



Diary Dates

P&C Meeting - Tuesday 18th
September - 7:30-Library

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Principal's Report

Curriculum Restructure

Thank you to all parents and students who participated in our recent curriculum survey. This has helped us to frame our new curriculum structure for Stages 4 and 5, which will be implemented over the next two years.

Over the past twelve months we have been gathering data to evaluate our current structures and ascertain the need for future directions. The following were the areas identified through the evaluation.

- Revisit Merewether High School as a selective high school, rather than just a good comprehensive high school
- Give the school an academically selective feel
- Offer a broad curriculum
- Examine the level of academic rigour in the current Merewether High School curriculum
- Ensure a differentiated curriculum to cater for the needs of all students and increase student engagement and improved achievement of outcomes
- Review our current curriculum structure - structure our school curriculum to courses to reflect those schools we are compared with
- Extend the opportunity for acceleration in Year 10
- Separate lines for Mathematics in timetabling
- Project based learning
- Number of electives in stage 5 - revisit the existing 2x200 and 1x100 hour elective courses
- Revisit the relevance of separate computing skills classes in Years 7, 8 and 10

**Curriculum Structure 2013 and beyond**

Year 7 2013 – increase face to face periods in English and Maths by one period each, technology to be embedded into practice across all KLAs.

Year 8 2013 – semester electives (6 periods per fortnight) to be offered to all students

Year 9 2013 – all students to complete 1 x 200 hour elective and 2 x 100 hour electives along with mandatory subjects

Year 9 2014 – all students to complete 1 x 200 hour elective, 1 x 100 hour elective, 1 x project based learning

Year 10 2014 – 1 x 200 hour elective, 1 x 8 periods accelerated line plus mandatory subjects

2014 – new structure in place across Stages 4 and 5

As the academic selective school in the Hunter it is important we offer a curriculum which meets the learning needs of our students. The curriculum restructure will ensure the academic rigour required of a selective school. Further information as to our new structure will be discussed at Parent Learning Groups, P&C Meetings and Year Information Sessions.

Year 12 2012

At the time of writing this, Year 12 are in their last two weeks of face to face classes and their school assessments are finalised. The next five weeks leading to the HSC exams and the work each individual does can be the difference in their final results. Students are currently working together to support each other to achieve their personal best. I am impressed with the level of commitment and determination the majority of students are demonstrating at this time of their learning program. Groups who work together and support each other do better than those who work individually. The better each student does in the HSC examinations the better the cohort will do as their school assessments can be positively moderated. All Year 12 are very aware they still have 50% of their final HSC mark to achieve. I would like to take this opportunity to wish them well in their upcoming HSC exams. We look forward to celebrating their successes in December.

Learning Conference – Year 11

Term 4, Day 1, all Year 11 will be involved in a Learning Conference for the day. The program will include Board of Studies information, Study Skills, Time Management, moderating processes and staff and ex students talking about their HSC experiences. The day is to support our students as they commence their HSC studies.

Congratulations

Milonee Shah of Year 12 whose entry to the *Written Portraits Creative Writing Competition 2012* has been short listed and is going to be published in an anthology this year.

Super Sonic Speed F1 Team – Joshua Beverley, Muhammed Al-Mudafer and Patrick Wells who progressed through to state by winning every category of the Pro Junior division they competed in. The Moos Engineering F1 team - Brittany Aitkin and Tani Mitchison who just missed out on going through to state by a whisker. With only two team members, these girls rose to the challenge and did themselves and the school proud!

Tom and Jessica Grimes – who are off to the World O'pen BIC Cup in sailing to be held in Miami in November this year. Tom won the O'pen and Under 15 Division at the National Titles.

Jessica Lighton and Caitlin Stuchbury of Year 12 who have been named as two of the twenty winners in the Australia-wide Future Leaders Role Model Awards for 2012.



Deputy Principal's Report

A number of new students have joined us this term. I would like to extend a special warm welcome to our new students and families. We hope that you settle in well and make a great contribution to our school community during your time with us.

Board Meetings are occurring throughout weeks 9 and 10 for all students in Years 7 and 8. Students have been working on the preparation of their leadership and learning portfolios in their guidance lessons and the quality of these portfolios has been outstanding. Board meetings are an excellent opportunity for our students to reflect on their learning and the strategies that have assisted them in making progress and achieving high standards. It also supports them to address areas for development and discuss their learning goals with others. The opportunity for students to have a voice in their learning is critical and the sharing of their opinions about what works for them in their education is a valuable part of our school program. I look forward to personally meeting with each student and discussing their learning with them over the next 2 weeks.

Laptop technology in learning - We are all aware of how much technology is part of our everyday lives. We are all aware of the use of computers and personal devices in learning and accessing information about everyday stuff. Technology is all around us and now is an expected part of a contemporary learning environment. As our school moves towards the installation of 30 new smartboards (with thanks to the support of the P&C) all students will have increasing access to engage in learning technologies. This will further support and enhance our DER (Digital Education Revolution) laptop program. All students from Year 9 and above have been issued with DER laptops. The opportunity to use technology as a tool in their learning supports them to make links to real world environments. Students are reminded of the importance of password and internet security and the responsibilities they agreed to in accepting the laptop Charter. Students should bring their laptops to school each day, fully charged and ready to use to engage them in interactive learning programs in the classroom.

