

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Farewell to the Class of 2020

It seems only fitting I start this report bidding farewell to a wonderful Year 12 cohort. Who would have known, mid-way through their senior studies, a world-wide pandemic would come along and shake things up as much as it has? To say the traditional 'final year of high school' experiences of a Year 12 group have been impacted upon somewhat, would be an understatement! 'Learning from home' became the new norm for a number of weeks; Microsoft Teams and Zoom meetings were the new classroom environment; AP3 exams conducted online using Canvas; excursions and whole school sporting events cancelled; whole school celebrations were sadly dispensed with.

Despite all of these things a constant remains; the strength, determination, commitment and good humour of our Year 12 students to see their HSC studies through to the end. They are to be commended for their efforts and resilience in what has been an extraordinary time. Their mature and measured approach to the many changes which have besieged them speaks volumes for their intestinal fortitude and the support they have received from their friends, families and teachers.

Congratulations on getting through to the end of Year 12. I wish each and every one of you the absolute best for your upcoming HSC exams and hope you ultimately achieve what you set out to do in the future. With everything that has happened this year, you certainly deserve some good fortune to come your way.

Year 12 End of Year Activities

All Year 12 students, parents and caregivers would have received an email and letter detailing the 'End of Year Arrangements' for Year 12 and CTHS' expectations for a successful completion of Year 12 and the schedule of events to come.

At the Year 12 Graduation Rehearsal this week, Mr Johnson spoke to Year 12 about the school's expectations of their behaviour in the period leading up to and during the HSC. In short, the school expects the conduct of every Year 12 student to be sensible and responsible. There is no 'muck-up' day at this school and, sadly, due to the ban on excursions, the traditional day for students to let their hair down at Fagan Park cannot occur this year. We have tried our very best to encourage and support celebrations which are organised, fun and represent the values of the school and our community.

The following is a ready reckoner of activities for Year 12 during their last week:

• **Wednesday 23 September**

Students will attend normal classes periods 1-4. If students would like their teachers and friends to sign their junior uniform as a memento, they should use this time to do so. Please note: Students should bring their own pens to write on clothing material to avoid passing it around and the uniform being autographed **MUST NOT** be on their person.

Following this, a 'Dodge Ball' tournament/round robin, during periods 5-6 on John Purchase Oval, will occur with the champion team going on to play the teachers in a Grand Final event. The traditional 'Deputy Principal Awards' will also be presented at this time. **Please note:** Year 12 students will have the opportunity to change into an appropriate themed multi outfit after lunch and those involved in playing in a team can change into sports wear.

• **Thursday 24 September**

Year 12 students are not expected to attend on this day until the Graduation Ceremony, which kicks off at 5pm. Students will need to ensure they arrive at school and enter the MPC for allocated seating by 4.45pm. Sadly, the Ceremony is restricted to students and staff only due to the current Department of Education and NSW Health guidelines regarding adequate social distancing. We have organised for the event to be livestreamed and a link will be emailed to Year 12 parents and family members to view the event at home. We are aware the Department has indicated, Graduations can occur after the HSC in Term 4 with some parent attendance. However, with our large cohort of approximately 330 students, we could not adequately adhere to social distancing requirements with parents in the MPC as audience. This Ceremony is a major milestone in the lives of our students and it will still recognise their achievements. We encourage you to share in this proud moment, albeit, in the online environment.

• **Friday 25 September**

Students are not expected to attend on this final day of Term 3.

During these last two days of term and for the first week of Term 4, there are no formal Year 12 lessons timetabled. However, Year 12 teachers are available for students to seek tuition and individual classes may organise remote learning tutorials if students have a need or request help.

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HSC Visual Arts Major Works



- **Vacation (stuvac) Period**

We would like to take this opportunity to wish Year 12 well with the upcoming stuvac period and encourage them to use their time wisely with thoughtful, effective and efficient study sessions. I am sure teachers are only too willing to offer assistance via Canvas or email if the need arises. Students should remember to look after their health and wellbeing, with adequate rest breaks, good diet and exercise. Good preparation now may reduce anxiety levels during the exam period.

- **HSC Examinations**

Commence Tuesday 20 October and conclude Wednesday 11 November.

- **Year 12 Sign Out**

All students must collect a sign out sheet from the student window, at the conclusion of their final HSC examination, to complete the sign out process. Textbooks are to be returned to the Library, on the day of the relevant subject examination. Textbooks may also be returned as part of the sign out process after a student's final exam.

