



# The Weekly Pines

Northern Beaches Secondary College

## Manly Campus



Academic Excellence ★ Personal Best ★ Giving Back to the Community

Principal: Ms Kathy O'Sullivan

Deputy Principals: Mr Alex Newcomb  
Ms Marisa Carolan

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### From the Principal

#### Update on proposed bell times for 2022

Thank you to all parents, students and staff who have had an input into the proposed change to the structure of the school day by attending the information sessions, completing the surveys, posting and emailing through questions or comments and meeting with me. As previously communicated, here is a summary of the results:

Do you support the proposal?

- Parents and carers – more than 50% of parents completed the survey and 81% indicated that they are in support of this proposal.
- Students – 50% of students completed the survey and 87% indicated that they are in support of this proposal.
- Staff – all staff completed the survey and 78% indicated that they were in support of this proposal.

Does your child require supervision on Monday and Friday afternoons from 2:30pm – 3:25pm?

- Approximately 50% of parents completed the survey and 79% said that they do not require supervision from 2:30pm – 2:35pm on Monday and Friday afternoons.

Based on your input through the consultation process, we have changed the original proposal and adjusted the lessons to 55 minutes. Lessons on Monday and Fridays will increase from 53 minutes to 55 minutes. Lessons on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday will reduce from 60 minutes to 55

minutes. We are negotiating with the new transport company and have requested that the afternoon bus services are changed to accommodate the proposed changes. This week, the bus company conducted an on-site headcount for all school buses to understand what changes and resources will be needed to accommodate the school bell time change. Next week, I will be meeting with the bus company to go over the data and discuss possibilities. However, if this is not possible, teacher supervision will be provided in the library on Monday and Friday afternoons, 2:30pm – 3:25pm.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
0	8:00am – 8:55am	8:00am – 8:55am	8:00am – 8:55am	8:00am – 8:55am	8:00am – 8:55am
1	8:55am – 9:50am	8:55am – 9:50am	8:55am – 9:50am	8:55am – 9:50am	8:55am – 9:50am
2	9:50am – 10:45am	9:50am – 10:45am	9:50am – 10:45am	9:50am – 10:45am	9:50am – 10:45am
R	10:45am – 11:05am	10:45am – 11:05am	Assembly 10:45am – 11:05am	10:45am – 11:05am	10:45am – 11:05am
3	11:05am – 12noon	11:05am – 12noon	Recess 11:05am – 11:25am	11:05am – 12noon	11:05am – 12noon
4	12noon – 12:55pm	12noon – 12:55pm	11:25am – 12:20pm	12noon – 12:55pm	12noon – 12:55pm
L	12:55pm – 1:15pm	12:55pm – 1:15pm	12:20pm – 12:40pm	12:55pm – 1:15pm	12:55pm – 1:15pm
L	1:15pm – 1:35pm	1:15pm – 1:35pm	12:40pm – 1:00pm	1:15pm – 1:35pm	1:15pm – 1:35pm
5	1:35pm – 2:30pm	1:35pm – 2:30pm	1:00pm – 2:45pm	1:35pm – 2:30pm	1:35pm – 2:30pm
6	Supervision in library if needed 2:30pm – 3:25pm	2:30pm – 3:25pm		2:30pm – 3:25pm	Supervision in library if needed 2:30pm – 3:25pm

#### Orientation Days

On Tuesday and Wednesday morning we had the joy of meeting our new students for 2022. Although a slightly different format, it was wonderful that we were able to have students on

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site to welcome them into the Manly community. Thank you to Ms Heft and Ms Carolan for organising the mornings, and to our outstanding student leaders who assisted on the day.

## Year 12

Year 12 have almost completed their HSC with the final examination to be held next Thursday. Special thanks go to Year 12 Deputy Principal Marisa Carolan and Year Adviser Chau Truong for supporting Year 12 throughout their HSC journey.



We have scheduled a special celebration lunch for Year 12 on Friday 3 December. This will provide Year 12 students an opportunity to come back to school one last time and celebrate this very long year.

