

SCHOLS NEWS

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From the Principal



PRAYER

Lord, give success to the work of our hands (Psalm 90)

Risen Lord, bless the work of the term ahead. Amidst the busyness, help me to live each day quietly, easily. To lean upon your strength trustfully, restfully. To wait for the unfolding of your will patiently, serenely. To meet others peacefully, joyfully. To face tomorrow confidently, courageously.

Amen.

Welcome Back to Term 2

Term 2 is the term in which we all settle into our stride and focus on developing and consolidating good practice in all we do. This applies equally to staff and students.

The term commences with Year 11 examinations and The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be conducted next week for students in Years 7 and 9.

During Term 2, a number of areas will be addressed as part of the improvement agenda, including:

- Assessment
- Curriculum differentiation and development of Individual Adjustment Plans
- House system restructure
- Ongoing implementation of QuickSmart and Tactical Teaching Literacy programs
- Ongoing data collection and analysis
- Parent Partnership development
- Policy review and development Anti-Bullying and Enrolment
- Compliance Governance, Child Protection and WHS
- Boarding School review

Master Plan Update

The Master Plan will be launched this term, in preparation for the commencement of Stage 1 refurbishment work during Terms 3 and 4. By the end of the year, 10 additional, state-of-the-art learning spaces will be available. These new areas will provide classroom spaces and additional breakout learning and tutoring spaces; large, flexible learning spaces; and seminar rooms for small group learning. Plans will be available at the Partnership gathering later in the term.

Staff Matters

Last week we farewelled Ms Fionnuala Ryan, who has returned home to Ireland. Ms Ryan was a wonderful TAS and Religious Education teacher and Guidance Coordinator. She will be missed. Ms Ryan's teaching position will be filled permanently in the coming weeks and the Coordinator role will be filled temporarily until the end of the year.

Mother's Day

Best wishes and blessings for a very happy Mother's Day to all mothers. I hope your day will be filled with joy and love.

Mrs Kate Rayment

May God bless all mothers and bring comfort and peace to those whose mothers are no longer with them.

From the Assistant Principal – Pastoral Care & Wellbeing

Welcome back to all our students and families. It is wonderful to have the life and energy around our College grounds as the community settles in for our second term.

Fionnuala Ryan

Last week we farewelled our Year 10 Guidance Coordinator, Ms Fionnuala Ryan who has worked with the Year group since the start of 2015. Ms Ryan is returning to family in Ireland.

Ms Ryan worked with Year 10 since the beginning of



their Year 8, through Year 9, and was instrumental in the planning and organisation of their Year 10 experience. She was a dedicated and passionate advocate for the year group, and worked alongside families, external teams and the College community to assist the students in their development and educational experience.

There is no doubt that we have been blessed to have Ms Ryan as a member of our community, and that she will be missed by the students and staff, largely as a result of her professionalism and commitment to the principles of achieving the best educational and holistic outcomes for students, and for her kind, positive approach and warmth. We all wish Ms Ryan great joy and success in this next chapter of her life.

A new Year 10 Guidance Coordinator is soon to be appointed.

Examination Experience

Congratulations to our senior students as they work through their examination period. These examinations provide an experience for the students to complete a formal task, and to develop their skills in navigating the demands of examination blocks similar in style to the HSC examination season. Thank you to our Curriculum Coordinator Margaret Taborda, Administration Coordinator Sebastian Puntillo and the senior teachers and Subject Coordinators for their careful management of the arrangements. Thanks also to our Diverse Learning Coordinator Clara Leung and the many Year 10 scribes who have assisted with supporting our seniors, and to our senior Guidance Coordinators Vicki Spalding and Quenten Watson for working alongside the students and their families during this period.

Recent Netflix Series

Families may have heard or read recent discussions in the media regarding the Netflix series 13 Reasons Why. I understand that this series is currently popular with some of the girls. It is a teen series set in an American high school community after the suicide of the main character, Hannah. The series incorporates real time events as well as flashbacks to the period of time leading to the suicide. Some of the flashbacks are confronting. I have included below the headspace caution regarding the series, and a link to their page on the headspace website. If your daughters have mentioned or have watched the program, I encourage you to also see the series, look into the headspace pages and discuss the nature of and issues within the series.

headspace has today issued a warning following growing concerns raised by schools, parents and young people across Australia about some content featured in US Netflix series 13 Reasons Why.

The series – which debuted in Australia in late March and is currently streaming on Netflix - depicts a young woman who suicides. It presents the viewer with very confronting and graphic messaging and imagery inclusive of suicide method and means. Since its debut national **headspace** School both the Support Program, which supports school communities in the aftermath of a suicide, and eheadspace, the national online and over-the-phone counselling service has received growing numbers of calls and emails directly related to the program. Kristen Douglas, National Manager of *headspace* School Support said the show exposes viewers to risky suicide content and may lead to a distressing reaction by the viewer particularly if the audience is children and young people. Head of eheadspace Dr Steven Leicester said clinicians working for the service had been dealing with a steady stream of concerned parents and young people since the show first aired. "There is a responsibility for broadcasters to know what they are showing and the impact that certain content can have on an audience - and on a young audience in particular," he said.

There is further information provided including information sheets and additional resources at: https://www.headspace.org.au/news/dangerous-

content-in-13-reasons-why/

If you have any concerns or questions please contact the relevant Guidance Coordinator or the College Counsellors Jen Small and Lauren Cross for further assistance.