- **Year 12 Formal**

Has been rescheduled to Monday 16 November at Curzon Hall, which reflects the latest changes to guidelines made by the Premier. COVID-19 restrictions still remain, but dancing is back on the agenda! More details regarding this event will be emailed to Year 12 families directly.

- **HSC Results**

The HSC results are provided to students by NESA via the NESA Students' Online website, www.educationstandards.edu.au, at 6.00am on Friday 18 December. The ATAR is provided by the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) via their website or the My UAC app, www.uac.edu.au, by 1.00pm Friday 18 December. Students will need their NESA number and UAC PIN.

All Year 12 students are invited to the school on Friday 18 December, from 1.30pm-3.00pm, for an informal BBQ (pending COVID-19 restrictions) to share details of their results with staff and friends.

After Formal Parties

Would Year 12 parents please discuss with their sons and daughters any anticipated out-of-school activities and ensure these are conducted in a safe and thoughtful manner. Please be mindful in the current COVID-19 environment, strict guidelines regarding numbers of people at private residences and open spaces will be enforced heavily by police.

Year 12 High Achievers' Morning Tea

Congratulations to our Year 12 students who have demonstrated exceptional determination in their final reporting period. These students enjoyed morning tea to celebrate their success.

Congratulations to the following students:

Rohan Agarwal, Alice An, Maddison Boyd, Alexander Briggs, Charlotte Cameron, Lucia Culas, Sara Desai, Oliver Donnelly, Yvonne Huang (absent), Simran Keswani, Sophia Koller, Siddharth Kothari, Monica Lam, Sienna Marshall, Shakila Muthukuda, Madison Pryor, Dwaraka Ratnasiva, Kaanchana Sekaran, Vihanga Senanayake, Genevieve Shek, Anish Sinha, Reuben Soo, Rishab Sreedharan Iyer and Kaylene Tan.

**NESA Webinar**

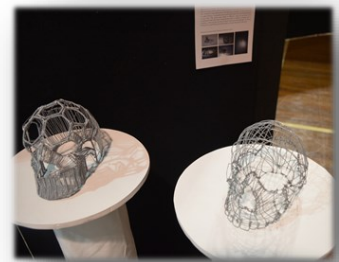
Get the latest news and information on the HSC directly from the New South Wales Education Standards Authority's Chief Executive Officer, Paul Martin.

He discusses the actions which NESA has taken to support educational continuity through the COVID-19 pandemic and provide an update on the NSW Curriculum Review and implementation of the reforms.

The webinar will be held on Wednesday 23 September at 7.00pm and is open to all. If you are interested please register at:

<https://www.pandc.org.au/pc-federation-webinar-registration/>.

HSC Visual Arts Major Works (continued)



Six Twins to sit HSC at CTHS

If you watched the 6.00pm Channel 9 news broadcast on Tuesday evening this week, you would have seen a report showcasing the six sets of twins who will be sitting their HSC at CTHS this year! It was a wonderful news piece which was also supported by an article in the Daily Telegraph the next day. If you missed the report you can view it by clicking on the following link: <https://twitter.com/9NewsSyd/status/1306150388710739970>



HSC Visual Arts and TAS Exhibition

During Friday's morning tea, staff were privy to viewing Year 12 students' Visual Arts major artworks and TAS practical projects in the MPC. The 2020 students were certainly able to demonstrate their creativity in a range of different mediums. Also on display were their process diaries, which enabled us to see the journeys to complete their final products. There were many excellent artworks and projects on display. The Visual Arts and TAS staff are to be congratulated, as they have spent many additional hours with these students to ensure their final products were of such a high standard.

Awards were presented, with teachers voting for the People's Choice Award and the Principal and Deputies awarding First Place and Highly Commended.

Year 10 LOTE - Assessment of Language Competency (ALC) Tests

The ALC tests are a national assessment run by ACER (Australian Council for Educational Research) testing high school students' level of language studied at school. Twenty-nine of our Year 10 students completed the tests, in both listening and reading, on Tuesday this week. Students will receive certificates upon completion, which will be added to their credentials. It will be especially useful when applying for exchange or employment and represents an excellent benchmark of language proficiency for Year 10 students who have undertaken 200 hours of language study. Congratulations to all students who undertook these exams. A big thank you to Ms Ng, who was responsible for organising these assessments which will benefit students enormously.



Year 11 Preliminary Examinations

Year 11 Preliminary Examinations will be finalised by the end of this week, which signifies the end of the Year 11 course for these students. Students will begin their Year 12 courses next term, working towards the completion of the HSC in 2021.