We look forward to recognising and celebrating the achievements of our Year 12 students at the Graduation Ceremony on Tuesday 14 December at 3:30pm, held at Manly Campus in the quad. The event will be streamed live for those who are unable to attend. ***Students in Year 7 - 11 will be dismissed from school at 1:40pm on Tuesday 14 December to enable us to set up the school in a COVID safe manner for the graduation, before guests arrive. Supervision will be provided for students who are unable to make their own way home.***

## School ventilation program

The NSW Government recently announced a \$100 million air quality assurance program to provide permanent air quality improvements to schools across NSW. The program has several components, including installing automatic fresh air ventilation systems in smaller learning spaces to allow schools to utilise the areas fully. We are part of the first tranche to receive fresh air ventilation systems as part of this program. The fresh air ventilation systems will replace the temporary air purifiers that are already in place in the school. These are permanent systems that will supplement natural ventilation and ensure spaces can continue to be occupied safely.

## Congratulations to:

- Gina Harrison (Year 11) who has been selected to attend the 2022 National Schools Constitutional Convention to be held in Canberra next year. 
- Annie Ming-Kowalik (Year 11), who received a 2021 Highly Commended Minister's Award for Excellence in Student Achievement – Community Languages School for the study of Chinese. Additionally, earlier this year Annie successfully completed the highest level of the DELF Junior French B2 exam. 

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*.

Kathy O'Sullivan  
Principal

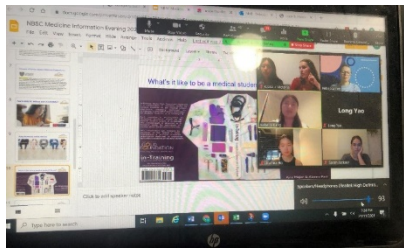
## NBSC Medicine Information Evening 2021

On Wednesday, 24 November, Manly Campus hosted the Medicine Information Evening, via zoom, for NBSC students from Year 10-12, interested in pursuing a career in Medicine. Seven current medical students, many of whom are Manly Campus alumnus, expertly represented UNSW, Newcastle, Western Sydney, Queensland and Sydney University.

The students provided valuable insights into their experiences at each medical school, and also shared expert advice on how to ace the UCAT/GAMSAT exams and medical interviews, as well as simultaneously juggle their HSC. They all agreed that there are so many different pathways into medicine and emphasised that students ought

not to be discouraged if they are unsuccessful on their first or second attempt. They also spoke about the imposter syndrome they all initially felt, but stressed that medicine is very achievable, and that the admission process is so difficult due to the popularity of the course.

If you require any further information, or have any questions for the medical students, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Fee:  
[Rebecca.fee@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Rebecca.fee@det.nsw.edu.au).

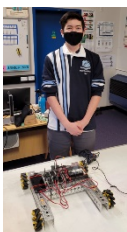


Manly Campus is looking forward to hosting many more of these Career insight evenings in 2022. If you have any requests or ideas, please contact Ms Fee.

**Ms Fee  
Careers**

## 3MB Robotics Update

Since returning to school the Year 11 leadership of the 3MB Manly Campus Robotics team have assembled their robot base and started testing various codes to control their robot. During the next few weeks, the team will assemble the competition environment and design and develop software and hardware to carry out the required tasks.



As school COVID rules relax in the near future, it is hoped that younger students from other years will return to the weekly group meetings on Thursday at lunchtime in 166.

Thank you to the P&C for their support of this exciting opportunity for our students. The team's first qualifying event is on 6 February 2022.

**Mr Forsyth and Dr Drew  
TAS**

## Plasma Cutting Table Grant



Community Building Partnership  
CBP2021 round

On behalf of the Manly Campus, Mr Ben Mills (P&C) and Mr Forsyth (TAS HT) researched and developed a grant application in May this year to purchase a Plasma cutting table. Last week we were officially notified that our grant application was successful by Mr James Griffin MP, Member for Manly. Weldclass CNC plasma will be providing the equipment with new stock arriving in February next year.

The plan, pending Asset Management Unit (AMU) approval, will be to locate the equipment in an upgraded storeroom under the TAS block. Once the TAS staff have installed and become proficient with this equipment, access will be provided for Manly Campus students especially Year 9 and 10 Industrial Technology - Engineering and Year 11 and 12 Design and Technology and Senior Visual Arts students. Access to this equipment will also be provided for students across the college.

The TAS faculty would like to take this opportunity to thank the P&C for their on-going support to the upgrading of our school resources to provide our students access to high end technology and enhanced learning opportunities in our classrooms.