Leave Applications

All students are expected to be present and on time for each published day of school. There are times when students are absent due to illness or unforeseen emergencies. At times also, there are

Ms Jen Petschler

requests for leave for specific family obligations. At the end of the term the expectation is that students remain for all school days, apart from particular boarders who are required to travel substantial distances. The final week of term is often a time of completing formal assessments and often involves the conclusion of topics. These are important parts of the learning experience.

At the end of Term 2 we will have our Learning Progress Meetings for all parents and guardians and students in Years 7 – 11, taking place on Thursday evening 22^{nd} June and all day Friday 23^{rd} June, which is the last week of term. More information will be provided closer to the date. This makes it particularly important that students are present throughout the school term.

In the event that your family does need to submit a request for leave during term time, please email <u>attendance@scholastica.nsw.edu.au</u> with the dates and reason for leave, with advance notice. We will work to respond to your family's needs and support the girls through any time of disruption to minimise the inevitable disadvantage such absence creates.

Uniform

Thank you to all our families who have ensured that the students have arrived this term in their correct winter uniform. All students have been reminded that the blazer is a compulsory part of the uniform and is to be worn to and from school each day. If you have any concerns or questions please contact the relevant Guidance Coordinator.

From the Assistant Principal – Teaching and Learning

This term is generally a bit of a blur while Semester 1 reports are written, Learning Progress Meetings are held and assessments are finalised for the students.

Staff Development Day

Last Wednesday the staff had a professional learning day on the topic of Formative Assessment. The program looked at forms of assessment other than the usual end-of-term or end-of-unit tasks. The day's activities involved interviewing students to gauge their responses to assessment. Staff also examined what makes an effective teacher and how their classrooms might benefit from positive characteristics. Assessment is continuous in every classroom and it is a complex process. The feedback provided to students gives teachers an indication of student understanding as well as ways to plan

lessons. It is a two-way process as students also take on-board feedback offered by teachers.

Study Skills

What to do when there is conflict around homework? When parents ask their children about homework it invariably ends in a difference of opinion. A way to deal with this is to work through one or more of the following suggestions:

- Step 1: Hold a family meeting in which the student and parents get a chance to discuss concerns.
- Step 2: Agree on how much time will be allocated to schoolwork per day or per week.
- Step 3: Agree that during these periods homework will be the first priority, then assessments

and any remaining time should be spent on independent learning (e.g. reviewing difficult work, making summaries).

- Step 4: Allocate set times for schoolwork, write them down and place them somewhere prominent (eg,on the fridge).
- Step 5: Agree that in these blocks of time, there will be no personal technology use (preferably phones switched off and placed out of sight).
- Step 6: Decide on rewards and consequences if the agreement is not honoured.

Have a look at: <u>www.studyskillshandbook.com.au</u> for useful advice that can help you specifically with these areas. For example:

- DEALING WITH CONFLICT: strategies for conflict resolution.
- TIME MANAGEMENT SKILLS: find out the recommended amount of time to spend on schoolwork, learn more about independent learning and print weekly planners.
- DEALING WITH DISTRACTIONS: strategies for managing technology addictions.

Log in to <u>www.studyskillshandbook.com.au</u> with these details:

Password: 4success

Year 11 / Year 12 Exams

Year 11 exams are currently underway and will finish in approximately 1 week. Year 12 students, meanwhile, are receiving their results from last semester's exams and the results for some students are not as strong as expected.

It is time to face facts honestly and, if disappointed with exam results, to reflect on why that might be so. I have spent considerable time with Year 12 students

Mr Adrian Eussen

emphasising the importance of learning from their results and to implement positive changes for the next set of exams. Using a template (which I have provided to Mr Watson, the Year 12 Coordinator) I have worked with students to help them reflect on their performance honestly and realistically.

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

During Week 3, all students in Years, 7 and 9 will sit the NAPLAN tests in Literacy and Numeracy. The tests will ensure national consistency in benchmarking Literacy and Numeracy standards across all Australian educational jurisdictions.

The NAPLAN tests will be carried out on the following days:

- Tuesday 9 May: Language Conventions; Writing
- Wednesday 10 May: Reading
- Thursday 11 May: Numeracy

Parents and students of Years 7 and 9 are reminded and encouraged to use the NAPLAN site at: <u>http://www.naplan.edu.au/</u>. Sample test items and marking guides are available as are tests from previous years.

Learning Progress Meetings

These meetings are set down for Thursday 22^{nd} June from 4.00pm - 8.00pm and Friday 23^{rd} June from 8.30am - 3.00pm. While Friday is a pupil free day for students in Years 7 – 11, students are still expected to attend the Learning Progress Meetings with their parents. Year 12 students will have normal classes on Friday 23^{rd} June.

The Learning Progress Meetings are important so please bear in mind that, if you are unable to make it, unfortunately we cannot organise another time. If you have specific urgent requests about a particular subject please contact that teacher individually, however this should not be seen as in lieu of attending the Learning Progress Meeting.

From the Boarding School

Welcome Back for Term 2!

I hope all families had a restful Easter break and that the boarders have returned to the College relaxed and refreshed. Year 11 have launched straight into their exams so hopefully they spent time preparing over the last 2 weeks. We are thinking of them, and wish them all the best.

