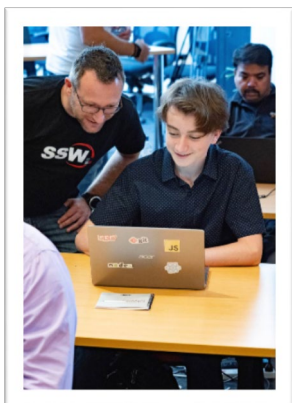
Year 10 Report

Term 4 marks the end of one chapter and the beginning of a new as Year 10 progress onwards from junior to senior school.

The term started off with a bang as Year 10 undertook their first ever-dreaded exam period in Weeks 3 -5. This was an 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 demonstrate their academic knowledge and understanding in various subjects. Overall, the exam period was a success with all students completing their assessment task as well as their NESA minimal standards tests and All-My-Own-Work modules.

Work experience and ABW week was a huge achievement as well this year with students taking on new challenges in the workforce. Whether it was experiencing a working week as a vet, a builder or as part of a research team, Year 10 were fabulous adverts for their own 'personal brand' and wonderful ambassadors for our school. I want to congratulate all the students on their ability to seamlessly fit into so many roles and responsibilities. I would also like to extend a big thank you to the

Careers staff and supervising teachers who assisted in organising and overseeing the week.



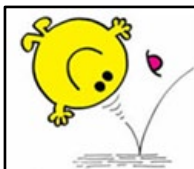
Year 10 and family, I would like to wish you a relaxing and wonderful holiday break and look forward to seeing you at the beginning of your Preliminary year. Thanks for being an awesome grade!

Merry Christmas.

Miss Chau Truong
Year 10 Adviser

Year 11 Report

Term 4? Not for G2020 – it's Term 1 of Year 12! And with this landmark term comes many great experiences and adventures - the excitement of Year 12 Jerseys (thank you to the fabulous Jersey Committee), the challenges and triumphs of first HSC assessments (thank you NESA); the responsibility of being the elder states people of the school (thank you to those in correct school uniform); the perks of being occupants of the slab (thank you those only playing ping-pong at the correct times); the luxury of study periods (thank you to those using the S(tudy) Word and not the F(ree) Word); and the joy of knowing that we are already a quarter of the way through our HSC journey!



As I mentioned in my talk at Parent Information Night at the start of this term, the HSC is can be seen as a game - a bit like handball. It has its challenges and has highs and lows (remember the Back analogy), it has rules that ensure fairness and equity, it can be somewhat competitive but can also be fun, especially when played together.

I encourage to do most of the following over the holidays to ensure you are Game Ready for 2020:-

1. Put in the time needed to master the various elements of the game – ask your teachers what you should be doing over break to give you the best chance of mastering the content next term. This is especially important if you are doing a major work (or two or three!) as the summer break provides the opportunity to really get stuck into your projects.
2. Use your insight into yourself as a learner gained from this term to develop hacks for the game – what effective study skills and work habits do you have? Do you need support creating ways to work SMART? Top Tip – make an appointment with your friendly Learning Advisor.
3. Find the fun in game – make the choice to enjoy the challenge, embrace the roller-coaster nature of the game, form study groups and work together to create enjoyment and passion for your subjects
4. Sleep – 8-9 hours a night. As John Steinbeck notes, *'It is a common experience that a problem difficult at night is resolved in the morning after the committee of sleep has worked on it'*.
5. Be active – get fit and stay fit for the game – physically, emotionally and cognitively (it will also help you sleep)
6. Connect – with your subject team members (study groups, sharing notes, helping one another with mastery), with your friends and your family
7. Give – your time, your attention and your gratitude to all those above!
8. Keep Learning – how to put 'spin' on the game, how to deal with curve balls, how to learn from your mistakes
9. Take Notice – of life beyond the game – the HSC is important at this stage of your life but it does not define you – have a broad perspective of life and all the opportunity it offers.
10. Rest and relax – take time to recharge your batteries do that you can bounce through the gates next term and bring your A Game to the Year 12 arena.

Ms Fiona Brien
Year 11 Adviser

Year 12 Report

Copy of the Year 12 Year Adviser Graduation Speech 2019

Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen and graduating class of 2019,

It seems fitting that in a speech like this I instil some kind of advice and words of wisdom. I am after all more than a decade ahead in the life journey. Over 30, over the hill, sooo old, so wise! So here goes...

