



MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL DR SUSAN GREEN

We hope you enjoy our new fortnightly NHSPA Bulletins. These are sent to parents, carers and staff, and are posted on our website. We wish to celebrate the vibrant and rich range of learning activities that happen every day here. We aim to communicate the educational excellence our school provides across all disciplines for all students.

The first three weeks of Term 4 have flown. The HSC examinations continue to run smoothly, and I wish all Year 12 2023 students the best of luck for this coming final week. On Tuesday I spoke to Business Studies students after their exam. They said the paper was "pretty good". They were happily eating pizzas that their teacher, Stefanie Leotta, had generously supplied.

I am enjoying getting to know our friendly and talented students and staff. I have had meetings with each Head Teacher since the beginning of term. These meetings have helped me get to know our Executive Team, their professional and faculty goals and teaching initiatives. I am very impressed by the expertise, the drive and collaborative culture within Newtown. Our teachers are focused on teaching excellence, and we have high expectations for all our students.

Congratulation to the Year 10 Drama students for their outstanding performance in *Bathory Begins*, a collaboration between NHSPA and ATYP. This was the first production I have seen at Newtown, and I loved it. The students demonstrated their dramatic versatility through acting, dancing and singing their way through almost two hours of fast-paced dialogue and movement. All Year 10 students watched the matinee performance on Friday of week 2. Opportunities like this nurture the cohesive, creative culture of Newtown. Thank you to the many staff, students and parents for their involvement.



The Prefect Induction Assembly on Thursday of week 2 was a highlight. It is an honour for a student to be elected as a Prefect. It is a position of responsibility that I know each of our new Prefects will undertake with pride, commitment and passion. WOMP set the celebratory mood for the assembly, and it was very special as we all watched the Prefects' Parents or Carers present them with their NHSPA Prefect tie and badge. A big congratulations to all our new Prefects:

Jaide Almeida
Sebastian Brook-Washington
Josephine Bradfield
Jacob Drew
Freya Fermor
Amy Forchert
Marianne Hanna
Freddie Lawrence
Bailey Matthews
Tobias Mossman
Talahn Paki
Meri Tinkler-Smith
Lara Ueki

A very big congratulations to our new School Captains, Josephine Bradfield and Amy Forchert. Josie and Amy and all the Prefects have the drive, the capacity and the motivation to inspire the school. The Prefects will collaborate as a team, model our school values, and support all the students at Newtown High School of the Performing Arts. Thank you to Deputy Principal Karl Pico for his leadership of the Prefects.

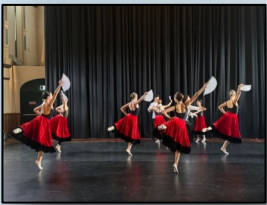




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On Tuesday morning this week I visited the NHSPA Orchestra as they rehearsed Aaron Copland's *Appalachian Spring*. The rich, swelling sounds from our talented musicians were a delight to hear. On Wednesday morning I again enjoyed listening to the Symphonic Wind Ensemble and on Thursday I listened to the Concert Band. Watching the students' faces on these mornings as they concentrate and engage with their conductors shows me the joy they find in their music, in working together, and their commitment to creating sonic beauty.

On Thursday 26 October all teachers participated in professional learning through Collaboration Hubs, where they work in teams to focus on quality teaching and learning initiatives. This collective professional learning runs twice a term. The Collaboration Hubs are a sharing of best practice, focussing on five key teaching and learning areas: Literacy and Numeracy; Assessment and Feedback; High Potential and Gifted Education; Learning through evidence-based practice, and Aboriginal Education.



Today I was invited by the Year 10 Classical Ballet students to attend the production in St George's Hall of 'Somewhere in Newtown'. The show consisted of a range of dance styles, performed by our Year 8 -10 Classical Ballet students and produced by the Year 10 Classical Ballet class. It was wonderful to watch these talented Dance students.

On occasion we will attach a Department of Education policy, document or pertinent current research with our Bulletins. In this fortnight's edition we have attached the updated DoE Behaviour Code for Students.

Best Wishes
Susan Green

Highlights of the Prefect Induction Assembly Day



[WOMP procession of our new Prefects video click here](#)

Year 11 National Speaking Competition Victory

Following her Victory in the Year 11 national My First Speech competition last term, Amy Forchert visited Parliament House to deliver her speech in person on Tuesday 17/10/2023. Amy's speech was an articulate exploration of the need for mandatory inclusionary zoning to increase Australia's housing stock, and can be viewed at: <https://www.aph.gov.au/myfirstspeech>



During her visit to Parliament House, Amy had the opportunity to meet Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, who snapped this selfie.

