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Principal's Report

Assessments and Feedback

We are moving to the end of semester 1 and students in Years 7,8,9,11 and 12 have competed mid-course assessments and received feedback on their performance. Year 10 will begin their assessment period in week 9. The senior executive have been working with students and parents on a structured preparation period for formal assessments and emphasising the values of reflecting on that preparation, understanding some points from feedback and looking forward to improvement from these points. Current research shows that this focus on formative assessment has greater long-term benefit for learners.

NESA is emphasising a movement away from excessive formalised testing and in our implementation of their recommendations, many subject areas have adapted their style and timing of tasks across the course. After feedback, staff will be working on the reporting cycle for all years and reports will be issued for all but Year 10 students by the end of term. With changes to NESA guidelines on assessment and reporting, our Year 11 report format will change to reflect a course mark and an assessment rank for all courses.

ROSA Assemblies

Staff are also finalising their nominations for Recognition of School Achievement Awards for 2018. At our ROSA assemblies on Monday 2nd July at 11am and 1:30pm, we will present students with ROSA Awards, Learning Achievement Awards, Learning Honours Awards or Principal's Meritorious Awards. Those students who are receiving an award will be expected to be in full school uniform for their presentation and invitations for award winners and families will be emailed home in week 9.

Star Struck

Merewether High School is always well represented at Star Struck which occurs in week 7 from 12th to 16th June. Congratulations to our singers, dancers, instrumentalists, soloists and back-up singers who will be involved and to the devoted parents and staff who support them. The number of students representing us at Star Struck grows each year and we are very proud of their efforts and commitment.



Academic Reviews

Over the past three weeks Ms Corney, Ms Burnett and myself have interviewed all Year 12 students to discuss their current academic achievements and aspirations. We have been very impressed with all Year 12 students, their honesty and willingness to discuss their current position and the areas they need to concentrate on over the rest of their time with us to maximise their outcomes. We are continually looking at the ways we can support our senior students as they move towards the HSC. Many students from Yr 11 and 12 are using the Independent Learning Centre which is open prior to school (7.30 – 8.50 am) Monday to Friday and after school (until 5.00pm) Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for private study. The Year 12 tutorials in English and Mathematics are scheduled to build skills prior to the trial and I will present some Chemistry tutorials in the next 6 weeks to assist in this area. **Congratulations**

Among the achievements of our students most recently, I would like to acknowledge the efforts of;

- Our Duke of Edinburgh award recipients completing Bronze and Silver Awards across semester 1.
- A large team of students attending zone cross-country and athletics in week 5 and 6 with many moving on through to state level of representation.
- The tremendous efforts of our team at NSW. All Schools Swimming who competed in individual and relay events. We had 4 individual medallists in their age groups. These were Ava Jankovic, Kelsey Van Eldik, Charlie Walker and Charlie Hawke. I must also recognise Charlie Walker and Charlie Hawke who have qualified to represent NSW at the School Sport Australia National Championships in Tasmania in July.
- Our School Captains Todd Hodgson and Sophie Griffiths who represented us at both Parliament House and Government House in a recent leadership initiative. Both Todd and Sophie spoke with parliamentarians and visited the Governor and Mrs Hurley at their residence. They are fine examples of our students as a whole and embody our school values of Integrity, Excellence and Diversity.





Deputy Principal's Report

This term has been punctuated by an array of assessments, exams and sporting events. In addition, the creative talents of our students have been highlighted at our annual Moofest film festival, Merewether Portrait prize and with drama, dance, choral and instrumental groups performing as part of Star Struck. The ability of our students to engage in their everyday learning and a range of sporting, cultural and creative endeavours is testament to the determination and diverse range of talents of our students. Merewether High really is a wonderful place to be a student!

Over the course of this term, Mr Southward, Ms Burnett and myself have spoken at Parent Learning Group meetings, with student groups and individual students about developing and harnessing Growth Mindsets. We have encouraged students to focus on setting clear goals to drive their learning so that they are continuously developing their skills and knowledge. As Term 2 draws to an end, students have completed the majority of their Semester 1 assessments and examinations and are receiving results and feedback that is designed to help them move forward in their learning. While there is a tendency to focus on the mark, it is more important that students reflect on their achievements, identify what they did well in each task and articulate what they can now do to further develop their skills and knowledge. This structured reflection will help students develop as learners and support them to understand the power of what they are still able to achieve.

Recently I attended the MHS Duke of Edinburgh presentation awards for students who completed their Silver or Bronze award last year. The Duke of Edinburgh program is coordinated by an incredibly hard working parent volunteer group that strategically plan, guide and support each student to achieve their awards. To achieve these awards students need to set individual goals that focus on self-improvement. Through engaging in the program students develop skills that they will take with them beyond the school environment and I congratulate each of them on this fantastic achievement.

NAIDOC Week 2018 will be held nationally from Sunday 8 July and continue through to Sunday 15 July. Whilst NAIDOC week falls in our school holidays, we will celebrate NAIDOC week with a special assembly and a series of cultural activities for our students in week 9. This year the theme of NAIDOC week is *Because of Her, We Can!* Our student led Aboriginal Education Team and Ms Clarke have been working tirelessly together to coordinate the assembly and plan a range of cultural activities for Year 7 and 8 students.

On Monday week 10 (2nd July) we will also have our ROSA assemblies. At these assemblies, students will be presented with ROSA, Learning Achievement, Learning Honours and Principal Meritorious Awards. The Year 7,9 & 11 assembly will commence at 11am and the Year 8, 10 & 12 assembly begins at 1.30pm. Invitations for this assembly will be sent home in the coming weeks. Year 7 – 9 Semester 1 reports will be sent home with students on the last day of term and Year 10 students will receive their reports Week 3 next term. Our parent teacher interviews will take place as outlined below;

- 31st July Years 7 & 9
- 9th August Years 8 & 10.

Our Year 12 students are over half way through their HSC courses. Recently Mr Southward, Ms Burnett and myself met with each year 12 student for an Academic Review meeting. These meetings have provided us with an opportunity to reconnect with each student, review their progress after the Mid Course Examinations and to work collaboratively to develop specific strategies they can adopt to support their final preparations as they move towards their Trial and HSC Examinations.



HSC English and Mathematics revision workshops will be running from now until the HSC Trial Examinations. These sessions run in the ILC on a Wednesday morning. We encourage students to attend these workshops as a way to consolidate and revise their knowledge and understanding of each course. The program for these revision tutorials is below.

Date	Group/Content/Context
20/6/18	Ext 2 Maths
6/6/18	English Advanced and Standard Paper 1 Q1-Q3
13/6/18	English Creative Writing
1/8/18	English Standard Modules
8/8/18	Mathematics
5/9/18	Extension 1 Maths
12/9/18	English Advanced Modules

Finally, as many of you will have noticed, we have been sending out notifications through our Skoolbag app when the canteen are short on volunteers. The canteen coordinators have asked that I thank those of you who responded for their requests for help. Your support has enabled the canteen to continue as normal and offer a full menu for our students.

