



FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

YEAR 12 WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!

HSC examinations are almost at an end at NHSPA. Despite a disrupted year with many disappointments, Year 12 has risen to the occasion magnificently. Not only have they shown themselves to be a positive, resilient group of young adults in the lead up to their exams but their maturity and willingness to comply with all the additional requirements related to COVID has been appreciated by the HSC Exam supervisors. As I mentioned at graduation, the 2020 cohort is a very special group of students who are ready to take on the world!



PERFORMING ARTS PRACTICAL EXAM RESULTS

Our students have achieved wonderful results in HSC practical exams in Dance, Drama, and Music. In Dance a total of eighteen stunning dance students were nominated for inclusion in the Dance Showcase "Callback", while six of our highly talented musicians received nominations for "Encore" and thirteen standout drama students were nominated for inclusion in "OnStage". Congratulations to all Performing Arts students for their hard work and fine achievement.

YEAR 7 PARENT/STUDENT FEEDBACK

Thank you to Year 7 parents and students for your feedback on some of the new initiatives we are trialling this year. Your comments have provided us with valuable information which we will use to inform our approach in 2021. The survey indicated that while parents were generally supportive of the school's focus on teaching students to become independent learners and thinkers, some parents have missed the opportunity to interact with teachers and receive feedback at parent/teacher evenings due to COVID restrictions. Students too have given us valuable feedback about the Orientation Program and the need for increased opportunities for them to make new friends in the early weeks of school. With COVID restrictions easing this term, parents will again be able to attend presentations and end of year activities if it can be managed given social distancing requirements. All parents will receive yearly student reports next month. Parents who have concerns about their child's academic progress or wellbeing are encouraged to contact the school where they will be referred to the appropriate member of staff.

NEW SCHOOL STRATEGIC IMPROVEMENT PLAN

2021-2024

Planning is underway for the development of a new School Strategic Improvement Plan which is to be finalised by the end of Term 1, 2021. The Department of Education has mandated that all schools engage in a rigorous process of analysis to determine the unique needs of our students, our staff, and the school. This process is underpinned by relevant and reliable data, current educational research and involves all staff working in a collaborative, consultative manner to determine future directions of the school.

STAFF FAREWELLS

It is with sadness that we farewell three wonderful teachers, Mr Kennedy (Year 9 Adviser), Ms Luke (Year 7 Adviser) and Ms Bivona (Year 11 Adviser). All three teachers have decided to take the next step in their career pathway and are moving to take up Head Teacher positions at various schools in the state. Not only have they provided outstanding teaching to our students, but they have implemented highly effective wellbeing programs and formed strong bonds with their year groups over many years. We wish them every success at their new schools and warmly thank them for contributing so much to their respective faculties. Ms Luke, Mr Kennedy and Ms Bivona take a bow, you will be very much missed!

SHARON ROBERTS
PRINCIPAL

VOICES FROM THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

WORLD OF TAS

A big round of applause for all our TAS students for their huge efforts throughout the year. They have certainly proven that they are resourceful, creative and innovative. The challenge of studying practical courses during a very challenging year did not dampen their enthusiasm or skill. As final projects and tasks are being completed the faculty thought it timely to feature some of the work in this edition of the Voice. Featured is work from Year 7 and 8 Technology Mandatory, Year 8 Master Designer, Year 9, 10 and 11 Food Technology and Year 12 Textiles and Design.

It is with much sadness that we farewell Mr Kennedy as he takes on the role of Head Teacher TAS at North Sydney Boys High. We have all benefited from his dedication and commitment to the school and wish him well in his new role. The staff, students and parents will all miss your calm presence!

Ms Effie Milos has joined the TAS faculty and comes with a wealth of experience in TAS and the arts. She is a passionate and creative designer and we welcome her to Newtown.



HIP HOP UNIFORM SHOP

Open on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Term 4 2020

by appointment only

8am-1:30pm



Tue & Thu: 02 9565 4958

The uniform shop is located on the 3rd block in F Block. Price lists and order forms for both Junior & Senior uniforms are available on the school website.

Orders can be made via email to:
hiphopclothing@bigpond.com

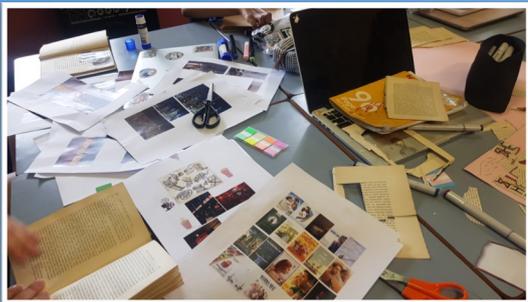
Message from the Visual Arts Faculty

The Visual Arts faculty is in dire need of newspapers, for multiple reasons!! If you have newspapers that could be donated to school, please can you get your young artists to drop them off to the art teachers in A-Block, would be much appreciated!!



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IN THE VOICE OF ENGLISH



Our Year 10 debating team have unfortunately reached the end of their winning streak in the online Stage 5 Premier's Debating Challenge, being defeated in a state knockout round against Smith's Hill High School. Prior to this, they emerged victorious from a heated debate against the formidable Sydney Boys High School. The English faculty would like to congratulate them for their success in The Premier's Debating Challenge this year!