The school uniform shop is due to reopen at the start of Term 4. Students are reminded of the importance of wearing school uniform and taking pride in their school. The school community and the P&C supports the wearing of uniform and we appreciate your patience whilst the uniform shop has been out of action. A flyer from Alinta (uniform shop operators) has been included in this bulletin providing details about accessing the school uniform shop on the internet to book fittings, view the uniform price list and shop online.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone in full school uniform and looking fantastic at the start of Term 4. Mr Byrnes will continue to monitor uniform and any student not wearing uniform should report to Mr Byrnes on arrival at school to receive a uniform pass.

Congratulations must go to our wonderful aerobics teams. The girls have been working really hard over the last 2 terms under the guidance of Mrs Abbo and Allira Bull. The teams competed in the National School Sport Aerobics Championships against some very credible opposition from school and aerobics clubs right around Australia. They performed very well and narrowly missed out on a medal. The 2 teams finished 4th and 5th in their respective divisions and we are very proud of their achievement. Well done to all.

N Harvey

Deputy Principal



Achievements



Congratulations to Sarah Grist who has been selected to represent the 2012 Football Squad for the New South Wales Institute of Sport (NSWIS). Well done Sarah!



Nina & Owen Long have both gained selection into the Yachting NSW Youth Sailing Team, which qualifies them for a NSW Institute of Sport Scholarship. Congratulations Nina & Owen!



VIEWING UNIFORM PRICE LIST

- On the left side of the screen, you can click "price list" for details of the uniform and pricing.

SHOPPING ONLINE

- Enter your email address and password into the Customer Login section at the bottom right of the page.
- You will now be in the SCHOOL section of the site (you will notice the school logo on the top right of the page).
- Click on "SHOPPING" at the top of the screen.
- Choose which uniform (gender, age group) that you want.
- To build an order, find the clothing you want to buy, select a size from the drop down panel, then click "Add to Cart" (below the image of the clothing).
- You will be transferred to the "SHOPPING CART" screen for each garment. Enter the quantity you want. If you have selected the wrong clothing, click "remove".
- If you wish to purchase more clothing, click "Continue Shopping". If you have chosen all the clothing you want, click "Checkout" to organise payment.
- Choose the shipping format you want, then click "Next":
Pickup from school: enter your name and phone number.
Home Delivery: enter address and phone number.
- Enter your Credit Card details, then click "Next", and confirm your order by clicking "Continue".
- An invoice will now be dispatched to your login email address, and the clothing you have purchased will be organised for you, according to your details.

** you must keep a copy of your ALINTA RECEIPT - the Emvay receipt is for your credit card, but the Alinta receipt is for your actual clothing purchase and will be needed for refunds/exchanges and warranty purposes.



REGISTERING ONLINE

- Go to www.alintaapparel.com.au
- On the bottom right you will see a customer log in box. Click on "register".
- You will now have the registration page up. In the email field type "your school's name" then click "verify" - you cannot enter any further details until this step is finished.
- Complete the rest of your details on this page then click "register" at the bottom of the page.
- The system will notify you that your registration is now complete. Click on "continue".
- You will be returned to the Alinta home page - you can now enter your email address and password into the Customer Login section at the bottom right of the page.
- You will now be in the SCHOOL section of the site (you will notice the school logo on the top right of the page).

BOOKING A FITTING APPOINTMENT

- To book a fitting appointment, click on "Book a try".
- Dates shown in orange on the calendar are days where appointment times are available. Click on your preferred day to view available times to the right of the calendar.
- Available appointment times will show up white with the words "create booking" to the far right side. Click on "create booking" to choose that time slot.
- If you make a wrong booking you MUST click on "cancel my booking" to then choose another time slot, as you can only book one appointment.

Norta Norta tutoring program

The Norta Norta program is a fantastic program that supports our students to achieve excellence. This program requires regular review and evaluation. It is currently time for our students and tutors involved in this program to provide some feedback via an online survey.

It is important that students and tutors who are involved with of the *Individual Sponsorship* component of the *Norta Norta* program submit a response. The surveys provide valuable information which will inform decisions about the future of the program.

The surveys are brief and shouldn't take more than 15 minutes to complete.

The closing date for each survey has been extended to Friday 21 September.

Students involved have received a link to the survey via their school email account. Tutors are encouraged to follow the link below.

How to access the survey:

Tutors who delivered tuition for Years 11 and 12 students as part of the *Norta Norta* Program in 2012.