Esme Corney

Deputy Principal (Relieving)

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HEYWIRE

Head of English
Merewether High School

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Heywire wants your students' stories on the ABC!

The ABC's Heywire competition is calling for stories by year 10, 11 and 12 students from rural and regional Australia. They're encouraged to submit text (400 words), audio, photos or video about life in their neck of the woods.

Lesson plans are available to assist you in using Heywire in your curriculum.

abc.net.au/heywire/teachers

The Heywire website is also where students can upload their stories and see last year's winning entries. All eligible entries are published on the website.

Heywire provides a real life task for students doing units about identity, place, journeys, belonging, discovery or any unit that involves producing personal narratives.

Heywire is not about being the best writer or media maker. It's about showing the rest of Australia what life is like for young people in your part of the country.

The Heywire competition closes 16 September 2018.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you need any further information or would like to discuss the possibility of an ABC journalist visiting your school to conduct a Heywire workshop. I look forward to enjoying your students' stories!

Yours faithfully,

Dan Hirst
Executive Producer, Heywire



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Julia Woods
MANAGING EDITOR



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English Debating Report

The illustrious high school debating career of the Year 12 Team came to an end on Friday the 8th June when they met Gosford HS to debate the topic "That the government should only fund sport at the grass-roots level." The adjudicator awarded the win to Gosford.

I have no doubt that each of these students will go on to use their exceptional thinking and speaking talents to great effect in the future. To have watched the evolution of the Team over the last five years has been immensely rewarding and they have brought honour on themselves and their school every time they have competed. They have also been great company on the long drives we've made together and a credit to those who have raised them.

The Year 12 team are keen to offer advice and give coaching tips to the up and coming MHS debaters. They have generously given their time and expertise in the past and continue as passionate advocates for the Art of debating

Michelle Burdekin
Senior Debating Coordinator



Model United Nations Assembly

We represented MHS at the MUNA regional competition in Muswellbrook over the weekend 25-26 May 2018. This is an annual event that is part of an International Rotary project to educate senior high school students on the United Nations organisation and its commitment to world peace, and international conflict resolution.

Our weekend of debating started on Friday afternoon, when we, along with Mrs Burnett who was our team counsellor, drove to Muswellbrook. After dropping our bags off at the motel and meeting some amazing people from all different schools across the region, we made our way to the RSL club for a wonderful dinner hosted by the Rotary Club of Muswellbrook. Here we heard speeches from each of the participating teams to introduce their country. We also shared many laughs and formed lasting friendships.

We also heard a fantastic speech from Major Thomas of the American Army. Major Thomas talked about leadership, being a leader in the US army for many years himself, and we thought we'd share some of this valuable advice with you. He said that the three main traits that make a good leader are intellect, character and purpose.

The way Model UN works, is that each team is presented with the name of a nation a few weeks prior to the competition and a list of 16 resolutions that are currently, or have recently been debated within the UN. We were allocated Cuba. We debated on several different resolutions using the principles of the UN charter and we adopted the stance of Cuba when forming arguments. Cuba is a one-party communist state ruled by a dictator which was definitely a challenge to work with when we were presented with resolutions based on human rights issues in the world, such as freedom of the press and freedom of religion. Cuban law restricts these so we had to debate why these human rights are unnecessary, which was very interesting.

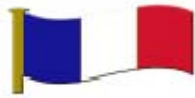
On the day debate matter ranged from the state of the Rohingya Muslim crisis in Myanmar to reserving a year to celebrate camels and their contribution to many nations. There was also debate on the elimination of nuclear weapons, the conflict between Israel/Palestine and other contentious international issues.

After a long day of lots of debating and plenty of delicious food, we waited anxiously for the results. MHS came in second place overall in the debate out of all the teams from all across the Hunter Region, Port Stephens and Muswellbrook, which was super exciting for us! And although only first place make it through to the national round at Canberra, we were extremely proud of our achievements of the day and would definitely do it all over again.

Overall this was a truly amazing experience where we got to meet so many incredible students and make so many unforgettable memories as well as learning about current international issues and gaining public speaking skills! Most importantly it was super fun! We want to thank the Rotary Club of Muswellbrook for hosting the competition and making us feel so welcome, as well as the Rotary Club of Waratah for sponsoring our team and helping us make the most of this opportunity.

We'd also like to thank Lucy Witherdin who lent her expertise to us in prep for the competition which proved to be extremely helpful, and most importantly we would like to thank Mrs Burnett, for giving us this opportunity, for helping us along the way, for taking us to Muswellbrook and doing all this despite being very busy. It was an amazing experience and we would 100% recommend the Model United Nations Assembly to any students wishing to enhance their skills in debating or public speaking, are interested in the work that the United Nations Organisation do on a global level.

Hayma Nahar & Nevenya Comeron



LANGUAGES

Learn to mingle – be bilingual!!!!



Mrs Allen and Mrs Biram are very proud of the accomplishments of our language students this semester across all stages in French, German and Japanese exploring language and culture.

Junior classes have developed a new super power – learning to speak a foreign language! Through language games and activities they have learnt to talk about themselves, family members and greet people. Year 8 Japanese have also quickly mastered the Japanese hiragana script, turning what looks like secret code into a cool way to communicate.



Japanese anime drawing and karuta card game.

Senior classes have been working with native speakers in French and Japanese and many have been taking the opportunity to attend Café Bla-Bla and Kaiwa Kissa on a Friday afternoon to develop their speaking skills in preparation for the upcoming HSC. Year 11 Accelerated Continuers and Year 12 Beginners Japanese students took part in our first regional Japanese HSC workshop day held at MHS, where other schools attended with a guest speaker from Sydney presenting valuable tips for the HSC. Some also have taken part in Saturday workshops offered through the Japanese Teachers Association of NSW.

UBE – NEWCASTLE SISTER CITY JAPANESE CONTEST

On June 5th three students from Merewether High participated in the annual sister city Japanese contest. Saffron Sabine, Georgina Hay and Shannon Gillan were fine representatives on the evening speaking in both Japanese and English in front of judges and an audience. A huge congratulations to Shannon Gillan of Year 11 who won a trip to our sister city of Ube in the September holidays this year. Thank you to Ryan Stoodley and Alexander Price, previous winners who hosted on the night. Our relationship with Ube has been in place for over 30 years and remains very special to our school.



Japanese origami 'ema' celebrating the Year of the Dog.



JAPAN TOUR 2019

The next MHS Japan Tour will take place in the April school holidays of 2019 for students from Years 8-11. Deposits are being taken with a reminder to bring in copies of your passports and permission notes to Mrs Allen. MHS has visited Japan on two previous tours in 2017 and 2015 and this tour is shaping up to be another exciting adventure for our Japanese students.

