



## FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

## FAREWELL YEAR 12

With Term 3 almost over, we bid farewell to our wonderful Year 12 students. I am so impressed that despite the setbacks and disappointments this year, they have brought great credit to themselves and to the school. They have shown they are resilient learners, setting high standards academically and in their conduct at school and in the community. They have contributed to many programs across the school and been wonderful mentors and role models to our junior students. Over the last six years our performing arts students have delighted us with their talent at school assemblies, showcase concerts and community functions whilst the back-stage crew have provided technical support and guidance for numerous school events. While graduation will give us an opportunity to officially farewell the class of 2020, I would like to thank the School Captains Amy Hilliard and Albie Woodhouse and the Prefects for their leadership during the year.

A huge thank you to Year Advisor Ms Hindmarsh and Assistant Year Advisor Mr Mayerhoffer for guiding and mentoring Year 12 through the highs and lows of the last six years. A huge thank you to Deputy Principal Peter Shields for his care and compassion towards this fine group of young people. We look forward to the final week of celebrations culminating in our Graduation ceremony on September 25.

## HSC DRAMA NOMINATIONS

With the Group Project on hold this year, our HSC Drama students distinguished themselves in the Individual Performance section of the Practical Examination. NHSPA received a record total of thirteen nominations for possible inclusion in OnSTAGE, a showcase of exemplary performances. Congratulations to the Drama students for their outstanding work and to the Year 12 Drama teachers for their expert guidance and tuition. We eagerly await the results next term.

## YEAR 11 EXAMINATIONS

Year 11 examinations concluded last week. Students will receive their results early next term and be able to make changes to their pattern of study during Term 4. Students are advised to consider changes carefully and to consult the Careers Advisor Ms George and Curriculum Deputy Principal Mr Shields if in need of further advice and information.

## YEAR 7 STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES

The school's focus on the skills of creativity, communication, collaboration and critical reflection were evident a couple of weeks ago when Year 7 engaged their parents/carers in a student led conference about their learning experiences this year. Using the *Learning Disposition Wheel* as a basis for the conversation, students shared their e-portfolios with their parents and identified their strengths and areas for development. Feedback from parents has been very positive and students have enjoyed the opportunity to reflect on their progress.

## FAREWELL MS LUKE AND MR KENNEDY

It is with great sadness that we farewell two wonderful staff members, Ms Tahnae Luke and Mr Paul Kennedy both of whom will be taking up merit appointments as Head Teachers next term. Ms Luke will be the Head of Creative and Performing Arts at Kurri Kurri High School and Mr Kennedy will be Head of TAS at North Sydney Boys High School. We thank you for your passion, your dedication, and your commitment to making a difference to the lives of NHSPA students. Best wishes for the next stage in your career, we will miss you.

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Have a fantastic break and see you next term

**SHARON ROBERTS**

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## SASS RECOGNITION WEEK



**Thank you!** to our amazing

NHSPA Administration Staff.

The school acknowledged their contribution to the school

during SASS Recognition week this term.

# VOICES FROM THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

## IN THE WORDS OF ENGLISH

The English faculty has again seen great debating success, with our Year 9 team defeating Elderslie High School and Braidwood Central School in the now remotely conducted Premier's Debating Challenge. Our Year 10 team has continued their successful debating campaign too, most recently defeating Sydney Secondary College Balmain Campus and Sydney Technical High School.

NHSPA's Years 7 and 8 debating teams took place in a series of debates against Fort Street High School. Fort Street ultimately claimed victory, though our teams remain in the competition and will go up against each other in the coming weeks.

Our Stage 6 Debating Team was narrowly defeated by Penrith High School in their last debate. As the Stage 6 Premier's Debating Challenge is an instant elimination tournament this year, their campaign for 2020 is unfortunately over. We would like to thank Maya Bernard, Queenie Howard-White, Daniel Murphy, Sophie O'Connor and Nona Walne for their participation in the competition, and strongly encourage them to represent Newtown in the competition again in 2021.

The English Faculty looks forward to providing more debating updates as the year progresses!



Year 9 students hard at work during debate planning



Andrew Pieri Debating Braidwood Central School remotely

## STUDENTS WORKING CREATIVELY

### IN TEAMS IN HSIE



## SCHOOL UNIFORM MATTERS

The NHSPA school community, which includes students, parents and staff has agreed that Newtown students will have a school uniform. The community believes that wearing school uniform fosters school pride, assists in the development and maintenance of a positive tone and ensures a sense of equality irrespective of a student's personal circumstances. The school uniform also helps to increase security for students travelling to and from school and allows staff to quickly identify anyone who is trespassing on school property.

