



## Diary Dates

P&C Meeting-Tuesday, 15th  
October - 7:30pm - ILC

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## Dates to Remember

**Monday 14/10**—HSC Commences

**Monday 21/10**— Y11 Presentation Assembly 11:00am

**Tuesday 22/10**—Y7 PLG

**Tuesday 29/10**—Y8 PLG

**Tuesday 5/11**—Y9 PLG

**Tuesday 12/11**—PLG

**Monday 4/11**—Y10 exams commence

**Monday 11/11**—Yrs 7,8,9 Exams commence

## Principal's Report

### Year 12

Congratulations to Year 12 who ended their thirteen years of schooling in a positive manner which was respectful to themselves and the school and demonstrated their maturity and understanding of responsibility. Year 12 celebrated their last week of school with a number of activities throughout the week, a pyjama day, wear another school's school uniform, service to school day, where a significant amount of money was raised for the year's gift to the school, their formal held at Newcastle Town Hall and the Year 12 Presentation Assembly held on the last day of term. I would like to thank Year 12 for the way they conducted themselves throughout the last week and for their understanding of the last week being one of a positive celebration of schooling. I would also like to wish all of Year 12 the best of luck in their upcoming HSC exams; we know they will make themselves and all of us very proud when we share in their results in December.

### Year 11 (Year 12 2014)

As one year group finishes another group commences their HSC studies. We began the year with a Year 12 Learning Conference held on the first day of Term 4. Students participated in sessions on Board of Studies requirements, moderation processes, time management skills, motivation skills and goal setting. The day has been put in place to support students as they start their HSC studies and to make sure they have all the information they need to set them up for success.

### Challenge Day

Year 7 2014 participated in a Gifted and Talented Challenge Day as part of their transition to high school. Students worked in groups, getting to meet people from schools other than their own, completing a number of challenges.

### Year 11 Assembly

As Year 11 have now completed their Preliminary course, an end of year assembly will be held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October commencing at 11:00am. All students will be recognised for their achievements throughout the year and they will receive their final Preliminary reports. All parents are welcome to attend.

This term is shaping up to be a very busy one with end of year exams, completion of reports, Year Assemblies, our Annual Presentation Assembly, the Prefect Investiture Assembly, our Sports Presentation Assembly and Year 7 2014 Orientation Day and Challenge Day. All students should be working towards their final exams as these occur in Week 5 for Year 10 and Week 6 for Years 7, 8 and 9.



### Congratulations

Cameron Allan and Campbell Melrose who are going to the National finals in the UN Youth Evatt Model Security Council Competition. The finals will be held in a week long competition in Perth in December.



Cameron Allan who has won the State and National Award in the National History Challenge for his essay on Australian Wartime Experiences.

Samara Thambar and Amanda Chan who won state awards in the National History Challenge.



Brodie Smith who competed at the Australian Schools' Swimming Championships in Adelaide. Brodie brought home a bronze medal from the relay team he was a member of and he swam personal best times in the finals of the 50m and 100m freestyle.



Emily Dando and Maddison Baldwin who during the holidays became St John First Aid State Champions and will now compete in the National Titles in January.



Jessica Avard who as a member of the robotics team which originated from Hamilton South PS (4 members representing Merewether HS, Hamilton South PS and Newcastle HS) won the Senior Dance Theatre Division of the National Robocup Competition. Jessica along with her team mates has now qualified to participate in the International Competition representing Australia.





### **From the DP**

Welcome back to what is going to be another jam packed term at Merewether. This week will see the junior assessment calendars uploaded to the school website under the respective year group tabs. Students should access these to help them stay well prepared for all assessments.

Our Year 12 students for 2014 had their Learning Conference on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October; this was a fantastic day which kick started their journey towards the HSC. All the resources for the day have now been uploaded to a new section of the MHS student Moodle site. The new student toolbox will be accessible to all students and will contain resources and information that is pertinent to their success and preparation across the school curriculum. All materials from presentations such as those presented on the subject selection evenings, study skills workshops and the learning conference will be available to students via this new toolbox.

I look forward to visiting Year 7 and 8 classes across the next 2 weeks to discuss with them the processes for their Board meetings as part of our school academic and learning support for all students. The board meetings will take place in Week 5 this Term and will be a great opportunity for students to reflect on their learning and discuss their progress across the year in the lead up to their final exams for 2013.

This week I have chosen to highlight a couple of ideas to support the ongoing health and wellbeing of our fantastic teenagers. At a time when social media is very significant to them in maintaining connections, there are many other important facets to building positive relationships and supporting healthy young people to thrive. The following Tips are a collaboration of ideas from across a range of resources to support families raising Teens.

- ◆ As we move into the warmer months it is a fantastic time to get out and get moving, the bonus is that students with good fitness are usually more alert, have greater focus and concentration and hence learn better.
- ◆ Breakfast is the brain food for teens. With many early buses and trains to catch and in particular the challenge of returning to the regular routine after the holiday sleep ins, be mindful that teens on the run often skip breakfast. It is really important that we make the time to fit breakfast in and ensure a well-fuelled brain for learning.
- ◆ Breakfast can also be a great time to have a chat and set the tone for a great day. Research suggests that most teenagers spend only 6-10 minutes of quality conversation a day with their parents. So making time to “really chat” via a 2 way conversation not just the quick one line sentences or statements is an important part of maintaining quality connections with our Teens.
- ◆ Continue to build conversation, skills and relationships by encouraging your teen to cook with you, you can choose themed meals to suit their interests and despite an initial protest, they usually find that they actually love it and it has an extra bonus of providing some quality time to build the relationship between you and your teen.
- ◆ Find, as many ways as possible to reflect a positive attitude and to tell your teen you are proud of them. Talking the language of PROUD is a really powerful expression. Aim to tell them at least once a day and be specific about their actions ... I was proud of the way you ...I was so proud when you ....

