



Diary Dates

P&C Meeting

Tuesday 17th November

VIA ZOOM - 7:00pm

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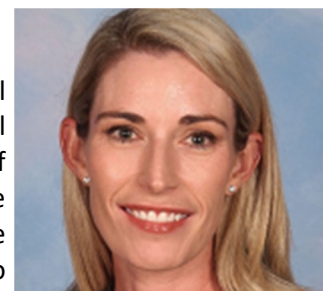
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Principal's Report

I would like to extend my gratitude to our students, staff and school community who have sincerely welcomed me to Merewether High School and feel incredibly honoured and excited to be taking on the role of Principal at our great school. I am looking forward to working with the Merewether High School staff and community to ensure that we continue to be dedicated to providing a high quality education in a focused, but also caring and supportive environment. As an educational leader, I focus on education as a partnership between school, home and community and ensure that this most crucial partnership is effective in producing the best outcomes for the learning and wellbeing success of students. I am committed to delivering improved outcomes for all students in all areas which enable every student to reach their full potential.



Having grown up in the Hunter Valley and completing high school in the local area, I completed my Bachelor of Teaching/Bachelor of PDHPE graduating with honours in 2000. After finishing university, I was successful in securing employment at Maitland High for 8 years working in both the PDHPE and Maths faculties. In 2008, I relocated to Singleton High where I worked substantively in the capacity of Head Teacher PDHPE, Head Teacher Administration and Deputy Principal. To further my professional and leadership development, in 2017 I accepted the position of Deputy Principal at Newcastle High and over the last 12 months I have successfully fulfilled the role of relieving Principal.

Term 4 is an incredibly busy time in schools, with our Higher School Certificate examinations, final assessments, annual reports, transition events and preparations for the commencement of a new school year. Additionally, as a school community, we are developing our new Strategic Improvement Plan which will be in place for the next 4 years. This plan will support and direct the resources and initiatives that will be implemented to enable our school to strive for excellence in staff and student outcomes. We will be looking over the coming weeks to engage all of our stakeholders authentically in this process to assist in the creation of our school vision and strategic directions.

Tomorrow is World Teachers' Day and is an opportunity to celebrate and acknowledge the 160,000+ hardworking and dedicated primary, secondary and early childhood teachers in NSW. This year the theme is 'Teachers: leading in crisis, reimagining the future'. This theme reflects the commitment teachers have made as leaders particularly teaching throughout the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. In my first couple of days at Merewether High School, I have been amazed by the extent of talent and commitment shown by both students and staff. The staff's dedication and drive in the sporting, cultural, wellbeing and academic life of the school is palpable and I would like to acknowledge the tremendous work that occurs on a daily basis. I truly believe that our great students are a direct reflection of our great teachers.

I am looking forward to getting to know you all and building strong relationships with all members of our school community.

Rochelle Dooley



Deputies' Report

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope all of our families had a relaxing break and enjoyed a NSW get away if they had the opportunity. This term the Merewether High School community warmly welcomes Mrs Rochelle Dooley as our new Principal, coming to us from Newcastle High School. We look forward to Rochelle having the opportunity to meet students, staff and parents over the coming weeks.

We have had several other staffing changes including Kim Sutherland, our CAPA Head Teacher, who has retired after 38 years and 7 months with the Department. Kim has been a wonderful educator, encouraging students to pursue their interests in the Arts and offering many extracurricular opportunities for students whilst here at Merewether High School. We were very fortunate to have Mrs Alison Tenorio appointed to the position as our Head Teacher CAPA last term. She will uphold the high standards, outstanding opportunities and excellence that our Creative and Performing Arts faculty has and we wish her well on her journey. We also have a newly appointed Head Teacher English, Mrs Angela Colbert, who commenced last week. We wish her all the best as she joins our wonderful team here at Merewether High School.