At the end of Term 1, Helen French and I had the pleasure of travelling out to Bourke for the Isolated Children's Parents' Association (ICPA) NSW Conference. The ICPA does amazing things to support boarding families in rural, regional and remote areas and work tirelessly to lobby government and private enterprise, seeking equity in access to education and telecommunication services, among other things. It was interesting to hear about the wide variety of issues that the rural, regional and remote families face on a daily basis, the challenges and the help that they receive from the ICPA. The guest speaker was former Australian cricket player, Glenn McGrath. You may wonder what he had to offer the group. His anecdotes were both inspirational and hilarious, not to mention he grew up in Narromine! His work with the McGrath Foundation has provided funding for breast cancer nurses in many regional areas.

We enjoyed catching up with some Schols parents in Bourke and Dubbo and send a special thank you to all the families who joined us. It is a privilege for us to be on their home turf, and we hope to get out there to visit other gems of NSW in the future.

We will be attending the Boarding Expo in Dubbo on 19th and 20th May at the Dubbo Convention Centre. We will be hosting another gathering for boarder families and ask local families to 'save the date' on Friday 19th May. Further details will be emailed out soon.

IMPORTANT Travel Notes:

- Monday 15th May is a pupil-free day at the College and all boarders are encouraged to spend this special extended weekend time with family.
- Queen's Birthday June Long Weekend CountryLink School Specials depart from the College early on Friday 9th June, returning on Monday 12th June. Due date for bookings is Monday 8 May. Please ensure all requests for CountryLink bookings are sent to us by Monday 8 May.
- CountryLink has advised that any late bookings will result in travel on regular CountryLink Services and not School Specials. CountryLink School Special buses will depart early on Friday 23rd June.
- The Boarding School will close on Friday 23rd June at 3.20pm.
- Thursday 22nd June is a normal school day, NOT a travel day and boarders are expected to be in class on this day.
- Learning Progress Meetings for Years 7 to 11 will be held on Thursday 22nd June from 4pm to 8pm and on Friday 23rd June, 8.30am to 3.00pm. Year 12 classes will operate as normal on Friday.
- Booking information for times to meet with teachers will be sent out later in the term.
- 17th July is the first day of school for Term 3. All students should be in classes that day except boarders utilising free Countrylink travel on Monday.



←On Sunday morning, the girls in Winima treated themselves to a facial.

On Sunday afternoon, the boarders' activity was Indoor Rock Climbing! $\downarrow \rightarrow$





Ms Nadia Mansutti Head of Boarding

From the Head of Curriculum

NAPLAN

Calendar for NAPLAN 2017 at the College is as follows;

Date	Test	Time
Tuesday 9 th May	Language Conventions and Writing tests	Periods 1- 3
Wednesday 10 th May	Reading	Periods 1 & 2 only
Thursday 11 th May	Numeracy	Periods 1 & 2 only

Years 7 & 9 students need to make sure they arrive at school on time to ensure they are ready at the start of NAPLAN testing.

HSC Minimum Standard

Information for Year 9 students and parents from David de Carvalho, Chief Executive Officer at NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA):

- The HSC minimum standard is being introduced to help ensure that students leave school with the basic literacy and numeracy skills fundamental for life after school.
- NAPLAN is a chance to check a student's progress towards the HSC minimum standard or, for more advanced students, prequalify for the HSC minimum standard with Band 8s or higher.

- Most students will demonstrate the minimum standard by passing online reading, writing and numeracy tests in the lead up to Year 12.
- Year 9 students have three more years of learning before the HSC.

A letter from NESA to both Year 9 students and parents will be emailed out this week. For further details, parents can access more information by visiting the NESA website: http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/

Year 12

All Year 12 students should have received an email directing them to confirm their details on the NESA website. It is important that girls check that their personal details are current and correct including their mobile phone number, which will be used by NESA to SMS their results.

From the Library



Fiction Genres

The library has had a major overhaul this term, with the reading section being reorganised and fiction books now sorted via genres. Come and check out our new layout and tell us what your favourite genre is; there are 17 to choose from!



ANZAC Day

We hope everyone had a lovely ANZAC Day, honouring those who have served our country. In the library, our ANZAC display showcased some of St Scholastica's excellent non-fiction resources.



Mrs Tammy Howard

Teacher Librarian

From the Visual Arts Department

Operation Art Touring Exhibition

The Visual Arts Department offers many art-making opportunities to our students here at Schols. We are often invited to participate in local, national and international competitions. These exhibition opportunities are promoted through the daily bulletin and the College Newsletter. Interested students are offered materials, advice and support at lunchtime or after-school workshops.

During the school holidays Year 8 student, **Parker Craig**, had her artwork exhibited at the Art Gallery of New South Wales.

Parker participated in the Operation Art competition last year and her work was selected as one of 50 works (from 848 artworks) to be part of the Operation Art Touring Exhibition.

Operation Art aims to encourage young people to create artworks for children in hospital to enjoy: to help sick children feel a little brighter while they spend time in hospital. At the opening of the

Ms Vicki Armstrong Visual Arts Coordinator exhibition, Ivy Braddock, curator of the art collection at Westmead Children's Hospital, congratulated the exhibitors for 'inspiring us with your creativity and enriching the lives of patients, family and staff at the hospital.'

Parker's work will tour galleries throughout NSW and then become part of Westmead's permanent collection.

Congratulations Parker on the great achievement.



