



Diary Dates

P&C Meeting - 20th November -
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- 19/11**-Prefects-Young Leaders Conference-Sydney
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Principal's Report

Higher School Certificate

Congratulations to our Year 12 students who have completed their final examinations. The level of commitment and dedication, evident through the application to your studies was an indication of the outstanding work each and every one of you has put into your final exams. The smiling faces as students come in to sign out is an indication of the relief felt by all students that the exams are finally over and a well earned break can be taken. We will meet again with Year 12 on Friday 21st December at 11:30am for an after the HSC get together.

Year 12 currently have access to an exit survey via their DEC portal email. This will give us vital feedback on those areas we are doing well and those areas we need to do differently. The survey will be open until Wednesday 21st November. Thank you to those students who have already taken the time to complete the survey.

I would like to personally thank Year 12 for their commitment to, and efforts for, the school over the past six years. We wish Year 12 2012 all the best in their future endeavours.

UNSW - ICAS

The University of New South Wales, International Competitions and Assessments for Schools awards 2012. Congratulations to Bryce Dowie who will receive a medal at these awards to be held on the 23rd November. Bryce was placed first in the state in the Year 8



Science competition. Jordan Shaw-Carmody of Year 11 will also receive an award on the day at the ICAS High Achievers' Reception where the "best and brightest" ICAS students in Years 10 – 12 from across NSW and the ACT will receive their award for achieving a High Distinction in the ICAS competition. Jordan will receive his High Distinction in ICAS Mathematics.





National History Challenge

Congratulations to the Humanities Faculty and the following students who were successful in the 2012 National History Challenge, winning seven of the twelve state awards:

- Betrice Walker – State Award for the Category *Using Archival Records*
- Samara Thambar – State Award for the Category *Migration and Human Rights*
- Cameron Allan – State Award for the Category *The Life and Times of John Curtin*
- Rachel Leonard – State Award for the Category *History of Sport*
- Eliza Sharpe – State Award for the Category *Australian Wartime Experiences*
- Simona Gorgievski – State Award for the Category *Year Level 10*
- Emily Chen – State Award for the Category *Asia and Australia*



Cameron Allan and Rachel Leonard have also been successful in receiving National Awards in the categories above. Cameron and Rachel will receive these awards at a ceremony to be held in Canberra at Parliament House on Tuesday 27th November.



HSC Design and Technology

Congratulations to Alexander Fairclough who has been nominated for possible inclusion in DesignTECH, the annual exhibition of outstanding Major Design Projects developed by HSC Design and Technology students.



HSC Music

Congratulations to Jonathon Chapman and Alex Rutherford who have been nominated for possible inclusion in this year's ENCORE. ENCORE is a selection of performances and compositions from Higher School Certificate Music students.



NSW Schools' Constitutional Convention

On Monday 5 November Dean Barrie of Year 11 represented the school at the New South Wales Constitutional Convention at Parliament House.

Dean was selected from many students to attend the convention where matters of the constitution were discussed. This is indeed a great privilege to be involved in this program. Congratulations Dean.



Uniform

The Uniform Shop has reopened with the new contractors Alinta commencing sales on 5 November. I would ask that everyone bears with us while we move to this new supplier and we get through the initial teething of any new business commencing sales. All feedback in relation to the service should be directed to Alinta as they hold the contract and are responsible for the service.

One of the items available from the shop is black socks. These are only to be worn with long pants and are not part of the summer uniform. As the shop has now reopened, all students are expected to be in full school uniform including white socks and fully enclosed, all black shoes with no markings on them.

**School Development Days – Term 4**

Our two School Development Days on the 20th and 21st December will have a student and staff welfare focus. On Thursday 20th December we will join with the staff of Hunter School of the Performing Arts on their campus to participate in a day presented by well known Child Psychologist, Dr Michael Carr-Gregg. On Friday 21st December we will be back at school participating in CPR training and HSC evaluation.

Attendance – Term 4

All students, Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 are expected to attend until Wednesday 19th December. Students will be continuing with their learning program in all courses and will miss vital learning if they are absent during this time. The School Presentation Day will be held on the 19th December at 11:00 am and all students are expected to attend.