I thought about starting this speech with an inspiring quote... the first that fittingly came to mind was: *comedy stepped into the path of history and is crushed*. While, apt for some aspects of the high school journey, I think we will leave that one with NESAs at the marking centre for now...

Let's start on a more positive note:

In just over one month, we will all be celebrating the end of another year. And this New Year's Eve, Year 12 2019, is particularly significant for you and your families. It is a chance to glance back at a past filled with friendships, milestones and learning and look forward to years ahead filled with exciting opportunities, adventure, more learning and I hope for you, love. It seems timely that we count down to this moment together. So, let the countdown begin...

10 – Ten was the age some of you were when you sat the selective high school test, in your primary school uniforms, so eager to show the world your talents.

I hope that since coming to MSC we have provided you with significant intellectual nourishment and had a major influence on your personal and soon to be professional lives.

For those of you that didn't make it in the first time, well you made it eventually and that's what counts. In fact, I have a special place in my heart for you as, I too didn't make it first go either!

Be proud of what you have worked so hard to achieve, your journey to graduation has developed in you a number of important qualities that will assist you in the future, including, the courage to step out of your comfort zone and persist even when

the task seems impossibly difficult, and the capacity to think independently and creatively and an entrepreneurial mindset that appreciates innovation.

9 – Well Year 9 comes to mind. For me this year was punctuated by the year 9 camp of course. I was delighted with how well camp went. Except for perhaps that one time at the very end, where I recall being made to jump off a 'newly built' platform, which basically involved the whole grade chanting in unison "Miss Iz", "Miss Iz" as I was expected to free fall 8 metres of a 25m drop and trust a flimsy harness that only a few instructors had tested. Great, I thought, what a metaphor for the year advisor experience!

Lessons learned: make your friends test the equipment first. Poor Mr Blanch, took this challenge on like a champion.

8 - Let's be real. 8 is an accurate number to summate the number of reminders Mrs O'Sullivan, Ms Rixon and I would have to make in order for permission notes or forms to come in on time. Rest assured students and parents, university and the work force don't have permission notes. Participation there is assumed.

7 – Quite fittingly, 7 is a Prime number. And for you it was a Prime time. Starting Year 7. When you started MSC in 2014 you had no idea what the future would hold and now, chances are, you are going to be in much the same predicament, except this time older and wiser and very well equipped to face your very bright future

Year 12, it is safe to say that I have come to know many of you quite well. Myself and Ms Walker before me have seemed an anomaly in the year advisor experience – that is to say we made it through the whole role from Year 7 – 12...relatively unscathed and certainly all the wiser.

It has been my absolute pleasure to watch you grow and change from cute year 7s into wise and wonderful young adults that sit before me. Not to mention particularly glamorous and handsome today of all days.

One of the many reasons I survived the year advisor experience is that I actually had a wonderful grade to oversee. You have made me very proud and I have lorded this over my colleagues many times, telling them how impressed I am with my grade, laughing about the funny things you have said and marvelling at your many talents and achievements.

Other reasons for my apt survival skills in the year advisor role, include my intuition, but also my intel. For all those moments where I knew what was going on in your lives, at your parties, in your homes, you came to share something with me and I already knew it...and you wondered, how does she know this? Just accept it, I am Russian, we have our methods!

My advice to you, is trust your instincts, they are usually right.

6 – Believe it or not, 6 is the number of years you have been at MSC. It may feel like it went fast, or dragged on for an eternity - for a rational concept, time can be fickle like that and here we are at the end of 6 years together.

A collective is only as strong as its individuals and as a grade we have showcased a great deal of strength and tenacity over these 6 years, particularly when faced with some of the most incomprehensible adversities. We have students who have survived cancer, who have cared for sick family members, supported their siblings, those who lost their parents, and those who overcame significant personal hardships. These students came back to school, despite this, and they continued on, they sat next to you in English, they answered your awkward and uncomfortable questions, performed for you on stage, laughed at your jokes, gave in their assessments, they showed up and kept going. I personally have learned so much from these students about perseverance despite circumstances and I thank you, as you inspired us with your visceral courage and quiet strength.