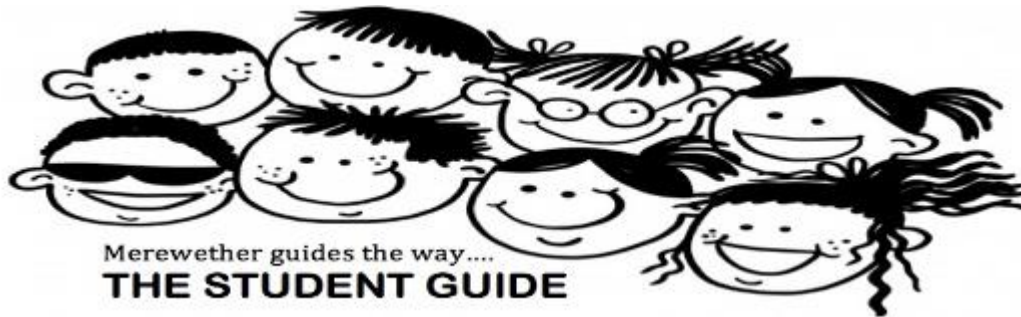
This is our proposed itinerary :

- Monday 15/4/19 Fly to Tokyo
- Tuesday 16/4/19 Tokyo sightseeing- Skytree, Asakusa, Akihabara
- Wednesday 17/4/19 Tokyo sightseeing- Harajuku, Meiji Shrine, (Ghibli Museum subject to availability)
- Thursday 18/4/19 Kyoto sightseeing- Fushimi Inari Shrine
- Friday 19/4/18 Kyoto Coach Day Tour – Kinkakuji, Kiyomizudera, Sanjusangendo & Heian Shrine
- Saturday 20/4/19 Nara half day tour to Todaiji Temple & deer park Nijo Castle
- Sunday 21/4/19 Hiroshima- Miyajima Island
- Monday 22/4/19 Day trip to Ube- Newcastle's Sister City – school visit and Tea Ceremony experience
- Tuesday 23/4/19 Hiroshima Castle, Shukkeien gardens,
- Wednesday 24/4/19 Himeji Castle Hiroshima Peace Park & Museum. Night flight to Australia
- Thursday 25/4/19 Morning arrival in Sydney.



EXCHANGE VISIT FROM JAPAN IN TERM 3

From the beginning of Term 3 Merewether High will host a group of 15 Japanese exchange students for two weeks with some students will be hosted by Merewether High students. The group will attend school during this time taking English language lessons in the morning and attending classes in the afternoon, getting to know the Merewether High community and make friends with our fabulous students. If you are interested in hosting an exchange student from Japan between July 25th and August 12th please see Mrs Allen or check your inbox.



OUR OWN MHS STUDENT TO STUDENT MENTOR PROGRAM

Any student who would like support or assistance with any area of school life....

ACADEMIC TUTORING IN A PARTICULAR SUBJECT
STUDY AND ORGANISATIONAL SKILLS
GENERAL SUPPORT OR SOMEONE TO CHAT TO

You can meet weekly, fortnightly, from time to time, when you have assessments coming up..... it is very flexible and up to you.

The Student Guide mentors are students from Years 10- 12 who have volunteered to help other students..... we have so many talented, experienced and organised people in our student body so it makes sense to have you all helping each other. Year 9 students will have the opportunity to be trained as mentors in Term 3.

We currently have over 40 students matched to a mentor....If you would like to have a student mentor please complete the survey which can be found at the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/wantamentor2017>

For any further enquiries..... if you have applied for a mentor but they have not yet made contact, or if your needs have changed and you are no longer in the program or wish to re-apply for a different kind of mentor please see Mrs Allen in the Languages or Mrs Chalmers in Maths or email: coreena.allen@det.nsw.edu.au.

Thank you to all the wonderful students already making the most of this program either as a mentor or mentee in this popular student based initiative and to Saffron Sabine and Madison Mulder our student mentor student coordinators.

Hospitality

Merewether Hospitality students have continued our association with OzHarvest in 2018, recently donating around 60kg of Minestrone Soup to be distributed to their many agencies. This is now nearly 600kg of food that we have donated to them since 2012.

We are proud to continue our long-standing partnership with OzHarvest and support the amazing work they do on our local community.

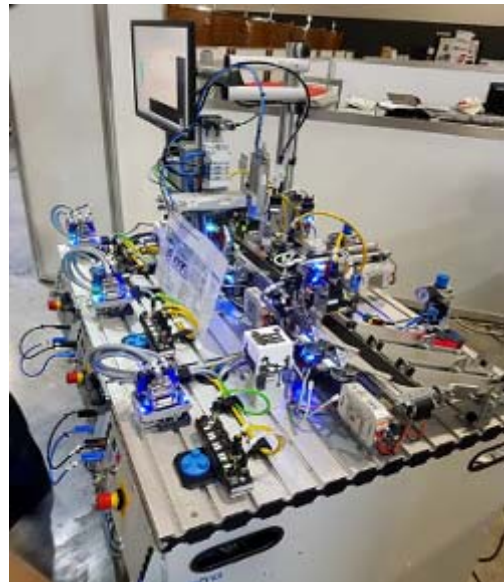
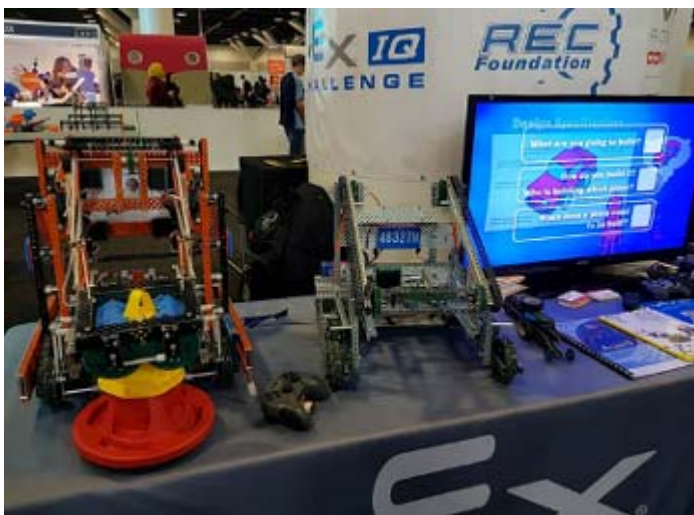


World Skills

In Week 6 50 Hospitality and Engineering students travelled to the World Skills Australia Show in Sydney. It was an informative and interesting day with plenty of exhibitions and competitions on offer for our students to become involved in.

Our Year 11 Engineering students were able to view first-hand the skills involved in various trades. From these experiences, our Engineering students will have a better knowledge and understanding of the training and tasks involved in a number of trades when working on major projects in the future. They will be able to speak the technical language of tradespeople in their role as Engineer, whether on-site or in the office, and maintain quality and integrity of major projects they will be required to lead.

Hospitality students had the opportunity to watch TAFE students in action, competing for the World Skills Australia title in Food and Beverage, Baking, Butchery, Chocolate Making, Cake Decoration and Commercial Cookery. The highlight of our day was watching the competitors plate up and present a main course and dessert, meeting a brief which was only given to them the day before. Many of our students obviously 'rate themselves' as future judges with plenty of comments and critiquing of plating up styles. Maybe a few too many episodes of Masterchef have been viewed.....