At the end of Term 3 we were able to celebrate the end of thirteen years of schooling with our Year 12 students. Whilst this was a graduation ceremony like none other, we felt fortunate that we were able to reinvent the structure and format of our ceremony and recognise the achievements of this extraordinary group of students and share this with families via a live stream link. Not only have these students completed thirteen years of school they have also shown great determination and resilience in completing their HSC studies in the most unusual and unpredictable year. Congratulations to all of our Year 12 graduating students. We look forward to celebrating with you again at your formal and when your HSC results are released in December.

Our HSC students have conducted themselves in an excellent manner with smiles and relief evident on their faces at the conclusion of each exam. We know our students and staff have worked hard for the HSC. The safety of our students and staff remains of utmost importance. This year, extra arrangements are in place to ensure that any disruption due to COVID-19 will have minimal impact on HSC exams. Our school has put in place a number of contingencies to help ensure exams run as smoothly as possible. We wish all our students well in the remainder of their exams.

I would like to personally thank all of our HSC teachers in 2020. They have worked extremely hard to prepare our students under exceptional circumstances and their tireless efforts are greatly appreciated.

As our 2020 Year 12 students complete their final HSC exams, our new HSC students have begun their HSC studies. This includes our current Year 11 students and accelerated Year 10 students. It is imperative that all HSC students work diligently this term to develop a strong foundation for their HSC studies. I encourage students to seek feedback and work collaboratively with their teachers to identify their learning strengths and areas that require consolidation so that they are setting learning goals and continually working towards achieving their personal best.

Whilst our Year 12 students and Accelerated Year 11 students are completing their HSC exams our students in Years 7 – 10 should be preparing for their end of year assessments which are scheduled to take place in weeks 5 and 6 this term. Students have been emailed and received a hardcopy of their exam/assessment timetable. All students are encouraged to refer to the 3:2:1 exam preparation guide and *Study Tips* on pages 38 – 40 of their student diaries to support them in preparing for these exams.

It is important that we finish this year as strongly as we started it. I encourage all students to ensure they uphold our values of *integrity*, *diversity* and *excellence* as we move towards the end of the year so that we conclude 2020 celebrating a broad range of student success and achievement.



At the end of Term 3 we finalised our new student leadership team for 2021. This year we had over 60 students complete their Senior Leadership Passport and nominate for our 2021 leadership positions. Congratulations to the following 2021 school leadership team:

School Captains: George McNamara and Lili Sabine

Vice Captains: Flynn Starrett and Pepita Barton

Prefects: Sophia Bell, Aidan Bottom, Teia Bradbury, Daniel Clarke, Liam Fabien, Lily Francis, Isabella Halpin, Grace Love, Lily O'Callaghan, Phoebe Parker, Joshua Robertson, Sophia Suters, Jorjia Van Eldik, Bodhi Watts, Andrew Weerasinghe and Daniel Whelan.

Despite the cancellation of many sporting competitions this year, a number of our students have continued to achieve outstanding results across a range of sports. I would encourage students to share their successes with us so that we can recognise these achievements. Congratulations to the following students who were recently named in NSW sporting programs and teams:

- Makenzi Harvey, Lukas Gremm, and Ryan Woolnough for selection in the NSW Hockey Athlete Acceleration Program
- Maliah Abell for selection in the NSW U15 Girls Hockey squad
- Joshua Redford and Noah Kellett who were named in the NSW Athletics Cross Country Merit Team

Two of our students have achieved outstanding ICAS success. Matthew Banney of Year 10 has received an ICAS medal for Mathematics and Choudhury Shreya of Year 7 is a medal winner for the ICAS Spelling Bee. Congratulations also to our students and the CAPA faculty with three students nominated for Art Express 2020 and three students nominated for Encore. More details are outlined in the CAPA section of the Bulletin.

2021 Term dates

This week the Department announced the following amendments to School Development Days (SDDs) that will take effect from the beginning of the 2021 school year. The amendments will impact the number of SDDs occurring in Terms 1 and 4, while SDDs occurring in Terms 2 and 3 will remain the same.

