

## FROM OUR PRINCIPAL...

It is hard to believe we are at the end of a very busy and exciting term and plans for 2023 are well underway. Our students have excelled in a range of academic, cultural and sporting pursuits and are to be congratulated on their commitment, hard work and effort during the year. It has been fantastic to be back in our theatre venues and to see our students performing with confidence and pride in front of parents, family, and friends

**SHOWCASING OUR TALENT** The recent Gala Showcase at the Seymour Centre was absolutely stunning with standout performances in Music, Drama and Dance. It was such a pleasure to see the talent and passion of our students in all the art forms. I will long remember our combined choirs and symphony orchestra performing Carmina Burana, under the baton of Music Head Teacher Ynping Mak. What made this concert so special was the involvement of over one hundred students on stage along with staff members who played in the orchestra with our students.

Congratulations as well to our Dance and Drama students for their superb performances, the audience was dazzled by their skill and obvious



delight performing to a packed crowd. A huge thank you to the Performing Arts staff, to Ben Turner and the technical team and to staff backstage who kept our excited performers in check. This was a wonderful concert and a fitting way to end the year



## LIGHTS CAMERA ACTION

Our student filmmakers continue to be recognised for their creativity and flair,

winning a swathe of awards in both state and national film competitions. Congratulations to Year 10 student Asia Dunstone who won the award for Best Film (High School Division) and Best Director in the Flickerfest Film competition and to Elodie Kliendienst who was awarded Best Editor and Cinematographer in the same competition. The DET Film By the City Festival saw Bhrianna Talau and Alyssa-Jane Bacolod take out the prestigious Murat Dizdar Honourable Mention Award.

The Bloodfest student horror film festival is always popular with our students, and this year Bhrianna Talau won best film for Mama, with Katie Laga'aia taking out the best actor award in the same film. Congratulations to all our filmmakers for an exceptional year and to Ms Bel Macedone for her expert tuition and mentorship of these filmmakers.

**HSC PRACTICAL NOMINATIONS** In the last few weeks, we have received exciting news concerning the nomination of Individual Practical Projects for possible inclusion in the Department's various exhibitions of exemplary HSC Major Works projects.

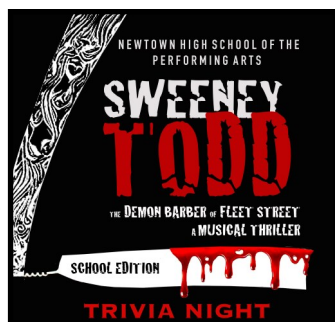
In Music we received eight nominations for Encore, five nominations for Art Express, one for Shape (Design and Technology) seventeen nominations for OnStage (Drama) and forty-seven nominations for Callback (Dance). This is a remarkable result, and our students and teachers should be very proud of these achievements.

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**TRIVIA NIGHT** A huge thank you to parents, friends, staff, and students for generously supporting the school's Trivia Night held to raise funds for next year's musical production of Sweeney Todd. Much of the success of the evening was due to the hard work of the P&C who enthusiastically sourced prizes, organised raffles and silent auctions, assisted with the set-up and general running of the event.

Thank you to teachers Dom Sweers and Catherine Hannan for researching the questions and to our wonderful Administration Manager Christina Argyri and Administration staff for looking after the bookings and the general running of the event. NHSPA parent Jai Laga'aia did a marvellous job as host and Drama/Entertainment teacher Zoe Van Munster and Technical Manager Ben Turner were on hand to make sure the technical aspects went to plan. Thank you, parents and staff, for your generous support of this event

**YEAR 7 ORIENTATION** It was such a pleasure to meet our future Year 7 parents and students recently at Orientation Day. Year 7 Deputy Karl Pico and Year Advisors Lisa Coveney and Hans Myerhofer were on hand to welcome families and our current Year 7 students delighted the audience with performances, a uniform fashion parade and a Q & A panel where students shared their experience of high school. A big thank you to all staff involved, we look forward to getting to know our new Year 7 cohort when school resumes next year



**STAFF FAREWELLS** We are very sad to farewell two long time staff members Jane Gray and Claire Ansoul. Ms Gray has already begun her new role as Head Teacher Teaching and Learning at the Children's Hospital School in Randwick and Ms Ansoul will take up a position of Head Teacher HSIE at South Sydney High School. We wish them both the very best in their new roles, they will be amazing. Congratulations to Ms Giovanna Trenoweth who was merit selected for the new position of Head Teacher Teaching and Learning at our school.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very happy holiday break. We look forward to seeing our students return in 2023

**Sharon Roberts**  
Principal

## PINK IT UP

### FOR BREAST CANCER RESEARCH

McGrath Breast Care Nurses help individuals and their families affected by breast cancer by providing invaluable physical, psychological, and emotional support from the time of diagnosis and throughout treatment.