Student Attendance and end-of-year Arrangements

A reminder to parents, all students are to continue attending school until Wednesday 16 December 2020. Please also note, school will conclude at the end of period 4 on this day. During period four, students will attend a very brief assembly after which they will be dismissed from school for the summer holidays at approximately 12.30pm. Any parent who needs their child supervised until 3.00pm on the final day should email the school via cths@cths.nsw.edu.au, so arrangements can be made.

Happy Holidays

As this will be the last Network for Term 3, I would like to wish all families a safe and restful holiday break. We will all return to school on Monday 12 October as there is no Staff Development Day in Term 4. Students will be required to be in summer uniform and a reminder for our junior boys they will no longer need to wear a tie.

Mr Clements

Year 7 Speaking Competition

On Thursday 10 September, we held the final round of the Year 7 Speaking Competition. While it looked a little different this year and we were unable to invite parents, the quality of the speeches was as high as ever.

There were six finalists in the competition this year: Sienna Abran from 7C, Christian Caboche from 7K, Akith Ekanayake from 7T, Kavya Prakash from 7T, Jasmine Rorani from 7N and Aliya Singh from 7E.

Sienna gave a delightful speech about the hazards of procrastination and the 'instant gratification monkey'. Christian's passion about animal cruelty was clear in his sincere delivery, while Akith gave us an enthusiastic presentation on how we, as humans, are killing our planet; we are looking forward to his TED Talk. Kavya and Jasmine both brought a positive and reflective look at our experiences in lockdown and isolation, encouraging everyone to appreciate the small joys in life. Aliya used an impressive range of rhetoric devices to remind her audience of the dangers of climate change.

Adjudicating these fine speeches was a great challenge for Mrs Mallison and myself, but ultimately Sienna Abran's humorous advice on how to stay focused earned her the trophy. Congratulations Sienna and all our other finalists!

Ms Campbell, Year 7 Adviser



Genius Hour Update

7T have continued to work on their Genius Hour projects this term, where they are seeking to extend their English skills whilst creating a passion project of their own choosing.

Kavya Prakash has written the following update for her project 'Communities Against Covid' which seeks to help frontline workers during Covid19:

So far, I have managed to make 30 masks with my grandmother and friends Imaia and Niki. I had put these masks in a little bag each with 30 notes for each of the workers to show our appreciation: "Thank you...Words are not enough to thank you for your strength, courage and dedication. For a token of our appreciation, here is a handmade face mask. Stay safe and we are here for you! Please wash the mask before use."

We visited the Cherrybrook Medical Centre, Baker's Delight and the Bests Pharmacy at Cherrybrook Village to give the masks.

You may have a few questions which I have tried to answer below:

Q: How can we help?

- Make masks at home
- Donate scrap fabric/material, elastic or zip lock bags to pack
- Make care packages for the workers
- Find out how to get involved with your local community
- Take the time to write messages to frontline workers
- Help pack the masks
- Share your ideas to grow the movement

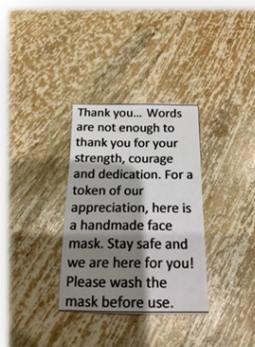
Q: Who are frontline workers?

- Frontline workers include our doctors, shop owners, waiters, pharmacists and even our teachers.

Q: How can we contact you?

- You can contact me via the school email.

Mrs Mallison



CAREERS UPDATE

ATAR Q&A. What Next?

January is just another month in the summer break for current tertiary students, but for recent school leavers it means one thing university offers. If you're one of the many students nervously waiting for offer day, check Q&A : <https://www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au/education-blogs/tertiary-study/atar-q-a-what-next>

The Scholarships Guide for 2020 is here

Each year, hundreds of scholarships go to waste because not enough people apply. If you are in Year 12 and may benefit from financial assistance for your university, TAFE or other private colleges, make sure you get your hands on a copy of this Guide.

Don't forget: Macquarie Market Month

Held every Tuesday and Thursday during September from 4pm-7pm, via Zoom. Year 12 students can book a twenty-minute online chat session here. With many tertiary info events cancelled, we wanted you to know, our Student Ambassadors are here to help with your questions about studying at university. These online, personalised consultations are hosted by our Student Ambassadors. Register now to secure your place.