The tutor survey link is http://qualtrasia.asia.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_50f7BX5kycYBAEs

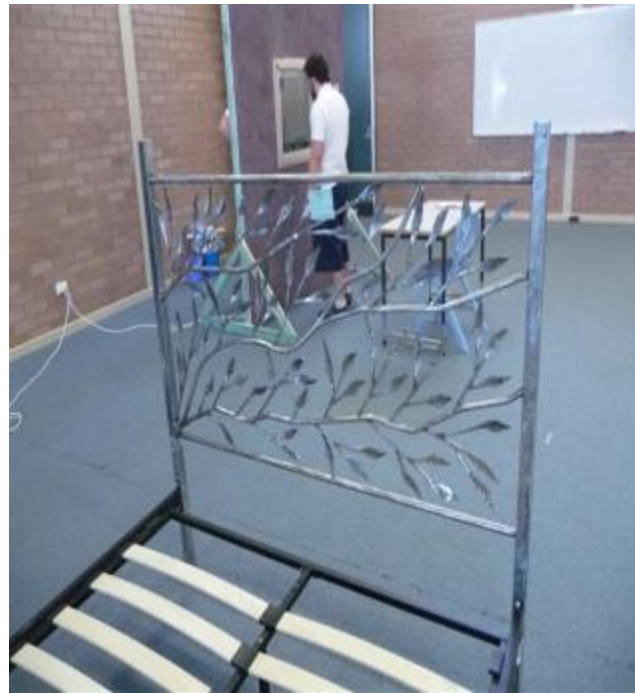
Any queries, please contact Mrs Harvey



Design & Technology

Everything from a perspex guitar to a hand forged "Australiana" bed, a multi touch LCD information station and an aluminium long-board skateboard. Students have now completed 60% of their HSC marks in Design and Technology and will now sit the final written exam worth 40% in November. Students can now be confident of a strong performance in this subject and I wish them well in their studies.

Andrew Donaldson
D&T Teacher





Language department News

Keishin High Visit 2012



On Monday 27th August we were very fortunate to have our fourth visit from 27 students and 4 teachers from Keishin High School in Japan. Keishin High is located in the city of Ube which happens to be the sister city of Newcastle.

During the visit students enjoyed chatting with each other, finding lots of ways to overcome the language barrier for those that could not speak Japanese. There were also cultural activities like Aboriginal painting and student workshops on cultural features of Australia to share with the Japanese students.



The Japanese students attended Year 8 language classes for a period and finished off the visit with an Aussie BBQ cooked by the SRC. Friendships were formed in such a short period of time as was evidenced by the swapping of email addresses, hugs and an amusing farewell line up before waving them off. It was a fun day for all who participated and we look forward to a visit from our friends at Keishin again next year.

Thank you to the staff and students of MHS who helped make this visit successful.



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SRC

A big warm welcome to the new SRC! Elections took place at the end of term 2, which has seen 31 students, from Year 7 to Year 11 form the new SRC for 2012-2013.

The students have started off in full swing with assisting at the parent-teacher interview evening, cooking the BBQ for Keishin High students from Japan, manning the phones and office to support the appreciation of our SASS staff, Year 10 representatives have visited Hunter Sports High to encourage and support them in forming an SRC at their school and the SRC Orientation Day which was held earlier this term.



During Orientation Day the students enthusiastically participated in ice-breaking activities, selected the executive of the SRC, with Casey Baldock elected as our new Chairperson, formed Fix-It, Charity, Dance, Fundraising and Finance committees for the coming year and had a visit from the Blood Bank to raise awareness of the importance of blood donations. It was a great day and we look forward to the year ahead under Casey's leadership and with these very deserving members of the SRC.





Zane Butler, Elizabeth Dorn and Rachel Leonard represented our school SRC the Hunter/Central Coast Region at the State SRC Camp in Sydney earlier this term. This is a tremendous honor. Tim Whelan in Year 7 has shown great initiative in addressing the problem of litter in society. To raise awareness led a 'Clean Up MHS' activity with Year 10 and Year 7 in August. Well done Tim!



By the time this bulletin is published the SRC will have held a school dance in conjunction with the schools prefects. The theme of the dance is 'My Worst Nightmare', which is a highly anticipated event.

Thank you to the students of the SRC, the SRC staff of Mrs Hughes, Mrs Druitt, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Ridgeway and Mrs Glibertson and the students, staff and parents of MHS for your support of all SRC activities. As a result of this support the SRC has been able to purchase a new digital clock for the hall and give financial support to students in different faculties representing the school. We are very proud of the capable and delightful SRC body and look forward to the year ahead.

Mrs Allen (SRC Adviser)



SRC MEMBERS 2012-2013

YEAR 7

7B Huon Bourne Blue
7C Timothy Whelan
7E Georgina Brindley
7G Anna Carpenter
7M Mikaylee Biles
7N Michael Orjekh

YEAR 8

Abby Butler
Luke Ellis
Claire Sandhoff
Tom Su
Bridget Buckley
Nicola De Jong

YEAR 9

Abby Gallimore
Madalyn Walker
Kajanan Nithiyananthan
Jayden Park
Jonathon Clifford
Simon Montanari

YEAR 10

Rachel Leonard
Elizabeth Dorn
Zane Butler
Ted Cottee
Cameron Allan
Brigitte Roman
Arjun Raju

YEAR 11

Benjamin Ilgen
Callum Walker
Prudence Dorn
Casey Baldock
Rosie Iervasi
Lily Iervasi

CAPA

The CAPA faculty have had another enormously busy month, full of exciting events and opportunities.