**NHSPA staff enjoyed delicious delights and raised a generous amount all in the colour of PINK**



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## THE SOUNDS OF MUSIC



### ANTIMATO AND CON BRIO CONCERTS

Congratulations to all our cocurricular ensembles on an outstanding end of year Music Concert season, Animato and Con Brio concerts. The calibre of musicality was exceptional and the culmination of year's worth of focus and drive.



**THANK YOU** As we near the conclusion of 2022, we give our sincere thanks to our professional and inspiring vocal and instrumental tutors; also our ensemble directors Jeffrey Cheah, Jason Isaac, Tanya Sparke, Alistair Wallis and Giuseppe Zangari; and accompanists Matthew Reid, Su Cho and Chris King.

Special thanks and appreciation to Ben Turner and Technical Company for their professional and unparalleled production values on Performing Arts events. Special thanks also to Christina Argyri and the SASS team, whose work in administrative support is highly valued.

### GALA PERFORMANCE

Our standout event of the year was our performance at Gala Concert Wednesday 30 November. This collaborative event was a powerhouse evening of Dance, Drama and Music. Sweeney Todd Company performed excerpts from the 2023 production currently in rehearsal. Combined Choirs and Symphony Orchestra totalling 140 students delivered the grand and iconic masterwork of the Twentieth Century, movements from Carmina Burana.



### HSC ENCORE NOMINATIONS

We are extremely pleased to say that **eight** of our HSC Music students have been nominated for Encore, a performance of exemplary HSC performance programs. Congratulations on an outstanding recognition of your achievements.

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## THE WORDS OF ENGLISH

As the year draws to a close, it is with fondness and pride that we bid farewell to our Year 12 English cohort of 2022. They are an extraordinary group of individuals, who should be commended on successfully navigating the challenges of this year. Their positivity as they completed their HSC in English is a testament to their commitment and resilience.

### CLASSROOM LIBRARIES

Classroom libraries have arrived! We are thrilled to announce that our first classroom library has opened in C3. Students will be given the opportunity to read during class and borrow any books that spark their interest. With more libraries being introduced into classrooms, our bibliophiles will be thoroughly immersed in literature.



## OUTSTANDING STUDENT WORK

The English Faculty would like to recognise the talents and unique perspectives of our English students. Please enjoy a sample of some of the impressive work completed by students across our cohorts.



A selection of zines constructed by Year 9 English students during the Term 3 Writing the Self unit of work. Each is deeply personal and demonstrates the varied interests and passions of our students, containing a skilful balance of visual and written components.

Year 7 students Ava Gifford, Molly Paine and Chanel Dubaile constructed this wonderful diorama as part of an advertising campaign for "The Wizard of Oz" during their Term 3 novel study.



### PUBLIC SPEAKING AND DEBATING

NHSPA debaters thoroughly enjoyed the Premier's Debating Challenge in 2022, with one of our Stage 4 teams making it to the Regional Finals.

All students showed great commitment, passion and maturity and it was a pleasure for their teacher Ngaire De Korte to see them progress through the competition. Our Stage 5 debaters recently attended the State Finals as part of the audience, gaining valuable tips and ideas for future debates. We are ready for another big year of debating in 2023!

Our Stage 4 debating students hard at work! From left to right: Izzy Preller, Maya Harriman-Khan, Elizabeth Hillier, Zoe Richardson, Matilda Saunders, Piper Hill, Freya Mossman and Laila Pasqualini. Izzy, Maya, Elizabeth, Zoe and Matilda were part of a team which reached the Regional Finals of the Premier's Debating Challenge.



Year 9 students attended the Premier's Debating Challenge State Final as audience members after reaching the Zone Finals in the competition.