Knowing that things often don't come easy, it is important that we as parents and careers model some of the finer characteristics for our Teens so they realise that resilience, responsibility, patience and hard work are key components of healthy development.

**Make sure your children know you struggle, fail and “goof up” just like them.**

***Voice your struggle, your mistakes and your problems***

***Model struggle and determination*** – voice it out loud and often. “That was so hard. I had to try lots of times...”

***Talk persistence*** – “I found that really hard, but I was determined to finish it.....”, “That was a real effort.....”

***Model apology too.*** “That was wrong. I'm so sorry for...”, “ I made a big mistake. I need to apologise now for.... ”

So with spring in the air, now is the time to get excited about the Term ahead and enjoy the many activities and challenges that will no doubt arise over the next 10 weeks with your Teen. I look forward to sharing this learning partnership with you. Happy Term 4.





**SOCIAL SCIENCE**

**Business Spectator**

Preliminary HSC students in Business Studies have recently completed the final topic on Business Planning. Students studied hypothetical business plans to gain an appreciation of the process required to implement a new business or product idea. The focus was on reasons for success or failure of businesses.

Students enjoyed a presentation from Business Consultant Paulina Manganaro from the Hunter Business Centre. Paulina has started and operated a café venture of her own as well as having vast experience in advising local Hunter Businesses on planning and implementing successful business strategies. Students heard

authentic stories of small business success and also reasons for failure in the Newcastle region. The message that students took away from the talk was that intrinsic values such as a business owner's passion for their product and drive to succeed are often the underpinning factors in business success.



In Term 4, students will begin the HSC course studying the operations of large Australian and global businesses. As an introduction to an operations system, students visited the production facility of Cupcake Espresso at Adamstown. Cheree Jackson, Operations Manager gave the students a talk about the production process of cupcakes and the relationship between other business functions such as marketing in influencing the operations function.

In an effort to experience the day to day role of an operations manager, Mr Gill's accelerated Business Studies class were assigned the task of planning a pancake production facility in AC3. Students were tasked with making pancakes from scratch and producing a high quality product fit for human consumption! The exercise left students with a greater appreciation of the importance of quality control in operations as well

as its relationship with financial and human resource management.

In addition, an excursion to NBN television headquarters in Cooks Hill is planned for Term 4 to investigate the operations of a service based business as well as our annual trip to the Hunter Valley to visit Pukara Estate Olive Oil and Hunter Belle Cheese.

**Rob Berry**  
**Business Studies Teacher**





### Guest Speaker – Business Studies

Gareth West a Senior Accountant from PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) came to Merewether High School to speak to Year 12 Business Studies students on the HSC topic of Finance. Gareth covered the processes of financial management, including financial ratios and the limitations of financial reports. Students were also given a range of short answer financial questions so that they could apply the information which was covered during the talk. Students were able to broaden their knowledge of the topic in preparation for the upcoming HSC Business Studies examination on 28 October.

I would like to thank Gareth for sharing his expertise with the students as well as PwC for allowing him the time to come to Merewether High School.

**Kerry West**  
**Head Teacher Social Science**

### Guest Speaker—Business Studies

On 18 September, 2013 I invited Greg Sellers to the school to join our Business Studies classes to talk about marketing. Greg is the Head of Digital Sales at **NBN** Television.

Greg spoke to us about the importance of marketing at NBN. This was very informative as marketing is the final topic that students have studied in preparation for the HSC. Greg discussed Television; NBN's viewing coverage areas, total potential viewers and marketing at NBN.

We were all interested to learn about the cost of advertising, people meters, target markets and successful advertising campaigns. Students enjoyed discussing recent advertisements and government regulations that restrict advertising in certain time slots.

I would like to thank Greg for the generosity he has shown our students in delivering his presentation.

**Rosemary Campbell**  
**Business Studies Teacher**



Throughout Term 3 Ms Donnelly's Year 9 Elective Geography worked on the Climate Clever Energy Savers Project (CCES). All students worked hard in their groups over the term to devise plans to help Merewether High become more environmentally sustainable. Everyone's projects were fantastic, but in the end ours was chosen to gain the \$1000 grant from the Department of Education. Lighting at Merewether High consumes 35% of the school's energy bill. We thought that this was an unreasonable amount but there are other options. Our project plans to replace the 124 energy consuming single T8 light bulbs with T5 energy efficient florescent bulbs. This swap would save the school 2,130kW of energy and \$450 annually. This money could go back to replace the other 768 double fluorescent bulbs, ultimately saving the school 28550kW of energy and \$6030 per year.

We hope to implement this plan by the end of the year and look forward to seeing Merewether High School becoming greener.