Commencing at the start of 2021, the changes include:

- An increase from one to two SDDs at the commencement of Term 1.
- A decrease from two to one SDDs at the end of Term 4.
- The Term 1 SDDs are scheduled for 27 and 28 January. Students will return on Friday, 29 January 2021 starting with Years 7, 11 and 12. Years 8, 9 and 10 will return on Monday, 1 February 2021.

Jane Crooks and Esme Corney

Hospitality

Hospitality Work Placement

During the last week of Term 4, twenty of our Hospitality students completed 35 hours of work placement in industry. The focus of this placement was on interacting with customers, taking customer orders, serving food and preparing and serving non-alcoholic beverages.

During our work placement visits to each student, Mrs D'Amico and I received outstanding feedback from the students' employers who were very impressed with the skills, work ethic and enthusiasm displayed by each student. More than half of our students received offers of casual employment, with many now working at their work placement venues.

We would like to thank the following venues for their support of Merewether High Hospitality students:

Bannisters

Crusoe's on the Lake

Grill'd Charlestown

Brown Sugar Restaurant & Function Centre

Hot Plate

Caleo

Mad Mex

Fletcher Village Coffee Hub

Paymasters Café

Parkview Kitchen

Sal's by the Lake

Peg's Café

Son of a Gun

Sprout Kitchen & Catering

The Coffee Club

Hunter Espresso

The Little Nel

Vita Cafe & Restaurant

Unifood Group

Wendy Inglis - Hospitality Teacher



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CAPA

DRAMA

During Semester 2, our MHS Drama Ensemble worked hard on designing and printing their own T-shirts to be worn for future performances. The shirts were screen printed by senior Drama Ensemble members, and each member of the ensemble now has their very own Drama uniform!



The Year 8 Drama elective class are currently working towards their performance assessment for the term, focusing on Playbuilding and a scripted Monty Python scene. Unfortunately due to COVID, they are unable to perform to an audience of parents and friends at our annual Year 8 Drama night, however, they will be performing for the members of the MHS Drama Ensemble, allowing them the opportunity for a live audience performance experience.

MUSIC

Congratulations to Mrs McClure and her three Year 12 students who were nominated for Encore. Nominations for Encore are earned through a student's HSC Performance/Viva Voce examination and/or submitted composition showing an outstanding level of musicianship. If a student is selected to be included in the Encore program, they perform on the Sydney Opera House stage. Tui Hammick, Farin Siddique and Amy Smart truly deserve this wonderful recognition and we wish them all the best in the selection process. These three students have also been selected to perform in the Reprise concert. This concert is for outstanding NSW Department of Education students from the Hunter Region who have excelled in the Performance component of the HSC. Due to COVID restrictions, their performances will be delivered electronically to schools to view early in 2021.

All of our Year 7 and 8 Music students are busily preparing for their Performance assessment tasks in Week 4. The Music staff are looking forward to marking their performances in class during that week.



MUSIC ENSEMBLES

Term 4 has been a very exciting term for our musicians as we have been given permission to return to ensemble rehearsals with some loosening of restrictions. All of our Music Ensembles have commenced rehearsals with great enthusiasm and are preparing repertoire for end of year performance possibilities. Unfortunately, Vocal Ensemble is still restricted by NSW Health and DoE guidelines with only 5 members being able to attend at a time. We have therefore held rehearsals back until such time as all members can attend. In Week 3, Term 4 the Merewether High School Orchestra conducted its very first rehearsal. This ensemble brings together our experienced wind and brass musicians with our string players. Ms Ferguson is extremely excited to be director of this new venture for the CAPA Faculty and our MHS musicians.



VISUAL ARTS

This semester Year 7 have been working steadily on their creepy hybrid ceramic creatures. Many students have created whimsical and fantasy inspired beasts and have combined them with the functionality of a pot vase or planter. The Art teachers are looking forward to seeing these pieces resolved by the end of the term. Year 8 have continued designing their Luna Park posters where all students have been working in class to create dynamic and unique posters based on their chosen "Just for Fun" day out!

Year 9PDM have been trying their luck with film and animation this semester. Students have been working in groups to create original scripts and storyboards and shoot live action film sequences. The class is very excited to have a film appreciation afternoon later in the term.