Discover Western - Making Informed Decisions

Tuesday 22 September at 6pm. Year 10, senior students and parents are invited to listen in to our Discover Western Webinar where we provide all the important information about applying for university. Discover our HSC True Reward early offer program and explore how you can apply for university and get an offer without your ATAR. <https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/student-life/events/western-webinars.html>. Register for the webinar here.

UNSW Bachelor of Aviation (Flying) New Requirement

All Year 12 flying applicants must submit an internal application form, which are available from the School of Aviation on request. Please return the completed form to the School of Aviation, before the end of September. Late applications may be considered. [Click here for more information](#).

SummerJobs.com.au - All the Christmas casual jobs in Australia in one place!

It also has a really useful blog designed specifically for first job seekers. Visit the website and check current vacancies: <https://summerjobs.com.au/blog>. You will increase your chances of success by applying early.

Australian Institute of Music (AIM) Spring Workshops - 30 September and 1 October

Over two fun and informative days, students will have the opportunity to be on campus in our world class facilities in Sydney. Choose your workshop stream and work with our experienced industry experts as they provide individualised, one-on-one feedback to help you improve your creativity and musicianship. <https://www.aim.edu.au/events/high-school-spring-workshops>.

October HSC Workshops - Monday 28 September - Friday 9 October

InspirationED are hosting in-depth, subject specific workshops for HSC students in September and October. With limited places available for each of the 35 workshops, students will improve their knowledge, skills and confidence with personalised assistance from expert teachers and markets. Register Now: <https://inspired.edu.au/focused-hsc-workshops/>.

A graphic with a dark blue background and white text. On the left, a green box contains the text 'KEY DATES'. Below it, the date '12 AM SUN 20 SEP' is displayed in large white font. On the right, the text reads 'SRS: APPLICATIONS CLOSE FOR 2020' followed by 'APPLY FOR SCHOOLS RECOMMENDATION SCHEMES BY MIDNIGHT.' Below this is a blue checkmark icon and the text: 'Schools Recommendation Schemes (SRS) are one way institutions make early offers of undergraduate admission to Year 12 students. They do this by using criteria other than (or in addition to) the ATAR.' The UAC logo is in the bottom right corner.

A graphic with a dark blue background and colorful geometric patterns. At the top, it says '28-30 SEPTEMBER, 12-8PM'. Below that, the main title is 'HSC | VCE | QCE & Beyond' followed by 'the career expo' in a smaller font. The text describes the event as 'An unmissable virtual event for students (and parents!) across years 10, 11 and 12 - packed with everything you need to know and do right now to make the right choices for tomorrow - all in one place!' and 'With over 40 universities and higher education providers on the exhibitor floor, live speakers, resources, prizes to win and more, this will be an event you don't want to miss.' At the bottom, there is a yellow button with a plus sign and the text 'Register now'.

WORK EXPERIENCE SPOTLIGHT - ANNABELLE COTE

What was the best thing about work experience? The best thing about my work experience was being able to work on projects for clients using heaps of different design software and to watch and learn how their business works, as well as getting to know the employers.

What skills did you develop? Some skills I honed were graphic design, sketching, CAD drawings, photoshop, botany, and a bit of geography. I realised I was really skilled in [Adobe] Photoshop and really enjoyed using technology to design landscapes and gardens.

Did you do things you were not expecting? I had to fill a table of contents for plant quantities as well as check with the [local] council about the types of plants that we're allowed to use for different people's homes. I used a program involving 3D models were super realistic and was so fun to use.

Would you recommend work experience to others? I would definitely recommend completing work experience to other students and to explore their careers of interest. It really helped me get an insight into how a Landscape Architecture firm works and showed me what to expect if I continue down this career path. A positive outcome from my work experience was being offered paid casual work with Ground Ink. Doing work experience can open many opportunities for students and give them a boost for their future.

*Annabelle completed her work experience with
Ground Ink Landscape Architects (located in Chatswood)*

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Work Experience Updates

The Student Placement Record has been updated for Term 4. If you are organising work experience please download and complete the new form [here](#). The old forms will not be accepted due to work experience organisation changes in light of COVID-19.

CSIRO Virtual Work Experience Program

Want to know what a day in the life of a scientist is like? CSIRO's Virtual Work Experience Program gives you the opportunity to discover a career in STEM from anywhere in Australia. [Learn more about the program and to register for Term 4 placements here.](#)

Exploring Engineering Careers

Engineers Australia will be delivering two events: 1) *Experience It*, on Friday 16 October (female students only); and 2) *Discover Engineering Day* in late November. These events will be full day, fun programs, with four team activities and friendly competitions. Livestreamed online! If you are interested in participating, create your team of five students and let the Careers Advisers know.