**By Sasha Edwards, Imogen Lewis and Kirra Smith**



### ICAS SCIENCE RESULTS

Year 7			Year 8		
THOMAS	WHITEHEAD	H	KATE	EDWARDS	H
ADEN	WEINMANN	H	MALAKA	PERERA	H
JACOB	BEACROFT	H	HARRY	SU	H
BROOKE	DONOGHOE	D	ALEX	YAN	H
CAMERON	SHAW-CARMODY	D	JYE	HOLLIER	H
ALEXANDER	HOBBS	D	MICHAEL	TROUT	H
CHRISTOPHER	CHEN	D	MATTHEW	BLYTH	H
PAUL	RODGERS	D	AMY	BOYD	D
LACHLAN	LEWIS	D	BAILEY	HANDFORD	D
MAKSIM	STOJCEVSKI	D	DECLAN	CROOK	D
EAMONN	GARVEY	D	OWEN	FULLERTON	D
JOSHUA	STARRETT	D	NARVEEN	RICHARDSON	D
MINGXIAO	MA	D	CHARLES	LOTT	D
GORDON	FERGUSON	D	JUSTIN	LIU	D
GAVIN	HAYS	D	NED	KEYTE	D
MARK	HOLDSWORTH	D	LACHLAN	RUSSELL	D
NICHOLAS	ISBISTER	D	WILSON	MCTAGGART	D
THOMAS	SUTERS	D	ELENA	ROSSI	D
MITCHELL	LOVE	D	CALLUM	MILLINGTON	D
CAITLIN	REEVES	D	ISAAC	SMART	D
STUART	HANSEN	D	CALLUM	DONNOLLEY	D
DAVIS	HARARA	D	ARI	MINTOFF	D
BRODIE	SMITH	D	PHOEBE	GRAY	D
CHRISTIAN	LANGLEY	D	TOBY	MELLON	D
TIMOTHY	WHELAN	D	LAWSON	CASTLE	D
BLAKE	ANDERSON	D	JAZMYN	WOOD	D
ZACK	SCHOFIELD	D	ANDRE W	ALLEN	D
EMMA	WESTBURY	D	JOHN	FAHEY	D
HAYDEN	WILLIAMS	D	LUCY	FERGUSON	D
ANIKET	CHHILLAR	D	ESTELLE	GRILLMEIER	D
MATTHEW	BROWN	D	JAMES	WILD	D
CALLUM	MELVELLE	D	YURI	PORTER	D
JAZIAH	WATTS	D	BENJAMIN	OAKLEY	D
JESSICA	ARNOLD	D	MAX	SPENCER KARINEN	D
JONATHON	NAUDE	D	OSCAR	TURMINE MINCHINTON	D
LACHLAN	DUNBAR-ROBERTS	D	JACKSON	TURTON	D
WILLIAM	PARSONS	D	TOM	BUCKNER	D
THOMAS	PHILLIPS	D	STASSI	KYPRI	D
JAMES	PURKISS	D	TESS	NEELY	D
DAVID	ROSS	D	JASON	ZHANG	D
			MICHAEL	SCEPANOVIC	D
			ZOE	MCTACKETT	D
			CONNOR	MONTGOMERY	D
			RACHEL	MCVICAR	D
			JAMES	TYLER	D
			EMMA	NICKEL	D
			SAMANTHA	OSWALD	D
			CALLUM	SMITH	D





Year 9			Year 10		
TOM	SU	H	JACK	DIXON	H
TOM	O'NEILL	H	JAKSON	PLAYFORD	H
BENJAMIN	DAVIES	H	ZACHARY	GROTH	D
AYMON	WUOLANNE	H	JOHN-PAUL	BONAVENTURA	D
THOMAS	DAMJANOVIC	H	WILLIAM	CHAPMAN	D
TOBY	MORGAN	H	JONATHON	CLIFFORD	D
SAMUEL	RELF	H	DAVID	HYDE	D
RYAN	MITCHISON	H	ARJUN	LEWIS	D
LEWIS	FORMBY	D	SIMON	MONTANARI	D
NICHOLAS	PARTLIN	D	ZSOLT	BALOGH	D
FABIHAH	SIDDIQUE	D	DOMINIC	MONTANARI	D
TIM	CHEN	D	JESSICA	TYLER	D
ETHAN	BROWN	D	EVAN	GRESHAM	D
PATRICK	STUART	D	EDDIE	CHEN	D
ETHAN	WILKINSON	D	PATRICK	WELLS	D
RACHEL	DITTON	D	EDWARD	INGLE	D
TESSA	PASCOE	D	JOSHUA COEN	BEVERLEY	D
ROHAN	HEARN	D	ALEXANDRIA	VIDLER	D
LACHLAN	BAILEY	D			
PHOEBE	HOPKINS	D			
MADDISON	RARITY	D			
CHARLOTTE	WALTERS	D			
MILES	BENCH	D			
ZACHARY	NICKEL	D			
RHEECE	BATE-BARNIER	D			
BRYCE	DOWIE	D			
MCKENZIE	DOWNEY	D			
OSCAR	GIRGIS-COOK	D			
ABBEY	MCPHERSON	D			
ZACHARY	WELSH	D			
HANNAH	JONES	D			
ASHLEY	MILTON	D			

Congratulations on these fine results.

## SUPPORT UNIT

### Year 12

Year 12 students in the support unit continue at school and TAFE until the end of Term 4. To ensure the move from school into the adult world is smooth the Year 12 students are attending sessions with some of the post school providers. House With No Steps (HWNS) has offered sessions at their Charlestown office and students have been attending on a number of days visiting Charlestown Square, completing craft activities and educational booklets on job training, travelling on public transport and outings. Response at Broadmeadow has a Friday program with the first day Amazing Race around Newcastle, cleaning a house and laser tag.



Work experience is continuing with students at Vinnies Edgeworth, garden crew at Newcastle University, HWNS garden crew and kitchen hand at the Newcastle Elderly Citizens. Work experience opportunities allow the students a taste of different types of work before making the hard decisions for 2014.

### Denise Hughes Support Unit Teacher

### Donormobile

The Australian Red Cross Blood Service needs to collect 27,000 blood donations every week. Merewether High School supported this life-saving service with the last visit of the Red Cross Donormobile for 2013 on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September. There was a positive response from students with the booking sheet full well in advance of the day. There were many new donors.