A group of our Year 7 students have also achieved something extraordinary. Alice, Sunny, Ada, Emily and Kaija of 7N reached out to the renowned author of the *Artemis Fowl* series, Eoin Colfer. What transpired was an inspirational hour with one of the world's best-selling children's authors. Colfer showed extreme generosity in sharing his ideas and experience, answering a range of student questions.

Some particularly memorable pieces of advice included: carry around a notebook because you never know when and where an idea might strike, and that writing a novel is like running a marathon, you need to do a lot of practice before you're likely to 'make it'. Thank you to our students for your boldness in making this event happen and the outstanding way you represented the school in facilitating this Q and A!



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## THE DREAMS OF DRAMA



### Junior Drama Showcase

This Term, all our Junior Drama companies came together to celebrate a year of creativity with our Showcase performances in the Studio Theatre

involving nearly 100 Drama students from Years 7, 8 and 9.

These showcases are such an important event as they give our students the opportunity to extend their skills and knowledge of theatre far beyond the classroom and the wonderful thrill of public performance. Our year 7 students were particularly thrilled at the chance to show what they have learned over the year and to see each



Our Junior Showcase  
Drama Students in Action



### Year 8 Script Development Workshop with Australian Theatre for Young People

A selection of our Year 8 Drama students were asked to participate in

a script development workshop with Playwright Maddie Nunn (who wrote "The Chapel, The Fire and the Dead Cat" which was performed in its world premiere this earlier this year by our Year 10 students) This workshop was to help her in the creative process of developing and finalising the draft of her new work which will be published at some stage next year.

This workshop was facilitated by the education team at ATYP and our students provided valuable insight into the Narrative and staging possibilities as well as giving the emerging characters a clear voice in the table read. The team were very impressed with how wonderfully our students approached the work and the creative and insightful ideas they had for production.

### Year 9 Physical Theatre Workshops

Swoop Physical Theatre spent three full days in our drama department upskilling year 9 in their knowledge and application of Physical theatre techniques. Each Year 9 Drama class spent a full day balancing, lifting and flying and all the students were extremely excited about integrating their skills into their work in class and on stage. The team from Swoop complimented our students on their ideas and creativity and we hope to have them return soon to spend more time with our students.





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## HSIE HAPPENINGS



With only a few weeks to go before the end of term the HSIE staff would like to wish our students and families a wonderful summer break – we hope that whether you stay here in Sydney or travel within Australia or overseas that students take the opportunity to learn from the natural environment, human interactions and historical evidence surrounding them.



We would like to share with you some thoughts and a picture from Mr David Cole about the Senior Geography fieldwork excursion this term, followed by a collage

of images to give you just an inkling of the amazing work our students have been doing in and outside of classrooms. these images include learning activities from Year 7 Geography including the cross curricular excursion to Sydney Park, Year 8 Commerce and Year 9 Geography, with students collaborating together sharing their work and ideas - all part of our school's approach to learning embracing collaboration, creativity, critical thinking and communication.

**Head Teacher HSIE - Rachel O'Neill**



In week 5 the senior Geography students ditched the traditional classroom to undertake some firsthand study in the classroom of life - also known as the world around us. The focus of the day was Sydney's

changing urban dynamics and economic character. After meeting under somewhat gloomy skies at Railway Square, we made our way to the Central Park complex to observe the magnificence of this modern architectural wonder - a true inspiration in terms of community minded and eco-friendly urban design. Leaving here to make our way to the Goods Line, the gloom began to depart, making way for a glorious sunny day!

Observations of the Goods Line itself revealed to the students more examples of urban consolidation and renewal that they can incorporate into their HSC (and life!) knowledge. Having set a cracking pace for the early parts of the excursion, we found ourselves at the Powerhouse Museum with a spare 30-40 minutes up our sleeve. One observant student noticed that Thursday's offer free entry to this educational hub and it was decided to make an impromptu visit to said museum. This possibly, was the highlight of the day for some students and certainly was fun, having not visited there myself for a number of decades!

