



The Weekly Pines

Northern Beaches Secondary College

Manly Campus



Academic Excellence ★ Personal Best ★ Giving Back to the Community

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From the Principal

What a difference two weeks can make! In the last edition of The Weekly Pines, we were preparing to welcome back students onto the school grounds one day per week and now we are preparing to welcome back all students to full time face-to-face learning. This is a very welcome difference and reflects the success our communities have achieved in terms of minimising the threat of COVID-19.

The staged return to school has allowed us all to adjust gradually to the usual routine and also test the various measures the school has put in place to manage hygiene and physical distancing. Those procedures have been further refined ready for all students to return on Monday 25 May.

All school activities and operations are in line with Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) and NSW Health guidelines. Our school approach to these guidelines have been communicated to all families and students via email and the school app earlier today.

The health and safety of our students and staff remains a priority. Students will be expected to behave in a responsible way, which recognises the importance of protecting the health of themselves, their peers and staff. The NSW Health Department states that teachers and school staff are at a greater risk than students in contracting COVID-19 and its effects, so we ask all our families and students to

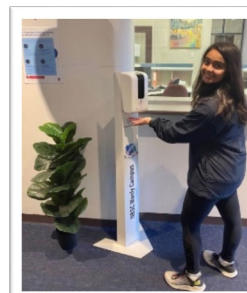
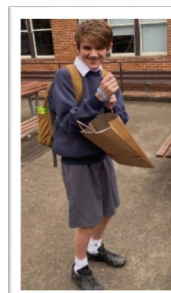
take the measures we have put in place extremely seriously.

I would like to take the opportunity to reiterate that if your child is unwell, do not send them to school. If they are unwell at school you will need to collect them immediately. For the safety of everyone, there can be no leeway on this.

While COVID-19 has presented many changes and challenges, I am very proud of the professional manner in which our staff, both teaching and support and our families have managed the situation.

Once again than you for your cooperation and support. We are looking forward to welcoming back all students on Monday.

Kathy O'Sullivan
Relieving Principal



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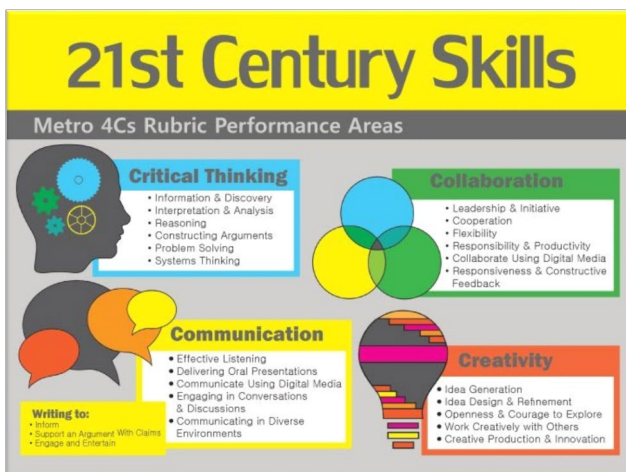
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From the Deputies

What have we learned?

One thing we have all learned in the last few weeks is that big changes can be implemented within our school at a rapid pace. The old English proverb says “necessity is the mother of invention”, with times of crisis leading to some of history’s most important inventions. To name but a few, Kleenex tissues (now back in plentiful supply) originated in the gas mask filters of World War 1, Pilates was developed by an inmate as a rehab tool in the cramped POW camps during World War 2 (now great for isolation exercise regimes), digital photography (the bedrock of Instagram) came out of the cold war space race, and scotch tape (great for marking out social distancing lines) was invented during the Great Depression.

Our teams at Manly Campus have all had to put their ‘21st Century Skills’ to the test when responding to our most recent crisis. The skills of the four ‘C’s: *Critical Thinking, Collaboration, Communication* and *Creativity*, have all played a large part in responding to a ‘real-world problem’. It is reassuring to think that the terminology we use in developing our instructional programs has been applicable here.