The total blood donations on the day were 43 which would help save 129 lives. An excellent effort in supporting the community!

In 2014 young blood donors, under 18 years, will be able to donate only once in 12 months. Merewether High School is fortunate to have 2 dates – February 20<sup>th</sup> and October – so younger students as they turn 16 will be able to donate on the later date.

### Denise Hughes SRC Donormobile Co-ordinator







## 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 weekly careers newsletter which students can access via their DEC portal email account or by contacting Mrs Abbo.

[Levina.abbo@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Levina.abbo@det.nsw.edu.au)

### Event Calendar

October - 25<sup>th</sup> ABC Careers Day in Sydney

November - 29<sup>th</sup> UTS Hands on Engineering excursion

December - 18<sup>th</sup> ATAR's released

#### FABULOUS. FOCUSED. FASHIONABLE.

Sussan is a leading Australian women's fashion retailer, offering fashionable collections, which allow customers to find their own personal style.

It's almost that time again, Christmas is just around the corner!

Come and join the Sussan team and earn some extra dollars to fund your summer wardrobe. If you are fashion savvy and love to provide the ultimate customer experience, we can provide you with a friendly and fun working environment where you can apply your previous retail experience. You can also look forward to a generous staff discount.

All Christmas Casual positions are a 3 month contract period.

To apply, please visit our careers website [www.sussan.com.au](http://www.sussan.com.au).

#### SUMMER-TIME SPORTSGIRLS

Sportsgirl is more than just a store: it's a community of girls across Australia who are individual, playful, confident and of course, oh-so fashionable! With a reputation as an up-to-the minute fashion leader, we are committed to discovering and supporting new talent. So, what are you waiting for? Join the Sportsgirl love in.

We are looking for passionate, inspired Christmas Casual Team Members to join our fashion universe during the Summer-time! We think it's the best time of the year with the hottest trends in-store to keep you excited and stylishly dressed. Dust off your sunnies and jump on board to secure a place in one of our amazing store teams.

All Christmas Casual positions are a 3 month contract period.

To apply, please visit our careers website [www.sportsgirl.com.au](http://www.sportsgirl.com.au). Be quick!

### Positions Vacant

#### Year 12

**Macquarie University has a new 4 year Bachelor of Laws degree.** Alternatively, combine law studies with finance, media, IT, commerce or psychology. Find out about entry pathways, industry connections and internships, exchange opportunities and extra-curricular activities. [https://mq.edu.au/future\\_students/undergraduate/coming\\_events\\_macquarie\\_law\\_school\\_information\\_evening](https://mq.edu.au/future_students/undergraduate/coming_events_macquarie_law_school_information_evening)

### Early Entry Schemes

Follow the links provided to get more details on early entry schemes. Also check the university you are looking at attending to see if they have a similar scheme. If you have any questions about the early entry schemes please see Mrs Abbo. I am here to help you with your application. [http://www.newcastle.edu.au/degrees/#utm\\_campaign=High%20ATAR%20Guarantee&utm\\_medium=Web&utm\\_source=World-class%20uni&utm\\_content=](http://www.newcastle.edu.au/degrees/#utm_campaign=High%20ATAR%20Guarantee&utm_medium=Web&utm_source=World-class%20uni&utm_content=)

[http://www.newcastle.edu.au/degrees/#utm\\_campaign=High%20ATAR%20Guarantee&utm\\_medium=Web&utm\\_source=World-class%20uni&utm\\_content=](http://www.newcastle.edu.au/degrees/#utm_campaign=High%20ATAR%20Guarantee&utm_medium=Web&utm_source=World-class%20uni&utm_content=)



## 90 OR ABOVE GUARANTEES YOUR PLACE FOR 2014

You've worked hard to achieve outstanding results so we would like to take the guesswork out of uni entry by guaranteeing your place in most of our undergraduate degrees.

If you receive an ATAR of 90 or above you can relax knowing that you've secured your place at a world-class university for 2014.

[FIND OUT WHICH DEGREES ARE ELIGIBLE](#)



Wollongong University Early Entry (close of business Friday 12 October, 2013 - including payment of the application fee)

This is for a wide range of courses so check the link below for more information.



### Principal's Recommendation Scheme



UTS recognises that in some circumstances a student's performance in their Year 12 studies may not be a true indicator of their ability to succeed at university. The UTS Principals' Recommendation Scheme (PRS) allows Principals within NSW to nominate financially disadvantaged students whose capability and personal attributes will see them succeed within UTS, but whose ATAR presents a barrier for entry.

#### Key dates

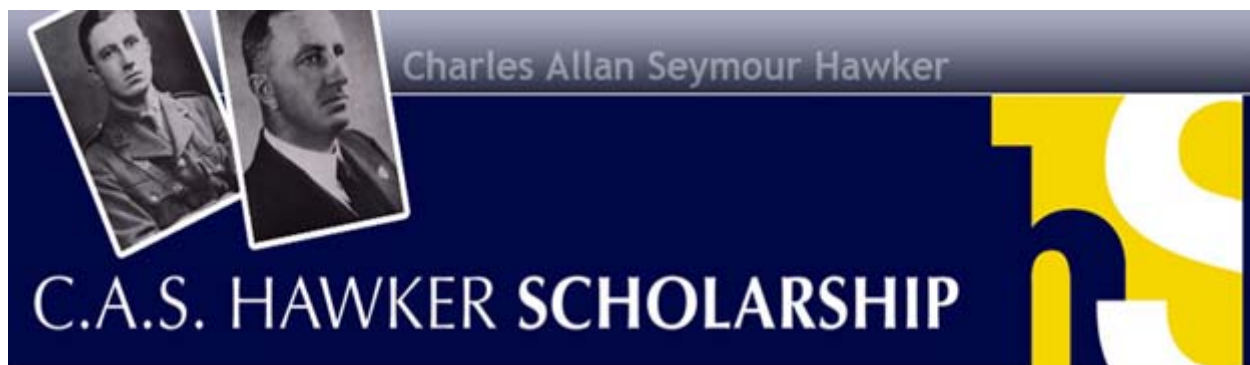
- Principal submits nominations by Friday 15 November 2013
- Offers made to successful applicants from 16 January 2014

#### Application Form

For more info, visit the [UTS website](#) or call the Equity and Diversity Unit on 9514 1084.