Drama

Year 11 Drama students will complete their Preliminary course when they perform their Australian Theatre pieces this week.

Year 9 and 10 students are working towards finalising their Absurd Drama scripts which they will present as Works in Progress in week 10.

Year 8 Drama students are to complete their Script performance unit next week before moving on to Devising Theatre in term 4.

Visual Arts

Congratulations to Year 7 student Tom Gilbertson, who was a finalist in the Moran Photographic Prize, Year 7-8 student section. The Moran Photographic Prize is a prestigious monetary award presented for excellence in photography and is open to students and adults alike across Australia. It attracted 12,000 student entries this year and Tom was one of 18 junior finalists. His photo is a dark, moody portrait reflecting the hidden side of isolation, loneliness and depression. Another of his photos of Newcastle Beach at the break of dawn was nominated as a semi-finalist. Tom received \$200 as a finalist in the Moran Photographic Prize and an exclusive invitation to attend the opening of the exhibition. Another one of our successful Visual Arts students is Lily Iervasi. She has been chosen to complete two intensive holiday workshops at The National Art School in Sydney for Printmaking. This wonderful experience will enable Lily to hone her considerable printmaking skills in preparation for her HSC next year. She has completed one half of the workshop last holidays and is looking forward to the extended practical experience in October. Her work will be on exhibition in Sydney and we wish her all the best. Gheed Al Maree's talent in drawing is outstanding. Her knowledge of the technical skills in drawing has led her to be selected in the FACE exhibition at Maitland City Art Gallery. The exhibition has asked students to complete a self portrait, and Gheed's interpretation of herself is quirky, fun and beautifully rendered. We thoroughly recommend visiting Maitland Gallery to view not only Gheed's work but that of other budding Visual Arts students in the Hunter.

Music



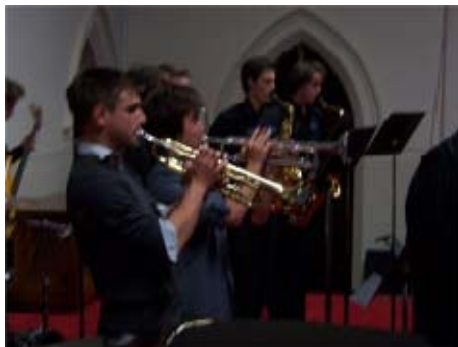
POSH Concert

This year saw a change of venue from the Newcastle Conservatorium Concert Hall, to Adamstown Uniting Centre. This proved to be a highly successful venue for our 10th Annual POSH Concert. The concert was amazing, showcasing the talent of our HSC Music students and our MHS Music Ensembles. At this concert we recognised the diligence, commitment and musicianship of our Year 12 students who have been involved in MHS Music Ensembles for the entirety of their school career at MHS. Congratulations to: Peter Burgess, Noah Church, Ryan Dorahy, Lachlan

Gan, Ed Johnson, Jessica Lighton, Tristan Muir, Oliver Ray, Caitlin Stuchbury, Sophie Wells and Alice Whitehead. A huge thank you to the MHS Canteen Committee who coordinated our refreshments for the evening. Their willingness to assist in this area was greatly appreciated.



Merewether String Ensemble is open to all players of bowed string instruments. Meeting at lunchtime on Thursdays, our string players enjoy playing together and preparing music to perform at concerts including Muswellbrook Eisteddfod where we won the orchestral section of the secondary schools' competition. Year 10 student Emma Elsley who plays cello says "strings is always a highlight of my school year with all the great kids that play in it, both old and new, the music we are able to create and the fun we have." So if you play a string instrument, come and join us next Thursday lunch in KM1.



HSC Music Practical Examinations take place this week with Music 2 and Extension on Tuesday 11th September and Music 1 on Thursday 13th September. We would like to wish Year 12 all the best in these exams and in their written examinations next term. All students have worked extremely hard to present high quality performance programs and we are proud of them for their tireless efforts. Good luck Year 12!



HUNTER SINGERS TO PERFORM AT SUNDAY LIVE! SUNDAY 30 SEPTEMBER

Newcastle Conservatorium Concert Hall

Looking for something to do on the long weekend? The regional choir, Hunter Singers, will be performing a concert for ABC Classic FM at Newcastle Conservatorium on Sunday 30 September at 3pm. The one hour concert will be broadcast live across Australia on ABC Classic FM, compered by Paul Bevan from 1233 ABC Newcastle.