CAPA

Maya's Moran Prize Excellence



The Moran Contemporary Photographic prize is a photography competition ran annually by the Moran Arts Foundation, and recognises excellence in artistic photography work.

Entering the competition is no easy feat as submissions are expected to be of professional quality and outstanding artistic expression, and are judged by a panel of successful photographers and curators who excel in their field.

The prize offers sections for students of year groups to enter, and in the 2018 Moran prize years 9-10 section, Maya Cox of year nine has been selected to be a finalist.

The finalists consist of only twenty five submissions out of the thousands of entries from around Australia, and is a fantastic achievement.

Her photograph (above) demonstrates sophisticated work with aperture and lighting and captures the lines and shadows of her subject in a beautifully intense manner.

A spectacular achievement, and a well photographed work, Congratulations Maya!

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The Australian National Eisteddfod



On 17th May, 45 Hunter Wind Ensemble (HWE) members including: Lara Fraser-Geddes, Zeraphina Freeman, Noah Grady, Adrienne Hanslow, Maya-Jayne Howat, Jack Matthey, Ella Simons, Callum Smith, Rowan Smith, Max Spencer Karinen and Sam Spratt from Merewether High School, travelled to Canberra for 3 days. After a day of rehearsing they attended and performed at The Australian National Eisteddfod held at the beautiful Llewellyn Hall, ANU. The ensemble performed superbly and were awarded First Place in the Open Concert Band Grade B section. This section is open to school, university and mature age bands. If you are interested in auditioning for this outstanding regional Public Schools ensemble that performs, locally, nationally and internationally, email Mrs Tenorio who is Manager of Hunter Wind Ensemble at hunterwindensemble@gmail.com
This is a link to one of the HWE performances at the Eisteddfod. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xxOYfHsVcyg>

Secondary Choral Concert

Merewether HS had 26 students at the annual In Concert at Sydney Town Hall on 23 May. The students are all members of the MHS Vocal Ensemble or Hunter Singers. They sang as part of a 300-voice choir for a spectacular performance of Handel's Messiah excerpts, two works by Australian composer Luke Byrne and special performances with guest artists The Idea of North. All students are to be congratulated for their outstanding work on the day. The performance can be viewed by clicking on this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Sthzs7gEOo&feature=youtu.be>



Meet the Music

Year 9 Elective Music students had the privilege of attending the Sydney Opera House for a wonderful concert celebrating the music of Leonard Bernstein. We heard some great singers perform with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra and all students gained an insight into music written for the theatre for their current Theatre Music unit of study.





Playerlink – SSO

On Friday 13th to Sunday 15th of April this year I participated in Playerlink, a program run by the Sydney Symphony Orchestra for school students around the state. The program is designed to provide regional students outside of Sydney the opportunity to play challenging music in a full orchestral setting and have the experience of working with and being mentored by professional musicians. The program is held in a different regional area each year - this year it was held on the Central Coast, and I and a number of other Newcastle music students travelled down to participate in the program. I was accepted into the program on oboe, and got to act as principal (1st) oboist, playing repertoire including Mussorgsky's Night on Bald Mountain, Beethoven's 1st Symphony, Sibelius' Finlandia and parts of the Harry Potter soundtrack, and more. The oboe mentor this year was David Papp, 2nd oboist of the SSO, and he provided me and the other oboists with some very valuable expertise and experience to help improve our playing, individually and as a section. The SSO mentors combined also put on a Q&A session for us, where we were able to ask them questions about practice techniques, life as a professional musician, audition processes and more, which was very beneficial, especially to me as someone looking to go into music as a career. It was also good to see where the members of the orchestra themselves had come from, as many were from regional areas (including Newcastle and Lake Macquarie), showing us that just because we may not have access to the opportunities and teachers available in Sydney doesn't mean we can't become good musicians. After a combined two days of rehearsals the program concluded with a concert for family and friends to attend.



I think Playerlink is an amazing program that is very beneficial for young musicians, and I would recommend it to anyone interested in orchestral playing.

Adrienne Hanslow, Yr 12

Senior Music Evening at Lizotte's

When: Monday 25th June 2018

Doors open for dinner at 6pm. Performances begin at 7pm

Where: Lizotte's Restaurant – 31 Morehead Street, Lambton

Experience the talent and skill of Merewether High's HSC musicians.

Sit and enjoy a delectable evening of music & food.

TICKETS: for the evening are available directly from the Lizotte's website at

\$18 per person www.newcastle.lizottes.com.au

An al-a- carte menu is available on the evening.

The prices of the al-a-carte on average are entree \$15-\$20, main \$25-\$30, dessert \$10-\$17

and the snack bar menu ranges from \$6-\$17.50 and include tapas style food.

Posh Concert

Thursday 2nd August 2018 7.30pm



Harold Lobb Concert Hall

Newcastle University Conservatorium of Music

(Cnr Laman and Auckland St, Newcastle)

Showcasing Year 12 Music students and all

Merewether High School Music Ensembles

Tickets available at:

Merewether High School Cashier's Office or

Newcastle University Conservatorium Concert Hall Box Office from 7:00pm

Adults \$20 Student/Concession \$10 Family \$50

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Lizotte's Senior Music Showcase

Monday 25th June – 7pm

POSH Concert

Thursday 2nd August – 7:30pm



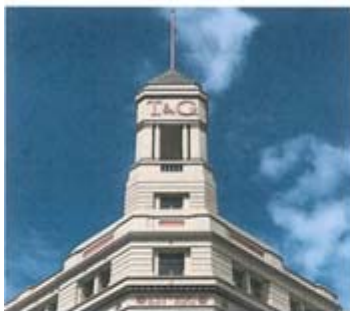


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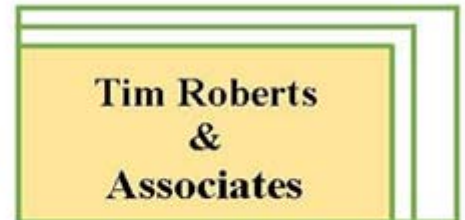


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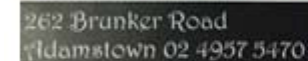
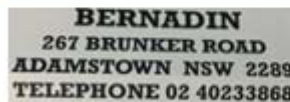
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- The Home Interior - Nelson Bay
- The Spinning Top - Adamstown
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- Brenwood Skin Centre - Adamstown
- CC Hair - Warners Bay
- East Coast Meats - Warners Bay
- Shark & Ray Encounters - Bobs Farm
- Lissome - Carrington
- Macleans Booksellers - Hamilton
- Pappa Sven - Cooks Hill
- Peapods - Nelson Bay
- Piggotts Pharmacy - Lambton
- Reading Cinemas - Charlestown
- Silk Hairdressing - Tea Gardens
- Subway - Warners Bay
- The Edwards - Newcastle
- The Natural Kitchen - Salamander Bay
- Vitamin Bread - Tea Gardens
- Wickham Park Hotel - Wickham
- Yoga Loft - Newcastle



**Merewether High School
Sports Programs
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Rugby and Netball partners in 2018

3 HUGE DAYS - 9AM TO 6PM

**MONSTER
BOOK FAIR**



**FRI • JUL 13
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- OVER 25,000 BOOKS
- SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE
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Merewether High School

We need your Help!!