[Link to video of cutting machine in action.](#)

### Package: Cutforce T2400/45XP

- Includes:**
- Weldclass T2400 Table (220 x 2440mm cutting area)
  - Hypertherm Powermax 45XP Cutting Machine with straight style machine torch
  - Desktop Computer Package
  - Complete CAD Drawing and CAM operating software
  - Water Bed
  - Digital Height Control
  - Assembly Instructions
  - Cutting charts and Operational Instructions
  - Bonus Plasma Torch Spare Parts Kit

### Computer & Software

- Package includes:**
- Tailored desktop computer
  - Secondary wireless controller
  - Fully licensed & pre-loaded software
- Software includes:**
- Comprehensive program for CAD drawing & CAM image conversion
  - Highly configurable and versatile machine control software, with very easy-to-follow visual interface





# Movember – Staff fundraiser update

With the generous support of our school community and friends the Manly Selective Mo's reached their fund-raising goal. A big thank you for your help.



<https://au.movember.com/team/2347106>

For more information about Men's health please take a look at the [Movember website](#).



It has been a little while since we have had news to report on Band.

We are deeply grateful to all our members and families for their dedication to music this year throughout a tough few months.

Directors Mark Brown, Craig Driscoll, Liz Scott and Kathryn Crossing have appreciated the students' attendance and enthusiasm. We admire the student's resilience and good humour despite the disappointment of so many events cancelled.

**Great News! We can get the Band back together again.**

***Strings has been able to meet this week*** in year groups. Liz and Kathryn were over-the-moon to see their members and are doing some focused workshops.

We were about to let everyone else know that we were going to do one rhythm rehearsal with each year group to finish the year off with a bang (pun intended) but then the announcement just came out today - great timing - ***that ALL instruments can be played outside.***

So, each year group will have a ***rehearsal in week 10*** after the HSC has finished.

Monday – Year 7

Tuesday – Year 8

Wednesday – Year 9

Thursday – Year 10

Friday – Year 11

The rehearsal will be in the Quad, 7.20am Please be there on time as we will need to set up and we want to squeeze the most out of every minute we can get playing together.

If it is raining then the rehearsal will be in the Hall and will be rhythm based. Please bring chopsticks or something to make some noise.

## Recordings

Craig asks could everyone in all of his bands please finish and send in their recordings by the end of this weekend.

Those students who haven't been able to attend the afternoon rehearsals can still do the recordings and be part of their ensembles.

## Best wishes to Year 12 – Musicale and Alumni

Congratulations to our wonderful Year 12 band members who have nearly finished their HSCs after such tumultuous senior years. We are so sorry you have missed so much in your final year. We are hoping to be able to have a 'mini Musicale' pending restrictions, early Feb 2022 before you scatter for university so we can all play together again and celebrate your years in Band.

Plans are afoot for an Alumni band as well, so watch this space.

## Fees

In gratitude of your support of the program throughout a very challenging time for everyone, and in recognition that we couldn't offer a complete program of events, Band will give credit next year towards membership fees of all current students. Full details were announced at the Band meeting last week and will be emailed to families.

## 2022

Eternally optimistic, we have already submitted our calendar dates to school with a full program of events, tours and performances planned throughout the year. We will be doing everything that is possible to make up for 20/21!

## New Committee

At our AGM last week, a new Committee was elected, and we are extremely grateful to everyone who put their hand up to help in 2022.

President – Mel Corner

Vice Presidents – Kaye Chan, Sharon Jewell, Lou Struthers

Treasurer – Christie Zhang

Assistant Treasurer – Ming Zhang

Secretary – Annie Woods

Enrolments & Database – Jen Moran

Parent Liaisons – will depend on ensemble members in 2022 but thank you to Christina Hamilton, Fotini Harvey, Annie Woods for already offering.

Big Band Bash – Ying He

Soiree – Annie Woods & Margaret Zhou

Jazz Night Out – Jen Moran & Fotini Harvey

Musicale - Mel Corner & Dani Marenbach

Instrument Register - Leanne Haines

Music Library - Azumi Lehmann

Design - David Cooper

Band webpage – Jen Moran

Jen is also undertaking the Band Manager role to get us started and set up in 2022 and then we will be seeking a new Band Manager later in the year.

After no news for so long, we now have a lot to report and be positive about for the future.

Thanks everyone!

## Band Names

### Wind Stream:

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

### Strings Stream:

SE-String Ensemble; CO-Chamber Orchestra

### Jazz Stream:

JO-Jazz Orchestra; BB-Big Band; SB-Stage Band; JC-Jazz Combo; JJC-Junior Jazz Combo; Covers band-CVB

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