Alex Newcomb (DP Year 8, 10 and 12)

Marisa Carolan (DP Year 7, 9 and 11)

Year 7 Vaccinations

NSW School vaccination clinic for Year 7 students on Monday 25 May 2020

NSW Health is ensuring that students are safely vaccinated at school during COVID-19

NSW Health has been working with education authorities to implement additional measures to ensure that students in Year 7 and 10 can be safely vaccinated during the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite concerns around Covid-19 it is important that the school vaccination program continues, to provide timely protection against other diseases.

NSW Health will be offering the following vaccinations at your school clinic to all **Year 7 students on Monday 25 May 2020;**

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis vaccines (dTpa).

Additional measures

NSW Health has implemented additional measures based on expert clinical advice to reduce the likelihood of COVID-19 transmission in school clinics, including:

- Health screening of nurses before clinics
- Pre-vaccination screening of students
- Physical distancing restrictions at the clinic entrance, in the clinic and in the observation area
- Ensuring the number of students & nurses at the clinic does not exceed the maximum allowed
- Enhanced hand hygiene by nurses
- Enhanced environmental cleaning of all surfaces

What parents should do

Parents who have given consent for their child to receive vaccinations at school do not need to take any extra action. Parent who have not provided consent should contact their school on how to consent for vaccination, or their local public health unit on 1300 066055. ***Parents must ensure that their child is well and completely free of any acute respiratory illness before they attend school.***

More information

[Information about school vaccination is available here.](#)

It is very helpful to adolescents to be informed about this process. The following short video for you and your child has useful information about the vaccines and how the school immunisation clinic will run:

[Getting your vaccinations and school – what to expect.](#)

A Record of Vaccination card will be provided to each student. Details about vaccinations given at school will also be uploaded to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR).

Canteen

The canteen staff are excited about seeing all the students back at school next week. Please be assured that we are complying with the appropriate hygiene standards. To minimise congregation in the canteen area, while still offering a lunch and recess service:

- Pre-order service ONLY for both recess and lunch
- Orders can be made via Flexischools OR via the ticket system
- Orders via the ticket system need to be made by start of day
- Menu is available on the school website and on Flexischools

We look forward to adding to our service offerings as restrictions are eased.

If you don't have a Flexischools account you can set one up via the Flexischools website or app. To do so go to: [flexischools](#) and you register using the button on the top right hand corner. Please note that our school is listed as NBSC Manly Campus.

The Canteen Staff and Committee

Uniform Shop

As parents are currently not permitted on school grounds, the second hand uniform shop will not be physically open for the time being. However, you can order any second hand uniforms you may need by sending an email to Marg Martin:

margaret.martin@optusnet.com.au

Marg will let you know if your item is in stock. If so, you can pay online and the uniform will be delivered to your child via the school front office.

Marg Martin

Attendance

Absent from School - Notification Procedure

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

1. Through the School App
(download through the App store – School E News)
2. An email directly to the school
nbscmanlys-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
3. By phoning the school office on 9905 3982

Absences must be advised to the school by 9am.

Please note that an SMS only works as a direct response to the school absence / late notification sent to you. You cannot directly SMS the school to notify of your child's absence.

More information on attendance and absence procedures can be found on our school website.

SchoolTV

SchoolTV has produced another free special report for parents of secondary school students:

[Wellbeing News / Wellbeing Checklist](#)

In this report, Dr Michael Carr-Gregg outlines the potential mental health problems prompted by the COVID-19 pandemic and produces a wellbeing checklist that parents can use to detect changes in their teenagers behaviour.



Communities Environment Program - Successful Grant application of \$15,000

Last year the TAS staff lead by Roger Forsyth, applied for a grant from the Federal Government’s Communities Environment Program. The main premise of the program is to encourage reuse and recycling together with reducing the impact of waste and litter in the community. Local MP, Zali Steggall, notified schools across the electorate of Warringah about this opportunity. Her hardworking team worked closely with our own School Administration Managers throughout an extensive application process. We are very grateful for their collective efforts and support. Read on for an overview of the program and extracts from the grant application.

Project Summary – How will the grant be used?