Get more information about the UAC [Educational Access Scheme](#).

### Scholarships



Applications for the 2014 Hawker Scholarship open on Monday 9 December 2013 and close Friday 3 January 2014.

#### Who can apply?

The C.A.S. Hawker Scholarship is available to any Australian student undertaking a three or four year course of study approved by the Trustees. Undergraduate students who have commenced their studies are also eligible to apply for the scholarship. Successful applicants can choose to study at one of the nominated Australian universities or colleges. In some instances the C.A.S. Hawker Scholarship is also offered to postgraduate students who can undertake a one year course of study at the University of Cambridge in the UK.

#### What is the value of the scholarship?

The value and number of scholarships each year are determined by the Trustees after having regard to all relevant factors including the applicants' personal circumstances.

A full C.A.S. Hawker Scholarship normally covers all college fees and university HECS fees.

Subject to availability and the location of the chosen course of study, the scholarship requires successful applicants to take up residence at St Mark's College in Adelaide, Robb College in Armidale, Burgmann College in Canberra, Roseworthy Residential College in Adelaide, Marcus Oldham College in Geelong and Trinity College in Cambridge. Payment of monies associated with the scholarship will be made in a manner determined by the Trustees. Before any monies are paid, scholarship holders must provide to the Trustees evidence that he or she has been accepted for admission to the approved course and where applicable to the associated college.



## ENGINEERING LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS

Industry experience and leadership development while you study

Are you interested in taking your engineering career further, faster?

The Engineering Leadership Scholarship is one of the most valuable engineering undergraduate scholarships offered in Australia in terms of financial support and leadership development.

This scholarship provides many opportunities including:

- An annual structured professional experience placement program with some of Australia's leading firms - so you can graduate with business and leadership skills without having to extend the length of your degree
- Leadership insights, including working with Design Researcher [Professor Andy Dong](#), the Warren Centre's Chair in Engineering Innovation, and with the [John Grill Centre for Project Leadership](#)
- Direct access to an industry mentor
- Access to a valuable industry network with regular functions where you can meet with alumni, government and industry leaders - including from your sponsor organisation
- Additional support through online networking forums
- An annual stipend of \$18,000 (tax free) to support you financially through your 4 year degree.

<http://sydney.edu.au/engineering/scholarships/undergraduate/future/leadership.shtml>

Local Sporting Championships Program Closes 31 October. Financial assistance for ages 12-18. Grants of \$500 are available for individuals, or \$3000 for teams. [http://www.ausport.gov.au/participating/schools\\_and\\_juniors/local\\_sporting\\_champions](http://www.ausport.gov.au/participating/schools_and_juniors/local_sporting_champions)

I am aware of students at MHS who have already received these awards so have a go!!

### Equity Scholarships 2014

The equity scholarship link had not opened at the time I checked but you need to keep an eye on this link.

What are Equity Scholarships?

Equity Scholarships assist financially disadvantaged students with the costs associated with higher education <http://www.uac.edu.au/equity/> See Mrs Harvey for more information.

### Educational Access Scheme 2014

Most institutions that participate through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) have an Educational Access Scheme for applicants who've experienced long-term educational disadvantage due to circumstances beyond their control or choosing, which has seriously affected their educational performance. A long-term educational disadvantage should normally be experienced for a period of at least six months. <http://www.uac.edu.au/eas/> See Mrs Harvey for more information

### Grants for Girls

Who is eligible to apply?

- o Females, 12 years of age and above (core target is girls and women 12 – 26 years); and
- o Females who aim to achieve their goals in their field of choice

Grants will be awarded, at the discretion of the Foundation, to deserving applicants who meet the criteria and best demonstrate their aspirations to further their educational and/or personal development.

#### WHAT THE GRANT INVOLVES

The Foundation will award a minimum of \$60,000 worth of grants each year. Successful applicants will receive a financial grant in accordance with the following amounts and conditions:

\$1,500 – “Kickstart” Grant, 12 to 15 years

\$2,000 – “Environmental” Grant, 12 years and above

\$2,000 – “Academic” Grants, 12 years and above

\$3,000 – “Individual” Grant, 16 years and above

\$3,000 – “Business” Grant, 16 years and above

\$1,500 – “Junior Athlete with a Disability” Grant, 12 to 15 years

\$3,000 – “Senior Athlete with a Disability” Grant, 16 years and above

\$6,000 – “Group” Grant, 2 or more people 12 years and above





“Individual”, “Business”, “Athletes with a Disability” and “Group” Grants will be paid in two instalments. The first instalment will be paid once the successful applicants have been announced. The second instalment will be made upon the Foundation receiving a mid year update of the applicants progress. Grant recipients may be asked to contribute to the Aim for the Stars website by way of photos, interviews and stories about their quest to reach their goals.

#### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Applicants are expected to submit a application form and information detailing why they deserve to receive sponsorship from the Layne Beachley Aim for the Stars Foundation.