Congratulations Amy!



D R A M A news



Congratulations to all the cast and Crew of Bathory Begins that opened to rave reviews and closed to standing ovations last week. Thank you especially to Warwick Doddrell our Director and Ben Turner for helming all of the production and tech along with the VET Entertainment students Jasper Reucassel, Scarlett Saunders, Willa Smith, Calantha Hopwood Craig, Hana Duncan and Hendrix George, who took on major roles in the creative team.

.....and a huge shout out to our amazing cast, drawn from all across year 10, we could not have imagined a better suited ensemble for this fantastic play.



IT'S FILM FESTIVAL SEASON!!

Congratulation to our Year 9 Film Students, Indianna Thompson with her film "Look Up" and Greta O'Donoghue and Francesca Nagle with their film "Mocha Madness" which will both be featured at the "DET Film By" Film Festival playing tonight at the Event Cinema on George Street.

Such a great achievement to have their films played up on the big screen!

Daniel Kavanagh
Head Teacher Drama



DANCE news



Year 10 Classical Ballet Event

Year 10 Classical Ballet students have been working hard to put on their performance event that is part of their curriculum. The dancers have had to organise all aspects of the event including marketing, communications, rehearsals, program collation and the performances. This event was performed Friday for fellow students to appreciate.

Well done Year 10 Classical Ballet and all other Dance performers involved.



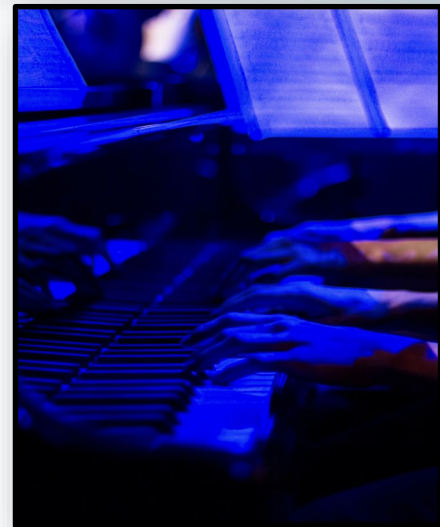
Schools Spectacular Dance Rehearsals

Many dancers from years 8, 9, 10 and 12 have been involved in rehearsals for the 2023 Schools Spectacular representing NHSPA in the combined dance item along with representing our school as featured artists in auditioned specialist ensembles.

Good luck in the lead up to Spec dancers - we can't wait to see you shine!



MUSIC news



Tickets for **Animato** and **Con Brio** Showcase Concerts go on sale on Tuesday 31 October via the link on our website or click here:
<https://www.trybooking.com/CMVVO>

We look forward to your company in joining us to celebrate and enjoy music performed by our music students.

Animato Music Showcase Concert
Tuesday 14 November, 6-8pm
St Georges Hall

Symphony Orchestra
Corelli String Ensemble
Senior String Ensemble
Junior Choir
Intermediate Choir
7/8 Extension Choir
9/10 Extension Choir
Junior Littlefield Guitar Ensemble
Senior Littlefield Guitar Ensemble

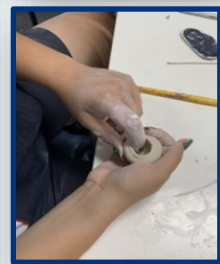
Con Brio Music Showcase Concert
Thursday 16 November, 6-8pm
St Georges Hall

Concert Band
Symphonic Wind Ensemble
Junior Jazz Ensemble
Jazz Orchestra
Senior Choir
Senior Extension Choir
Tango Ensemble
Zangari Guitar Ensemble
WOMP (Weapons Of Mass Percussion)



PREPARATIONS FOR 'SHARING STORIES Cultures and Histories'

Preparations for this event are well under way with students making ceramics and our guest Chef, David Tsirekas pictured below discussing menus with our students.



The event showcases the similarities in techniques and culinary ideas of Neolithic to Bronze Age Hellenes and the First Nations peoples of Australia. Performances and installations from NHSPA students will showcase dance, music, drama and creative arts as medium to share stories and enhance community. Lands and culture apart, food and the performing and creative arts has always had a common philosophy and relationship no matter where you are in the world as a foundation for nurturing and nourishment.