From the Languages Department

Long-Term Exchange Program with Wayo Kudan

The College hosted four students from Wayo Kudan Japanese girls' high school in Tokyo, for the whole of Term 1. The girls had a very rewarding experience and left the following messages:

G'day mate!! Thank you for making a good opportunity for us. When school started, I was really nervous because I was worried about how to make friends. However, everyone was kind to me. I made many lovely friends in Australia. I will never forget them. I will continue to study English in Japan, and I want to come back to Australia again. Thank you for everything. By Miyaka Kobayashi

Thank you for the 10 weeks. At first, I was very nervous. However, everyone was very kind. In my school, students do not eat anything outside of the building, so I eat in my homeroom class. I was surprised that at lunch and recess we were allowed to eat outside. I like this style. My Homeroom, 10.2 was very nice and I love 10.2 and this school. Thank you so much for everything. I could not stop crying when I realised that I had to leave here. Please come to Japan and Wayo Kudan. I will be waiting for you guys. By Kanae Takamori

This year I studied in Australia for 10 weeks. I was very nervous but many people helped me and took care of

Would you like to host a student from Japan?

We are looking for families who are able to host a student from the Wayo Kudan Japanese girls' high school. Wayo Kudan is a school with whom St Scholastica's has had a long standing 'sister school' agreement since 1995. It is a prestigious school in Tokyo, and their website, although all in Japanese is: <u>http://www.wayokudan.ed.jp/</u> if you would like to have a look.

Every year a number of Year 10 Wayo Kudan students visit St Scholastica's College on exchange for two weeks during their summer vacation and participate in an English language program at school, as well as attend normal classes on two afternoons.



me so I could enjoy my new experience. Then I made some really great friends. I'll never forget them and their kindness. I believe we can see each other again. Thank you so much. By Rio Uchimizu

When school began I was worried that my English would not be good enough for communication, but I enjoyed talking with everyone in English very much. I had a lot of fun spending time with everyone. These three months are my treasure. I want to learn more English when I return to Japan. Thank you so much for looking after me. **By Miyu Omori**

We sincerely appreciate the hospitality and generosity of the host families.

This year 30 students will arrive on Sunday **23rd July**. As a host family you would accommodate one (or two) student(s) for 13 nights, until Saturday **5th August**, and on school days the student would go to school with your daughter. All host families would be invited to attend a thank you and farewell party in the Drama Hall on Saturday 5th August.

We would be very grateful to all families who choose to participate in this program. Our students will visit Wayo Kudan as a school excursion in April next year and it would be wonderful if, through your generosity, the College is able to reciprocate Wayou Kudan's hospitality. It is another opportunity for students and families to experience another culture.

If you are interested, please fill in the slip below ASAP and return to Ms Alves (or complete and email the slip to: <u>malves@scholastica.nsw.edu.au</u>) by Friday 5th May 2017:

Student's Name
Year/Roll Call Class We would like to host (please ✓) one □ or two □ Wayo Kudan student(s) for 13 nights.
Parent/Guardian's Signature:
Thank you for your support in advance. Ms Miki Alves, Teacher of Japanese

From the Maths Department

Inquisitive Minds – Year 10 Talented Mathematics Day

Hearts racing, laughter, anticipation, collaboration, and enjoyment. These were the feelings that were expressed after a wonderful day of Mathematics problem solving by the Year 10 students.

On Tuesday 28th March, Meriden School, MLC Burwood, Concord High School, Kambala School, SCEGGS Darlinghurst, Christian Brothers Lewisham, Santa Sabina College, Stella Maris Manly, and St Pauls Manly visited our College to compete against 10 of our most talented Year 10 Mathematics students.

The following girls represented St Scholastica's in the competition; Lauren Ashby, Sophie Bezzina, Palvi Bothra, Esther David, Zoe Loughrey, Grace Mitchel, Alexis Ong, Maya Pearson, Caitlin Williamson, Alexander Zogopoulos.

Below is a comment from two of the girls who participated in the competition.

"At the end of last term, several accelerated maths students attended a talented mathematics workshops hosted here at Schols by the Inquisitive Minds Group. A number of different schools also attended this event and competed in a variety of competitions to win the perpetual trophy and other prizes. The competition involved a

number of problem solving questions involving maths, which required creative and innovative thinking. The day also allowed us to collaborate with other students from the different schools to gain experience and knowledge in this style of maths problems. Overall, it was an enriching experience and we hope to attend another one soon."

By Sophie Bezzina and Grace Mitchell

Below are some comments from the teachers who attended from other schools:

Rachel Jensen from Kambala: *"the girls really enjoyed the day and were engaged from start to finish. Thanks also for hosting the event - we will definitely be sending a team next year".*

Katie Palmer from Santa Sabina College: *"It was a pleasure to see a room filled with students collaborating, delving, thinking deeply, all with passion and enthusiasm."*

Congratulations to our girls who performed very well and whose welcoming hospitality towards our guests was impeccable.

Mr Vito Zurlo Maths Coordinator









From the History Department

Year 11 Ancient History Excursion – Report by Mary Tsiakoulas Year 11

On 23rd and 27th March 2017, the Year 11 Ancient History classes travelled to The University of Sydney to explore the Nicholson Museum. On the excursion we had the opportunity to gain knowledge on various aspects of ancient history including Ancient Greece, Rome and Egypt, Pre-history and Medieval Europe. We saw various artefacts excavated from these places, many interesting artefacts including Canopic jars, where Egyptians would store human remains that were to be taken to the afterlife. We also saw oil lamps from Ancient Greece and several clay pots used for many purposes, depending on their size and material.