Christine Rippon
Principal





Deputy Principal's Report

We recently held our Year 6 into Year 7 information sessions and as usual our fantastic students shone. I would like to thank in particular Samyuktha Sethumadhavan and Callum Melville of Year 7 who joined our School Captains, Sankare Siritharan and Beau McEvoy in making a speech to the students and parents of our incoming Year 7. All students gave fantastic presentations which have received very positive feedback from our guests. In addition, our Year 7 representatives from the SRC Mikaylee Biles, Huon Bourne-Blue, Georgina Brindley, Michael Orjehk and Timothy Whelan were excellent leaders, supporting the distribution of information, meeting and greeting our guests and forming an expert student panel for a student question and answer forum on this important introduction to our school.

Focus on Anti-bullying

Our school is a welcoming one where students feel safe and connected. To reinforce this in our school, we have drawn attention to a number of positive strategies to address bullying behaviour.

Our process for responding to bullying is:

Step 1: Notify – If someone bullies or harasses you or you see someone else being bullied or harassed it is very important that you report it to someone. In our school, reports can be made to your Year Advisers, student leaders, any teacher or staff member, the Deputy Principal or Principal.

If someone is bullying you, a simple response should be “bully's name, STOP harassing me”. This makes it clear to the bully that their behaviour is not acceptable; it also tells those around you (the bystanders), that you need support and further, it also alerts a teacher that you need assistance.

It is really great that students in our school are supportive of one another and if they see bullying occurring, they act as responsible bystanders and report it to ensure it can be stopped.

Step 2: Verify – Once it is reported, we will investigate the problem or concern to verify all details and support students in responding with strategies that strengthen our school culture.

Step 3: Act – The school treats all cases of bullying and harassment seriously and will take action in accordance with the Department of Education and Communities anti bullying policy. All students and staff have the right to feel safe at school and as a school that celebrates diversity, we aim to create a happy and supportive environment that enables students to achieve their personal best. Bullying can be any behaviour that is unwanted, unasked for and repeated against a person or persons. It may be in the form of Verbal, Racial, Physical, Sexual, Visual harassment or exclusion, threats or cyber bullying.

For further information in relation to anti bullying or additional support services, the following websites may be of assistance.

www.au.reachout.com

www.bullyingnoway.gov.au www.kidshelp.com.au/teens/



World Girls' Day

Today we had a fantastic celebration of World Girls' Day, with our senior leaders and hospitality students hosting a marvellous breakfast on the verandah of E Block. There was a reflection on inspirational women who have changed and shaped the world we live in and fantastic conversation



around the dreams and hopes of our students and the role they strive to play as future leaders themselves. The girls then shared

positive spirit and inspiration with students across the school delivering message balloons to students across the playground. It was a great initiative sharing a sense of connection and school spirit. Congratulations to Mrs Rosser, the Hospitality class and the senior student leaders for putting this activity together.



Bus Travel is something I would like to mention briefly. It is important for our students to use their regular school bus service for travel to and from the school. In recent times, the number of students accessing public bus services from the Nine Ways has increased and is drawing concern from members of the community who are purchasing tickets for public transport. Students trying to catch buses from this area are causing an overload on the public service. School bus passes are issued to students with a specific service that picks up and drops off at the school gates. Paying members of the public have priority for access and seating on public bus services and students are reminded of the importance of respecting this when using their school bus pass.

Junior Exams – Congratulations to our junior students who have been completing their exams during the last week. The diligence with which they have approached their study and preparation is to be commended. Board meetings at the end of last term gave students the opportunity to revisit their learning goals and to set key strategies in place for their success. This was supplemented through the Parent Learning Groups this term, where we focused on supportive strategies for exam preparation. It is great to see and hear students talking confidently about their exam performance and their ability to manage and organise their time during this period. It all leads to the point that many students will be celebrating the achievement of their Personal Best. I look forward to joining them in that celebration through our Presentation Assemblies on the 17th, 18th and 19th December.

DP Fanfare - Congratulations to the following students:

- Joshua Beverley, Muhammed Al-Mudafer and Patrick Wells for F1 finals performance
- Tom Sutera for contribution to community – Volunteer in Australian Sports Commission afterschool primary sports program
- Adarsh Iyer for sportsmanship and club player of the year in junior community soccer club
- Gabrielle Loades for Outstanding Board Meeting Portfolio presentation

N Harvey
Deputy Principal



History

The National History Challenge

Recent and very exciting news has been the success of several of our student in the National History Challenge. Seven Merewether High school students: Cameron Allan, Emily Chen, Simona Gorgievski, Rachel Leonard, Eliza Sharpe, Samara Thambar and Betrice Walker all won categories at the state level of the National History Challenge. Six of the seven students travelled to NSW Parliament House on 23rd October to be presented with their awards. Cameron Allan and Rachel Leonard were National winners for their categories: *Life and Times of John Curtin* and *History of Sport* respectively. They will be flying to Canberra in November to receive their prize from the Minister for Education, Peter Garrett. Congratulations to all these Year 10 students for their success in this prestigious competition.





