



## MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW PRINCIPAL DR SUSAN GREEN

Welcome to Term 4. I sincerely thank Newtown High School of the Performing Arts staff and community for your very friendly welcome.

It is an absolute privilege to be leading a school with such a dynamic, vibrant, creative culture and wide reputation for educational excellence.

We have some new students who started at NHSPA this week, and I would like to welcome them and their families to our community. I hope they feel that they belong here and quickly realise the many learning opportunities available to them.

On Tuesday we had our first P&C Meeting for the term. Thank you to Deputy Principals Nilaufer Rajwar and Karl Pico, who attended with me. It was wonderful to see and meet such a large group of parents and carers.

Below is an excerpt from my P&C Address:

*'Leadership is never a solo endeavour. Collaboration is key. A new Principal builds on the work of others. I will build upon the leadership of the previous Principal Sharon Roberts, and I would like to recognise tonight the leadership Newtown High School of the Performing Art has had for the last three school terms under Acting Principal Nilaufer Rajwar, Deputy Principals Peter Shields and Karl Pico, and Relieving Deputy Principal Belinda Scanlan. Together they have worked hard and successfully. Their love of the school and their profession, and their dedication to the students, is palpably evident.*

*Newtown High School of the Performing Arts has a longstanding reputation as a flagship school for educational excellence, with excellence in the Performing Arts proudly front and centre. Great practices are already happening, and my intention and commitment is to strengthen these. As a new Principal I will be looking at everything. My immediate aim is to get to know everyone: staff and students.*

*My core focus is excellence. Excellence in teaching and learning with the interests of the students at the heart of every decision. There are numerous factors and processes that underpin teaching and learning excellence within a school. You have high expectations for your children. You send them to Newtown High School of the Performing Arts to receive the best educational experience possible, and this is what I will be pursuing from every angle.*

*Creativity is essential to all learning. I am excited to be looking into everything we do at Newtown and seeing how creativity is integrated into learning across the Key Learning Areas.*

*Newtown's core values of excellence, creativity and equity sum up what I believe we need in terms of best pedagogical practice for the optimal student educational experience.*

*A school is a core part of every community, and we thrive at Newtown High School of the Performing Arts because of you, our community, and the partnerships we forge and collaborations we enable. Partnerships with industry, with academic research and across schools are also areas we will be exploring.*

*As a Principal I will lead with empathy, and build upon and strengthen the culture of collaboration Newtown High School of the Performing Arts clearly has: a vibrant, evidence-based learning culture, a culture of high expectations, which nurtures relational trust.'*

On Wednesday morning this week I stood quietly at the back of the room as the Symphonic Wind Ensemble rehearsed. It was the perfect way to start the day.

The HSC written exams commenced across the state with English on Wednesday morning. Thank you to Deputy Principal Peter Shields for leading and supporting the Year 12 students with these final examinations.



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All day Wednesday, the Year 10 Goal Setting and Reflections interviews were running in the Common Room. This is an excellent academic wellbeing program fostering student self-regulation and a growth mindset. I look forward to being involved in the Year 11 Goal Setting and Reflection process later this term.

I enjoyed meeting and briefly getting to know students at the Wednesday lunchtime LGBTQIA+ group led by our Student Support Officer, Dean Adams. The First Nations Student Group also meets on Wednesdays, and it was a privilege to meet with these students. Karl Pico, Ula George and Dean Adams were talking with the students about the upcoming Sharing Stories cross-curricular collaboration. This will be an outstanding student, staff and community collaboration.

On Thursday morning we had our first whole-school assembly for the term. It was a delight to speak to all the students, present Maths Competition awards with Head Teacher Mathematics, Joelle Pearn, and watch the Prefects so capably lead the assembly.



Josie Mackay

I would like to congratulate Science Lab Assistant Josephine Mackay for receiving her Department of Education 40 Years of Service Award. I presented Josie with her certificate at our staff morning tea on Thursday. Josie is an integral part of the Science Faculty, the office staff, and the school.

A big congratulations to our talented students, and the Performing Arts Faculties. There are many 2023 HSC students receiving nominations for Music, Dance and Drama. Further details are below.

Best wishes  
Susan Green

We are excited to announce the upcoming event:

### **'SHARING STORIES Cultures and Histories'**

Enjoy a banquet of dishes using Indigenous and Greek ingredients that caters for every palate and cooked by renowned Chef, David Tsirekas (Perama, Xanthi, 1821) and his team of NHSPA Hospitality students.

The night will also include performances from NHSPA students

Friday November 3 2023, 6.00pm

\$55 per person (3 course meal and refreshments)

Limit of 80 bookings

To book tickets please click on the link below from 12.30om 13 October 2023 via our website:-

<https://www.trybooking.com/CMLQK>





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## DANCE CALLBACK NOMINATIONS HSC 2023

**CALLBACK** is a selection of outstanding performances and projects from HSC dance students and will be held at the Seymour Centre in February 2024.

Selections will be announced shortly after HSC general results release in December.

For showcase information and updates visit the [HSC Showcase Hub](#).

The Dance Department has been notified of the exemplary performances of our Year 12 Dance students. In the Dance HSC our 27 students completed three practical examinations Core Performance, Core Composition and Major Study Performance.

We are so proud of our students who have received 57 nominations in total this year.

Within this we have:

- 8 students who have received nominations for all three practical examinations.
- 16 students who have received nominations for two practical examinations
- 1 student who received a nomination for one practical examination



The following student/s' **Core Performance** has been nominated for possible inclusion in CALLBACK. Congratulations!