Equipment will be purchased to enable students to recycle “scrap” filament that is generated when using 3D printing equipment. This process will also be used when students make mistakes and produce unusable results. It is the equivalent of taking left over plasticine and ensuring it is reused. We hope that the process will mean that hundreds of kilograms of plastic filament will be diverted from landfill each year.

With Manly Campus being one site of a 5 campus secondary college, the project will include a collection scheme from other NBSC campus sites for filament to be recycled and reused, teaching students valuable lessons in environmental custodianship and limitations of resources. Workshops will run to teach students how to use the equipment.

Strengthening links with the Community

The project aims to meet the school Strategic Direction 3 – *Strengthen Community Connections*, by being an environmental sustainability project. The schools focus is to create targeted initiatives that educate and facilitate behaviour change within our community that reduces the schools environmental impact so that we can achieve carbon neutrality by

2025. This grant application seeks to help achieve this strategic direction by;

1. Purchasing plastic recycling hardware and training students in 3D printer waste plastic (ABS and PLA) recycling.
2. Experiment with recycling other school waste plastic like single-use drink bottles.
3. If successful, act as a hub for other college campuses to recycle 3D printer waste and possibly other plastics as well.

This project will also deliver both educational, environmental and financial benefits to Manly Campus and hopefully the other NBSC campuses by recycling 3D printer waste so that it doesn’t contribute to landfill. All syllabus documents require sustainability be addressed as part of the cross-curricular priorities. Additionally, we will experiment with sourcing additional recycle plastics for the 3D printing success such as single-use plastic drink bottles to remove them from being landfill.

Hardware being considered for purchase



TAS Department

Year 7

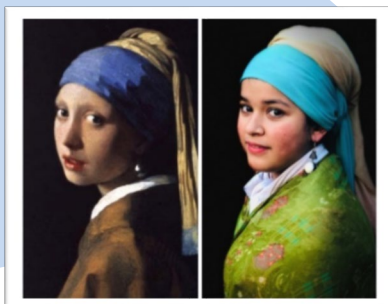
Year 7 Report

We had a wonderful array of items submitted for the talent quest, from a comedy skit, to a Bollywood dance. The winner of 'Talent at a Distance' was Haochen Ma who showed his technical prowess on the piano.



We had 29 new submissions to the G25 Bookshelf which highlighted amazing books the cohort have been reading over the last couple of weeks.

Year 7 have also been very active in the PC challenges issued in Term 2, from baking cakes to acquiring silly hats! A few examples below of the recent Art Appropriation challenge.



G25 are a talented bunch!

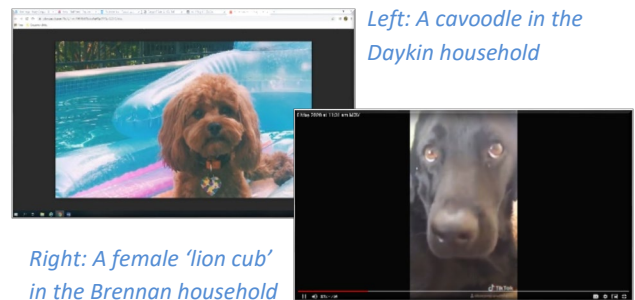
Mrs Herft
Year 7 Adviser

Year 8

English Documentary Making

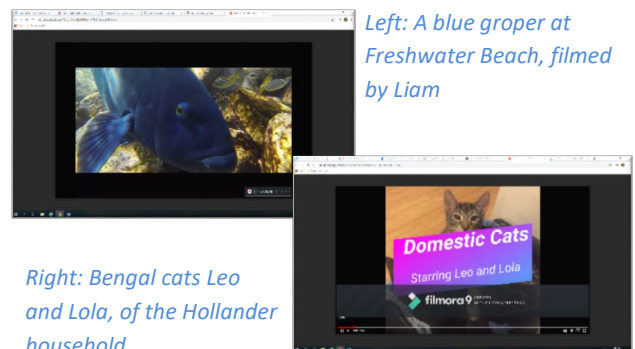
Year 8 are filmmakers! This talented group of young people have been busy in lockdown filming the changing world around them. As part of their learning in English, students created mini-documentaries to kick off a term-long project about truth-telling in documentaries.