Having recently returned from a tour of the USA, the choir is eager to perform some of the works which earned the group a gold award and two silver awards at the World Choir Games in Cincinnati.

And the best news is it's a free concert! The audience needs to be seated by 2.50pm as the concert goes live to air at 3pm. The eight Merewether High School students who are members of Hunter Singers would love to see you there!



HOCKEY

The Junior Girls' Hockey team have had an outstanding success at the Hockey Gala Day on Friday 7th September. The team (Kiahni Abell, Jessica Arnold, Chloe Bassingthwaite, Isabella Britt, Claire Budden, Nicola Gilkes, Melanie Mitrevski, Olivia Stanley, Taylah Swan, Jessica Vaisey, Rachael Ward, Rebecca Ward, Ruby Wilson and coach Lilly McCallum) progressed through their pool and then the first place game without conceding a single goal. Our own top goal scorer was Kiahni (5), followed by Nicola (2), Rebecca (1), Melanie (1), and Rachael (1).

All of the girls were fantastic sports on the day – both as players and as supporters (particularly for the Merewether Junior Boys' team) and spectators during other teams' games. The girls should be very proud of their behaviour both on and off the field.

Clare Howlett





Support Unit

The Weird Fishing Day

On Monday 3rd September we went fishing at Carrington under the bridge on the walkway. It was a weird fishing day because everyone caught something funny. Lizzie caught a crab pot with no crabs in it on her fishing line. Luckily a man helped her pull it in otherwise her line would break. Emma had a fishing rod and caught a tangled fishing line. Malcom caught a stick and threw it back then he caught Carrington Bridge with his fishing rod but he couldn't throw it back. He lost his bait and hook. The bridge was hungry. It liked squid. It was funny. Katelyn helped Sophie fishing with her line. No one caught anything that we were able to eat.



IOTAS Athletics Carnival

Fortunately the annual Athletics Carnival was held on Monday 10th September. The participation level from all 15 schools was high partly due to the perfect weather conditions. Unfortunately the Merewether High School team were not winners in the March Past even with the Year 10 PASS student volunteers boosting our numbers. The second event of the day was the team sport of tunnel ball and we scraped in with a fourth place when the team lifted their performance with the hearty support from the vocal volunteers. Well done team Merewether.

Mr Adams, retired TAS teacher from Merewether HS, was the starter for the day and the students like to catch up with him each year. Students participated in both track and field events with most students competing in all seven events.

The Year 10 PASS volunteers and PDHPE interns worked hard all day and their efforts were appreciated by the staff and students alike. Thank you to Josh Chapman, Lloyd Hopkins, Charlie Hoswell, Tayla McGilvray, Peter Mullard, Arjun Raju, James Roman, Annette Wai, Mr Tim Aliston and Miss Zoey Sydenham.

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 Advisor

DATES FOR THE CALENDAR 2012

(The insert in the brackets indicates where students can find more information about this event)

28 th September	UAC on-time applications close
4 th Jan 2013	Cut-off date to change preferences for main round offer consideration
16 th Jan 2013	Main round of university offers

Key Dates for 2012 HSC

Saturday, 15 September 2012	HSC practical examination period concludes
Monday, 15 October 2012	HSC written examinations commence
No later than 9 November	HSC written examinations conclude
At conclusion of exams	HSC Assessment Ranks available (via Students Online)
Wednesday, 19 December 2012	HSC results available to students by internet, SMS and telephone

YEAR 12 INFORMATION

Make sure that you look at the scholarships and principal's recommendation section below for important information about what is available to year 12 students now!

UAC application information

Free copies of the 2013 UAC guides are now outside Mrs Abbo's office and in the senior study for Year 12 students to collect.

For more information about applying to UAC go to <http://www.uac.edu.au/>

PowerPoint "Applying to Uni" - <http://www.uac.edu.au/schoolink/year-12.shtml>

STAT Test and UMAT 2012 reminder

A reminder that current Year 12 students who are planning to study courses at university that require a STAT test or need to apply through UMAT should be checking the web site for dates for registrations and 2012 testing times etc. If you are not sure about your course check the university web site for your course requirements.

Check for more details at <http://www.uac.edu.au/publications/news/>

UMAT web site - <http://umat.acer.edu.au/>

STAT Test via UAC website <http://umat.acer.edu.au/>

HSC Timetables Online

HSC students can now access their HSC timetable online utilising their HSC PIN and their student number. If you have any concerns please see Mrs Abbo.

**ACU**

There have been some changes to Speech and Occupational Therapy prerequisites and we can still come out and have a chat to your Year 12's about their options here at ACU.

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.

WORKSHOPS AND UPCOMING EVENTS**Speech Pathologist Guest Speaker.**

I would like to thank Tina Wilkie, a member of the Merewether High School parent community for making the time to talk to interested senior students about her career pathway and experiences as a Speech Pathologist. Her presentation was very insightful and clarified what the occupation entails. The students were deeply engaged and had many questions about a possible career path. Thanks.