Amelie Carrie, Summer Cunio-Scarborough, Amelie Carrie, Kathryn Dyer, Ciara Hartigan, Taylise Hodder, Lucinda Hunt, Asher Katrakis-Owen, Tiana Kostopoulos, James Kwan, Katrina Lai, Tahlia Lee, Oskar Lindquist, Grace Losco, Winifred Lukin, Hayley Martin, Hannah McIlwaine, Eva Neville, Ines Omodiagbe, Olivia Pascoe, Iris Petrovski, Annabella Vu, Annabel Wu and Mei Yamada

The following student/s' **Core Composition** has been **nominated** for possible inclusion in CALLBACK.

Sophie Dadge, Lucinda Hunt, James Kwan, Tahlia Lee, Grace Losco, Hayley Martin, Eva Neville and Mei Yamada

The following student/s' **Major Study Performance** has been **nominated** for possible inclusion in CALLBACK.

Amelie Carrie, Summer Cunio-Scarborough, Sophie Dadge, Kathryn Dye, Maeve Green, Ciara Hartigan, Taylise Hodder, Lucinda Hunt, Asher Katrakis-Owen, Tiana Kostopoulos, James Kwan, Katrina Lai, Tahlia Lee, Oskar Lindquist, Grace Losco, Winifred Lukin, Hayley Martin, Hannah McIlwaine, Eva Neville, Ines Omodiagbe, Olivia Pascoe, Iris Petrovski, Annabella Vu, Annabel Wu and Mei Yamada

*Congratulations to all these students and their teachers for an outstanding result*



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## DRAMA ONSTAGE NOMINATIONS HSC 2023

The Drama Faculty has pleasure in announcing the **OnStage** Nominees from this year's HSC



### INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES

Blake O'Mara  
Fergus Harley-McDonald  
Alessandro Carozza  
Michelle Gronich  
Oskar Lindquist  
Arden Skinner  
Eliza Batson

### GROUP PERFORMANCES

Fergus Harley McDonald  
Alessandro Carozza  
Charles Codsì  
Anneka Jane  
Eliza Forbes  
Ines Omodiagbe  
Francesco Robins  
Juliet Parkinson  
Arden Skinner



We have yet to hear about the Projects as they are not marked until this week but we anticipate more successes.

*NHSPA and the Drama Faculty would like to congratulate our 9 nominated students for their Group Performance and to the other 7 nominees for their Individual Performances.*



MUSIC ENCORE NOMINATIONS HSC 2023

CONGRATULATIONS WELL DESERVED



Year 12 Music students performed at the Soiree, a week before their actual HSC Practical Exams last term

Music 1, 2 and Extension cohort have received 12 nominations for **Encore**, the annual NESAC concert of exemplary HSC performances.

We feel this is great validation of the energy, sophistication, musicality and commitment shown from the students and also their accompanying performers. It is also a strong reflection on the Music Faculty, the culture of high expectations and musical enrichment that these students have been heavily engaged in.

Most of these students are also key members of the co-curricular ensembles program which they have balanced tremendously well with their HSC programs.

Ben Clarke  
Charlie Codsí  
Luca Crome  
Mackenzie Cullen  
Jude Cusbert  
Frankie Foster  
Emily Harris  
Emma Lang  
Sienna Langenheim  
Freya McGrath  
Finn Moore  
Hugo Schmidt





**PERFORMING ARTS CALENDER EVENTS FOR TERM 4 2023**

DATE	EVENT	VENUE
<b>Week 2</b> Wed 18/10 Wed 18/10 Thu 19/10 Fri 20/10 Fri 20/10	Bathory Begins, Drama ATYP performance. 7pm Ceramics Studio HPGE Masterclasses commence (weekly) Bathory Begins, Drama ATYP performance. 7pm Bathory Begins, Drama ATYP Year 10 matinee perf. P2 Bathory Begins, Drama ATYP performance. 7pm	Studio Theatre
<b>Week 4</b> Thu 2/11 Fri 3/11	9 Presentation Assembly Sharing Stories and Culture Gala Night	
<b>Week 5</b> Mon 6/11 Tue 7/11 Wed 8/11 Thu 9/11	Tech Day 1, Drama Showcase Tech Day 2, Drama Showcase Tech Day 3 and Drama Showcase Performance 1, 6pm 7/10 Presentation Assembly Drama Showcase Performance 2, 6pm	Studio Theatre
<b>Week 6</b> Mon 13/11 Tue 14/11 Wed 15/11 Thu 16/11	Tech Day 1, Animato Music Showcase Tech Day 2, Animato, then performance 6pm Tech Day 1, Con Brio Tech Day 2, Con Brio, then performance 6pm	St Georges Hall
<b>Week 7</b> Wed 22/11 Thu 23/11	Schools Spectacular, all week Film Festival and VA Spring Show 8/11 Presentation Assembly	Quodos Arena St Georges Hall
<b>Week 8</b> Mon 27/11 Tue 28/11 Wed 29/11 Thu 30/11 Fri 1/12	Dance and Gala Bump In, Seymour Everest Tech Day 1, Dance Showcase Tech Day 2, Dance Showcase, performance 7:30pm Tech Day 1, Gala Performance (Dance/Drama/Music) Tech Day 2, then Gala evening performance 7:30pm	Seymour Centre
<b>Week 9</b> Fri 8/12	Presentation Day	NIDA