Languages

In Term 4 Year 8 German students sampled a veritable feast of German cuisine!

M E N U

Bratwurst (*German sausage*)

Sauerkraut (*pickled white cabbage*)

Rotkohl (*pickled red cabbage*)

Kartoffelpuffer (*potato patties*)

Mezzomix (*orange-cola drink*)

Schokolade (*German Chocolate*)



Mmmmmm lecker! Ich liebe Bratwurst und Schokolade!



English

On Wednesday 8th August, Karen Croft, the Director of Hunter Writers' Centre, came to our school to lead a creative writing workshop with keen Year 9 and 10 students. She handed the students pictures and told them to write, to ignore grammar and spelling, to let their imagination go wild and capture it on a page. Twenty minutes of intense silence later the students read out their stories. Each tale was sensitive and intricate. Karen explored the possibilities of each story. She took the students through many essential rules of creative writing and gave them suggestions on how to develop their stories. They were given new ideas by listening to the work of others and each student left with inspiration to write and explore all of the ideas and possibilities that Karen had opened up to them.

As a result of this workshop, Aidan Heusz entered a piece, "The Tomb" into the Hunter Young Writers' Story Competition 2012 and won second place. Congratulations Aidan!

On Wednesday 24th October, I attended the book launch for the *Anthology – Written Portraits* at the Engadine Community Hall in Sydney. The Anthology is a collection of short stories written by very talented teen writers. Out of 150 entries, 40 were shortlisted and 5 of our students – Joel Blackall, Katherine Miskin, Freya Dastoor, Kip Hamiltons and Milonee Shah had their pieces published in the anthology.

A number of guest speakers attended the launch:

- Carmelo Pesci, Councillor, representing the Mayor for Sutherland Council. Councillor Pesci congratulated Green Olive Press and Forming Circles for encouraging young people to express themselves in written form and assisting in improving literacy standards.
- Andreas Breitfuss is an adventurer who climbed Mt Everest on 19th May this year. He talked about his experience in great detail and while some may have been baffled as to the relevance of his speech, the connection was quite clear – he stressed the importance of planning, visualising and enduring, all processes writers need to undertake in order to succeed as authors.
- Gwen O'Toole, author of *Slow Blind Dive* congratulated the writers and shared with them all the opportunities writing has given her. Her message to writers – "Stay inspired and go with it!"
- Carolyn Webber, Publisher of Green Olive Press also congratulated the writers and said how impressed she was with the quality of the writing. She encouraged them to keep on writing and be proud of their achievement.
- Finally, Renata Cooper, CEO of Forming Circles talked about her vision for the company. She conveyed her gratitude to sponsors and writers and reiterated the point about the quality of the writing. She announced that next year's competition will involve a book deal, so hopefully that will serve to inspire more entries.

Lastly, the winners of the competition were announced, and while none of our 5 students were crowned the winner, I would like to commend them on their outstanding pieces and thank them for attending the book launch. I would also like to say, "Wear your 'I've been published' wristband with pride!" Well done! And a big thank you to Mrs Dastoor for the transport.

Janet Martinez
English Faculty



Hospitality

Work Placement



Congratulations to Year 11 Hospitality students who completed a 35 hour, back-of-house mandatory work placement during week 10 of Term 3. I am very proud of the way each student conducted themselves during this placement and supervisors were very impressed with the calibre of our students, as well as their skills, initiative and work ethic.



I would especially like to congratulate Madeleine Clemenson, Zoe Drew and Danielle Hartup who were all nominated for a Career Links Community and Work Placement award. I am thrilled to announce that both Madeleine and Zoe were also selected as winners of this award for "Demonstrating Exceptional Employability in the Workplace". These awards were presented at an awards' night at the Lake Macquarie Performing Arts Centre on Tuesday 13th November.



As a result of the work placement experiences had by our students, some have been offered casual positions at their work placement business, while others were fortunate to have catered for some very high profile guests and customers, and worked alongside celebrity chefs!!!

I would like to thank the following businesses for their support of students from Merewether High School and allowing them to develop their skills in an industry setting.