Your application should cover:

- o Your goals and how you plan to achieve them
- o Evidence of your commitment and dedication to your goal
- o How the grant will assist in achieving your goals and how you propose to use the funding
- o Records of your academic, career and competitive history
- o Two references to support your application eg. school principal, coach or member of relevant association

Applications close on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2013

<http://www.aimforthestars.com.au/grant-recipients/>

#### **New Teacher Training Opportunities for HSC Students**

The Minister for Education, the Hon. Adrian Piccoli MP, has announced new teach. *Rural* scholarships and cadetships to attract the best and brightest students to a career in teaching.

The new cadetship program is being introduced specifically for high achieving final year school students and offers successful applicants the opportunity to be employed as paraprofessionals while undertaking their initial teacher training.

In addition, talented HSC students interested in teaching in rural and remote locations are eligible to apply for the new teach *Rural* scholarships.

The NSW Department of Education and Communities guarantees employment as a teacher for all successful scholars and cadets.

Detailed information and application forms for these programs are available on the Department's website at [www.teach.nsw.edu.au](http://www.teach.nsw.edu.au) under *Our Programs and Initiatives*.

Applications close on 15 November 2013.

Teaching Scholarships for 2014 - close in October 2013

Teach.NSW scholarships - Year 12 can apply for a scholarship worth up to \$28,000 for their university study!

Teach.NSW offers valuable teaching scholarships. Applications open on 20 May 2013 and close in October 2013.

For the latest information on what the 2013 subjects areas are, from 20 May onwards go to

<http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-us/careers-centre/school-careers/teaching>

#### **Medical**

For all health program requirements the following UAC newsletter is ESSENTIAL reading.

<http://www.uac.edu.au/documents/publications/news/2013/March.pdf>

**NAHSSS: Allied Health Undergraduate (Entry-Level) Scholarship & Support Scheme** – 2014 applications will be opening on 3 September 2013. SARRAH's Allied Health Undergraduate (Entry-Level) Scholarship is available to students enrolled, or intending to enrol, in an approved/accredited undergraduate or graduate entry allied health course. Scholarship holders will receive up to \$10,000 per year during their studies. Recipients will receive funding for the duration of a standard length undergraduate or graduate entry degree. For more scholarship information visit [www.sarrah.org.au/site/index.cfm](http://www.sarrah.org.au/site/index.cfm).



**Information Sessions, Courses and Opportunities**

**Politics**



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
**SYDNEY**

**INTRODUCING WORLD POLITICS,  
A BOARD OF STUDIES ENDORSED  
HSC COURSE**

From terrorism to trade and from climate change to war, world politics affects us all. The HSC World Politics course taught by the University of Sydney aims to give students a deep understanding of global events by exploring the major political forces at work in the world and how they shape the decisions of governments and their leaders. We examine the classic and contemporary debates about how the world works, including questions about whether war is natural and inevitable, whether there is any more to international politics than just power, and whether governments and citizens can hope to rectify long-standing problems of injustice and deprivation. This course will teach students how to think critically about the actions of governments and other powerful decision-makers, and how to absorb current events into a broader understanding of the workings of world politics.

Who can apply: Students who have finished Year 10 or Year 11 in 2013

When the course runs: 6<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> January 2014

How to apply: interested students should see Mrs Abbo for an application form. Note this needs to be approved by the principal

Applications for the 2014 summer school close Friday 22 November 2013. Late applications will be considered, subject to the availability of places.

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## Defence Forces

ADFA Information Sessions for Years 10, 11 and 12 students

Event	Date	Where
ADFA Information Session	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> September 6pm	Defence Force Recruiting, 528 Hunter St Newcastle
ADFA Information Session	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> September 6pm	Defence Force Recruiting, 528 Hunter St Newcastle
RMC Information Session	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September 6pm	Erina Reserve Depot, The Entrance Rd Erina, NSW 2250
RMC Information Session	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September 6pm	Defence Force Recruiting, 528 Hunter St Newcastle
Tri-Service Trades Information Session	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> September 6pm	Defence Force Recruiting, 528 Hunter St Newcastle
General Navy Information Session	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October 6pm	Defence Force Recruiting, 528 Hunter St Newcastle
Aviation Trades Information Session	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 6pm	Defence Force Recruiting, 528 Hunter St Newcastle
Engineering Information Session	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 6pm	Defence Force Recruiting, 528 Hunter St Newcastle

RSVP: [rsutcliffe@dfr.com.au](mailto:rsutcliffe@dfr.com.au) or (02) 4974 5427 When you RSVP, please be specific about what session you wish to attend.

## Year 11

Year 11 Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Engineering Studies Students:

Two of the most commonly asked questions we as teachers get asked are “why am I learning this?” or “where can I use this in my life?”. The Engineering Link Project has been providing answers to those and many other questions for nearly 20 years.

Thanks to Lloyd's Register Foundation, Thiess, the University of Technology Sydney and Transgrid, we are very pleased to offer the students of New South Wales the second Sydney Engineering Link Project. A brochure explaining the event can be found attached to this email, along with an A4 poster you can print and put up around the school. You can also download all of these documents, along with a brief PowerPoint presentation you can show your students (if you wish) at our website: <http://www.telg.com.au/Events.html>

The Project will be held in the school holidays, to minimise the disruption to class time. It will be September 24 and 25, 2013 at UTS in Sydney. For those students who have to travel, we will have supervised accommodation available for the Tuesday night at a small additional cost. Full details are on the registration website: <http://sydelp2013.eventzilla.net>.

This course is designed to give students who are very interested in Maths, Physics and/or Chemistry an insight into engineering as a possible career.