5 – In Pastoral care we often talked about the five ways of wellbeing. With these values in mind I encourage you G19 to stay connected and physically active. Join clubs and societies at university, join sporting and rec teams and enjoy connecting to your

broader community. This will assist you with finding that all too precarious sense of balance in the busy routines of your daily lives.

4 - Four is a number often associated with stability. In your high school journey one constant force of solidarity that you have had are your wonderful, dedicated and compassionate teachers. They are the ones that put up with your antics, laughed at your jokes, took the time to get to know who you are and how you love to learn, they inspired you and challenged you and at times overwhelmed you, but most importantly they taught you. Every teacher at MSC has taught you valuable content, but more importantly fantastic life skills just by being in your life. I hope you take these lessons away with you into your university degrees, TAFE courses and careers.

3 – In fairy tales three is a magic number, but life isn't always fairytale-esque as we are well aware. When you embark on your life beyond school you will indeed be faced with the 'three Cs' – Choices, Consequences and Challenges. Sometimes the choices made have unforeseeable and irretraceable consequences, think carefully when making important life choices, embracing opportunities and making daily decisions. Adulthood quickly teaches you that some consequences are not worth the choice made in the first place.

Mrs Whalan, has always reinforced the importance of your decision-making skills. She has taught you to never make assumptions, to be kind and to think critically and creatively about decisions. These are valuable ideals to aspire to as you navigate the precipice of adulthood.

The other often unforeseeable, but not unpredictable aspect of life beyond school is the challenges you will face. Invariably, you will face hardships, indecisions, adversity and at times regret and doubt. These things make up the spectrum of human experiences as you enter adulthood. Sometimes in life the things that go wrong are often the very things that lead to other things going right. My advice to you is persevere. Don't give up because something is hard or seemingly impossible. Use your problem-solving skills, use your interpersonal skills

and just keep going. Things always turn out as they were intended to for those who persevere.

2 –Another constant and stable number. This number echoes the support your family and caregivers have provided you with. Thank you, parents and grandparents and guardians. You have been pivotal in the high school journey, whether your G19 graduate has told you or not. They would not have made it through without your unwavering love, support and care. My advice to you G19 is thank your parents and carers. Parenting doesn't come with a manual and I am sure you have thrown some curve-balls their way. Now you can truly thank them by doing all those things the HSC inhibited you to do—some of these include, but are not limited to: housework-room-cleaning-car washing- cat grooming – part-time working, cooking and paper clearing from the non-existent floor. Parents I humbly thank you.

Well, G19 It may seem insurmountable to have to let go of somewhere so familiar and the people who you have been surrounded by for so long. Just remember that change is ok, sometimes it is uncomfortable and sometimes you feel that quiet sigh of relief because deep down you know that moving on is for the best. When the time comes to let go and move on, trust that you can, even if it feels like you can't.

The people that really matter never truly leave you in any case, their presence lingers and occupies your heart in the times when you need it most. Some of you will stay close and in touch and other will drift apart, whatever the road, know that it is the right one. Try to not let the trepidation of change stand in the path of its excitement. I will be thinking of you as you start university, work or begin the adventures of a gap year.

So, this brings us to...

1 – The number one, such symbolism in and of itself. Whether it aligns with your ambition of coming that illustrious first, whether it brings back flashbacks to that last second before they said pen down in your final HSC exam. Maybe it is that one person you relied on no matter what. That one person that smiled at you on your first day. Whatever your memory of one might be, mine will always be that I had the number one grade in the history of MSC, I am incredibly proud of each and every one of you and I will miss you with gratitude for the rest of time.

Happy New Year G19 – This concludes our countdown and closes our chapter together as the wonderful grade that we are. I wish you every success, health, happiness and a prosperous and exciting future ahead.

Thank you.

Ms Lina Izossimova
Year 12 Adviser





Junior Band Tour to Port Macquarie 2-5 December

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 travelled to towns near Port Macquarie, through areas that had experienced severe bushfires a few weeks earlier. Playing popular songs and jazz tunes and introducing instruments as they went, the junior bands brought music, smiles and the signature all-in 'Shake a Tail Feather' dance to halls and colas of the primary schools they visited.