Back down to business though, we departed the Powerhouse to continue investigating the Pyrmont/Ultimo precinct and the multitude of urban dynamics on offer. We passed the old wool stores on our way to Pyrmont Bridge where the students noted the prevalence of multinational financial institutions that dominate the city skyline. From here to Union Square, then on to the Ways Terrace government housing complex. This location afforded us multi-million-dollar views over the renewal of the finger wharves, Darling Harbour and the Bridge- a prime photo opportunity to capture the joyous faces of a thoroughly satisfied (yet hungry) geography cohort. This point also marked our furthest explorations for the day-time to about face and head for the shining oasis of Yum Cha lunch back at Market City. Jasmine tea was drunk, dumplings dunked in delicious dippings and heartily consumed- our day was complete! Thanks to the new 2023 12 Geo class for being such a bunch of legends throughout the day- you made it a very enjoyable excursion!

**Dave Cole**

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## WORKSHOPS

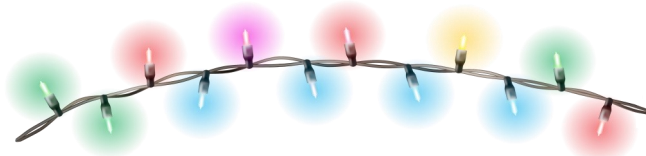
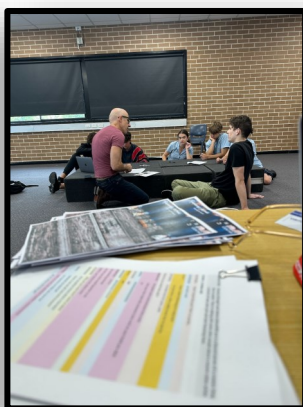


Year 10 Ethic Centre  
- Moral Courage  
Project

A selection of our Year 10 students have been given the opportunity to work in partnership with

The Ethics Centre on their Moral Courage Project. This was an initiative that they came to us with last year and we were happy to extend this project this year.

This year, It involved 6 of our Year 10 cohort, Carmen Rolfe, Valentino Robins, Quinn Blabey, Charlie White, and Marianne Hanna, consulting on the scripts for the short videos which are based around moral dilemmas that teenagers may face. These were then filmed and will be used in schools across the state to facilitate conversations around making responsible choices. Our students were thrilled to be able to have a voice in the creative process as well as being able to perform in the films themselves and the Ethic Centre team were impressed with our students' maturity and candour when broaching these controversial subjects.



## P&C NEWS

It's been a successful year for NHSPA P&C. Initiatives include the Year 7 welcome, staff thank you lunch, employment panels, lobbying to support our teachers, year 12 graduation cakes, multicultural day BBQ, second hand uniform sales, showcase cafes, payment for new bell/PA system and mega decking for St George's Hall, and the Sweeney Todd Trivia Night.

A huge thankyou to all our members and everyone who volunteered for these initiatives and supported the P&C this year.

Special thanks to our state member Jenny Leong for the Community Recognition Statement for NHSPA P&C in State Parliament and hosting a morning tea for us.

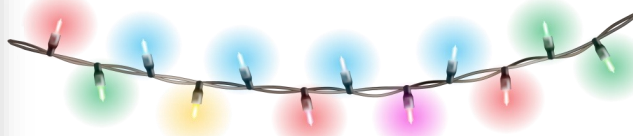
Our sincere thanks to our Principal, Sharon Roberts and all the NHSPA staff for their support of the P&C.

A special thanks to the office staff, headed by Christina Argyri, for their support and everything they do for the P&C. We couldn't function without you.

To join NHSPA P&C, please fill in a membership form here: <https://forms.office.com/r/O9fiD7cMhe>

This form contains bank account details and credit card payment instructions. Donations can also be made using these details.

NHSPA P&C wishes you a peaceful and happy holiday break & we look forward to an exciting 2023 with you all!





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## THROUGH THE EYES OF VISUAL ARTS

What a time Term 4 has been! We farewelled our fabulous Year 12's as they finished up their Visual Arts examination back in Week 4. **Huge congratulations to Astrid Davis, Phoebe Gilbert, Aisha Martinus, and Georgia Nicholl, whose Bodies of Work have each been selected for Artexpress.**

### EXCURSIONS

There have been some fantastic excursions this term, one of which saw the students in Film Company attend a screening of 'Fire of Love' at the Dendy to develop their cinematography skills and knowledge of filmic devices.