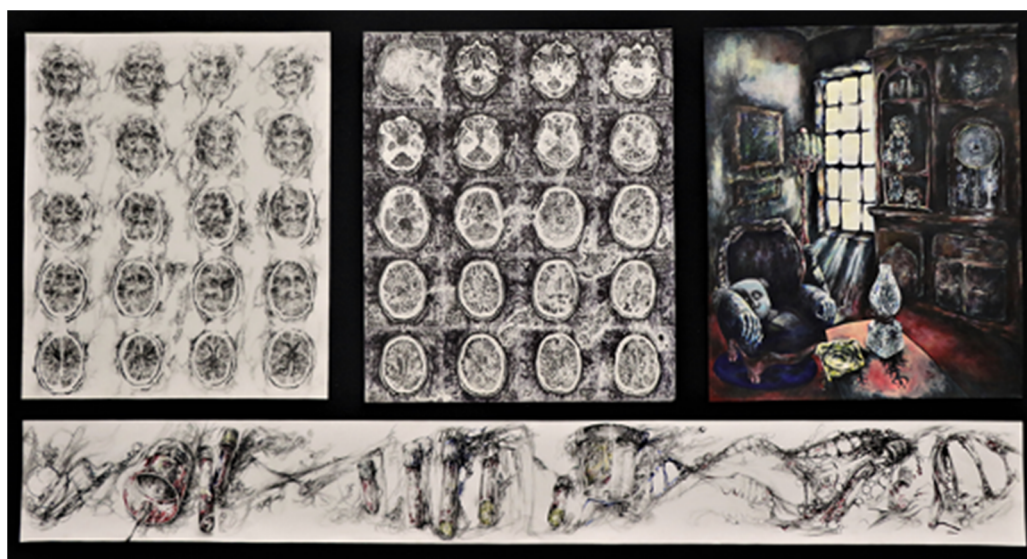
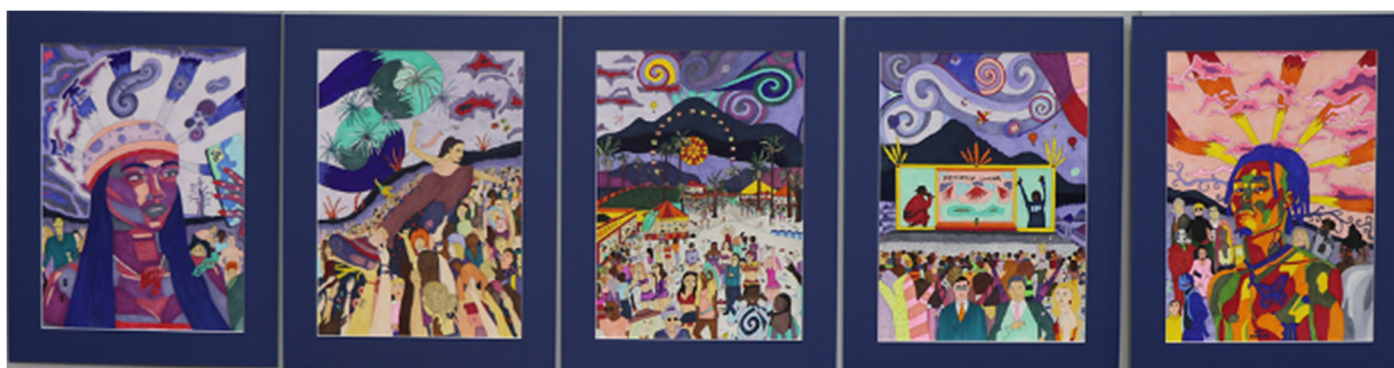
This semester, Year 9 Visual Arts are completing their own mini Body of Work based on Self -Identity, and inspired by the works of Frida Kahlo, Vera Zulumovski and Ah Xian. The artmaking choices for this group have been differentiated so students can follow their own pattern of study and develop their own work reflecting the concept. They can choose to create a painting, lino print or clay sculpture; some exciting art is being created and students are enjoying the autonomy of this unit of work.