Throughout our time at the museum, we had the opportunity to choose an artefact and examine it in depth. We discussed the characteristics and brainstormed the uses and reasons why they were made. Our class, along with our instructor discussed what types

of materials were used to make the artefacts, the main uses for the artefacts and the conditions the artefacts are in. From this excursion, our Year 11 Ancient History classes gathered valuable information.

Reflecting back on the excursion to the Nicholson Museum, Year 11 can agree that it was an extremely appreciated experience to view ancient artefacts first hand and gain extra knowledge on our current topic being studied.

Thank you to Ms O'Connor, Ms Marsden and Mr Smith for organising this excursion.

Ms Alison Marsden Teacher of Ancient History









Sports News

The winter sports are now well under their way in Term 2. Congratulations to all teams who competed last term and good luck girls for the term ahead!

Sporting Success Stories:

Dragon Boating \rightarrow

During the holidays the Schols Dragon Boating Squad travelled to Albury/Wodonga to compete in the National Championships. The five days were a mix of enthusiasm and angst, however, the girls worked well as a team and produced some outstanding results. The girls excelled in the following races:

- Gold 500m Under 18's small boat
- Bronze 500m Under 16's small boat
- Bronze 500m Under 18's
- Gold under 18's small boat 2km
- Silver under 18's standard boat 200m
- Silver under 18's standard boat 2km

These are outstanding results.





competed on Sunday 30th April in round 2 of the National All Styles Martial Arts Tournament held at Homebush; they have successfully qualified for the NSW State Titles

The results are as follows:

- Ruby Farquhar 1st place KATA & 3rd place Continuous (14-15 years 10th-6th Kyu)
- Kathleen Varley 2nd place KATA and 3rd place Points Sparring (14-1510th-6th Kyu)
- Ella Smith 1st place Points Sparring & 4th place Kata (16-17 5th Kyu to Black Belt)
- Carmen Lia 2nd place Continuous & 3rd place Points Sparring (16-17 5th Kyu to Black Belt))





Congratulations to: Zara Amir-Schwallie, Anwyn Brook-Evans, Rosie Chahoud, Lucy Clark, Isabella Finney, Jasmine Fokes, Lily Gee, Ella Greene, Destiny Griffin, Jacinta Halstead, Sofia Hayward, Molly Hopper, Madena Jaffer, Sophia Lewis, Isabella Lungo, Emilia Maroya, Isabella Morgan, Sophia Morgan, Rebekah Platts, Charlie Reid, Alexia Saladino, Stefanie Versace and Jaydee Williams.

← Volleyball

Congratulations to Grace Hayman who competed in the NSW U15s representative team for Volleyball.

Jujitsu→

Congratulations to the girls who





← Rowing

Nicela Martincic, who competed in the National Rowing Championships, was placed first with a winning margin of more than one minute. Her gold medal was richly deserved. Well done and congratulations, Nicela.

Athletics

Mia Economou competed at the Australian Junior Athletics Championships in the 100m hurdles, achieving a personal best and improving her time by no less than a quarter of a second. Congratulations Mia!

Swimming

Another great effort – this time by **Naomi Williams**. Naomi qualified for the State 5km Open Water Championships late last year. In that race she achieved a 3-minute PB to qualify for the National 5km Open Water Championships in Adelaide. The race was in January and she successfully completed it in some pretty tough conditions (chop, stingers and shark sightings). Well done, Naomi!

Match Report				
Date	Sport	Team Name	Opponent	Result
29/4	Netball	Hail	LWNC Black Magic	Loss 16-1
29/4	Netball	Cyclones	FDAS Ravens	Won 18-10
29/4	Netball	Thunder	Schols Tornados	Draw 5-5
29/4	Netball	Lightening	GNC Barinas	Loss 18-1
29/4	Netball	Tornados	Schols thunder	Draw 5-5
29/4	Netball	Clouds	WMNC Chequers	Loss 17-4
29/4	Netball	Blizzards	GNC Cruze	Loss 16-15
29/4	Netball	Tsunami	SHLNC Lyrebirds	Loss 14-7
29/4	Netball	Breeze	TNC Tassies	Loss 19-16
29/4	Netball	Storm	HNC Phoenix	Won 18-12
29/4	Netball	Fire	HNC Hawks	Loss 27-4
29/4	Netball	Heatwave	LWNC Blackbirds	Loss 34-1
29/4	Netball	Lunar	FDAS Cassowaries	Loss 40-43
29/4	Netball	Rain	BYE	
29/4	T Netball	Earthquake	JNC Joeys	Loss 37-13
29/4	Netball	Southerly's	BNC Diamonds	Won 227-18
29/4	Netball	Eclipse	FDAS Kookaburras	Won 33-14

Ms Jodie Osborne and Ms Courtney Gorman Sports Coordinator and PD/H/PE Teacher

Important Dates Coming Up

Wednesday 10 th May	Theatresports Competition (new date – moved from 27 March)	
Friday 12 th May	Mother's Day Breakfast	
Monday 15 th May	Pupil free day – Staff Spirituality Day	
Thursday 17 th May	Year 12 HSC Music Soiree, 6:15pm DRT	
Sunday 28 th May	Ex-Students' Union Annual Mass and Lunch, 12 noon in the Chapel	
Wednesday 31 st May	Athletics Carnival	
Friday 9 th June	Pupil Free day – Staff Development Day on Student Wellbeing	
Thursday 22 nd June	Last day of classes for Term 2	
	Learning Progress Meetings, 4pm to 8pm	
Friday 23 rd June	Learning Progress Meetings, 8:30am to 3pm	
	End of Term 2, school closes at 3:20pm	