Crowne Plaza, Newcastle
Café 147,
Zinc, Cooks Hill
Oaks Pacific Blue Resort
Grill'd, The Junction
The Novotel, Newcastle Beach
Robert's, Pokolbin

Hogs Breath Café, Newcastle
Marketown Lotus Espresso Café, The Junction
Nelson Bay Golf Club
Café Bon Oz, Kotara Sandpipers, Corlette
Club Macquarie, Argenton
Mary Ellen Hotel, Merewether
Mattara Hotel, Charlestown

Coffee School

On Monday 29th October we visited the Australian Coffee School at Gosford for a day-long intensive coffee training course. All students had a huge amount of fun while learning about the preparation and serving of all coffee styles and creating latte art. As a result of their efforts, all students are now accredited in coffee service. To show off their fabulous skills and to meet requirements in food and beverage service, the class will be holding two coffee shops for invited guests this term. All money raised at these two events will be donated to "beyondblue".

Wendy Rosser Hospitality Teacher





Support Unit News

Combined Camp to Coffs Harbour

Monday morning, 5th November, it was an early start to meet the coach at Ausgrid Stadium for our camp to Coffs Coast Beach School at Bonville, south of Coffs Harbour. We shared our coach with friends from Maitland, Cessnock and Cardiff High Schools while Hunter River Community School travelled in their own mini bus. Tuesday was a day to see the sights with visits to the Big Banana, the water park and the Clog Barn. We sat with new friends on the bus and met up with old friends too. Wednesday we were on site with canoeing, ropes course and giant swing. Thursday morning we were off to the Butterfly House when the butterflies are most active before a wander through the maze. After lunch it was the Pet Porpoise Pool to watch the show and get up close to the dolphins and seals. Friday morning we all packed, ready for the return to Newcastle. A big THANK YOU to Ian, our bus driver, who made it all so much fun.



**Visit to Newcastle Fishermen's Co-op**

Before our second fishing expedition Miss Cameron, our class intern, organised a visit to the Co-op. Students were able to follow the movement of fish from the trawlers then into the Co-op for sorting, processing and sales. Men were filleting mullet and they gave us a container of mullet gut for bait. In the shop we were able to see the correct size of fish to keep and if they are undersize to throw them back. Miss Cameron finished her internship on Friday 2nd November and the class all wishes her well in her teaching career in the future.

**IOTAS Concert**

Newcastle Panthers was humming with excitement on Wednesday 24th October as 18 schools from across the Hunter performed on stage after months of practise. The students from Merewether High School support class danced with enthusiasm and great timing to the Bruno Mars song, "Count on Me". The dance was choreographed by Miranda and Liam from Performability, part of CentreStage Performing Arts. The performances were followed by the graduation ceremony of 50 Year 12 students from

18 schools across the Hunter region. Three members of the Events crew were invaluable help backstage, Hannah Gardiner, Kael Threw-Kerrison and Zac Hamilton-Russell. Two SRC members were on door sales and completed the door with great professionalism- Abby Butler and Claire Sandhoff. THANK YOU to all these great helpers who helped make the day such a success.

Denise Hughes
Class Teacher



Careers

Below you will find information on a wide range of careers related topics. Please note that all dates should be checked on the relevant websites and all event/course related information is relayed from external sources and is not endorsed by Merewether High School.

For more information about any of the topics below, students from Years 9-12 should refer to the MHS Careers Blog which students can access via their DEC portal (where students access their DEC email) by clicking on the BlogEd link or they can visit the careers office and speak to Mrs Abbo.

Mrs Abbo
Careers Adviser

DATES FOR THE CALENDAR 2012

27 th November 2012	Whitehouse Institute of Design Excursion
7 th December 2012	Year 10 visit University of Newcastle (permission notes to follow)
4 th Jan 2013	Cut-off date to change preferences for main round offer consideration
16 th Jan 2013	Main round of university offers
At conclusion of exams	HSC Assessment Ranks available (via Students Online)
19 December 2012	HSC results available to students by internet, SMS and telephone

YEAR 10 VISIT to THE UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE

I have booked a tour of Newcastle University for all Year 10 students to take place on 7th December 2012. Students have been informed about the excursion and permission notes will be distributed shortly. The aim of the day is to allow students to become familiar with the university environment and to start asking questions regarding programs on offer. Further details will accompany the permission note. Please be advised that only students that return their notes on time will be permitted to attend this excursion.

