

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



National Online Safety Hub

The Australian Government's eSafety Commissioner has just released the National Online Safety Hub. This Hub contains many different resources for parents to access support for themselves, as well as their child, when navigating the digital world. The new Online Safety Hub contains updated and tailored advice, resources and support to ensure your experience in the digital world is positive and productive. The website includes specific areas for young people, focussing on issues such as, cyber bullying; "what do I do if someone is causing drama online?"; receiving unwanted nudes and pressure to send nudes; along with many other relevant topics for young people. This website also has important information on key online safety issues. These issues include, protecting your personal information; image based abuse; as well as online scams and identity theft. The Hub also offers advice and strategies to ensure your child has a positive and safe experience online, and allows you to report instances of cyberbullying, image based abuse or illegal and harmful content.

Please click on the link <https://www.esafety.gov.au/> to explore the new National Online Safety Hub, powered by the Office of eSafety Commissioner.

Senior Study Leave Passes

The use of Senior Study Leave Passes was explained to parents who attended the Year 11 into 12 Information Night on Tuesday evening this week. Many other important pieces of information was also discussed, to help prepare students for their upcoming HSC. I would just like to remind parents, the Senior Study Leave Pass is a privilege and not a right and will be revoked if your child is found to be doing the wrong thing.

Once students have been allocated a Senior Study Leave Pass, the rules are as follows:

- If you do **not** have a timetabled class period 1, you may attend school from period 2 onwards
- If you do **not** have a timetabled class period 6, you may leave school after period 5
- To be eligible to leave school throughout the day, you must have at least two consecutive free periods
- Single periods (from periods 2-5) do not qualify
- Senior Study Leave Pass applications occur twice per term, usually in Weeks 2 and 7.

Year 8 Lifesaving

Year 8 Lifesaving wrapped up this week. All students had a fantastic time either learning basic swimming techniques or furthering their skills and increasing their confidence around water. I would like to thank all staff for giving up their time to support our students at the pools, as well as the PE staff for organising and running the event over the three day period.

Swimming Carnival Years 7 to 11

Our annual Swimming Carnival for Years 7 to 11 was held at Waves Pool in Baulkham Hills on Wednesday 30 October.

Online Science Extension HSC Examination

The first online HSC Examination was conducted on Wednesday 30 October for six of our students studying the brand new Science Extension course. The examination went well and students found it challenging. We would like to thank our Technology Support Officer (TSO) for their support in administering this examination and ensuring everything went smoothly for our students.

Mrs Gatt



Clean4Shore Excursion

On Friday 25 October, fourteen Year 9 and 10 students took part in the Clean4Shore Program on the Hawkesbury River. Students dressed up in fashionable wetsuit and fluoro shirt combos, jumped into a barge and went to numerous locations around the Mooney Mooney/Brooklyn area removing significant numbers of dumped items including cabinets, a shed roof and a kayak in addition to the large amounts of glass, plastic and Styrofoam. A Mars bar wrapper, with the best before date of 1998, was even picked up! The day was fast paced and enjoyable, with the charismatic Jono from Clean4Shore making sure everyone had a role. We ended the day with a climb up to some rock pools and a waterfall overlooking the river before eating lunch and back to school.

If you are in Year 9, a keen Geographer, doing elective or planning to undertake Geography in Year 11 and you are interested in participating in one of these days in 2020, please let Mr Keating know in the HSIE staffroom to register your interest.

Mr Keating



ANCQ Australian National Chemistry Quiz 2019

The Australian National Chemistry Quiz was held on Tuesday 30 July. This is a very challenging competition particularly for junior students, as the questions specifically test some complex chemistry concepts. Many students performed well and achieved certificates recognising their achievements.