Term Dates 2017

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Term 1	Wednesday 1 st February	Classes commence for all years	
	Thursday 6 th April	Last day of Term 1, College closes at 3:20pm,	
	Friday 7 th April	Boarders travel day	
		College closed (in lieu of Open Day)	
Term 2	Wednesday 26 th April	Staff Day/Boarders return from 3pm	
	Thursday 27 th April	Classes commence for all years	
	Monday 15 th May	Pupil free day – Staff Spirituality day	
	Friday 9 th June	Pupil free day – Staff Development Day on Student	
		Wellbeing day	
	Friday 23 rd June	Last day of Term 2, College closes at 3:20pm,	
		boarders travel day	
Term 3	Monday 17 th July	Classes commence for all years	
	Friday 22 nd September	Last day of Term 3, College closes at 3:20pm,	
		boarders travel day	
Term 4	Sunday 8 th October	Boarders return from 3pm	
	Monday 9 th October	Classes commence for all years	
	Friday 1 st December	Speech Night	
	Wednesday 6 th December	Last day of Term 4, College closes 3:20pm	
	Thursday 7 th December	Boarders travel day	

Enrolment Reminders

Families who wish to enrol a daughter for 2018 or 2019 are reminded to please complete and forward an enrolment application form as soon as possible as places are filling quickly. If you have any questions, please contact our Registrar, Mrs Cheryl Laing on (02) 9660 2622 or via email:

registrar@scholastica.nsw.edu.au. Click here to download an Enrolment Application Form.



Mother's Day Breakfast

Friday 12th May 2017

7:30am, Trixie Forest Centre (TFC)

We invite all Schols mothers/carers and daughters to our Mother's Day Breakfast on Friday 12th May.

It is a lovely opportunity for families to enjoy the morning together at the College and to listen to some live music performances.

This is a free event

For catering purposes, we ask you to please confirm your attendance by booking your tickets online, as tickets will not be available at the door. <u>Please click here to book your tickets now</u>.



The Mother's Day Raffle will be drawn at the Breakfast tickets for the raffle are only available online. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5, purchase your tickets now <u>Please click here to purchase raffle tickets</u> (or go to: https://www.trybooking.com/PMOX)

Estee Lauder Fundraising Shopping Event just in time for Mother's Day

Estée Lauder Corporate Store invites St Scholastica's College family and friends to attend a Fundraising Shopping Event just in time for Mother's Day!

For this night only, ticket holders will have the opportunity to purchase at staff prices.

60% OFF RETAIL PRICES

Brands featured: Estée Lauder, Clinique, Aramis, M.A.C., Aveda, Bobbi Brown, DKNY & Jo Malone, to name a few.

When: Thursday 30th March & Thursday 4th May

Time: 4.30pm to 8.00pm sharp

Where: 165A Mitchell Road, Erskineville

Parking: On-site parking in spaces available from 5pm to 8pm (Guests who try to access the staff carpark before 5pm will be turned away

Cost: Tickets are \$10 per adult and \$5 per child over 12 years. 100% of the sale of all tickets is donated to the school along with gift credits following the event.

Tickets are limited to 150 and can be purchased online by logging on to https://www.trybooking.com/265893



Please ensure you remember to bring your ticket in printed or electronic form to access this event.

Unfortunately young children and prams will not be permitted in the Corporate Store during this event as store space is limited and product displays are fragile.

Your patience during peak times will also be very much appreciated.







Careers and VET News

Mrs Jo Cousins Careers Counsellor & VET Coordinator Available Mon-Thurs Email: jcousins@scholastica.nsw.edu.au UNI

FAQs about the ATAR

http://www.uac.edu.au/documents /atar/ATAR-FAQs.pdf

UTS Bachelor of Information Technology (BIT) Co-operative Scholarship

To apply for the program you must apply through **both** the Universities Admissions Centre and directly through UTS.

Successful applicants are selected on a combination of interview + ATAR. It is expected that students will achieve an ATAR around 90 or higher. However, quite often we'll take in applicants whose ATAR falls in the range of 85 to 99.50. Final acceptance into this course for 2018 will be determined following the release of HSC results in late December 2017.

Round 1 closing date: 3 September Round 2 closing date: 13 October <u>https://www.uts.edu</u>.au/futurestudents/informationtechnology/essentialinformation/how-apply/how-applybit

UNSW Mining Engineering Free Scholarships Information Dinners UNSW Mining Engineering are hosting free Scholarships Information Dinners where students, parents and teachers can find out more about the Mining Engineering degree and also about our extensive suite of scholarships. Year 10, 11 & 12 students will meet with our academics, current students, alumni and industry professionals to get the dirt on Mining Engineering. Find out about entry options, campus life, study, career options and what it's really like to work in the Mining and Minerals Industry. There will be up to 15 UNSW **Minerals Industry Scholarships** valued at \$48,000 each in 2018.