GAP YEAR INFORMATION

If you are interested in taking a gap year take a look at the careers noticeboard outside the library and you will find information on a range of programs on offer. The MHS Careers Blog also has some useful links.

WORK EXPERIENCE

A reminder that students in Years 10-12 can participate in work experience throughout the year. While Year 10 are not permitted to go during any holiday period they are encouraged to look at a time in the school calendar year that will minimise disruption to their study program. Work experience has many advantages for students including the development of personal skills and allowing students to gain valuable insight into a particular career pathway. In my experience many students do not truly understand what occupations actually involve and would certainly benefit from spending a few days finding out.

Where to begin: Students MUST read the 'Work Experience Procedures and Documentation' post on the MHS Careers Blog.

https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/blog/288339careers/entry/work_experience_procedure_and_documentation

This post outlines very clearly the steps involved and contains the relevant documents for students to complete in order to undertake work experience.

DON'T leave it too late as employers become reluctant by the end of the year after having many other students.

Remember, you must have your completed forms in 2 weeks prior to the placement.



SUMMER SCHOOLS AND WINTER SCHOOLS PROGRAMS

AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL SPACE SCHOOL 2013

Wednesday January 16th to Sunday January 20th
Sydney - ACT

Secondary school students entering years 10 -11 in 2013 from around Australia and overseas are invited to apply for selection in this prestigious nationwide Space Science School.

Up to 100 students will take part in exciting learning activities including Lectures, workshops and excursions. The school also features scientists, engineers and Australian experts in space science education, as well as special overseas guest presenters.

The AISS is a 5 day hands-on residential school conducting lessons and associated activities that cover a range of space sciences such as space travel, astronomy, rocketry, astrobiology, meteorite impacts, lunar and Martian geology. Program activities include among other things, visits to Sydney Observatory, Powerhouse museum, Mt Stromlo and Tidbinbilla deep space tracking centre.

Awards number of major Achievement Awards will presented to those students who show future leadership qualities during the school.

AISS 2013 will see the 20th running of its space school and will incorporate a number of anniversary celebrations, including past student and teacher reunion activities.

Students who attend AISS will automatically become eligible to be selected to attend the Space Centre Houston Engineering School during 2013. Students will have the chance to receive a \$5500 grant to attend the 2013 Johnson Space Center engineering school.

AISS is organised by a team of volunteers with extensive backgrounds in space science activities and educational programs.

For more details visit the website <http://www.yassa.com.au/AISS.html>

Talented Computer Science Students (Years 10 and 11)

The program runs from the 5th January 2013 until 14th January 2013

NATIONAL COMPUTER SCIENCE SCHOOL

10-day residential school

The ACS National Computer Science School (NCSS) brings together talented young people for an intensive week of computer programming, web design and related activities at the School of Information Technologies. The computer science school has been offered each summer holidays in various forms, since it was initiated by the university's Foundation for Information Technology in 1996. NCSS is organised by academic staff, alumni and students of the School of Information Technologies. The school is residential, with all students staying with NCSS staff in full-board accommodation provided by The Women's College, within the main Camperdown campus of the University of Sydney.

Applications close Friday 23rd November

For more information - <http://sydney.edu.au/engineering/it/schools/NCSS.shtml>

Whitehouse Institute of Design Excursion

A group of 12 students and Mrs Abbo will make their way to the Whitehouse Institute of Design on Tuesday 27th November to watch the end of year parade for the current graduating Fashion Design students. It promises to be a very insightful day for the Years 9, 10 and 12 students attending.



Gap Medics

Take a look at what to expect on a Gap Medics placement this summer!

Our base in Chang Mai is a stunning location and full of exciting things to see and do!

RATHER JOIN THE GAP MEDICS PLACEMENT IN TANZANIA?

→ THERE ARE STILL PLACES AVAILABLE - CLICK TO APPLY OR FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

AUSTRALIAN STUDENTS - APPLY NOW!

→ PLACES ON THIS ADVENTURE ARE LIMITED, APPLY NOW FOR THE TRIP OF A LIFETIME!