Film Company at Dendy Newtown



A select group of students from Year 7 through to Year 11 had the privilege of attending a special preview of the newly constructed Sydney Modern gallery prior to the public opening on Saturday 3rd of December. It is a truly spectacular space, and we encourage everyone to visit.



Students at the Sydney Modern preview day



Astrid Davis



Phoebe Gilbert

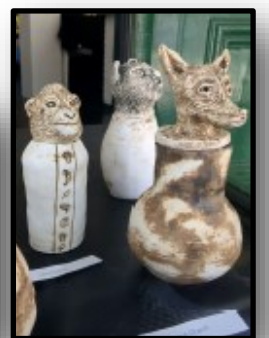


Aisha Martinus



Georgia Nicholl

Our Year 11 students recently completed a Body of Work Review Incursion, where students were given the valuable opportunity to share their ideas with peers and a panel of teachers to develop their initial ideas for their bodies of work that will be completed in 2023. And not to forget all of the creativity and excellence that was on display at the Spring Show and inaugural Film Festival which were both held on Thursday 24 of November.





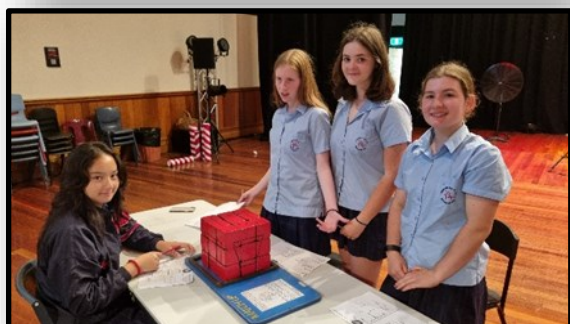
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## MATHS FACULTY

### WORLD OF MATHS DAY

Our Year 9 cohort took part in hands on activities reinforcing maths concepts. These activities encouraged communication, collaboration, and critical thinking.



We take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and safe holiday,

**Maths Staff**



## MEGA MATHS DAY

### MATHEMATICS IN DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES

This term our year 10 students, accompanied by Ms Suri, attended a full excursion day at the University of Sydney and had an opportunity to explore Mathematics in different areas and perspective.

Students had an opportunity to hear from STEM speakers about their own career paths and what study options are available for students. The students were allowed to do three hands on STEM workshops and lab experiments.

### SEEING THROUGH THE SOLUTIONS

Students analysed concentrations of molecules in solutions using spectrophotometer and used Mathematics as a gateway to the process of chemical analysis. They used various other instruments and conducted various experiments.

### THE POWER OF MATHEMATICS IN ART

They explored the power of mathematics in arts in the collection at Chau Chak Wing Museum guided by Science and maths educators. Our students impressed the presenters with their amazing mathematics art.



### MIND YOUR MATHS

Students had an insight into how Mathematics and quantitative surveys are used in psychology, analysing and measuring behaviour, personal abilities and skills.

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## PEER SUPPORT LEADERSHIP TRAINING



2023 Peer Support Leaders from Year 9 completed their Peer Support Training Day on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Students learned valuable leadership skills to

best support Year 7 students next year.

Students were pushed passed their comfort zones in competing in a lyric battle, they were given a song and had to sing their lyrics in a particular style.

Develop their communication skills through speed dating task getting to know other Peer Support Leaders and Back Draw where one student was giving instructions on how to draw the picture while the other was drawing based on the given instructions.

**Amanda Di Camillo**  
Peer Support  
Coordinator



Peer support training day was a great experience getting us to learn how to work collaboratively with people whom we normally would not socialise with. It taught us how to help and guide the year sevens through their first few years of high school and how to become better leaders.

On the Year 6 orientation day, I really enjoyed getting to know the kids in my group and giving them some tips about their first year. My partner and I cannot wait to get to know them more next year.

**Yofy Dolev (Year 9)**

## FIRST NATIONS STUDENTS

A busy term for our first nations students! They enjoyed a day at the AIME Imagination Factory Day. It was nice to see our students connecting with other young people and community members and engaging in activities that promote culture and imagining.

We had three students that pushed themselves out of their comfort zone, public speaking in front of over 100+ people. Thanks, Mr Bradley, for helping with supervision and support.