Parramatta 15 May (Mantra Hotel 6.30-9pm) Canberra 16 May (Crowne Plaza Hotel 6.30-9pm) Orange 17 May (Orange exServices Club 6.30-9pm) Newcastle 18 May (Noah's on the Beach 6.30-9pm) Coffs Harbour 19 May (C.ex Blue Room 6.30-9pm) <u>https://www.eng</u>ineering.unsw.edu .au/mining-engineering/allevents/unsw-mining-engineeringfree-scholarship-<u>dinners</u>

UNSW Law Admission Test Information Evening

4 May. 6.30pm to 8.30pm Law Theatre GO4, Union Road, Building F8, Kensington The Law Admission Test or 'LAT' is an entry requirement for all undergraduate law dual degree programs at UNSW. This information evening will cover how the LAT worked for entry in 2017, provide detailed program and Faculty information, as well as key LAT dates for the year ahead. This event will be suitable for current High School students (Year 11 and 12) and their parents, career advisers and students currently studying at another university who are hoping to transfer to UNSW Law in 2018. The new 2018 Law Undergraduate Guide will be available on the night.

https://www.futurestudents.unsw. edu.au/lat-law-admissions-testinformation-evening

UNSW Co-op Program Info Evening

11 May. 6 .00pm to 8.00pm **UNSW Kensington Campus** To help you start to shape your Career and the study pathway to get you there, the UNSW Co-op Program has assembled a line up of Industry Leaders. Industry Leaders in these sectors will share their insights on the industry, the career opportunities available and their own journeys, in a session designed to help you Create Your Career. Sessions will run concurrently so you will need to choose one OR bring a parent/friend to attend your second area of interest. There will be a market-style opportunity

to ask questions following the formal program.

- Each session will include * an introduction to the breadth of career opportunities available in
- career opportunities available in the sector * insights from industry leaders and
- r insights from industry leaders and professionals

* highlights from current Co-op scholars studying and working in the sector

* Q&A panel of all speakers Finance Sector (Management Accounting, Financial Accounting, Assurance Services, Management Consulting, Investment/Merchant Banking, Financial/Securities Trading etc)

Technology Sector (Software development, Digital technologies, Cyber security, Business process design/analysis, Network design, Enterprise systems etc) Maths Sector (Actuarial Analysis, Business Consultancy, Business Intelligence, Big Data Analysis, Insurance/Credit Analysis, Risk Assessment, Policy Analysis, Environmental Modelling, Wealth Management etc)

Engineering

Sector (Civil, Chemical, Electrical, Mechanical, Biomedical, Photovoltaic & Renewable Energy etc)

Marketing Sector (Digital Media, Brand/ Product Coordination, Business Development, Market Research, Consumer Insights Analysis, Consultancy, Media Liaison / Sales and Marketing Coordination etc) <u>https://www.future</u>students.unsw. edu.au/co-op-create-your-careerevening

UNSW HSC Enrichment Days

4 to 6 July. 8.30am to 4.00pm UNSW Kensington Campus. UNSW Science is offering 1 day face-to-face study programs in Physics, Chemistry and Biology to assist Year 12 students in preparing their HSC exams. Students will also be provided with online study resources which they can study at their own time. Student will undertake a deep analysis of 6 HSC questions (2 from each core module) from the view point of a HSC marker. They will relate each question to the syllabus and learn how the marking guidelines differentiate student responses. They will act as HSC markers using the marking guidelines to score scripts and to reflect upon their own responses to questions. https://www.futurestudents.unsw. edu.au/hsc-enrichment-days

Western Sydney University Parent Information Evening

20 June. 6.30 to 8.30pm Parramatta South Campus The Parent Information Evening at Western Sydney University provides parents, guardians and students a chance to find out everything they need to know about university. From discovering the way the ATAR works to speaking with Western Sydney University staff and students oneon-one to learn about the opportunities available for your child, the Parent Information Evening is a great introduction to the exciting journey ahead. https://www.westernsydney.edu.a u/future/future students home/ev ents/parent_information_evening

Western Sydney University Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Information Evening

12 September. 6.00pm to7.30pm . Campbelltown campus, Building 21 14 September. 6.00pm to 7.30pm . Penrith campus, Building D (The Playhouse)

https://www.westernsydney.edu.a u/future/future_students_home/ev ents/aboriginal_and_torres_strait_i slander_f <u>uture_students_informati</u> on_evenings

Southern Cross University Info Days

4 December. Coffs Harbour 5 December. Lismore 7 December. Gold Coast http://scu.edu.au/futurestudents/i ndex.php/73

Australian Catholic

University Experience 4July. Canberra and North Sydney 6 July. Strathfield University Experience is a free program that gives you the opportunity to sample the degree of your choice. Get a taste of life at ACU by meeting academic staff and current students – and trying out the course you are interested in. If you're considering tertiary study for next year or in the future, University Experience provides the perfect chance to explore your study options by living a day in the life of an ACU student. <u>http://www.acu.</u>edu.au/student_ex perience/student_life/experience_ uni before you start/university e

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Charles Sturt University Alternative Entry

Pathways at CSU include guaranteed entry to most CSU Bachelor degrees through the <u>Diploma of General Studies</u>. You can also get ready for your degree and build some extra skills through short <u>STUDY</u> <u>LINK</u> preparatory subjects. <u>http://futurestudents</u>.csu.edu.au/s tudy-options/pathways

Macquarie University Undergraduate Information Evening

17 May. 5.00pm to 8.00pm Campus Hub, Building C10A, Macquarie University You can speak with staff, enjoy presentations from staff and students and discover why Macquarie is a leader in undergraduate study. Learn how our specialised courses, world-class facilities and talent for innovation can give you the edge in our competitive, changing world. Register_

http://www.mq.edu.au/about/eve nts/view/undergraduateinformation-evening-3/

Macquarie University Bonus Points

Five Bonus points options. Points are added to your ATAR and allow you to be considered for courses above your official ATAR. Academic advantage, rural bonus scheme, educational access scheme, athletes and performers, Big History Scheme.