<http://www.gapmedics.co.uk/blog/2012/09/12/australian-student-summer-special-thailand>

2013 UNSW Minerals Summer School (science and engineering)

If you are currently in Year 10 or 11 and interested in Science or Engineering and want to find out more about an exciting career in the Australian minerals industry, in any of the following areas: Earth and Environmental Sciences, Geology and Geosciences, Mining and Minerals Engineering or Minerals Exploration, you should apply to join us for a 4 day, fully residential and supervised UNSW Minerals Summer School hosted by the School of Mining Engineering, University of New South Wales from Monday 7th January to Thursday 10 January, 2013. Further details and application forms can be found at:

<http://www.mining.unsw.edu.au/UMSS2013>

2013 UNSW Women in Engineering Camp

Do you want your career to be at the forefront of positive change for society?
 Do you enjoy using lateral thinking, creativity and design?
 Do you love problem solving and working in teams?
 Do you have an aptitude for maths and science?

If yes, and you are a young woman currently in Year 10 or Year 11, join us for a 4 day residential experience and find out about the exciting careers available to professional engineers.

<http://www.eng.unsw.edu.au/wiec>

University Of Wollongong Women in Engineering Summer School 2013

This program is designed encourage young females to consider a career in engineering. Last year several students from Merewether High School attended and were thoroughly inspired. Preference is given to students starting Year 11 in 2013 but is not restricted to only these students. For more details go to: <http://www.uow.edu.au/future/wiesummit/index.html> and apply directly.



Girls' Summer School Programs

Check out these options for a wide range of summer school programs for girls <http://www.newcastle.edu.au/unit/equity-diversity/aim-high/girls-maths-science-summer-school/girls-on-the-go.html>

Indigenous Summer School Programs

IAESS – Indigenous Australian Engineering Summer School program is designed for Indigenous students in Years 11 and 12 in 2013 who are interested in learning more about a career in Engineering. It is hosted at Sydney University every January. If you are interested in this program find out more here: <http://www.eng.unsw.edu.au/iaess>

Honeywell Engineering Summer School 2012

Students must be in Year 11 in 2012 to attend this program. It is run by the Institute of Engineers and covers a very wide range of engineering career pathways and will allow students to assess the areas they may be interested in pursuing. For more details including an application form go to www.engineersaustralia.org.au/hess. I have placed details on the blog also.

Mind and Morality Summer School 2012

Mind and Morality is a Higher School Certificate philosophy course, endorsed by the Board of Studies, which counts towards a degree at the University of Sydney. Mind and Morality students are effectively beginning their tertiary education while in Year 11. The course consists of four modules.

Eligibility for the course:

Any student who has the ability and aptitude to undertake university-level study is welcome to apply. Students can do Mind and Morality during the July of Year 11 (Winter School), or during the January that falls after either Year 10 or Year 11 (Summer School).

Applications for Summer School 2013 close Friday 16 November 2012.

Here is the website for more details:

http://sydney.edu.au/future_students/mind_morality.shtml

Australian Film and Television Workshops

In the July school holidays we have exciting **workshops** specifically for 9-17 year olds in Filmmaking, Animation and Acting for Film and TV for 9–17 year olds. A flyer is attached and we would appreciate it if you would let your students know about the courses. We are happy to send a hard copy for your students, just let us know.

All of our workshops are taught by professionals working in Film, Television and Media and can be run either at AFTRS state-of-the-art facility at the Entertainment Quarter, Moore Park, Sydney or at your school. Each workshop at AFTRS includes a complimentary tour of our fantastic film, television and radio studios!

AFTRS Open Program Manager for Schools Antony Cirocco on ph. 02 9805 6450, email antony.cirocco@aftrs.edu.au or visit our website <http://www.open.aftrs.edu.au/schools>.

OPEN DAYS

For a comprehensive list of university open days visit; <http://www.uac.edu.au/documents/publicationsnews/2012/march.pdf>

Art and Design course open days

http://www.dgdesignnetwork.com.au/forms/ADERG_Open_Days_2012.pdf

AICM – Australian International Conservatorium of Music <http://www.aicm.edu.au/web/>

Design Centre Enmore open day Saturday 8th September. For more details go to <http://www.sit.nsw.edu.au/enmore/dce/>



SCHOLARSHIPS/EARLY ENTRIES AND PRINCIPAL'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Places to start your research for scholarships

University websites

The Good University Guide <http://www.gooduniguide.com.au/scholarship/search>

Myfuture <http://www.myfuture.edu.au/The%20Facts/Funding/Awards%20and%20Scholarships.aspx>

Year 12 Scholarships

ANU Accommodation Scholarship Closing date 28th November 2012



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APPLICATION FOR A SCHOLARSHIP OR BURSARY 2013

Introduction

The College provides several forms of financial assistance to ANU students resident at Burgmann. These are scholarships, bursaries and resident employment of different types. Full details are in the sheet "Financial Assistance for 2013" (College website – 'Prospective Residents/Financial Assistance').