Year 11 Visual Arts have concluded their year with ceramic sculptures of a chosen object combining inspiration from three Art movements to create unique and sophisticated works. Congratulations Year 11 on such fine work.



Year 12

Congratulations to Year 12 Visual Arts on the wonderful Bodies of Work you have created this year. The cohort celebrated their successes with an exhibition in the Learning Centre in Week 10 of Term 3. Both staff and students who attended the exhibition were blown away with such creativity and the level of technical resolution of the works. Ms Gilbertson and Mrs Watson are very proud of their resilience and commitment throughout this year. Congratulations to Ms Gilbertson who had 3 of her Year 11 Accelerated Visual Arts student's works nominated for Artexpress. Artexpress is an annual exhibition featuring a selection of outstanding student artworks developed for the art making component of the HSC examination in Visual Arts that is showcased in art galleries throughout the state. A huge congratulations to Abbie Barr, Pepita Barton and Maya Cox for your selection. We wish them all the very best in the selection process.

Abbie Barr**Isabelle Dobbie**

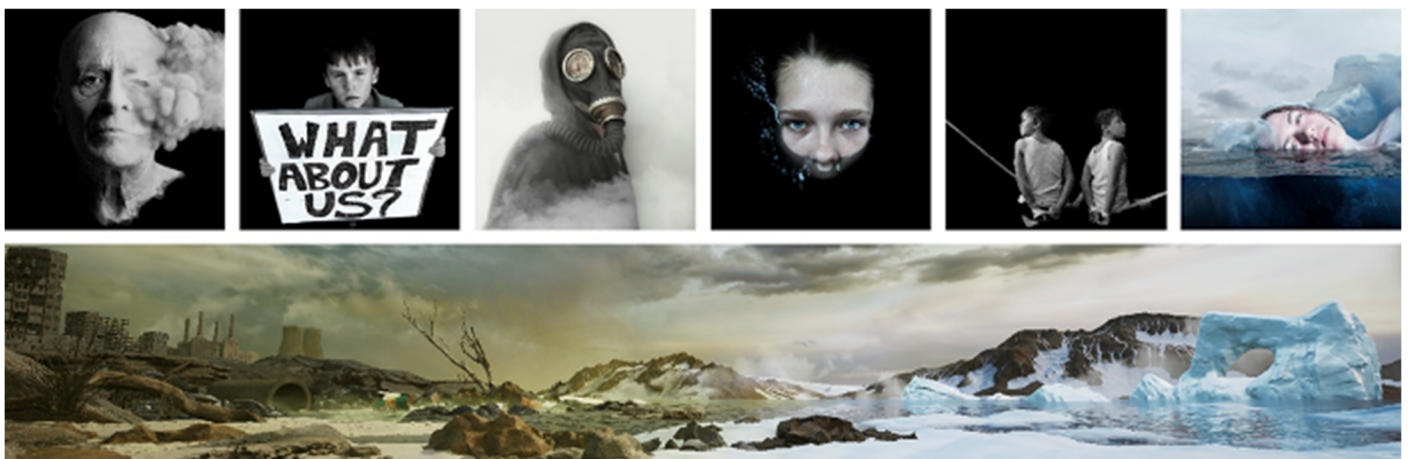
Pepita Barton



Madeleine Lock



Maya Cox



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Josef Milan





CAPA ENSEMBLES AND CLUBS

Orchestra - Monday morning 8.00am KM1

String Ensemble - Monday lunch KM1

Sax Quartet - Monday lunch KM2

Art Club - Wednesday lunch FA2

Jam Ensemble - Wednesday lunch KM1

Senior Drama - Wednesday lunch KDS

Concert Band - Thursday morning 7.30am LC

Percussion Ensemble - Thursday lunch LC

Flute Quartet - Thursday lunch KM2

Junior Drama - Friday lunch KDS

Ukulele Ensemble - Friday lunch KM1

Clarinet Quartet - Friday lunch KM2



SPORT



2020 STEVE MERRICK CUP RUGBY TOURNAMENT

The 2020 Steve Merrick Cup Rugby Tournament will be conducted on Friday November 27 at Merewether High School. This tournament is financially supported by the Ramsey Foundation and was first conducted in 2019. The ethos of the Tournament provides opportunities for students to be involved in Rugby and is aimed at encouraging new players to the game. The Tournament will be conducted the day before the Rugby Championship double-header at McDonald Jones Stadium that involves the Wallabies, All Blacks, South African and Argentinian teams. We are hoping that we may be able to access some of the professional players involved in the Championship to make guest appearances at MHS on the day of our Tournament. The Steve Merrick Cup provides significant funding towards maximising the opportunity for schools and students to be involved.



The recent easing of COVID restrictions allows for the following **Hunter Trials** to proceed during Term 4, to select teams to attend Term 1, 2021 NSW CHS Championships. At this stage it is anticipated that the 2021 NSW School Sport calendar will be OK to proceed with all Regional and State events going ahead.

- Girls' and Boys' Softball – Tuesday 17 November
- Girls' Cricket – Thursday 26 November
- Boys' Baseball – Tuesday 1 December

Additional information is available from Ms Brooks for students who are highly skilled and play at a competitive level in these sports.

CITY ZONE GALA DAYS

The easing of restrictions also allows for the recommencement of interschool sporting competitions. Planning and team selection is currently underway for the following Gala Days to be conducted at MHS later this term.