Congratulations to the following students:

Mrs Alury

High Distinction Excellence
Xiao Wu (Yr 10)

High Distinctions
Tszwing Seto (Yr 12)
Yuelin Zheng (Yr 9)

Distinctions
Harindu Alutwala (Yr 7)
Justin Kam (Yr 12)
Jesse Kristo (Yr 9)
Mahya Rassafiani (Yr 12)
Kaanchana Sekaran (Yr 11)
Tharanka Srikanan (Yr 10)
David Zhu (Yr 10)

Credits
Angad Chawla (Yr 10)
Ritvik Deshpande (Yr 9)
Oliver Koller (Yr 9)
Macauley Lim (Yr 9)
Edwin Lui (Yr 9)

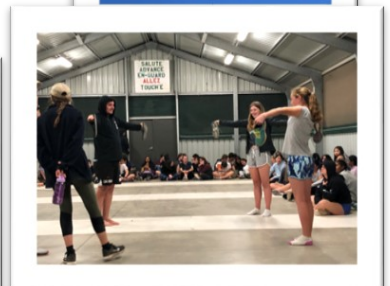
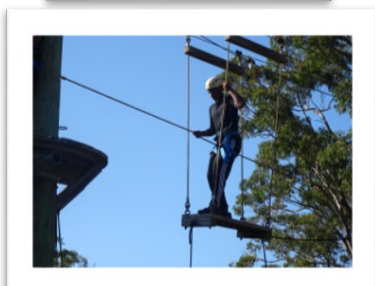
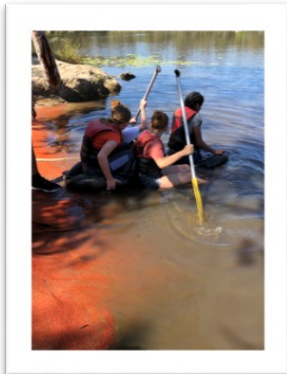
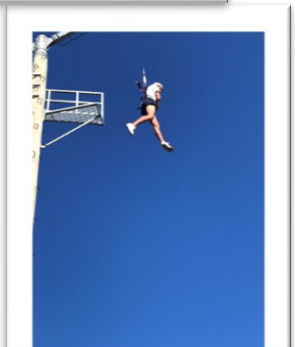
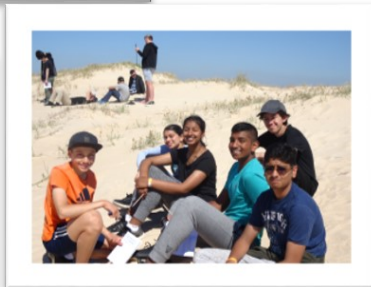
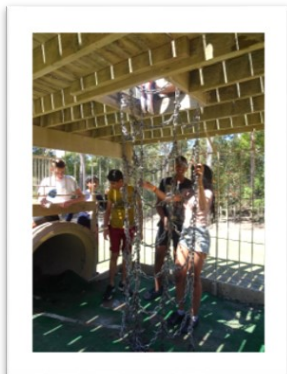
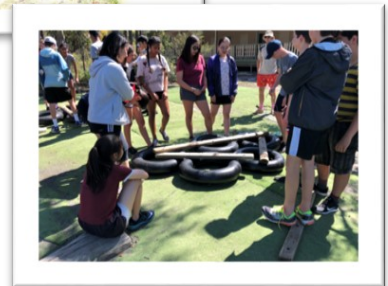
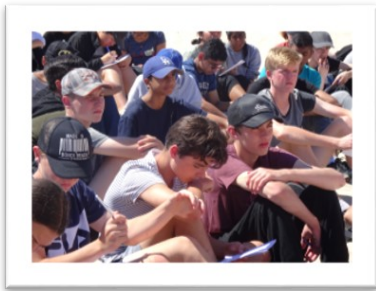
Year 9 Camp

On Monday 21 October, Year 9 students bustled into school at an early 7.30am, eager to embark on the much anticipated Great Aussie Bush Camp. Pulling up to the campsite after a two hour bus ride, students caught a first glimpse of their luxurious accommodation and immediately got organised into their day groups to begin the exciting activities camp instructors had planned. As Stage 5 Representatives, we shadowed various groups and took part in the activities ourselves, some of which included rock climbing, raft building, the 'Power Fan', the giant swing, canoeing, high ropes and more. The purpose of each activity was to encourage students to set goals for themselves, both short term and long term, build their confidence to strive towards these goals and most importantly, step outside their comfort zones. As Leaders, we were incredibly proud and impressed at the vast majority of students who worked together as teams and gave every activity a go, no matter how high up or how bad the wedgie on the giant swing was. In particular, it was pleasing to hear from students they even enjoyed the Lost Island mud run, after overcoming their initial reluctance, of course!