Bursaries and scholarships are funded largely from Burgmann's endowment monies held in perpetuity in the ANU's Endowment for Excellence Fund. They are granted upon the recommendation of a Sub-committee of the College Council.

They are selected from those applicants who can demonstrate all three of the following:

- a) **Academic merit**
- b) **Financial need**
- c) **Evidence of any kind of community contribution either at a previous education establishment, or with a charity organisation, a church etc.**

A personal contribution to the life at Burgmann is an important part of living at the College.



You + CSU = \$20,000

Entries are now open for Charles Sturt University's 'You + CSU' competition, which gives school leavers a chance to win \$20,000 towards the cost of study at the University.

All you have to do is upload a video describing what your ultimate CSU experience would be like and you could pocket the \$20,000 and land a role as CSU's Digital Ambassador for 2013.

Entry is open to all Australian school leavers and TAFE graduates from 2010, 2011 or 2012 who intend to begin their first university degree, full-time, on campus at CSU next year.

More details are available at www.csu.edu.au/experience and entries are open until December 9, so grab your camera or ~~smartphone~~ and start shooting!



Teach NSW

If you are interested in teaching for a career you should visit the Teach NSW website <https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/about-us/careers-centre/school-careers/teaching/our-programs-and-initiatives/teaching-scholarships> to find out the latest information about the scholarships on offer. Scholarship applications will open soon so keep an eye out.

<https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/about-us/careers-centre/school-careers/teaching/our-programs-and-initiatives/teaching-scholarships>

Educational Access Scheme (EAS) Scholarships are designed to help students with disadvantageous circumstances throughout Year 11 and 12 to apply and receive concessional ATAR points towards their university applications. For more details on this scheme visit <http://www.uac.edu.au/undergraduate/eas/>

Go Campus – sporting scholarships for overseas university placements

<http://gocampus.com.au/programs/scholarships-offered/>

Year 11 Scholarships

WANT A COOL CAREER IN MINING? APPLY FOR A NSW MINING SCHOLARSHIP TO GET YOU STARTED.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 14 DECEMBER 2012

On behalf of our sponsoring companies, the NSW Minerals Council (NSWMC) invites eligible 2013 Year 11 and Year 12 students (currently in Years 10 and 11) to apply for a 2013 NSW Mining Scholarship.

This motivating program is designed to attract and retain senior secondary students' interest in the minerals industry as a possible future career of choice through a co-ordinated program of activities and contact with the industry and stakeholders such as our sponsoring companies and universities.

NSW Mining Scholarship recipients will receive a cash grant of \$500 for successful completion of Year 11 and \$1,000 for successful completion of Year 12. \$2,000 is granted to those scholarship students who go on to successfully complete their first year in an undergraduate minerals related tertiary course in NSW within 12 months of completing their secondary schooling.

To be eligible to remain a NSW Mining Scholarship holder, Year 11 and 12 students must participate in a minimum of 2 NSW Mining Scholarship related activities conducted by NSWMC or sponsoring companies each year. Scholarship activities may include open days at mine sites or universities; sponsoring company events; career expos organised or conducted by the minerals industry; mentoring programs; minerals industry careers dinners and work experience.

A key feature of the program is that every scholarship recipient will be allocated a 'mentor' from their sponsoring company. Mentors will provide students with a long-term contact within the industry, offering career advice, study assistance and access to work experience and other mine site activities and resources.

To apply, see **Eligibility Criteria** below and **Application Form** attached.

IMPORTANT: Written applications close 14 December 2012. Please note that the NSW Minerals Council office will be closed from 21 December 2012 to 7 January 2013.



MEREWETHER HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

STOCK NOTICE

ALINTA TAKES CARE IN ORDERING MORE STOCK THAN THE HISTORICAL SALES RECORDS INDICATE. HOWEVER, THERE WILL BE THE ODD OCCASION WHERE STOCK OUTAGES OCCUR.

The following items are currently out of stock and are on urgent order.