UOW Engineering Study Day

The Faculty of Engineering at the University of Wollongong is offering **Year 11** students enrolled in Engineering Studies the opportunity of enhancing their knowledge of and skills in Engineering by attending one of the 2012 Engineering Studies Days.

Tuesday 30th October and Thursday 1st November 2012, 9:00am – 3:00pm

Each school needs to register for **one** of the days and provide a list of students attending by *Friday 19th October 2012*. If you are interested in attending please see Mrs Abbo for more details.

SUMMER SCHOOLS AND WINTER SCHOOLS PROGRAMS**UWS Engineering, Medicine and Science Experience**

3 day experience from Tues 4 December – Thur 6 December, aimed mainly at students in **Years 9 and 10**. If interested please see Science staff or Mrs Abbo. (Registrations due *before* 20 November).

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 & 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>

**UNSW Summer Bridging Courses**

In Mathematics, Chemistry and Physics. More info www.science.unsw.edu.au/bridging

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 to 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.

Girl's 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 that 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. 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/>

Bedford College

Open day – Saturday 15 September 9.30am - 3.00pm. [Open Day Flyer](#)

The Hotel School Sydney Open Day

15th Sep 2012, 9:00am - 1:00pm

See Mrs Abbo if interested. www.hotelswchool.scu.edu.au

SCHOLARSHIPS/EARLY ENTRIES AND PRINCIPAL'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Indigenous Scholarships

The Aurora Project which produces the Indigenous students' guide to undergraduate scholarships in Australia has a website dedicated to Indigenous scholarships which can be found at <http://www.indigenousscholarships.com.au/>

Year 12 Scholarships

I have included scholarship information below and encourage students to do some research now if they haven't already as many scholarships are open now and close soon. **These are really good opportunities, so come and grab some applications! Some of the applications have been handed out to students and have not been returned.** Some rely on recommendations from the Principal and so please do not hand them in last minute.

Some websites with comprehensive lists of scholarships are listed below to help you in your search. Also visit the website for the universities and look at the scholarships pages as they have comprehensive lists.

MyFuture

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

The Good University Guide

<http://www.gooduniguide.com.au/scholarship/search>



Early Entry and Principal's Recommendations

- Please check the uni you are considering attending for information for your course.
- Check closing dates and put them in your diary.
- Get your references organised early as we need time to get this organised and we have many to write.

Here are some **examples** of what is on offer (there are more so come and see me)

UTS Science – (PR) scholarship – I can recommend 3 students. (2 spaces are available)

<http://datasearch2.uts.edu.au/science/scholarships/detail.cfm?code=0000021319>

UTS general – (PR) for low socio-economic

<http://www.undergraduate.uts.edu.au/school/leavers/pathways/principals.html>

Sydney University – (EE) Low socio-economic and indigenous

http://sydney.edu.au/future_students/domestic_undergraduate/e12/

Wollongong University– Selective Entry Scheme – high achievers <http://www.uow.edu.au/future/selectiveentry/index.html>

<http://www.uow.edu.au/future/selectiveentry/index.html>

University of Canberra – PR – high achievers

<http://www.canberra.edu.au/principals-recommendation/>

CSU – Principal's Report Entry Program (PREP)

<http://www.csu.edu.au/oncampus/getting-to-uni/prep>

UNE – Early Entry – (applications due to UNE before 28th September 2012)

<http://www.une.edu.au/for/future-students/landing/earlyentry.php>

Access Melbourne

Is a special entry program to the University of Melbourne to support students who are from a disadvantaged financial background, and/or are from rural or isolated areas. For more info please see Mrs Abbo or go to www.access.inumelb.edu.au (Closes 9 October).

The Port Stephens Mayoral Academic Scholarship

Program will run again in 2013, providing one-year scholarships valued at \$2000 each to successful applicants who reside in Port Stephens and who are commencing further education in one of four study areas:

- * Building, Hospitality or Trades;
- * Hospitality or Tourism;
- * Business or Communication;
- * Health, Science or Environment.