Another important part of the camp was the Geography excursion to the sand dunes, where students furthered their Geography skills using a compass and various other equipment, learnt about sand formations and the coastline of the beach and particularly, how human existence has impacted these coastal areas. The highlight of this trip would have to be running down the massive sand dunes at full speed. The amount of sand which would get into their shoes did not phase the students in the slightest. However, like all good things, they must (unfortunately) come to an end. After three days of bonding with their cohort, Year 9 students dismally packed their bags and boarded into buses for the journey back to Cherrybrook.

We would like to thank all the teachers who sacrificed their time away from their families and all the long hours they put in to ensure this camp ran smoothly. Overall, The Great Aussie Bush Camp was a great experience and it was a pleasure to revisit the site this time as Stage 5 Representatives alongside this bright year group, who we can be confident had a good rest when they got home after three days of exhaustingly fun activities!

Shakila Muthukuda and Arjun Sedha, Stage 5 Representatives



Careers Update

Post School Scholarships

A scholarship is a part or full payment of course or study fees (which may also include things like accommodation, travel, mentoring and living expenses). They are offered by institutions who see the value of further study and wish to remove the barriers to study, as well as reward students for their hard work.

Want to read some real-life stories of how scholarships have helped people to succeed in their studies?

Check out some great stories from the University of Sydney [here](#)

Find out more about what scholarships are available at <https://studyworkgrow.com.au/scholarships/>

Upcoming Career Development Events in NSW

Sydney Design School | Open Day

9 November 2019, 10.00am and 12.00pm.

Location: Sydney.

UOW | History Extension Study Day

13 November 2019, 8.45am and 2.15pm.

Location: Illawarra.

UTS | Discover Nursing

13 November 2019, 5.30pm.

Location: Sydney.

Admission Secrets of US & UK Unis with Application Workshop

14 November 2019, 5.00pm and 8.00pm.

Location: Sydney.

University of Sydney | Spectacular Science

19 November 2019, 10.00am and 2.00pm

Location: Sydney.

Support Services at ANU: a Webinar for Future Students, Parents & Carers

19 November 2019, 5.30pm.

Location: Australia.

SAE | Master of Creative Industries Webinar

20 November 2019, 7.30pm and 8.30pm.

Location: Australia.

University of Sydney | Mega Maths

22 November 2019, 10.00am and 2.00pm.

Location: Sydney.

Australian University Ratings and Rankings 2019/2020

The link below provide a series of ratings and insights across a range of indicators. On the premise that no institution is superb at everything, these rankings are high-level indicators and should be used to gain comparative insights into the varying strengths and characteristics of each institution.

This rating looks at the proportion of students who were satisfied with the overall quality of their educational experience.

<https://www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au/university-ratings-rankings/2020/overall-quality>

ATARs for Nine Health Professions in Australia

It's that time of year when My Health Career has published ATAR information for a range of health professions for every course in Australia. Go to the site below to find ATARs for Dentistry, Dietetics, Exercise Physiology, Exercise Science, Medicine, Midwifery, Nursing, Optometry and Occupational Therapy. Students can also subscribe for free for the latest updates.

<https://www.myhealthcareer.com.au/?s=atar+2019>

Mrs Bower, Mrs Ferguson and Mrs Key



CALENDAR - Term 4 Week 4B	
Monday 4 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 8 VALID Tests start • Uniform Blitz Week • Small Group Transition Morning • Careers in Aviation Excursion
Tuesday 5 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 9 Science Yearly Examination (Part 2) • Year 10 Mathematics Yearly Examination (Section 1)
Wednesday 6 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 10 Mathematics Yearly Examination (Section 2)
Thursday 7 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 10 Mathematics Yearly Examination (Section 3)
Friday 8 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HSC Assessment Task - Textiles & Design • Peer Support Anti Bullying - Year 7 (all) & Year 10 (48) • Year 8 VALID Tests end