Year 7 – Soccer – Girls' & Boys' – Thursday 12 November 2020

Year 8 – Multi-Sports' – Girls & Boys' – Thursday 19 November 2020

Year 9 – Mixed Netball – Wednesday 25 November 2020

Year 10 Touch – Monday 30 November 2020

Note – Interschool Gala Says will be conducted in accordance with the current COVID guidelines at the time of the trials. Currently this means:

- No spectators allowed – parents will not be allowed at the venue during the carnivals.
- No sharing of personal equipment – all students participating will need their own equipment for the day eg. drink bottles.
- No use of change room facilities – students should arrive in their sport uniforms ready to play.
- Social distancing guidelines, other than in game or practice scenarios, should be adhered to at all times

Year 7 - Lifesaving and Aquatics Program.

Merewether High School will be conducting its annual Lifesaving/Aquatics program during week 8 of this term. The elements of this program form part of the mandatory PDHPE Stage 4 syllabus and has, as its main outcome, the development of personal survival and rescue techniques.

This year's program will run differently to previous years. Each core class will be allocated ONE day only during week 8, and students will attend at the ocean baths for that day.

Information regarding the organisation of the day will be given to students in week 4.



Every single day in Australia, six men take their own lives. Countless others battle mental health illnesses, including depression and anxiety. 2020 has only made things worse for those affected.

A group of Year 10 students - Curtis Jubb, Jayson Mills and Cooper Ivory have recently been selected as finalists in the Australian National Videos For Change competition. The video was created as part of a unit of learning in PDHPE on social advocacy. Students were challenged to create a short film promoting a social cause they are passionate about. The task combines students' learning in PDHPE with the culmination of the High Resolves Program that students at MHS complete as a component of the wellbeing program from Year 7 to 10.

The aim of their video is to raise awareness on mental health issues and to start a conversation about men's mental health.

Please vote for 'Men-tal Health' by following the link below. Voting closes at 11:59pm on November 2nd, so be quick!!

<http://bit.ly/Men-talHealthVideosForChange>

Please vote and share.



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CHANGE OF FAMILY DETAILS

PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS.

DATE OF CHANGE: _____ Roll class/Scholastic year: _____

STUDENT-First name: _____ Surname: _____

FAMILY NAME IF DIFFERENT FROM STUDENTS: _____

ADDRESS DETAILS

MAILING TITLE: _____

NEW RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: _____

SUBURB: _____ POST CODE: _____

NEW MAILING ADDRESS (if different to above): _____

SUBURB: _____ POST CODE: _____

OLD ADDRESS: _____

SUBURB: _____ POSTCODE: _____

CONTACT DETAILS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

1ST PARENT/CARERS NAME: _____

HOME: _____ MOBILE: _____ WORK: _____

2ND PARENT/CARERS NAME: _____

HOME: _____ MOBILE: _____ WORK: _____

FAMILY EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

NB: This is the address where all email correspondence from the school will be sent.

EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS – other than parents

1ST EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME: _____ Relationship to student _____

HOME: _____ MOBILE: _____ WORK: _____

2ND EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME: _____ Relationship to student _____

HOME: _____ MOBILE: _____ WORK: _____

MEDICAL CONDITIONS (please advise of student medical condition): _____

FAMILY LAW DETAILS (please provide a copy of court orders if applicable)

TYPE OF ORDER: _____ DATE: _____

ACCESS DETAILS: _____

PARENT/CARER SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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Shop Hours
Monday 9.00-12.00pm
Thursday 1.00-3.30pm

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NSW 2292

Merewether High School Uniform Shop Order Form



Order Form Details

Uniform Yr7-Yr12	Size	Price	Size	Qty
S/S Blouse 7-9	J8-L20	\$41.00		
S/S Shirt 7-9	J8-3XL	\$39.00		
S/S Blouse 10-12	J10-L20	\$45.00		
S/S Shirt 10-12	J8-3XL	\$39.00		
Tartan Skirt	J8-L20	\$71.00		
Fitted Formal Shorts	J10-L20	\$45.50		
Fitted Pants	J10-L20	\$50.00		
Formal Shorts	J8-3XL	\$49.95		
Formal Trousers	J10-3XL	\$55.00		
Sports Uniform	Size	Price	Size	Qty
Sports Polo	J8-3XL	\$46.00		
Sports Shorts Unisex	J8-3XL	\$40.00		
Sport Shorts Girls Cut	J10-L20	\$40.00		
Tracksuit Jacket MF	J10-3XL	\$79.00		
Tracksuit Jacket - Heavy	J10-3XL	\$89.00		
Tracksuit Pants	J10-3XL	\$51.50		
Outerwear	Size	Price	Size	Qty
Jumper	10-16	\$84.00		
	18-20	\$94.00		
	22-26	\$104.00		

Bags	Size	Price	Size	Qty
Swim Excursion Bag	one	\$21.60		
Backpack	Large	\$87.50		
Accessories	Size	Price	Size	Qty
Sport Socks	All Sizes	\$10.00		
White Socks	All Sizes	\$6.95		
Black Socks	All Sizes	\$6.95		
Microfibre Tights	All Sizes	\$10.50		
Leather Belt	All Sizes	\$17.50		
Bucket Hat	S-XL	\$23.50		
Sports Cap	One Size	\$20.00		
Gloves		\$8.50		
Scarf		\$12.50		
Fabric Marker		\$4.00		

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Pick up from shop ☐

Delivery to above address (Fees apply) ☐

Payment Options

☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ Cash (enclosed)

Name On Card: _____

Credit Card Number: _____

Expiry Date: ____/____/____

CVC: _____

Signature: _____

Note:

- Sizes not carried are available by custom order (SMU). During peak times it may take up to 3 month lead time. An additional \$10.00 is applied to custom orders.
- Online orders are distributed from the Uniform Shop the next opening day of the shop. A postage charge will occur for all orders marked for delivery.
- Payments can be made by Cash, Credit Card or Debit Credit Cards only.
- Sales items are not refundable.

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	TERM 4 - Please note this is subject to change
	November
Mon 9th	Year 7-10 Assessment Period commences
Wed 11th	Last Day HSC
Tues 17th	P&C Meeting VIA ZOOM - 7:00pm
Fri 20th	Prefects' Investiture - 11:00am Year 7 2021 GATS Challenge Day
	December
Tues 1st	Year 7 2021 Orientation Day
Wed 2nd	Year 12 Formal
Thurs 3rd	Year 7 Lifesaving
Fri 4th	Year 7 Lifesvaing