The event will be held outdoors at Newtown High School of the Performing Arts and is limited to 80 people. Throughout the evening guests will move around the school as they observe, engage and become immersed in a culinary and creative expression.

Still tickets available for 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>

NEWTOWN HIGH SCHOOL OF THE PERFORMING ARTS
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US IN A NIGHT OF

SHARING STORIES

CULTURES AND HISTORIES
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 3 2023 6PM

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\$55

ENTRY THROUGH CORELLI'S GATES
352 KING STREET NEWTOWN

The night will also include some performances



NHSPA CALENDER EVENTS FOR TERM 4 2023

DATE	EVENT	VENUE
Week 4 Thu 2/11 Fri 3/11	9 Presentation Assembly Years 7 & 8 Student Led Learning Conference 2.30pm Sharing Stories and Culture Gala Night Tickets now on sale via our website OR link below https://www.trybooking.com/CMLQK	NHSPA
Week 5 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 Tickets now on sale via our website OR link below https://www.trybooking.com/CMTDL	Studio Theatre
Week 6 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 Tickets will become available from Tuesday 31 October Via our website or link below https://www.trybooking.com/CMVVO	St Georges Hall
Week 7 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
Week 8 Mon 27/11 Tue 28/11 Wed 29/11 Thu 30/11 Fri 1/12	Dance and Gala Bump In, Seymour Everest Year 7 Orientation Day Tech Day 1, Dance Showcase Tech Day 2, Dance Showcase, performance 7:00pm Tech Day 1, Gala Performance (Dance/Drama/Music) Tech Day 2, then Gala evening performance 7:00pm	Seymour Centre
Week 9 Fri 8/12	Presentation Day	NIDA

Behaviour code for students

Information for students and parents or carers

NSW public schools are committed to providing safe, supportive, and responsive learning environments for everyone across a range of settings. We teach and model the inclusive and safe behaviours we value in our students.

In NSW public schools students are expected, to the best of their ability, to:

- show respect to other students, their teachers and school staff and community members
- follow school and class rules and follow the directions of their teachers
- strive for the highest standards in learning
- act in a courteous and respectful way that makes all members of the school community feel valued, included and supported
- resolve conflict respectfully, calmly and fairly
- meet the school's agreed uniform policy or dress code
- attend school every day (unless legally excused)
- respect all property
- be safe and not be violent or bring weapons, illegal drugs, alcohol, vapes, e-cigarettes or tobacco into our schools
- not bully, harass, intimidate, or discriminate against anyone in our schools.
- Schools take action in response to behaviour that is detrimental to self or others or to the achievement of high-quality teaching and learning.

All students have a right to:

- safety at school
- access and fully participate in their learning
- be treated with respect by other students, teachers and school staff
- express their views, set goals and self-advocate.

The principal and school staff, using their professional judgment, are best placed to maintain discipline and provide safe, supportive and responsive learning environments and apply an appropriate action when students are not meeting these expectations.

The department is responsible for the provision of a policy framework and resources such as legal issues bulletins, access to specialist advice, and professional learning to guide principals and their staff in exercising their professional judgment. In this context, the NSW Government and the Department of Education will back the authority and judgment of principals and school staff at the local level.

Behaviour code for students: Student actions

Promoting the inclusion, learning, wellbeing, and safety of all students in NSW public schools is a high priority for the Department of Education.

We implement teaching and learning approaches across a range of settings to support the development of skills needed by students to meet our high standards for respectful, safe and engaged behaviour.

To meet the expectations set out above, students in NSW public schools, to the best of their ability, should adhere to the following principles.

Respect

- Treat one another with dignity.
- Communicate and behave courteously.
- Act and work cooperatively with other students, teachers, and school staff.
- Develop positive and respectful relationships.
- Value the interests, ability and culture of others.
- Respect the learning needs of other students.
- Dress appropriately by wearing the agreed school uniform or dress code.
- Take care with school property and the property of staff and other students.

Safety

- Model and follow school and class rules and expectations around behaviour and conduct.
- Negotiate and resolve conflict.
- Be aware of and take responsibility for how their behaviour and actions impact others.
- Care for self and others.
- Be safe and help others to make safe choices that do not hurt themselves or others.

Engagement

- Arrive at school and class on time.
- Be prepared for every lesson.
- Actively participate in learning.
- Aspire and strive to achieve the highest standards of learning.