Recently the First Nations students planted an Indigenous Garden with edible native plants. They really enjoyed themselves learning about the plants and decorating their garden bed. The young people showed a lot of pride as you can see in the pictures.

Finally, our RAISE mentoring program has come to an end after 23 weeks. The year 8 & 9 students showed a lot of dedication turning up every week and our 15 mentors from the community volunteering their time. Mr Chin and I enjoyed watching the young people engage in the program every week.





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## SCIENCE FACTS

It has been a very busy end to the year with lots happening in all year groups. One of the highlights has been the Year 7 Sydney Park Excursion, for which students undertook a cross-curricular project with the focus on space, livability and sustainability. Over two days, classes participated in activities across four different subject areas to investigate different aspects of the park. Geography looked at urbanisation and the effects on Sydney Park. Science conducted experiments such as dip-netting and water testing to see how healthy the aquatic environment is.

Dance students created a site-specific dance inspired by an area of the park. Mathematics explored the golden ratio in nature and themselves. They are now working on a proposal for an installation at Sydney Park in response to their learning. Thanks to all teachers involved for making this amazing experience happen. The feedback from the students and staff has been overwhelmingly positive.

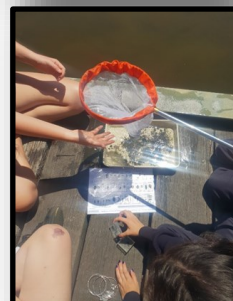


Year 9 are currently having an electrifying time studying the "Plug It In" topic about electricity and are showing some great problem-solving skills to design circuits. Year 10 have taken quite a different direction in their learning, looking up into the sky for an in-depth exploration of the Universe. They have even tried to launch some film canister rockets into space.

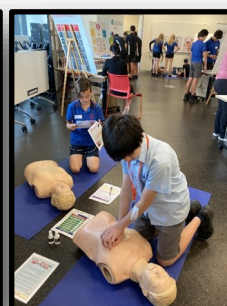
Year 11 has become a very focused Year 12, moving into their HSC course with determination and enthusiasm. All courses are preparing for the first assessment task in Week 10 or early next year. Students should now be equipped with their textbook and online resources. Please approach your class teacher if this is not the case.



Students in Year 8 were involved in the Life Lab Sydney pilot study funded by the Sydney Institute for Women, Children and their Families, a program designed to improve school students' health-related knowledge, attitudes and behaviours by exploring the science behind health messages.



As part of the study, the intervention group attended the Charles Perkins Centre at Sydney University for a fun and rewarding day of experimenting and networking with health professionals and scientists. Students came away very excited and positive about the experience.

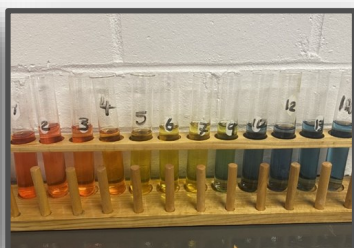




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## SCIENCE FACTS CONT..



Year 12 Chemistry calibrating and making their own universal indicator charts

We have been lucky to take some interested students on a couple of other adventures this term, firstly to the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences & Engineering STEM Symposium where they explored the Human-Centred Activation Exhibition Space showcasing STEM careers through hands-on activities and opportunities to pose questions to some outstanding speakers. The second opportunity was to UNSW Engineering for a day of workshops that challenged students to develop a proposed solution to drive positive change. Huge thanks to Ms Hindmarsh and Mr Newport for organising these extra-curricular opportunities.



### UNSW ENGINEERING DAY AATS STEM SYMPOSIUM

On the 26th of October 14 students from our school attended a STEM excursion to the Sydney Masonic Center. During the day we had many well-respected guest speakers give us insight into what a career in STEM is like. We learnt a lot, like how to gain scholarships and to take every opportunity we get. This excursion not only expanded our knowledge into the world of STEM but also gave us helpful advice that we can apply to our lives. As well as this, we got to partake in fun activities such as winning mini microscopes or chatting to the Defense Force about their engineering programs. Overall, this experience was one excursion that I would love to attend again.



By Year 10 student [Freddie Lawrence](#)

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS!

At the half way through the HSC written exams by all accounts the year 12 students have been coping well.

Some students have already received early entries which has reduced a lot of the stress.