Between the 13th - 15th July this year (the mid year school holidays) we are conducting a monster Bookfair as a fundraiser for upcoming programs.

During these three days the School Hall will be transformed into a HUGE!!! second hand book shop where over 25,000 books will be on sale to the community.

Donations of unwanted books required!

If you have any old books laying around the House that may be cluttering up important storage space then we are happy to take them off your hands. Any books donated must be brought into school by June 1 to allow time for processing. Just leave them at the office and we will take it from there.

We appreciate your Help!!



Careers

UPCOMING EXCURSIONS and INFORMATION SESSIONS TO ATTEND

June

- 22nd Priya Vakil (ex MHS) Medicine UNSW and UMAT BC1 Luncheon @MHS
 25th John Hunter Nursing and Midwifery showcase (Yr 11& 12) Event full
 26th JCU (James Cook Uni) visit to MHS - 1.30-2.15pm Medicine and QTAC applications (all years)
 Note required and will be emailed soon

July

- 5th Yr 12 Newcastle University Visit Day. School based excursion. NOTES required.
 26th, 30th, 31st UAC Application Session Mrs Abbo (Yr12) Lunch Senior Study
 30th John Hunter Multi-disciplinary Health Careers Showcase (years 10-12) Event full

August

- 1st UAC, Early Entry, EAS, Equity and SRS schemes Open – apply via UAC.
 14th UNSW Coop Scholarship presentation @MHS (all years) Luncheon BC1 October
 12th HRMI Open Day Newcastle <https://hmri.org.au/events/hmri-open-day-2018> December
 4th STEM Day @UTS excursion (maths, science and engineering & IT) Yrs 10-12 – more info to follow.
 13th HSC Results Released
 14th ATARS are released @ 9am

As listed above we have many upcoming events held both at school and externally that students are encouraged to attend. All students are advised of these events via email, daily notices and regularly in careers lessons.

Year 12 Student Reminders

UAC Applications: Year 12 are encouraged to start visiting the UAC website and familiarise themselves with the content as it has recently been upgraded. On this site they can find course information, application process information and dates, alternative entry program information and much more about tertiary study.

Accommodation at University: It is time to start looking at and applying for accommodation at university. Many universities are starting to open their accommodation applications and some will fill very quickly on a first in, best dressed basis. Do not wait to be accepted into a course or you will miss out.

Scholarships: A range of links and application advice was delivered to students during Year 12 careers lessons at the end of 2017. These links can be found in the weekly newsletter that is emailed to all students along with the year 12 booklet found in the MHS moodle – Careers – Year 12 Lessons - in the lesson booklet. Parents wishing to also access this information can encourage their child to forward them a copy of the newsletter also. During lessons students were advised to filter through scholarships and print off any relevant for their situation. Upon commencing the application students are encouraged to book an appointment with Mrs Abbo to review the application and to receive points and tips. While some scholarships have commenced for 2019 entry, many will not open until students commence their course of study. Students and parents are advised to keep monitoring scholarship pages throughout the duration of tertiary study.



Recent Careers Events

Careers Expo 2018: 192 Students attended this year's Newcastle and Lake Macquarie Careers Expo held at the Newcastle Jockey Club. Students were able to mingle with course providers, employers, gap year programs and accommodation services. Year 10 students have reported that attending this event was very beneficial.

Medical Science Day Garvin Institute Sydney: 35 students attended this day and the feedback was overwhelmingly positive. This is one of the most informative days for students unsure about what pathways they can follow in science. The guest speakers each outline their careers and delve into their current work. This year speakers ranged from doctors, forensic scientists, medical researchers, and medical engineers. Last year we also heard from a sport scientist. This is a yearly event so I would encourage students that did not attend this year to ensure that they make the effort next year to attend.

IT – Big Day In: On Tuesday 6th June 10 students attended the UON to listen to a wide range of speakers outline their specific role within the world of IT. The range of occupations this year was inspiring and demonstrated to students how important IT will be in careers of the future. Many opportunities for work experience and cadetships are offered on this day so this is a must for anyone keen on finding out more about IT careers. This is also a yearly event so will be offered to students in 2019.

University visits to Merewether High School: Macquarie University, UNSW, University of Newcastle Psychology have all attended Merewether High School providing information about courses, scholarships and entry requirements in the last few weeks. Many students attended these events and found the sessions valuable in helping plan for the future.

Ex Students Return to give advice: In addition to the universities we have had several ex MHS students also return to provide current students with advice for undertaking tertiary pathways reflecting on their experiences and outlining their highlights and insights.

Ellie Smith a recent graduate from the joint medical program at Newcastle /UNE provided wisdom regarding a range of medical entry processes and outlined her personal experiences in a regional university and the benefits that have stemmed from this originally unplanned pathway. Ellie had real life experiences of the practical component of being a medical student that students may not have previously been aware of and her advice was wise and considered.

Julia Barton recently returned to complete her Physiotherapy degree at the University of Newcastle after spending 2 years studying and the University of Hawaii as an elite athlete – playing Water Polo. Julia's unique experiences, study health in two countries, gave a clearer insight to students considering OS pathways. Having competed the SAT's, Julia provided sound advice on some approaches she would recommend.



MHS ANZAC Commemoration 2018

The Humanities staff would like to take a moment to acknowledge the outstanding contribution of some very dedicated students who have represented our school at a series of ANZAC related events over the last months.



Each year MHS joins with other local high schools to create the Combined High Schools ANZAC Service at Civic Theatre where two of our Year 11 students work collaboratively for over 3 months to research, write a script and then perform a 1 hour service combining both creative and traditional elements. The final production is outstanding every year and is presented to over 1300 primary school students from around the Hunter and a body of invited guests including veterans, business leaders and state and local representatives. Our representatives this year were Alexandra Plotnikoff and Eben Taylor in Year 11 whose commitment and passion for history were outstanding. Our representatives were also joined by the Hunter Singers and the Year 9 Drama group who each had their own parts in supporting the final performance. Representatives from the Merewether Hamilton RSL and Nuatali Nelmes both wanted to acknowledge the outstanding efforts of our students and the combined schools team.

Eben and Alexandra furthered their contributions through representing MHS at the 11am service on Anzac Day held in Civic Park and taking an integral role at the MHS Anzac service held earlier this term, again supported by the CAPA faculty through singing and musical accompaniment that make our ANZAC services far more engaging and memorable.