The one-stop shop for everything TAFE NSW

So many tools, so many resources! Make sure you check out the new TAFE NSW Online Resource to make it easy for you to guide and inform your high school students about their study and career options. It's also a great resource for parents. View the one-stop shop [here](#).

ANIMAL CARE TAFE 'YES' COURSE

Two students from our school, Sophie Cavanaugh and Ethan Clarke, were chosen to take part in a Youth Engagement Strategy (YES) course at Richmond TAFE for eight days.

Students were given simulated workplace experiences in the Animal House, working with cats, dogs, horses, rabbits, guinea pigs, fish, birds, reptiles and bugs.

They were encouraged to consider a career path in Captive Animals, Companion animals and Veterinary Nursing. Both students gained valuable insight into this career field and it confirmed their passion for working with pets, especially dogs.



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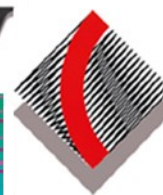
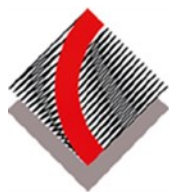
Find out what current and past students are saying about the course you want to study. Log into your Job Jump account and visit the [website](#) and find your course. Please note a Job Jump account is required. If you have not registered for Job Jump, watch the registration tutorial video [here](#). The School Password is 'fox'.

CTHS Careers Advisers

The CTHS Careers Advisers are available for Zoom interview meetings with both students and parents. You can arrange a meeting by emailing: Mrs Ferguson christine.ferguson@det.nsw.edu.au Ms Tenedora franchesca.tenedora3@det.nsw.edu.au

Mrs Ferguson and Ms Tenedora

CTHS Library



It is satisfying to share your reads with others. As you (hopefully) know, you can review books in *Oliver* any time. Shelf readers can be filled out for display on a book's shelf. At various times we run other promotions. The current one is 'This week's staff and student book picks'. Avid reader, Aarushi in Year 8, recommended *All We can do is Wait* by Richard Lawson, an American author and critic. What a surprise and delight! "From across the planet", Richard Lawson commented on [The CTHS Library Instagram account](#)



Year 12

As the term comes to an end, we wish you healthy, productive days consolidating and conquering your subjects with a good, focused program of revision, relaxation and reflection.

As you finish with Library resources and textbooks, please return them promptly, so your sign-out process will be smooth.

Reminders

As part of our Wheelers eBook and audiobook membership, we are trialling a 'wellness collection'. As exams draw near and the necessity of adjustments to daily life due to Covid-19 persist, some of these resources may be helpful. Search using terms such as stress, happiness, anxiety, resilience etc. Please use this resource so we can determine if there is a need or desire to maintain this collection.

The Library is an extension of the classroom, it is neither a leisure centre nor a playground. Basic school rules for acceptable behaviour apply. Come to research, read, print, study, for assistance and to complete work. No food, drinks or games.

Ms Halder and Ms Sorensen

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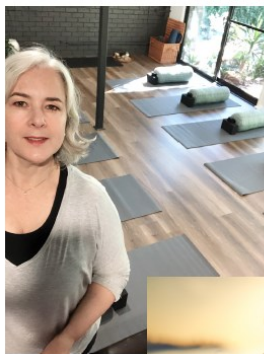
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COVID-19 Collecting from Sick Bay

Parents/Carers collecting students from sick bay please:

- Notify the front office on arrival at the school, either via the boom gate intercom or by calling 9484 2144.
- Remain in the school carpark and your child will be sent out to you.



Connect. Collaborate. Celebrate.



SOCIAL INCLUSION WEEK PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

You are invited to participate in Hornsby Shire Council's Social Inclusion Week photography exhibition. The exhibition will showcase your photos and your stories highlighting what it means to be part of the community.

Be inspired by the theme - Connect. Collaborate. Celebrate.

Send us your images (2MB max per image) with a short 30 word description by 15 October to have the opportunity to be part of the exhibition and win one of five \$100 gift vouchers.

The photography exhibition will be held online during Social Inclusion Week: **19-30 November 2020**

For more information please visit the website: hornsby.nsw.gov.au/connect
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CALENDAR - Term 3 Week 10B

Monday 21 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music 2 AP2 Exams • HSC Visual Arts Marking / Exhibition
Tuesday 22 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HSC Visual Arts Marking / Exhibition
Thursday 24 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 12 Graduation Ceremony - 5pm (livestreamed)
Friday 25 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Term 3 Ends