Please see: www.businessportstephens.com.au

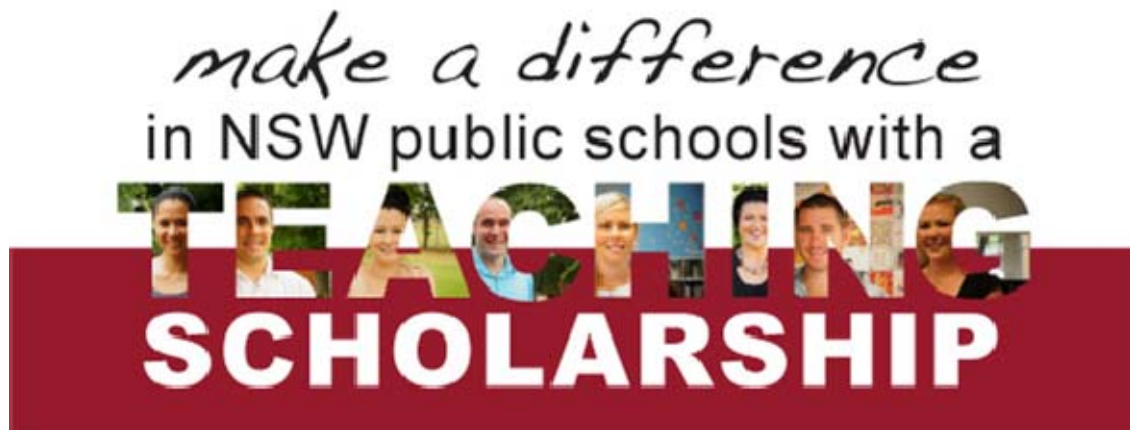
Educational Access Scheme (EAS) Scholarships are designed to help students with disadvantageous circumstances throughout Year 11 and 12 to apply and receive concessional ATAR points towards their university applications. For more details on this scheme visit <http://www.uac.edu.au/undergraduate/eas/>

Go Campus – sporting scholarships for overseas university placements

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

**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>

**Year 11 Scholarships**

ADFA Education Award (opened in May 2012 – closes 28th February 2013)

This award recognises leadership, academic and sporting achievements. Student's are not obliged to apply to the Defence Force on completion of year 12. For more details follow the link below.

http://www.defence.gov.au/adfa/applications/education_award.html

Year 10 Scholarships**Drama**

Students going into Year 11 Drama in 2013 – Jan Levett Scholarship (Closing date 26th October)

This does state rural but may apply to some Merewether High School students.

<http://www.publiceducationfoundation.org.au/the-jan-levett-scholarship-for-drama>

Economics and Finance

Students going into Year 11 Economics – The Finance and Energy Exchange (FEX) Group Scholarship. (closing date - 26th October)

<http://www.publiceducationfoundation.org.au/fex-scholarship>



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 learning 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.

CHECK THIS OUT!

Mining career related app

The NSW Minerals Council is delighted to advise that the 'Oresome World' app is now available through the itunes app store. The app is a multi-media resource that showcases Oresome Resources content through a range of quizzes, challenge activities, fact sheets, images and video. Through this rich content, the user is taken on a journey of discovery of the minerals and energy industries and participates in a range of tasks that increases their understanding and knowledge of the industry, its processes and career pathways available. The content aligns to the outcomes of the Australian curriculum and represents a collaborative effort on behalf of industry and education led by Queensland Resources Council and in conjunction with Minerals Council of Australia, Chamber of Minerals and Energy of Western Australia, New South Wales Minerals Council, Education Services Australia and Queensland Institute of Technology. Use the link below to find the app. It is located in the bottom right hand corner of the page. <http://www.oresomerresources.com/>

UTS: Sydney International Animation Festival Teen Jury

UTS:SIAF will feature a Teen Jury. Open to high school students between the age of 15 -17 with an interest in animation, they will be invited to participate in animation workshops, gain insight into the career of an animator and be part of the panel for the Teen Choice award. The UTS SIAF Teen Jury is a free event, held at UTS on *Saturday 13 October 2012*.

If any of your students are keen to learn more about animation as a career please let them know about this exciting opportunity. All they need to do is register online and tell us why they should be selected as a member of the Teen Jury in 25 words or less! For full details and registration, [click here](#).

HSC Exam workbooks

Are available to order from the Board of Studies. Come and see Mrs Abbo for an order form.



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The Science Experience – in New South Wales

Dear Principal

The Science Experience is a three-day hands-on science activities program being conducted in thirty-six universities and tertiary institutions around Australia in 2012/2013.

These programs are designed for students in Years 9 and 10, years in which they will make significant decisions about senior secondary and tertiary studies. Our aim is to inform students of the importance of science and technology, stimulate and heighten their interest in a wide range of science disciplines and career opportunities, encourage further studies in the sciences, while at the same time giving them a 'taste' of university/tertiary life.

Places are still available in the following programs;

University of New South Wales, Sydney	24-26th September 2012
University of Technology, Sydney	4-6th December 2012
University of Western Sydney, Campbelltown	4-6th December 2012
University of Sydney, Sydney	9-11th January 2013
Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga	16-18th January 2013
Macquarie University, Sydney	16-18th January 2013
University of New England, Armidale	15-17th January 2013

*A typical program includes -
Welcome*

Hands-on activities in tertiary labs

Information on further study and career options with exposure to the 'top' people in their field

Associating with 'budding' young scientists to form lasting friendships

Excursion/Industry visit

Closing ceremony BBQ or other social activity

The Science Experience is designed and managed by the Science Schools Foundation Inc. As well as being promoted and actively supported by Rotary Clubs, the Australian Science Teachers Association and the Young Scientists of Australia.

The full cost of enrolment is \$110 per student and Rotary sponsorship is often available for those who need it. There is no selection process and students can enroll online at www.scienceexperience.com.au.