While students may, on occasion, have valid reasons for being out of uniform, some students are coming to school out of school uniform and without a note of explanation from parents. From next term uniform will be monitored closely. The school will conduct a regular uniform blitz, parents will be informed of uniform breaches and students repeatedly out of uniform may be prevented from representing the school in academic or sporting competitions.

Current COVID restrictions prevent parents from visiting the uniform shop, but enquiries and orders can be made via email. School uniforms can be supplied by the school if parents are experiencing financial hardship.



# VOICES FROM THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

## WORLD OF DANCE



The Dance Showcase 2020 will go ahead on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

The performance will happen during the school day in St Georges Hall and the students will be performing for each other. Unfortunately, parents will not be able to attend, however we have arranged for the performance to be professionally filmed so that parents will be able to see the performance.

The students have been working extremely hard in their co-curricular Dance rehearsals and the Dance Faculty could not be prouder of how they have taken on the challenges they have been presented with throughout 2020, and remained dedicated and passionate students and performers.

We hope you enjoy the performance together with your dancers at home once the film is made available.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Dance Department

## NHSPA SOUNDS OF MUSIC

# MEET THE HITMAKERS!

*Song Writing Workshops*



	<b>KLP</b>
	<b>Alice Ivy</b>
	<b>Georgi Kay</b>
	<b>Tushar Apte</b>

Song writers from Years 7-12 recently had the opportunity to meet with some highly successful Australian song writers, getting an insight into starting and maintaining a career in the Music Industry. The workshop this year was conducted through Zoom which also gave us the ability to talk to the artists in Sydney, Melbourne and LA.

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## THROUGH THE EYES OF ART

Congratulations to Year 12 who have had a whirlwind few weeks with their exhibition week 6 and NESA hand in week 9. The video of the exhibition is being edited and will be ready for the newsletter next term.

Year 10 are finalising their designs for a collaborative mural and will have an incursion in week 10 to paint their designs on a large wood panel to share their creativity and excellence with the school community.

Please use [this link](#) to see a range of Year 8 extension films and etchings posted to their own website.

Year 11 Photography

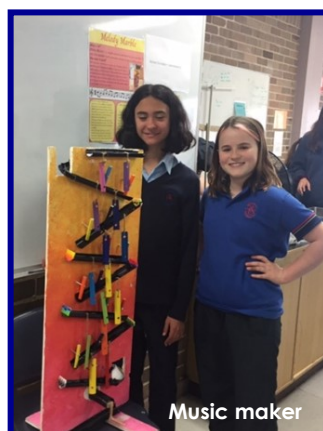
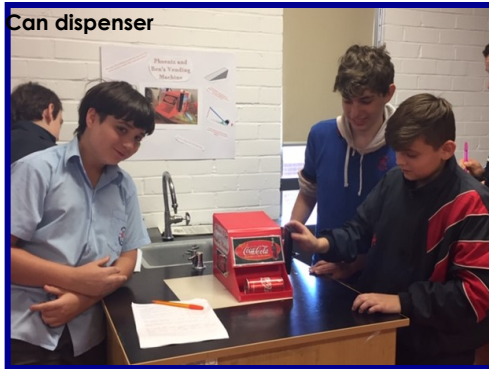


Year 11 Visual Arts





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## MASTERS of SCIENCE

There has been a lot happening in Science with a number of assessments completed this term, including the Year 10 Student Research Project and Year 8 Complex Machine Design, both of which have shown a high degree of creativity, problem-solving and collaboration amongst students.


Despite the COVID restrictions, Year 8 were still able to present their machines to their peers at a scaled back Year 8 Expo, in which they proudly demonstrated and explained their machines and gave feedback to their peers. We were also very fortunate that this coincided with a visit from the Relieving Regional Director, Mr Dace Elletson, who spent time with a number of student groups to hear about their machines and the work they are doing in Science. We are very proud of the way students conducted themselves and how they communicated their understanding of the task with enthusiasm and insight.

Please enjoy some photos of the day!



## HIP HOP UNIFORM SHOP

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

 **Thursdays only: 9565 4958**

Price lists and order forms for both Junior & Senior Uniforms are available on the website.

Orders can be made via email to: **Linda Jones**  
[hiphopclothing@bigpond.com](mailto:hiphopclothing@bigpond.com)

We wish our Graduating Year Group 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!