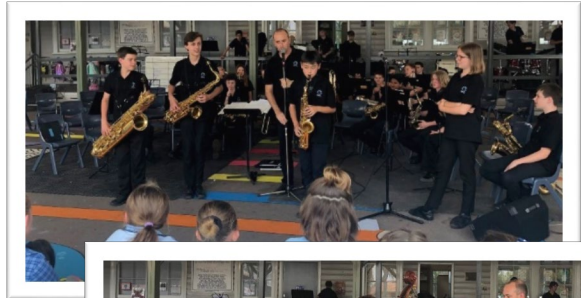
Several of the schools had fewer students than the Manly bands, allowing them to walk through our groups as they played to hear the sounds change from instrument to instrument.

More than once, the principals and staff members said the Manly Bands' concert was the best performance they had ever experienced at their schools.

To add to the fun on tour was the new Adams family movie, sightseeing, the pool at the accommodation and the traditional last night talent quest where Hamish Reyes stole the show by having the entire tour group of 71 in stitches.



Congratulations to all junior band members and thanks to parents for supporting these tours.



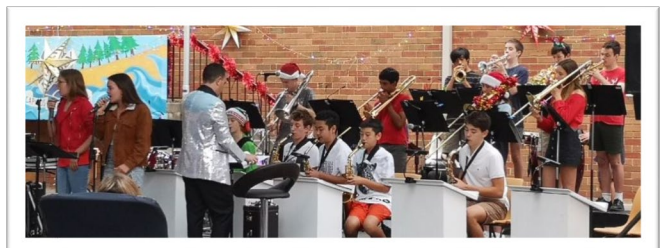
A big thank you to Craig Driscoll and the support team of Branko Goykovic, Sarah Dowse and Lanneke Grace.

Big Band Bash Christmas under the stars on Thursday 12 December

All ensembles played at this informal and fun end-of 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 to wish everyone a great holiday and Happy New Year.

Thank you to the event co-ordinator, Mel Corner and all the volunteer parents who assisted with the students' food and the decorations.

It was a wonderful way to end another busy year for all ensembles at Manly.



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 2020? Please contact Sarah Cole at sarahlcole24@gmail.com to sell or to add your name to the list to buy a second-hand blazer in 2020.

Presentation Night Wednesday 11 December

Congratulations to Symphonic Wind Orchestra who played beautifully on Wednesday at the school's presentation night. Despite a few absences due to illness, the students, directed by Mark Brown, showcase the wonderful talent we have within our Band Program.

A special thank you to Dwight (Hannah Lovlin's Dad) for collecting the hire truck and transporting equipment to and from Freshwater on the night.

Auditions/Tryouts 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/BoMC1/changeofdetails2020>

Band Names

Wind Stream:

SWO~Symphonic Wind Orchestra; WE~Wind Ensemble; CB~Concert Band

Strings Stream:

SE~String Ensemble; CO~Chamber Orchestra

Jazz Stream/Other:

JO~Jazz Orchestra; BB~Big Band; SB~Stage Band;

***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 1 Calendar

Please check the dates closer to the event

Week 1B	
29/01/2020	Year 7, 11 and 12 return plus peer support leaders
29/01/2020-31/1/2020	Year 7 Orientation week
29/01/2020	Year 12 Cross Campus classes start (PM only)
30/01/2020	Year 8, 9 and 10 return
31/01/2020-6/2/2020	Year 8-12 Band Auditions - during Week 1/2
1/02/2020	Strings Auditions
Week 2A	
3/02/2020	Year 11 Cross Campus Classes start
5/02/2020	Year 10 Information Evening, for parents and students, in the school hall, 6:30pm in the hall
6/02/2020	Year 7 Information Evening, for parents and students, in the school hall, 6:30pm in the hall
7/02/2020	Year 8-12 Band Auditions - during Week 1/2
8/02/2020	Year 7 Band Auditions
Week 3B	
10/02/2020	NBSC Year 7 GATS News Sims
10/02/2020	Year 9 Information Evening, for parents and students, in the school hall, 6:30pm in the hall
11/02/2020	Evacuation drill P4 TBC
12/02/2020-14/2/2020	Year 7 Camp
12/02/2020	Duke of Ed Bronze Information Night (Year 9), Freshwater Senior Campus Theatre, 5:30pm
12/02/2020	P&C meeting, 7pm in the library, all welcome to attend
13/02/2020	Duke of Ed Silver and Gold Information Night (Year 10&11), Freshwater Senior Campus Theatre, 5:30pm