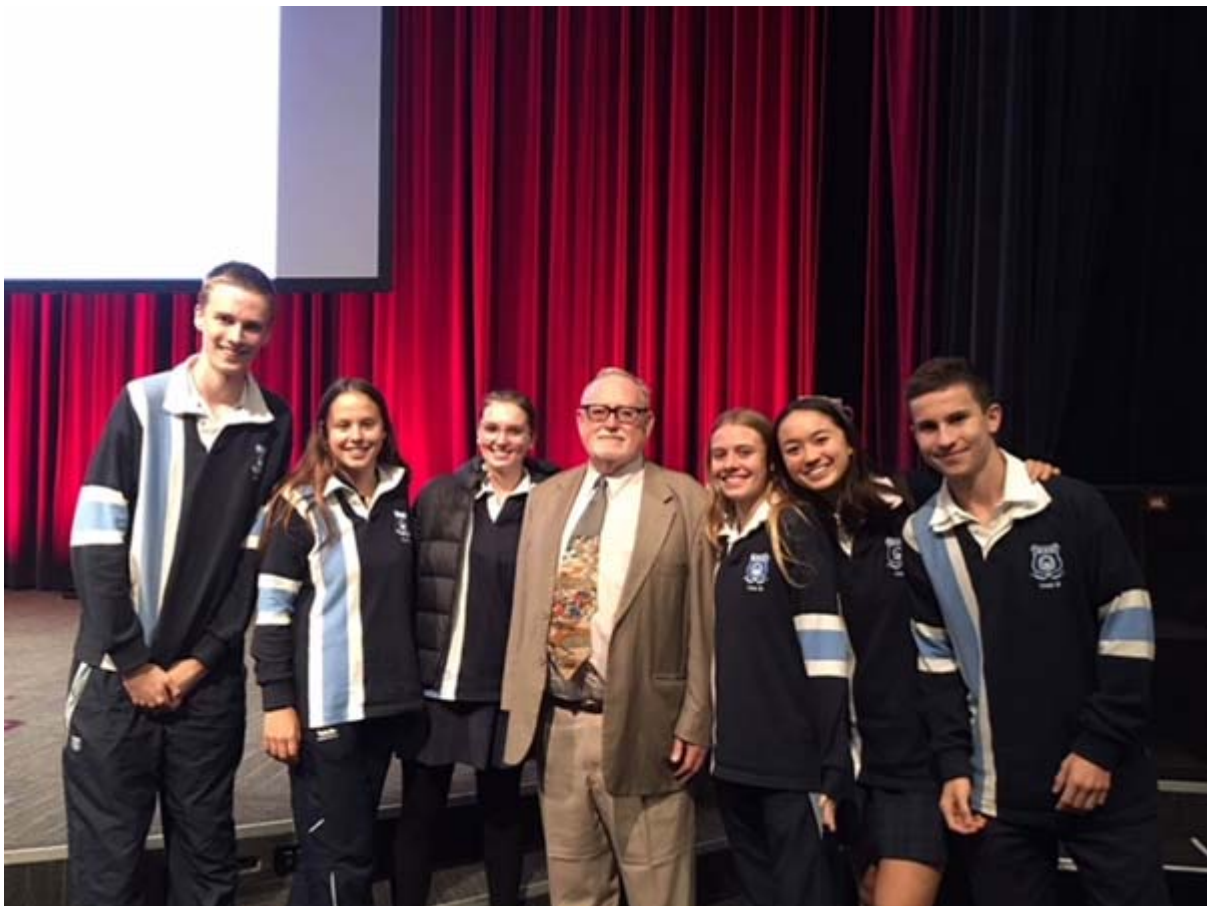
Additionally we should acknowledge the dedication of our prefect body who attended the Gregson Park Dawn Service this year accompanied by Mrs Gilbertson, braving the rain to lay a tribute reflective of the schools support for such valuable community events. Special mention goes to Elly Diamandis-Nikoletatos for selecting and reading a poem as part of the service. I can only hope that next year's prefect body are just as professional our 2017 group and also that the weather is more forgiving.

Mr Gibb and the Humanities Faculty would like to acknowledge the efforts of all of our students involved in ANZAC commemoration and hope they find these opportunities valuable and deserving of their efforts and passion.



Economics Update

The HSC Economics students have been busy studying the 2018-19 Federal Budget. Students have undertaken a media analysis of the main policies delivered by the Government's fiscal policy. Students consider the response by fiscal policy to issues in the Australian economy such as economic growth, unemployment and inflation and how effective economic tools such as monetary policy and microeconomic reform have been in managing the Australian economy. Classes have discussed the usefulness of GDP as an economic indicator and the argument for alternative measures of economic success such as sustainability and happiness. The HSC students recently attended a student conference hosted by the global investment bank UBS. Our students heard speeches from Ross Gittins, the Reserve Bank of Australia and Chief Economists at UBS on current and future trends in the global and domestic economy. Some of our students were fortunate to have a photo with our economic hero – Ross Gittins!!!





Open Boys Tennis make Hunter Semi Finals

The Open Boys tennis team won their way to the semi-final this year with solid wins over Maitland High School and Hunter Sports High School, barely losing a point. The semi-final was exceptionally tough however and the boys bowed down to tough opponents Lambton High School. The team members Lachlan Russell, Tom Buckner, Tristan Clinton-Muehr and Daniel Bucci all represented their school to the highest standard displaying outstanding sportsmanship. It was a pleasure to accompany these boys and watch them compete. This is the last year for Tom and Lachlan who have represented the school in this team for many years.



Sofia Figueroa, Y7, recently won the U/12 Lyrical solo at the Swansea and Newcastle Winter Dance Eisteddfods. She was also the only Merewether High student to successfully audition for Star Struck's Palladio - a ballet and contemporary combination (in addition to the Merewether ensemble). We're looking forward to watching Star Struck this week! Well done Sofia!

AFL U15's team 2018



Merewether High AFL team performed admirably at the 2018 annual Gala day with game wins over West Wallsend 22 - 8, and Tomaree 32 - 6 and a loss to Hunter Sports High. Special mention goes to Noah Handley for Mark of the day, Kyle Cochrane, Man of the match - working hard in the ruck and putting in 100% in the centre. There were also many great plays with Ethan Parson making some great tackles. That said, it was very much a team effort as per the usual high standard of sportsmanship displayed by all those involved. Team members: Tristan Clinton-Muehr, Kyle Cochrane, Cooper McKenzie, Finn Flanagan, Benyamin Bach, Harry Englert, Nelsen Yohanes, Conner Beveridge, Vincent Van Leeuwen, Cooper Harridge, Noah Handley, Lachlan Baker, Zac Gower, Ethan Parsons, Aiden Mulder, Chris Beck, James Vidler, Joseph Gillard, Austin Jones and Vashist Jain Prakasharathi.

Congratulations Boys.

Mr. Donaldson

P&C/Canteen News

NEW SECRETARY REQUIRED - Due to a change in circumstances, the current secretary of the P&C has had to resign from the position, so we are urgently in need of a new volunteer. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else, please email details to:

merewetherhighpandcsecretary@gmail.com

NEXT MEETING - The next meeting of the P&C will be held in the Independent Learning Centre on **Tuesday, 19 June at 7pm**. Prior to the meeting from 6.45pm, Tony Southward (Relieving Principal) will give an overview of the process of subject selections, forming curriculum patterns and information to assist parents and students (formal information sessions for families will take place in week 4 of term 3). All welcome. The meeting will conclude by 8.30pm.