NHSPA's Year 8 debating team have emerged as zone champions in the Stage 4 Premier's Debating Challenge. In the state-wide knockout rounds, they narrowly lost out to Mount View High School in a debate that was praised by the adjudicator for its quality. The English faculty would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Josephine Bradfield, Alice Campbell, Marianne Hanna, Scarlett Saunders and Annabel Szewcow on their success this year.

The English faculty would also like to share some images of our Year 9 students working hard at the conclusion of last term in our autobiographical Writing the Self unit of work. As part of this unit, students were required to construct a zine, a small self-published magazine, reflecting an element of their life. Students were deeply engaged in producing wonderfully original work.

NHSPA SOUNDS OF MUSIC

Year 7 Mega ukulele song-writing project



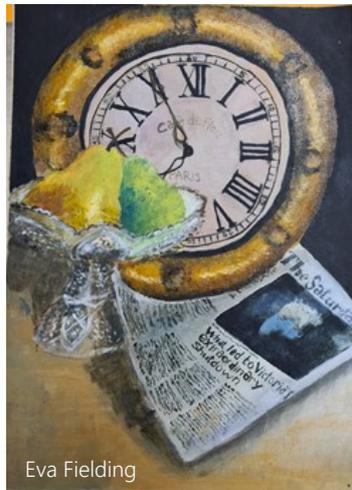
Socially-distanced choir rehearsals (groups of 5)

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VISUAL ARTS

Year 11

Year 11 students have just begun their HSC year and are engaged and ready to go!! Their beautiful vanitas paintings are on display currently in both the King Street Gallery window and the halls of A Block. Really outstanding work this year- a group of painters for sure!!



Year 12

Our hard working students completed their Visual Arts HSC exam last Tuesday. They all seemed confident and prepared! We are also proud to announce that 7 Visual Arts students were nominated for Artexpress this year: Scarlett Shine, Ruby Liu, William Thomas, Flower Flanagan, Lilian Harris, Kaylee Lim and Arkie Moore.

We are so proud of the dedicated and mature approach all of our very special 2020 students had to their work and studies this year. There will be a video of the Visual Arts HSC exhibition published before the end of the term and we will send the link to parents/carers as soon as it is finalised.

We wish all the Year 12s the very best.



Year 10 Mural

We are proud to announce that the school has a new mural on the F Block building. The brilliant Ms Hannan and her Year 10 students did a wonderful job working collaboratively over two days to produce this excellent artwork. The new wall space will be part of an ongoing project in Year 10 Visual Arts from now on!!



Year 9

Year 9 students are working hard on a painting project in which they are developing their own 21st Century propaganda posters! Currently they are painting their main figures and will later be using photoshop to finalise the works and add text. There are a lot of works that consider the environment and politics...watch this space!!



Year 8

Year 8 students are working on developing Metropolis collage and photograms in their core classes. Check out these amazing results!!



Year 7

Year 7 students have been developing lino prints in relation to the topic 'Difference and Diversity'. They have keenly been expanding their skills with excellent results.

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EXTRA! EXTRA!



Some of our Year 9 and Year 10 film students entered some of their work into the Department of Education's "Film By" Online Film Festival for 2020.

From 200 films representing NSW, 30 were chosen as FINALIST films and 5 of these were from NHSPA!

Films will be shown at a Department of Education On-Line public event at 12pm on Tuesday 17th November 2020.

Please congratulate the following students:

Yr 9

Eden - Film "Silent Statements In Black and White"
Greta - Film "Silent Statements In Black and White"
Sienna - Film "Banan Slip"

Yr 10

Stella Hopkins - Film "Drip"
Josh Standon - Film "Hackerman"
George Connolly - Film "Hackerman"
Jaime - Film "Hackerman"
Sophia Campora - Film "Mediated"
Chloe Shelsher - Film "Mediated"
Chris Wolczak - Film "Mediated"

HSIE

Year 7 Geography Landforms and Landscapes Projects

Year 7 used their curiosity, teamwork and creativity to produce some amazing landscapes models in Term 3 and now they are on display in the Front Office and the library.



Year 10 Working critically and creatively

In terms 3 and 4, Year 10 students have been examining geographical issues, working critically and creatively in a range of ways...



Describe and draw— students used this literacy/creativity activity shared by the Visual Arts faculty, to examine images for social issues



Create your own magazine cover – students designed and constructed covers for National Geographic and other magazines



END OF YEAR PRESENTATIONS

With the easing of restrictions on parent attendance on school grounds, we are looking forward to welcoming parents to end of year Presentation Day ceremonies which will be organised for individual year groups. These will be held in St Georges Hall on the following days: Wednesday December 9 (Year 8 & Year 9), Thursday 10 December (Year 10 & Year 11), and Friday 11 December (Year 7).

Details will be sent to you in the next few weeks.

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Reflections on...

YEAR 12 CELEBRATION WEEK

"This week is a time when we as year 12 students celebrate the end of our high school experience and the many friendships and accomplishments we have made along the way. Additionally it is a time when we thank the staff of NHSPA for their constant support and dedication as they strove to improve our high school experience and prepare us for the rest of our lives. Thank you Newtown for all the love and joy you have given us."