Please note: Year 12 students are welcome to attend, but we realise that this is very close to their HSC and thus may not be able to.

## Parent Resources

“Careers Talk”

Looking for a good resource to help you start talking future pathways with your child? This booklet is a good starting point.

[http://foi.deewr.gov.au/system/files/doc/other/parents\\_talking\\_career\\_choices.pdf](http://foi.deewr.gov.au/system/files/doc/other/parents_talking_career_choices.pdf)

In addition the myfuture website is an excellent resource for both students and parents.

<http://www.myfuture.edu.au/Assist%20Others/Parent%20and%20Community/Support%20your%20Child.aspx>



October  
2013

Merewether High School Bulletin



**MHS International Sports Tour 2014-15  
RACE DAY FUNDRAISING EVENT**

**VICTORIA DERBY DAY  
Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER 2013**



**Venue: THE COURTYARD – from 12.00 noon  
Broadmeadow Race Track  
Darling Street, Broadmeadow**

**ALL WELCOME!**

**\$75.00 Per Person includes:  
ENTRY TO RACES; FINGER FOOD; RACE  
BOOK**

**Hosted by Allen Hardes**

**Come and join us for a day of fun and frivolity with:  
Games, Raffles, Sport Memorabilia Auction**

**and MUCH, MUCH MORE!!!**

***ENQUIRIES, PAYMENTS & TICKET COLLECTION:***

**Karyn Brooks                      49693855                      0423156824**

*Payment to be received ONE week prior to Race Day (for catering purposes)*



Dear Parents and Tour members,

After a successful Trivia Night, the next Sports Tour fundraising event is an Adult Only Race Day at Broadmeadow Races. This has the potential to be a successful fundraising opportunity, if it is supported by ALL the parents and their friends, relatives and work colleagues of 2014-15 Tour Members.

Allen Hades has generously offered his services to host the event with betting games, raffles and Sports Memorabilia Auction and finger food will be served throughout the afternoon. So come along and help us to make the day a huge success.

Tickets are on-site at the school NOW and are available by:

- ◆ Tour Members pay the money to Ms Brooks to receive the ticket/s (preferred method)
- ◆ Contacting Ms Brooks, pay over the phone and the ticket/s will be left at the front counter in an envelope with your name on it (please ensure that phone or counter payments made by EFTPOS are deposited into the Sports Tour FUNDRAISING account).

As with all fundraising events, 'the-more-the-merrier' equates with greater financial success. If any parents are in a position to display a Race Day Poster in a workplace environment etc. to promote and encourage attendance at the event, please email Ms Brooks and she will forward one to you:

[karyn.brooks@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:karyn.brooks@det.nsw.edu.au)

Please be prompt buying tickets. They will be on sale up until 25<sup>th</sup> October.

**General reminders:**

- ◆ The Term 3 instalment of \$1000 is due before 2.00pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September
- ◆ There is a glitch with the Tour Blog site at the moment and staff are unable to post new messages on it, however this will be rectified in the near future, and is our preferred method of communication
- ◆ Movie Night Fundraiser – Term 4 – more info later
- ◆ Email Karyn – address above – for all enquiries or for additional information re the Race Day Event

Thank you for your continued support.

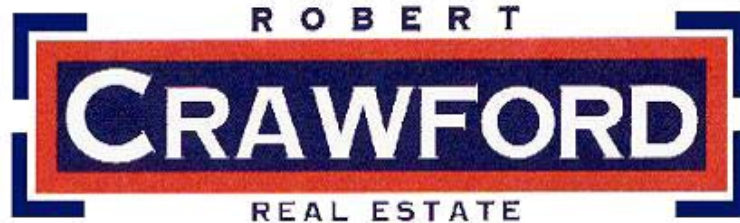
**Sports Tour Management**





## Merewether High School International Sports Tour 2014-15

... is proud to announce our continued association with Robert Crawford Real Estate. Robert has come on board for his second successive tour as the major sponsor of the rugby and boys soccer teams. We are honoured to accept Robert's sponsorship of the Sports Tour program.



... in recognition of Robert's financial support, we encourage all members of the Merewether High School community to consider Crawford's for ALL your Real Estate needs.

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- we would also like to acknowledge the following local business groups for their generous support

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Aphrodite's On The Lake  
Aqua Lilly Hair Design  
The Athlete's Foot  
Babyshop  
Bakers Delight  
Belmont Golf Club  
Belmont Hairdoo  
Bi-LO. Cardiff  
Board Crazy  
Bunnings Warehouse  
Cellarbrations - Adamstown  
Christiane's Hair Design  
Colour de Rose  
Cupcake Espresso  
Dan Murphy's  
Darby Street Pharmacy  
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Gemelli Estate  
Global Packaging  
Good Guys Kotara  
GR Brassiere  
Graze at Valentine  
Greencross Vets  
Grill'd – The Junction  
Healing Wave Chiropractic

House  
Howards Storage World  
Hoyts. Charlestown  
Hunter Business Golf Group  
Hunter Gourmet Pizza  
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Jarret's Quality Meats  
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Jenda Collection  
Joslin St Butcher  
Junction Fair Pharmacy  
The Bottle-O Kahibah  
Kathmandu  
KFC  
Koko Hairdressing  
Kylie's Hair Specialists  
Lambton Fridge  
Lambton Fruit Market  
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Lucky 7 Supermarket  
Macs Home Timber & Hardware  
Megamania  
Merewether Golf Club  
Merewether Hair Studio  
Moo Culture  
Nesbitt Hair and Body  
Newcastle Family Dental  
Office Works - Newcastle West  
Open Dorz  
Pacific Dunes  
Paul's Asian Affair  
Pegs - Cafe

