

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

We continue to live in interesting times! Thank you for your continuing understanding and support as we work our way through the day to day challenges that COVID 19 presents and try to find new, creative ways to communicate effectively and to celebrate student achievement. Despite the restrictions, Newtown has been able to successfully "keep the show on the road" using Zoom technology and other platforms. Teachers and Administrative Staff have experienced a steep learning curve, developing expertise in on line auditions, parent/teacher/student conferences, P&C meetings, and subject selection sessions. I would like to acknowledge all the Newtown staff for their amazing efforts to ensure that student learning remains at the heart of all that we do and that students are well supported and challenged to do their best.



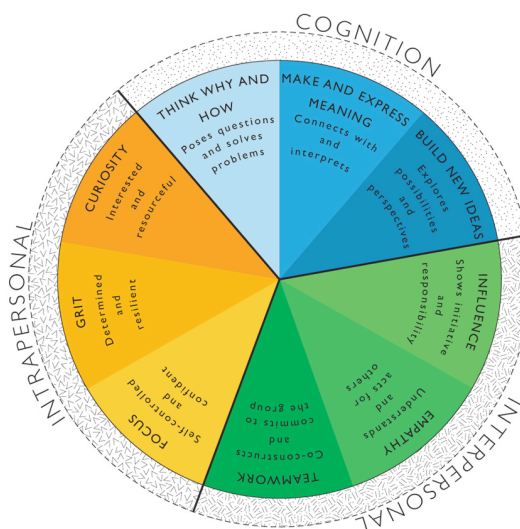
STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

Our Term 3 Staff Development Day began with a beautiful outdoor breakfast which brought all the staff together. The major focus for the day was to highlight strategies for improving literacy and numeracy across all curriculum areas. To assist us to unpack and analyse our data, we were very fortunate to be guided by two specialists from the Department of Education, Hilary Coolican and Martin Lauricella. Their presentation was very well received and will help to inform our new school planning cycle. Thank you to Deputy Principal, Nilufer Rajwar, for her fantastic organisation of this important professional learning day.

LEARNING MATTERS

The Learning Disposition Wheel

Parents of students in Year 7 will by now be aware that we have started to transform the way we approach teaching and learning at NHSPA. Based on research over the last 10 years and guided by the expertise of academics from the University of Sydney, the school is moving to a more personalised, targeted approach to teaching and learning. "The Learning Disposition Wheel" (LWD) with its nine attributes or skills, provides students with a framework to identify their existing learning strengths and areas for further development. Parents will have an opportunity to hear their child discuss their learning on September 20 during a student led conference at home. Year 7 are busily compiling their e-learning portfolios in preparation for this exciting event.



THE TRIALS OF YEAR 12

I continue to be impressed with the resilience and optimism of Year 12, despite the disappointments this year. With their HSC Trials behind them, many are gearing up for the submission of Major Works and HSC Performance Examinations. Unfortunately, we have had to modify our usual Year 12 events due to the tightening of COVID restrictions. Despite these setbacks, we are looking forward to farewelling this fantastic year group on Friday 25th September in St Georges Hall. Year 12 Prefects, Year Advisors and Deputy Principal Mr Shields are planning some fun COVID safe activities in the last week of the term. We wish Year 12 all the very best for their practical exams in the coming weeks.

VOICES FROM THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

MOVING FORWARD WITH YEAR 7 Creation of their Fabulous Clubs



**MUSICAL
THEATRE CLUB**

Costume Design Club



Environmental MENTAL Club



Mix-It-Up Dance Club



YEAR 7 JOURNALISM TEAM

Hugo, Alice, Oscar, Fred, Phaedra, Claudette, Lulu, Willa, Bonnie and Addison

In this edition, we welcome the Journalism Club, who will play an integral role, as part of our Newsletter's production and editing team in bringing the **Voice** of the students to its audience in future editions.

They will collaborate with other Y7 Clubs and S.E.E.D Team to update us on: ***What's happening around the school;*** With articles, photographs and examples that highlight students' achievements in all areas of learning, sporting endeavours and triumphs, tips on how to be environmentally ***savvy*** and ***much, much more!***

IN THE WORDS OF ENGLISH

The English faculty is excited to announce that debating has returned for Term 3! Students have been honing their skills in regular workshops, and will now be able to showcase their talent in a safe, online environment as the Premier's Debating Challenge commences. Our Years 11 and 12 team, led by Mr Zitser, were the first group to engage in the Premier's Debating Challenge. They defeated Rose Bay Secondary College in a heated debate on the 17th of August. The following day our Year 10 team, coached by Ms Chen, emerged victorious against Sydney Technical High School. Our Years 7 and 8 teams will take on Sydney Boys High School on the 25th August. Our teams will then battle it out with each other before we turn our sights to Fort Street High School later in the term.

We look forward to reporting on the results of our exceptional teams in the coming months!



Year 9 Debating Team

Sofia Laurence
Andrew Pieri
Sophia Angilletta
James Kwan

Year 10 Debating Team

Isobel McRobert
Amity Lees
Georgie Tinning
Alisa Hamilton



VOICES FROM THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

DANCING WITH THE NHSPA STARS



Congratulations to our Year 12 Dance students who have completed their HSC Practicals and to our students of Classical Ballet in completing their HSC Course!

Students are now focusing on the Appreciation content of the course in preparation for their HSC written exam. They have been enjoying a 4C's based theory lesson today on one of their set works "Sarabande". Well done Year 12 for all your hard work this year in preparation for your HSC, especially, through such challenging times.