With that in mind, there are multiple pathways for success and one of our ex-students was featured in the Herald recently.

**Phoenix Ruffo** is currently doing a three year Technology Internship with KPMG and by all accounts is really doing well. This is such an exciting opportunity which is usually open to private school students.

Recently Phoenix came back to NHSPA to speak to some of our students who are hoping to also take on an internship with KPMG.

"There's a lot of really smart young people out there that for whatever reason, either social or economic or cultural, don't choose to go to university."

Students Lance Woodgate, Phoenix Valentino Ruffo and Xavier Dolcel are involved in KPMG's initiative to get keen young people into its workforce straight after finishing the HSC. Picture: Richard Dobson

In a bid to tap the pool of smart young people, he said KPMG last year identified schools where less students went on to university but still had good results which showed the students were smart.

### NATIONAL ART SCHOOL

## Kids and Teens Programs

### 2023

Creative art workshops in school holidays for ages 6-16 and school terms for ages 15-17.

**School Holiday Workshops**

Summer  
9-13 January 2023  
16-20 January 2023

Autumn  
11-14 April 2023  
17-21 April 2023

**Art Club**  
After school weekdays

Term 1 - Drawing and Painting  
6 February - 31 March 2023

Term 2 - Drawing and Printmaking  
24 April - 16 June 2023

**CREATIVE KIDS**



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## JUST A FEW OF THE MANY STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

### KARATE NATIONAL TITLES

Two of our year 10 students, Dylan Noble and Harvey Richards, had great success in the NSW Karate State Titles back in September – taking the top two places. Now, join us in wishing them all the best as they compete in the National Titles in Port Macquarie.



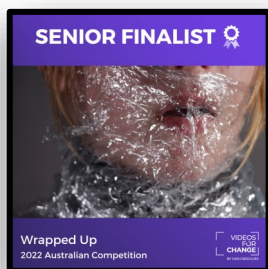
### NATIONAL ART SCHOOL

NAS held an exhibition showcasing the works of talented students of the 2022 NAS HSC Intensive Studio Practice.

Four NHSPA students were included in the exhibition, including Erin Choy, Year 11.

### VIDEOS FOR CHANGE FILM FESTIVAL COMPETITION

Harper Taylor, Nayan Cooper, Harry O'Leary, Eva Sutherland and Ella Holowell in Year 9 and Year 10 were selected as Top 10 Finalists in the Junior and Senior categories for the 2022 Videos for Change National Film Competition.



### "BLOODFEST"

#### STUDENT HORROR FILM FESTIVAL

Most recently, at the Annual "Bloodfest" Student Horror Film Festival held at the Golden Age in Surry Hills, the Drama Department had the pleasure of seeing our films from Newtown take home some amazing awards.



Bhrianna with her Golden Skull Trophy

This was the 6<sup>th</sup> year in a row we have taken out Best Film of the festival and the coveted Golden Skull Trophy - Top work from our Yr 10 Filmmakers.

**BEST FILM of 2022: Mama (2022),**  
Director Bhrianna Talau (Yr 10)

**BEST ACTOR AWARD: Katie Laga'aia**  
(for her work in Mama)

**BEST GORE USE IN A HORROR FILM**  
(awarded to two films):

Toby Makeham and Stella O'Brien  
for "Blood Will Have Blood" (2022)

Matilda Cavanough, Evie LeMay and  
Edie Krone for "Perfect" (2022)



### FILM BY THE CITY

The Film By The City Festival, held at George Street Cinemas, screened the following students' films:

- "Thief vs Thief" by Elodie Kliendienst
- "Relieved" by Jim Hopkins
- "Blast From The Past" by Bhrianna Talau and Alyssa-Jane Bacolod
- "Shady Shades" by Marianna Hanna
- "Date Over" by Stella O'Brien and Toby Makeham

At this Festival, no awards are given out, with the exception of the Murat Dizdar Honorable Mention Award (Dept Secretary School Performances NSW DET) and this was awarded to NHSPA Director **Bhrianna Talau** for her and Alyssa-Jane's film "Blast From The Past".



*To all our entire NHSPA*

*Community*

*Best wishes for the festive season*

*Happy and Safe Holidays*

*We look forward to welcoming you back*

*in 2023*