Some still-frames pictured below are from a recent task where students created a 60-second David Attenborough-style documentary. Some revealed the exotic creatures that live with our Year 8 families. These animals may look cute on the surface, but our Attenborough narrators revealed their (at times) ferocious personalities. Other intrepid filmmakers took to their local beach to document marine life.



Left: A cavoodle in the Daykin household

Right: A female 'lion cub' in the Brennan household



Left: A blue groper at Freshwater Beach, filmed by Liam

Right: Bengal cats Leo and Lola, of the Hollander household

We are looking forward to a great term of being challenged to explore the power of documentaries and filmmaking.

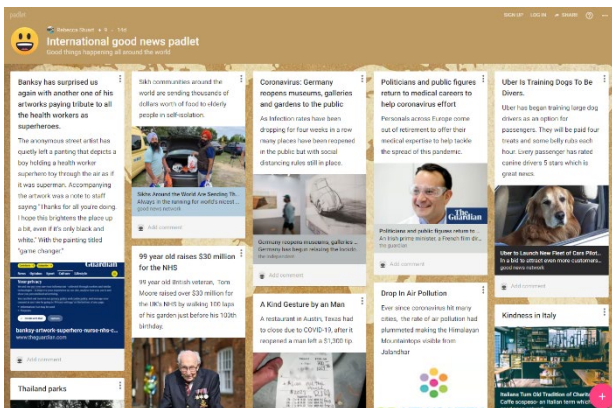
Miss Koo
English

Year 9

International Studies

Year 9 International Studies have been experimenting with a new learning tool, padlet.

They have been learning about cultures around the world, so when we started learning and teaching from home they started investigating good news stories to remain connected.



Ms Stuart
HSIE

Languages

Education Perfect (EP) Global Languages Championship 2020

Congratulations to all French and Japanese students who have just competed in the Education Perfect (EP) Global Languages Championship 2020. NBSC Manly Campus has been competing in this competition since it began in 2012, with outstanding results. This year has been even bigger, showing how competitive and enthusiastic our students can be. At the time of writing this there are still about 7 hours to go in the competition, which began on 14 May. To date, over 87 million questions have been answered from 2,805 schools across the globe. NBSC Manly Campus is currently sitting 62nd overall globally from the efforts of our wonderful students, with 42 students attaining certificates. With a few hours to go, I think that number will be even higher and I will provide more details in the next newsletter after final results have been tallied.

A special mention to Xander Pickford (Year 11) on 17,800 points, currently 42nd in the world and Georgia Woolley (Year 12) on 12,600 points and is in 114th place. Amazing efforts from both of them, they have both achieved Elite certificates, the highest possible in the competition.

More success stories to come in the next newsletter.

Maria Feros
Languages

Dance

Dancing at home

Learning from home has been particularly challenging for practical subjects, and Dance is no exception, but we haven't let that stop us. Students have done an amazing job of adapting to the circumstances and making the most of every available space, from lounge rooms and kitchens to backyards and parks.



Dance students from Year 7-12 performing at home

While we have been really missing our usual rehearsals, the dance ensembles have powered on with Zoom rehearsals and video tutorials,

celebrating International Dance Day with special live classes and participating in challenges on Google Classroom.

Students in Year 9, 10 and 11 Elective Dance classes completed their Term 1 assessment tasks from home, expertly adapting their compositions to suit smaller spaces.

I want to congratulate the Dance students for their resilience and creativity. I am really looking forward to seeing everyone back in the Performance Space.