Week 4A	
17/02/2020	Year 9 Forensic Science Incursion
17/02/2020	Year 11 Information Evening, for students and parents, in the school hall, 6:30pm
18/02/2020	Open Day
20/02/2020	Year 8 Information Evening, for students and parents, in the school hall, 6:30pm
21/02/2020	School Photos
Week 5B	
24/02/2020	PDHPE Incursion- Smashed productions
26/02/2020	Year 7 Disco TBC, in the school hall, 6:30pm
26/02/2020	P&C New Parents Welcome TBC, 6:30pm
27/02/2020	School Photo Catch up & Groups Day
27/02/2020	Year 8 & 9 Disco TBC, in the school hall, 6:30pm
28/02/2020	Year 7 SRC applications open
28/02/2020	School Swimming Carnival, all day



School resumes
Wednesday 29 January for Year 7, 11 & 12
as well as Peer Support Leaders

School resumes
Thursday 30 January for Year 8, 9 & 10

*Festive wishes for a safe
and happy holiday!*

Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Information Nights 2020

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award began in the UK in 1958. The Duke believed that young people should be helped to develop their individual interests in a real-world setting. His idea was to provide young people with a challenging program of activities that encourages self-reliance, initiative and effort.

Recipients of the Duke of Edinburgh Award are highly regarded by potential employers and universities for their commitment, leadership, compassion and organisational abilities both nationally and internationally, identifying them as being **#worldready**.

Each year between 250 and 300 Northern Beaches Secondary College students from Years 9 to 12 are working toward their Bronze, Silver or Gold Awards.

Information night will provide you with detail about the requirements and expectations of the Award, hike dates and location, logging hours and the Online Record Book (ORB), assessors and more.

BRONZE Information Night (Year 9)

Wednesday 12th February 2020, 5:30-7:00pm

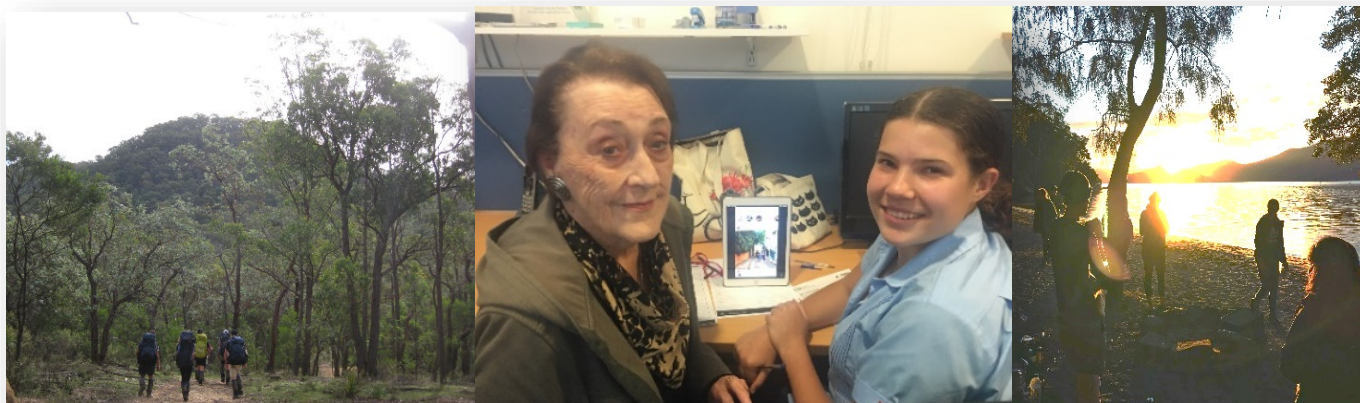
NBSC Freshwater Senior Campus Theatre

Year 9 NBSC students in 2020 are encouraged to begin the Bronze Award under the guidance and support of the College Duke of Ed. Coordinator, Ms Busse.

SILVER & GOLD Information Night (Years 10 & 11)

Thursday 13th February 2020, 5:30-7:00pm

NBSC Freshwater Senior Campus Theatre



More information: <https://sport.nsw.gov.au/dukeofedinburgh>

Further queries: vicki.busse@det.nsw.edu.au NBSC Award Leader/Coordinator.




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