CAN YOU HELP? - The canteen is the main P&C fundraiser at Merewether High and the only way we can raise funds to help our school AND provide our students with lots of healthy meal choices is through the wonderful work of our canteen volunteers.

We urgently need helpers on a number of Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays this year. If you can help out, even for one day a term, it would be greatly appreciated. If you can't do a full day but can offer two or three hours, that would also be of help.

If you can lend a hand, please either email merewetherhighpandccanteen@gmail.com or phone the school on 4969 3855 and ask to be put through to the canteen.

From time-to-time we put out urgent calls for help on the Skoolbag app. Many thanks to Mrs Corney for facilitating these notices and thanks to those parents and friends who kindly volunteer at short notice.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS - Entertainment Books are a wonderful initiative which pay for themselves many times over. They are also a way to help fundraise for your school. You can order a copy on line, by following this link: www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/3466u6



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The books remain great value at \$65 each! Digital editions can be downloaded on line, and hard copies can be collected or purchased at the school canteen (cash only please, unfortunately EFTPOS can't be used for these purchases).

Please forward this information to family and friends who may be able to help us meet our fundraising goals. For any questions, contact Tracie McNulty: tracie.mcnulty@yahoo.com.au



TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS

With the end of financial year rapidly approaching, earlier this month, we sent an email to all parents and carers outlining how they can make a tax-deductible donation to assist with the establishment of the new **Collaborative Learning Space**.

This flexible facility is designed to foster collaborative learning which encourages the sharing of expertise, knowledge and resources to enhance problem-solving and communication skills. Details of what is proposed for the Collaborative Learning Space and how your donation will be used, are shown on the following page.

The P&C is asking you to consider supporting this important initiative by making a **tax-deductible donation** to the school-administered Building Fund. Previous generous contributions from parents to the Building Fund enabled the creation of the Learning Centre and Independent Learning Centre, and the major expansion and refurbishment of the school canteen. We hope the 2018 initiative will be equally well-supported.

How to make a donation:

Online payments can be made via the Merewether High School website:

Go to: www.merewether-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

- Click on “**\$ Make a Payment**”
- Complete Student Details (name, school year, date-of-birth)
- Complete Payer Details
- Under "Payment Options", select "Other" and enter the description: MHS Building Fund

Enter the amount you wish to donate

Alternatively, payment can be made in person at the school office or over the phone. Once the payment has been processed, a tax receipt will be posted home to families.

Thanks for your support!

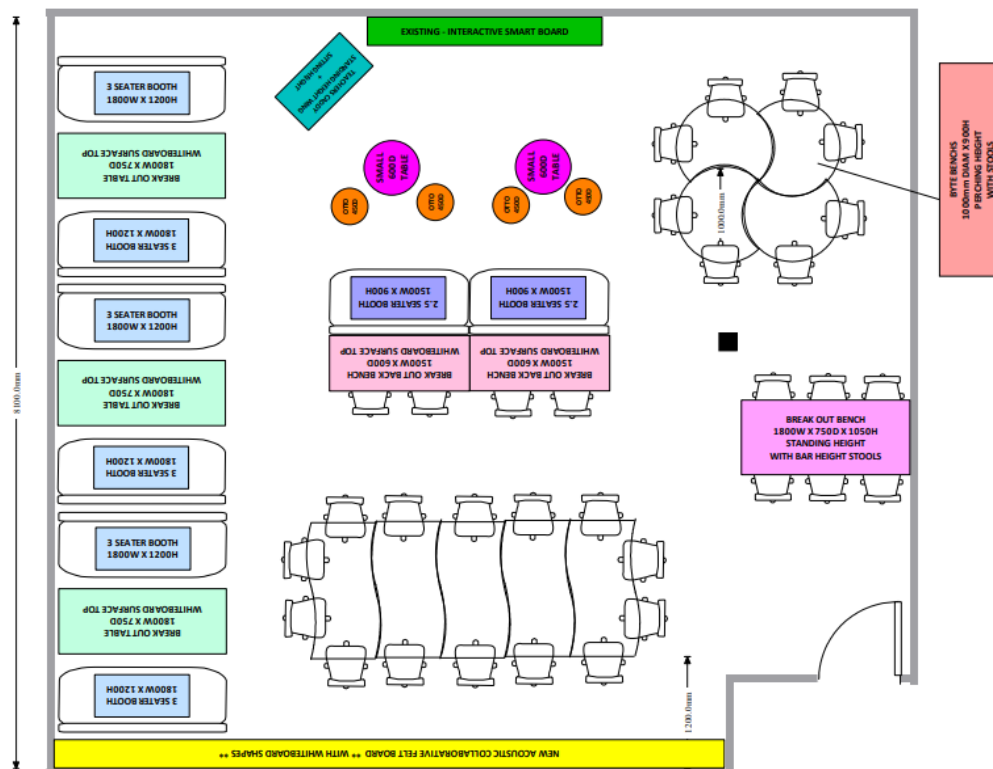
Merewether High Collaborative Learning Space

With the recent establishment of the Creative Arts Hub in the area behind the library, the area previously used as our Drama Room will be reshaped into a Collaborative Learning Space.

Centrally located on the bottom floor of L Block, the Collaborative Learning Space will be shared across all Key Learning Areas. It will be able to accommodate up to two classes concurrently, and can be flexibly booked by class groups on a period-by-period basis.

In line with our focus on explicitly teaching critical thinking skills, analysis and evaluation, the space will be designed to facilitate improved group work skills, as well as self-directed learning.

With a strong focus on feedback and feedforward for student learning, we believe this space will be ideal for not only collaboration but cohort, small group and individual feedback.



Realising the space

The phased conversion of the Drama Room into a Collaborative Learning Centre will require structural refurbishment and renewal and the addition of flexible furniture and fixtures. The fit-out has been specifically designed to facilitate group work, collaboration and enhanced learning.

The conversion of the space will require:

- electrical structural work to support technology integration,
- painting,
- attachment of storyboarding and brainstorm stations and display boards
- installation of a range of flexible furniture options, similar to those show above, to provide break-out zones, small group spaces and boardroom structures.



Merewether High School

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM IF YOU HAVE A CHANGE OF FAMILY DETAILS

PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS.

