



The Weekly Pines

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Manly Campus



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From the Principal

Return to school

It is terrific having the whole school back together again after 63 school days of learning from home. Seeing our students fill classrooms, engaged in their learning, excited and happy to be together is wonderful. On return to face-to-face learning, we made a conscious decision to ensure not to bombard students with tasks to 'catch up on what they had missed'. Whilst we have still maintained our obligation to focus on our core business of teaching and learning, it has been really important to focus on re-establishing 'normality' and the wellbeing of our entire school community. While we operate under Level 3 Plus restrictions, we will continue with staggered finish times. Students in Year 7 - 9 finish at 3:10pm and students in Year 10 and 11 finish at 3:20pm.

Information about close contacts, self-isolating and COVID-19 cases at school

The department has updated its [response protocols for COVID-19 cases](#), with detailed guidance for parents and carers about what will happen should there be a confirmed case of COVID-19 at school and students are identified as a close or casual contact. NSW Health will notify the school if there is a positive COVID-19 case who has been infectious while at school and we will in turn notify parents and carers. Contact tracing will be undertaken as it is in all other venues. The action we take in relation to the operation of the

school will depend on how many people the person has been in contact with. In some cases, this may mean that the school may need to be made temporarily non-operational. Some staff and students may be asked to self-isolate as a precaution while contact tracing is completed. A reminder that anyone who has the mildest of COVID-19 symptoms must not attend school and must get tested immediately and self-isolate until they get a negative result - even if they are vaccinated.

World Teachers' Day



Our teachers at Manly Campus are a wonderful team who make a difference educating and inspiring our students. World Teachers' Day is an opportunity to acknowledge our teachers and say thanks for the significant contributions they make. Teachers (with support from parents and carers) have ensured education continues across the country this year, despite major challenges. It's reinforced the significant role teachers play in the lives of students, their families, and communities. The theme of World Teachers' Day 2021 is

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'Teachers at the heart of education recovery'. It aims to recognise the tireless efforts of teachers to keep lessons going and ensure minimal disruption to pupils' learning over the course of the pandemic.

On behalf of our school community, THANK YOU to all of our wonderful teachers for everything you do. I would like to recognise and thank all of our amazing teaching staff at NBSC Manly Campus who have excelled and gone above and beyond to provide innovative, engaging, challenging and relevant learning and experiences for our students during the extended learning from home period. Our teachers are committed to continually improving their practice and are always willing to go above and beyond to support and help our students.

Proposed changes to bell times

Consultation has begun on the proposed changes to bell times for 2022. Thank you to the parents and carers who completed the initial survey and for those that attended the P&C meeting presentation and / or the community consultation. 81% of parents / carers, 87% of students and 78% of staff are in support of this proposal, with an early finish time on Fridays the preferred option. Further consultation and negotiations with the bus company is required before a final decision is made.

Learning from home to support HSC students' complete exams safely

In Week 6, the HSC commences on Tuesday 9 November. Year 12, please know that the whole school community is behind you. We are very proud of all that you have achieved, and we wish you every success for the HSC. For the large exams we will need to have some year groups learning from home to enable us to implement the COVID guidelines set by NESA so that we can safely run the HSC exams. Specific learning from home arrangements will be communicated next week to students in Year 7 – 10.

- Year 10 to learn from home on Tuesday 9 November
- Year 9 to learn from home on Wednesday 10 November
- Year 8 to learn from home on Wednesday 10 November
- Year 7 to learn from home on Monday 15 November

Staffing update

Congratulations to Rebecca Stuart and Mel Larsen who have been recently been appointed as permanent teachers to our school. It is wonderful to be able to keep outstanding teachers at Manly. This week, we welcomed Liz Lindsay to the English faculty, permanently filling Kate Munro's classroom teaching position.

Kathy O'Sullivan
Principal

Elective Dance

Year 9 - 12 Elective Dance students were incredibly excited to return to school and be able to do practical classes. After 13 weeks on Zoom doing mostly theory lessons we were really looking forward to working on new skills, rebuilding strength, flexibility and stamina, and working on new performance routines. However, we have been faced with another curve ball with the new restrictions, and had to move all practical lessons outside.

A big thank you to the PE faculty for lending us their foam mats, which has allowed us to create an outdoor classroom space. It's been a really challenging week but we are glad to be dancing together again, and very much looking forward to the restrictions easing so we can head back inside to our wonderful Performance Space.



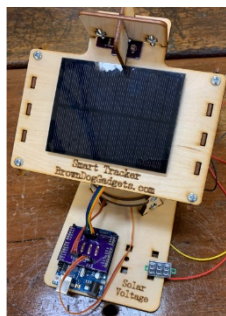
This term year 9 Elective Dance are focussing on Jazz, examining the history, development and characteristics of this popular style. Year 10 are studying Musical Theatre, and have been enjoying the challenge of learning original Broadway choreography from seminal shows like *West Side Story*, *Chicago* and *A Chorus Line*. Year 11 have begun their HSC course work, learning their Core Performance dance and analysing Mats Ek's work 'Juliet and Romeo'. Additionally, year 12 have been wrapping up their HSC Dance practical components by filming their final Core Compositions.

Chloe Woodward
Dance

Year 10 Industrial Technology

Engineering Update

During Term 3 Year 10 Industrial Technology – Engineering (ITE) students completed an alternative to fossil fuels energy research task and have applied their new-found knowledge of solar panels and power generation in a practical way with the construction of a project incorporating a solar panel. After many weeks out of the workshop during online learning, Year 10 ITE are making excellent progress assembling their Arduino controlled Solar Tracker projects. This project works by using four light dependent resistors and two servo motors to move the solar panel so it follows the sun's path to generate the largest amount of electricity possible. Their work is based on a project by a STEM company called Brown Dog Gadgets. Congratulations to Riddish, for being the first student to complete the construction and testing of his Solar Tracker.



3MB Robotics club



Robotics club is back up and running (in a COVID-safe, social distanced manner of course) Our team of Year 12 have been busy all lockdown ordering kits and are now working on building the base of the future competition bot for the newly announced game.

We're hoping to compete next year, and can't wait to have more juniors join us as soon as restrictions will allow. We meet every Thursday lunch in the TAS block.

Annie-Ming Kowalik
Year 11