Perfection Point - Skin & Body  
Pharmacy for Less. Kotara  
Poppies Garden Centre  
Priceline Pharmacy  
Pulse Climbing  
Restaurant Mason  
Robert Crawford Real Estate  
Rosie's School of Rock  
Salamander Village Florist  
Scott-Dibben Amcal Kotara  
Scrap Needs  
Seaview Malaysian Restaurant  
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Strachans Day Night Pharmacy  
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Tackle Power  
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The Letter Q  
The Wests Group  
Tri-Benedict Solutions  
Warners at The Bay  
Wax in the City  
The Bottle-O Whitebridge  
Whitebridge Butchery  
Woolworths - Cardiff  
Worimi Framing Services  
XY Body Treatments







## EVENT DIARY

October-Term 4	
<b>Mon 14/10</b>	HSC Written examinations commence
<b>Fri 18/10</b>	Y12 ROADwhyz
<b>Mon 21/10</b>	Grandparents Day being Celebrated this week Y11 Presentation Assembly - 11am - MPC
<b>Tues 22/10</b>	Y7 PLG - LC - 9am Y8 Gala Day-MHS Ovals
<b>Mon 28/10</b>	Y10 Blackout period
<b>Tues 29/10</b>	Y8 PLG - LC - 9am
<b>Thur 31/10</b>	Meet the Music 4 - Opera House
November	
<b>Mon 4/11</b>	Y10 Yearly exams commence - MPC Y7,8,9 Blackout period
<b>Tues 5/11</b>	Y9 PLG - LC - 9am Y10 Yearly exams day 2/5
<b>Wed 6/11</b>	HSC concludes BOS - HSC final assessment ranks available (via student online) Y10 Yearly exams day 3/5
<b>Thur 7/11</b>	Y10 Yearly exams day 4/5
<b>Fri 8/11</b>	Y10 Yearly exams conclude Y12 Hospitality-RSA Training
<b>Mon 11/11</b>	Y7,8,9 Yearly exams commence - MPC
<b>Tues 12/11</b>	Y10 PLG - LC - 9am Y7,8,9 Yearly exams day 2/5
<b>Wed 13/11</b>	Y7,8,9 Yearly exams day 3/5
<b>Thur 14/11</b>	Y11 ROADwhyz Y7,8,9 Yearly exams day 4/5
<b>Fri 15/11</b>	Y11 ROADwhyz Y7,8,9 Yearly exams conclude
<b>Tues 19/11</b>	P&C Meeting - ILC-7:30pm
<b>Wed 20/11</b>	Y8-11 Language Cultural Infusion-MHS
<b>Fri 22/11</b>	Prefects' Investiture-MPC - 11.00am
<b>Mon 25/11</b>	Y12 English (Standard and Advanced) Task-Area of Study Speech this week Support Unit Disco-MPC
<b>Thur 28/11</b>	Sports Presentation Assembly-MPC - 11.00am
December	
<b>Mon 2/12</b>	Y10 BCE Crossroads and All My Own Work Y12 English Extension Task-Vive Voce this week
<b>Tues 3/12</b>	Y10 GMN Crossroads and All My Own Work
<b>Wed 4/12</b>	Y7 (2014) Orientation Day HSSA Blues Presentation Y10 Portfolio Presentations day 1/3
<b>Thu 5/6</b>	Y10 Portfolio Presentations day 2/3
<b>Fri 6/6</b>	Y10 Portfolio Presentations day 3/3
<b>Mon 9/12</b>	Y10 Community Service Day 1/4
<b>Tues 10/12</b>	Y10 Community Service Day 2/4
<b>Wed 11/12</b>	Y10 Community Service Day 3/4
<b>Thur 12/12</b>	Y10 Community Service day 4/4
<b>Fri 13/12</b>	Y10 Welfare Day



## EVENT DIARY

<b>Mon 16/12</b>	Y10 assembly - MPC - 11am Y9 assembly - MPC - 1:30pm
<b>Tues 17/12</b>	Y8 assembly - MPC - 11am Y7 assembly - MPC - 1:30pm
<b>Wed 18/12</b>	BOS HSC results released Presentation Day - MPC – 11am
<b>Thur 19/12</b>	School Development Day - No Students Y12 BBQ
<b>Fri 20/12</b>	School Development Day - No Students



## The Uniform Shop

0401 725 885

[merewetherhigh@alinta.com.au](mailto:merewetherhigh@alinta.com.au)

Uniform Shop opening hours during school terms are:

**Monday 8.00am – 12.00pm**

**Thursday 1.00pm – 3.30pm**

The uniform shop can be contacted during these hours by phone or email:

[merewetherhigh@alinta.com.au](mailto:merewetherhigh@alinta.com.au) .

Ph: 0401 725 885

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Merewether High School  
**Canteen Supervisor/Manager**

Merewether High School, Broadmeadow has 1100 students. The P&C is seeking to employ a Canteen Supervisor/Manager for Wednesday and Thursdays from 7am-3.30pm, 40 weeks/yr. The position is Level 2 or 3 under the Fast Food Industry Award 2010.

### Essential Criteria

- Good people and people management skills
- Supervisory and team member experience
- Ability to prepare, cook and promote healthy foods
- Good communication skills
- Good time management skills
- Day to day money management skills
- Experience and or qualifications in food preparation, food safety and handling
- Working With Children Check

### Desirable Criteria

- Computer literacy
- Understanding of WH&S responsibilities

**Enquiries to:** Andrew Peek for MHS Canteen Committee

Email: [AndrewPeek@ejconstructions.com.au](mailto:AndrewPeek@ejconstructions.com.au)