A soft copy School Newsletter item and further information can be obtained by calling 03 8288 1001 or email admin@scienceexperience.com.au

Yours sincerely,


Jacqueline Bellars

National Director - The Science Experience





EVENT DIARY

SEPTEMBER	
Thur 13/9	Y7 (Y8 2013) - Course Information Session - 5.30pm Y9 (Y10 2013) - Course Information Session - 6.30pm Y11 (Y12 2013) - Course, BOS requirements and ATAR information - 7.30pm Y8 Board Meetings-day 1/3
Mon 17/9	Y11 Hospitality - Work Placement-day 1/5
Tue 18/9	Y11 Hospitality - Work Placement-day 2/5 Y8 Board Meetings - day 3/3 P&C meeting - Library - 7:30pm
Wed 19/9	Y11 Hospitality - Work Placement-day 3/5 Y12 Reports issued Y7 Board Meetings - day 2/3
Thu 20/9	Y11 Hospitality - Work Placement - day 4/5 Y7 Board Meetings - day 3/3
Fri 21/9	Last day, Term 3 Y11 Hospitality - Work Placement - day 5/5 Y12 Farewell Assembly - 11:00-MPC
OCTOBER	
Mon 8/10	Day 1, Term 4, all staff & students return Y12 (2013) Learning Conference - LC
Wed 10/10	Donormobile-Blood Bank
Mon 15/10	HSC written exams commence
Tue 16/10	P&C meeting - Library - :30pm
Mon 22/10	Y11 reports issued
NOVEMBER	
Mon 5/11	Y10 final exams - MPC - day 1/4
Tue 6/11	Y10 final exams - MPC - day 2/4 Colin Doyle Maths Competition
Wed 7/11	Y10 final exams - MPC - day 3/4 Welfare-Y7,8,9,11 - Cyber Shorts - 9:15 - 3:10 - LC
Thu 8/11	Y10 final exams - MPC - day 4/4 Meet the Music Concert - Opera House
Fri 9/11	Remembrance Day - 11:00
Mon 12/11	Y7-9 final exams commence - MPC-day 1/5
Tue 13/11	Y7-9 final exams - MPC - day 2/5
Wed 14/11	Y7-9 final exams - MPC - day 3/5
Thu 15/11	Y7-9 final exams - MPC - day 4/5
Fri 16/11	Y7-9 final exams conclude - MPC
Tue 20/11	P&C meeting - Library - 7:30pm
Thu 22/11	Y12 Parent Teacher Interviews
Fri 23/11	Y10-Portfolio Training for parents



	DECEMBER
Mon 3/12	Volunteering Program
Tue 4/12	Volunteering Program
Wed 5/12	HSSA Blues Presentation Volunteering Program Year 7 2013 Orientation Day
Thur 6/12	Volunteering Program
Fri 7/12	Y10 Excursion - Campus Tour
Mon 10/12	Y10 Crossroads - All My Own Work
Tue 11/12	Y10 Crossroads - All My Own Work
Fri 14/12	Y11 Presentation Assembly -11:00am
Mon 17/12	Y10 Presentation Assembly -11:00am-MPC Y9 Presentation Assembly – 1:30pm-MPC
Tue 18/12	P&C meeting-library - 7:30pm 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
Thu 20/12	Student Development Day (SDD) - no students
Fri 21/12	Last day, Term4 - SDD - no students Y12 BBQ Lunch 11:00am

Year 12 DER Graduation Process

2012 DER Graduation process has begun, it involves transfer of ownership (school to individual student) unlock BIOS, and new image of Grad SOE on DER laptop.

Grad SOE contain following OS and applications:

- i. Win 7 Ultimate OS (SP1) –Students will required to register for key.
- ii. MS 2010 Professional Std Edition (SP1)- Students will required to register for key.
- iii. Microsoft Security Essentials (Antivirus)
- iv. Adobe Web Premium

Encouraging Year12 students to back-up their data, and update **windows** to speed up the process.

If you have missed out on a ownership transfer form pick one up from Ms Sire.

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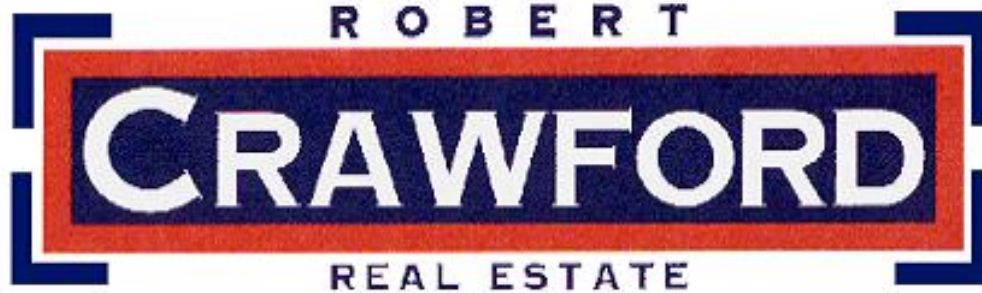
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