NHSPA SOUNDS OF MUSIC

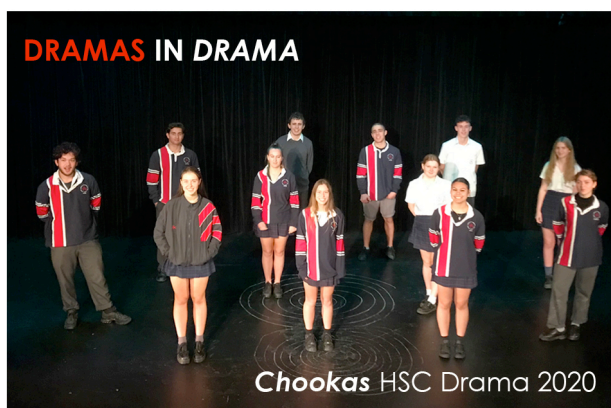
Year 11 Music 1 have just completed a class Song Writing project as part of their studies in Popular Music.

The song and title explore the need to often 'step back' to gain clarity.

Scan to have a listen to the track



DRAMAS IN DRAMA



Drama practical exams are occurring in Week 6 for all HSC drama students. We have taken a few **big hits** in regards to COVID restrictions. Two major set backs for our students were, the removal of Group Performances and the absence of an audience for their Individual Performances. However, in light of all these constraints, it was wonderful to receive a message from all the Committee at Drama NSW for our students in the lead up to the exams, with the knowledge that they have support from the larger Drama community during these challenging times. Look out for some familiar NHSPA faces amongst the committee.

VOICES FROM THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

PDHPE and CAREERS

Working Together

As part of the PDHPE syllabus, Year 10 students investigated future challenges and the skills required to manage these in a positive way.

The unit includes such things as: moving out of home, completing a tax return, applying for an individual Medicare Card as well as developing the skills to apply for work.

The PDHPE Faculty, in collaboration with the Careers Advisor, Ula George, has embedded in their program of study, a unit of work that both satisfies areas of the PDHPE Curriculum as well as addressing a whole school approach to the importance of preparing students to life after high school and the world of work.

This Term all Year 10 students have had the opportunity, during their PDHPE classes, to be involved in two workshops that focussed on:



Congratulations Year 10
YOU'VE GOT THE JOB!

CAREERS UPDATE



Year 12: Wednesday 12th August
UAC Application Process and more!

Year 10: Thursday 13th August
Subject Selection for HSC

HSC DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST 15 - SEPTEMBER 19

Language HSC Oral Exams

SEPTEMBER 30

UAC Earlybird Applications Due

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF SCIENCE

Experiences and Discoveries

Year 8 Science students are currently working on a major team project to construct a complex machine of their own choosing. We will be holding an expo of their finished machines in the EFC for **Science Week** where all members of the school community will be able to view the work along with other exciting activities planned during Week 6!



Year 11 Biology students were very lucky to be able take advantage of a relaxation of COVID restrictions at the beginning of the term to get out to Long Reef rock platform with educators from AUSECO.

It was a most welcome opportunity for not only this change of scenery in which to discover and learn, but also to do it on a most glorious winter's day that felt more like spring. The mandatory field work formed part of their second assessment task for the course and we have been very impressed with the quality of their presentations on the impacts of climate change on a chosen rock platform species observed on the day.



SABRINA AND JESSICA'S **CATCHES OF THE DAY!**

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THROUGH THE EYES OF ART

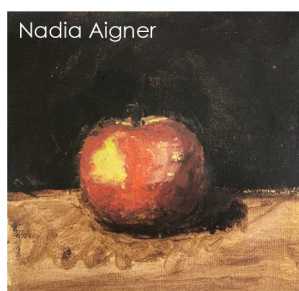
We want to commend our Year 12 students on their resilience and commitment to their studies demonstrated this year. We encourage them to remain positive and engaged in this final push to complete their Bodies of Work.

We will be hanging an exhibition and hosting an opening for students on Wednesday, August 26th. However, due to the COVID restrictions in place, we will not be able to have parents on site and in place of this, a website will be created of all student works displayed and the link will be sent to parents early in Term 4.

This term, our students have been engaged in their artmaking whilst exploring ideas and history that informs practical work in the following units and expressive forms.



Year 10: Commenced their unit on Street Art creating designs and plans for a possible mural to be part of the landscape of the school.



Year 11: **Vanitas Unit**
A study for final artwork



Year 11 Photography

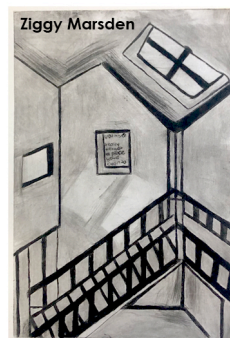
We wish our Graduating Year of 2020 all the very best in their upcoming HSC Exams. We are proud of your tremendous efforts and all that you've achieved in spite of these very challenging times!



Year 7: History Mystery paintings, Sustainability and the Natural World Unit



Year 8: Constructing ceramic buildings and exploring ideas of Utopia/Dystopia



Year 8X: Etchings
Mono/Multiple Unit



Year 9: Sculptural techniques for Upcycle/Recycle Unit
Year 9 Starstruck: Shot/edited a range of portraits
Year 9 Graphic Design: Graphic elements using digital and manual processes

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The Uniform Shop is located on the **3rd Floor of F Block**
Open every Thursday: 8am-1.30pm

Thursdays only: 9565 4958

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