Girls Uniform	
Girls Formal Shorts	ETA: Late November
Girls Tartan Skirts	ETA: Early/Mid December
Girls Formal Pants	Winter Item – ETA: March 2013
Boys Uniform	
Boys Formal Shorts	ETA: Late November
Sports Uniform	
Sports Polo	ETA: Late November / Early December
Sports Shorts – Boys & Girls	ETA: Late November / Early December
Track Jacket	ETA: Late November / Early December
Track Pants	ETA: Late November / Early December
Sports Cap	ETA: January
Additional Items	
Wool Jumper	ETA: Late November/Early December
White Anklet Socks Customised	ETA: Mid/Late November

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your patience and understanding.

BEFORE COMING TO THE SCHOOL PLEASE CONFIRM WITH THE UNIFORM SHOP (PHONE/EMAIL) OR CHECK THE ALINTA WEBSITE FOR ANY DELIVERY CHANGES.



Introducing Merewether High School's New On-Campus Uniform Shop

Dear Parents/Guardians, Students and Staff,
Alinta Apparel is proud to announce that the new Uniform Shop is now open for purchasing the school uniform and accessories. We are very excited by this new school initiative and confident that you will be delighted with the enhanced products and services. An added advantage to purchasing your uniform from the new Uniform shop is the financial benefit that the school receives.

We thank you in advance for your patience during this transition toward the new Uniform Shop, and also take this opportunity to thank Merewether High School for partnering with us to help deliver high quality garments at the best possible prices.

The on-campus shop will provide the benefits of the latest in retail service and technology including a full range of payment and online shopping options. We also offer an online appointment booking system during orientation so you can have your child fitted professionally for their uniform.

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The referral payment under the Introducer Program agreement is now \$600, double the previous amount of \$300. It is as easy as if taking out a loan with Newcastle Permanent mention Merewether High School and they will donate \$600 to the school on your behalf.

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RSVP by 20 November with Payment to:

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Rover Coaches 4990 1699

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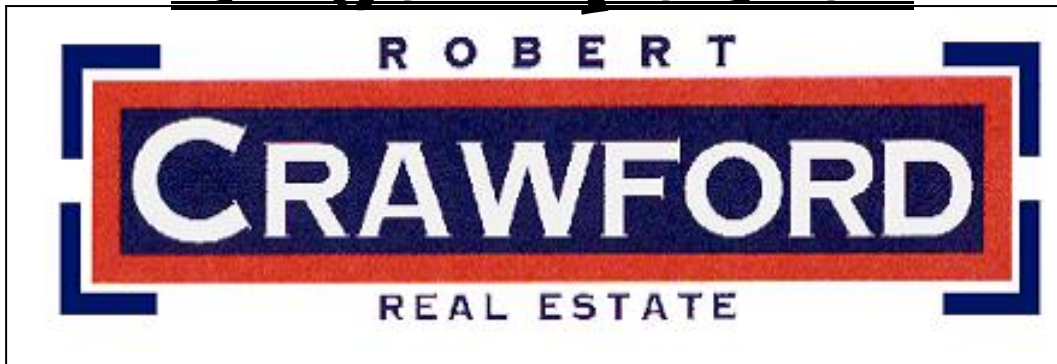
NOVEMBER	
Tue 20/11	P&C meeting - Library - 7:30pm
Fri 23/11	Prefects' Investiture-11:00am-MPC
Thur 29/11	Sports Presentation Assembly 11:00am-MPC
DECEMBER	
Mon 3/12	Volunteering Program-Y10
Tue 4/12	Volunteering Program-Y10 P&C/Volunteers Celebrations- 6:00pm
Wed 5/12	HSSA Blues Presentation Volunteering Program-Y10 Y7 2013 Orientation Day
Thur 6/12	Volunteering Program-Y10
Fri 7/12	Y10 Excursion - Campus Tour-The University of Newcastle
Mon 10/12	Y10 Portfolio Presentation
Tue 11/12	Y10 Portfolio Presentation
Wed 12/12	Y10 Portfolio Presentation
Thur 13/12	Y10 Crossroads - All My Own Work
Fri 14/12	Y10 Crossroads - All My Own Work Y11 Presentation Assembly -11:00am
Mon 17/12	Y10 Presentation Assembly -11:00am-MPC Y9 Presentation Assembly – 1:30pm-MPC
Tue 18/12	Y8 Presentation Assembly - 11:00am - MPC Y7 Presentation Assembly - 1:30pm - MPC
Wed 19/12	HSC results available Presentation Day - Whole School - 11:00am - MPC Last day of school for Years 7-11 students
Thu 20/12	School Development Day (SDD)
Fri 21/12	Last day, Term 4 - SDD Y12 BBQ Lunch 11:30am



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