Ms Woodward
Dance

Visual Arts

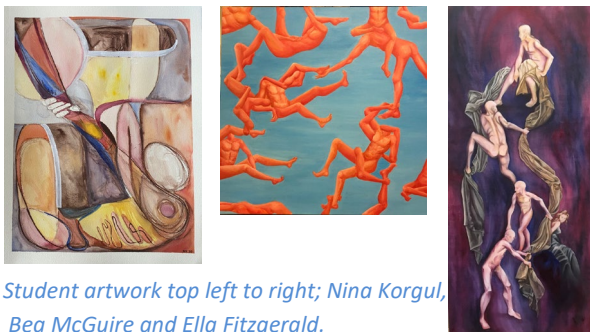
Year 11

Visual Arts students attended an excursion in late February to the Brett Whiteley studio for figure drawing and an on-site visit to Wendy Whiteley's garden.

The students used these drawings to compose designs for figurative paintings.

These were all completed at home during the online learning period. As the students were unable to view other students artworks I set up a virtual exhibition to showcase their paintings. The results are very impressive and can be viewed through [artsteps](#).

In addition, below are some of the student's figurative paintings.



Student artwork top left to right; Nina Korgul, Bea McGuire and Ella Fitzgerald.

Bottom left to right; Keeghan Marshall-Witte and Anna Dahlstrom



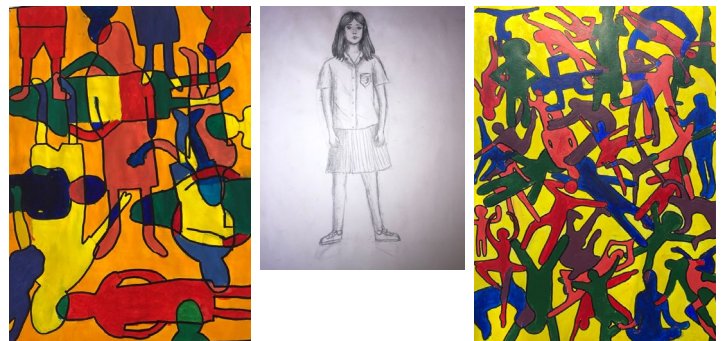
Below are some other artworks completed during the online period from Year 7 and 8 Visual Arts and Year 9 Visual Design.



Year 9 Visual Design "Dreams and Nightmares" digital task.
Left to right: Claudia Hadwen and Alicia Jiang



Year 8 "The Beach, The Bush, The City" Perspective Drawings.
Left to right: Johanna Walters and Kate Hollander



Year 7 "People" Realistic drawing and Abstract Painting.
Left to right: Josephine Johnson, -, Joanna Lee

Ms Blundell
HT CAPA

Art Club

Many of the students in the newly formed Art Club have been finding ways to be creative at home throughout the online learning experience. They started off with nature observation sketches of objects collected during a walk outside, then embarked on a 'Virtual Gallery Tour' and sketched artworks that they were inspired by from famous galleries around the world.

They explored using different materials such as tea or coffee as their medium, then were immersed in

a Vincent Van Gogh 'Sunflowers' artmaking activity.



Kate Hollander (Y8) Van Gogh Sunflowers

Recently the students completed a quiz where they had to guess the famous artist using only emojis and drew sketches of trees found in their own environments.



From top, left to right: Gemma Stevenson (Y9) sketch, Isabella Carmichael (Y9) gallery sketch, Kateryna Shalopa (Y7) gallery sketch, Jaylan Yang (Y8) nature

We look forward to seeing what the students continue to create both from home and when they return to school.

**Ms Prideaux-Remin
CAPA**

Entertainment Book

Purchase your [Entertainment Book here](#)
20% of your membership sale will go directly to Manly Campus.



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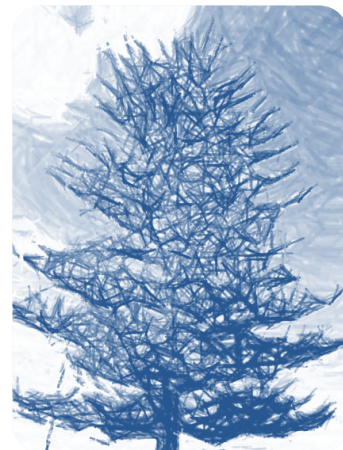


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If you have not yet downloaded the school app, we encourage you to do so.

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