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

STUDENT-First name: _____ Surname: _____

FAMILY NAME IF DIFFERENT FROM STUDENTS: _____

ADDRESS DETAILS

MAILING TITLE: _____

NEW RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: _____

SUBURB: _____ POST CODE: _____

NEW MAILING ADDRESS (if different to above): _____

SUBURB: _____ POST CODE: _____

OLD ADDRESS: _____

SUBURB: _____ POSTCODE: _____

CONTACT DETAILS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

1ST PARENT/CARERS NAME: _____

HOME: _____ MOBILE: _____ WORK: _____

2ND PARENT/CARERS NAME: _____

HOME: _____ MOBILE: _____ WORK: _____

FAMILY EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS – other than parents

1ST EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME: _____ Relationship to student _____

HOME: _____ MOBILE: _____ WORK: _____

2ND EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME: _____ Relationship to student _____

HOME: _____ MOBILE: _____ WORK: _____

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

TYPE OF ORDER: _____ DATE: _____

ACCESS DETAILS: _____

PARENT/CARER SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____



Shop Hours
Monday 8.00-12.00pm
Thursday 1.00-3.30pm

**Merewether High School
Uniform Shop**



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NSW 2292

Uniform: Yr7-Yr9	Size	Price
S/S Blouse	J8-L20	\$39.00
Tartan Skirt	J8-L20	\$69.00
Fitted Formal Shorts	J10-L20	\$44.00
Fitted Pants	J10-L20	\$49.00
S/S Shirt	J8-3XL	\$37.00
Formal Shorts	J8-3XL	\$48.00
Formal Trousers	J10-3XL	\$55.00
Uniform: Yr10-Yr12	Size	Price
S/S Blouse	J10-L20	\$43.00
Tartan Skirt	J8-L20	\$69.00
Fitted Formal Shorts	J10-L20	\$44.00
Fitted Pants	J10-L20	\$49.00
S/S Shirt	J8-3XL	\$37.00
Formal Shorts	J8-3XL	\$48.00
Formal Trousers	J10-3XL	\$55.00
Outerwear	Size	Price
Dumper	10-16	\$82.00
	18-20	\$92.00
	22-26	\$102.00

Sports Uniform	Size	Price
Sports Polo	J8-3XL	\$44.00
Sports Shorts	J8-3XL	\$38.00
Tracksuit Jacket - Heavy	J10-3XL	\$89.00
Tracksuit Pants	J10-3XL	\$50.00
Bags	Size	Price
Swim Excursion Bag	one	\$20.00
Backpack	Large	\$84.00
Accessories	Size	Price
Sport Socks	All Sizes	\$10.00
White Socks	All Sizes	\$6.95
Black Socks	All Sizes	\$6.95
Microfibre Tights	All Sizes	\$10.00
Leather Belt	All Sizes	\$17.00
Bucket Hat	S-XL	\$22.00
Sports Cap	One Size	\$18.00
Gloves		\$8.00
Scarf		\$11.00
Fabric Marker		\$4.00

Note:

- Sizes not carried are available by custom order. 3 month lead time applies. An additional \$10.00 is applied to custom orders and all sizes above and including a 4XL/L22.
- Online orders are distributed from the Uniform Shop the next opening day of the shop. A postage charge will occur for all orders marked for delivery.
- Payments can be made by Cash, Credit Card or Debit Credit Cards only.

Prices Effective from 1-10-2017 and are subject to change without notice.





JUNE	
Mon 18/6	Vaccinations Y10 & 11 Y10 Blackout period Commences
Tues 19/6	Y12 PLG P&C Meeting
Fri 22/6	Y11 Reports issued
Mon 25/6	Y10 Assessment period commences
Tues 26/6	Y7 PLG
Thurs 28/6	Y11 Parent Teacher Interviews
Fri 29/6	NAIDOC Assembly
JULY	
Mon 2/7	ROSA Assemblies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7, 9, 11 - 11:00am • 8, 10, 12 - 1:30pm
Tues 3/7	Y11 Jindabyne day - 1/4
Wed 4/7	Y11 Jindabyne day - 2/4
Thurs 5/7	Green Day Y11 Jindabyne day - 3/4
Fri 6/7	Yrs 7, 8, 9 Reports Issued Y11 Jindabyne day - 4/4
Term 3 - Mon 23/7	School Development Day
Tues 24/7	Students Return Y12 Meeting
Thurs 26/7	Y7 - 2019 Tour and Information Session - 4:00pm
Fri 27/7	CHS Cross Country
Tues 31/7	Y 7 & 9 Parent Teacher Interviews ICAS English
AUGUST	
Wed 1/8	Regional Athletics day 1/2 Opportunity Class Placement Test
Thurs 2/8	Regional Athletics day 2/2
Mon 6/8	Y10 Reports issued Y12 Blackout Period commences
Thurs 9/8	Y 8 & 10 Parent Teacher Interviews Australian Maths Comp



Mon 13/8	Y10 (2019) Course Information Evening - 4:30pm Y11 (2019) Course Information Evening - 6:00pm
Tues 14/8	Y8 (2019) Course Information Evening - 4:30pm Y9 (2019) Course Information Evening - 5:30pm ICAS Maths
Mon 20/8	Y12 Trial HSC commences
Tues 21/8	P&C Meeting
Mon 27/8	Y11 Blackout Period commences
Fri 31/8	Y12 Trial HSC concludes
SEPTEMBER	
Tues 4/9	Y12 ELEVATE - 'Finishing Line'
Wed 5/9	CHS Athletics - day 1/3
Thurs 6/9	CHS Athletics - day 2/3
Fri 7/9	CHS Athletics - day 3/3
Mon 10/9	Y11 Final Assessment period commences
Tues 18/9	Y7 PLG
Fri 21/9	Y11 Final Assessment period concludes
Mon 24/9	Y12 Meeting Y12 (2019) Extension Course Information Session - 4:30pm Y7 Vaccinations
Tues 25/9	P&C Meeting 7:30pm - ILC
Wed 26/9	Y12 Reports Issued Sports Presentation Assembly - 9:00am Y12 Formal
Fri 28/9	Y12 Presentation Assembly - 9:30am
Term 4	OCTOBER
Mon 15/10	Y12 (2019) Learning Conference ELEVATE - <i>Time Management</i>
Tues 16/10	Y7 (2020) Information Session - 4:00pm
Wed 17/10	Y7 (2019) Challenge Day - 9:30am - 1:00pm
Mon 22/10	HSC Commences
Mon 29/10	Y11 Reports issued
Tues 30/10	Y7 PLG
Fri 31/10	Y9 Urban Challenge - day 1/3



	NOVEMBER
Thurs 1/11	Y9 Urban Challenge - day 2/3
Fri 2/11	Y9 Urban Challenge - day 3/3
Mon 5/11	Y7 - 10 Blackout Period commences
Mon 12/11	Y7 - 10 Assessment Period
Tues 13/11	Y9 PLG
Fri 16/11	Last Day HSC
Tues 20/11	Y10 PLG
Fri 23/11	Prefects' Investiture - 11:00am
Tues 27/11	Y11 (2019) PLG
Thurs 29/11	Y11 Assembly - 11:00am
	DECEMBER
Mon 3/12	Learning Reflection Y7
Mon 10/12	Learning Reflection Y8
Tues 11/12	Y7 (2019) Orientation Day
Mon 17/12	Y10 Assembly - 9:00am Y9 Assembly - 11:00am
Tues 18/12	Y8 Assembly - 9:00am Y7 Assembly - 11:00am
Wed 19/12	Presentation Assembly - 10:30am Last Day of School
Thurs 20/12	Y12 BBQ - 11:00am