<u>http://www.mq.e</u>du.au/study/highschool-students/getting-intouniversity/bonus-points

UOW Information Evenings Year 10 Subject Selection Evenings Wollongong 1 May Sutherland 2 May Liverpool 9 May Year 12 Information Evenings Sutherland 8 May Wollongong 16 May Liverpool 27 June

UOW HSC Study Days

6 June - Languages Study Day http://lha.uow.edu.au/studydays/U OW213560.html 8 June - Legal Studies Study Day http://lha.uow.edu.au/studydays/U OW213761.html

TAFE

Sydney TAFE Business Info Sessions

23 August . 6.00PM. St George TAFE http://sydneytafe.edu.au/newseve nts/events/information-sessionyour-business-course-careerdevelopment-4 13 September. 6.00PM. St George TAFE http://sydneytafe.edu.au/newseve

nts/events/information-sessionyour-degree-means-business-1

Sydney TAFE Seminars

You will be informed about your options, how to make career and study decisions, and the support available to you at TAFE on your journey.

18May. 12.00 to 1.00pm. Randwick TAFE.

http://sydneytafe.edu.au/newseve nts/events/planning-tafe-and-yourcareer-9

23 May. 5.00pm to 6.00pm. Gymea. TAFE.

http://sydneytafe.edu.au/newseve nts/events/planning-tafe-and-yourcareer-8

24 May. 12.00 to 1.00pm. Ultimo TAFE.

http://sydneytafe.edu.au/newseve nts/events/planning-tafe-and-yourcareer-1

29 May. 5.00pm to 6.00pm. Randwick TAFE.

http://sydneytafe.edu.au/newseve nts/events/planning-tafe-and-yourcareer-10

COLLEGES

Blue Mountains International Hotel School Info Sessions 2 July.2.00pm. Sofitel Sydney Wentworth, 61-101 Phillip St, Sydney 20 August. 2.00pm. Hotel, 25 Edinburgh Ave, Canberra Study at the number 1 hotel management school in Australia and Asia Pacific (TNS Survey). You will have the opportunity to meet current students and members of staff, and successful alumni will also attend as guest speakers to share how BMIHMS helped shape their careers. You'll have the chance to tour the hotels to see what it's really like to work in the hospitality industry and discuss more about the courses we offer and the diverse career paths available to you on graduation. http://www.bluemountains.edu.au /infosessions/

HTN Inter Schools Culinary Challenge

15, 22, & 30 June Hamilton, Campbelltown, & Ryde Colleges HTN is seeking Year 11 and 12 Hospitality students from local High Schools to participate in the 2017 HTN Inter Schools Culinary Challenge. Please complete the attached Registration Form and Fax to 1300 656 139 or email to mailto:mmina@htn.com.au https://gallery.mailchimp.com/9e9 3755a25afa25ba42912ece/files/6e 19f399-8f27-449e-82baccdb632ab86b/2017_HTN_Inter_Sc hools_Culinary_Competition.pdf

Sturt Winter School

3 to 7 July Art and craft courses in the Southern Highlands. <u>http://www.sturt.nsw.ed</u>u.au/educ ation/winter-school

CG Spectrum Online Workshops

22 April. Introduction to Creature Animation

https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/introduction-to-creature-animationonline-workshop-for-april-tickets-<u>33065025381</u>

29 April. Fundamentals of 3D Modelling

https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/f undamentals-of-3d-modelingonline-workshop-for-april-tickets-33066232993 6 May. You've got 2 hours: Let's

make a game!

<u>https://www.even</u>tbrite.com.au/e/ youve-got-2-hours-lets-make-agame-online-workshop-for-maytickets-<u>33139751890</u>

GENERAL

Ski or Snowboard Instructor Training in Canada http://courses.easkiandsnowboard. com/easter-sale-1/

ACE the HSC Free Seminars

Hear from our expert HSC Teachers/Markers and past State Ranked students on what you need to do to achieve your best in the upcoming exams. During this twohour Seminar (3 x 35min sessions), you will learn vital strategies that have proven to improve exam results and allow you to prepare better for the final HSC exams in October. A range of topics will be covered.

3 July. 10.00am to12.00pm . UTS Haymarket

6 July. 10.00am to12.00pm. Macquarie University 10 July. 10.00am to12.00pm. University of Newcastle 10 July. 10.00am to12.00pm . University of Wollongong <u>https://hscintheho</u>lidays.com.au/o ur-program/hsc-ace-the-hscseminars/

GET INTO VET - Helping students decide on their future career through hands-on, practical experiences



TAFE NSW is excited to once again offer this very popular program to high school students. *Get Into VET* helps students in Year 10 make the right career choice and assess their suitability for a career in their chosen area. It is an intensive 'hands-on' program that will show participants what is required to succeed in their chosen industry. *Get into VET courses are fully subsidised.*

If you have any questions, or for a copy of the brochure, please contact Mrs Cousins at jcousins@scholastica.nsw.edu.au.

A selection process including an interview with Mrs Cousins will take place for all interested students.

From the Uniform Shop

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop normal trading hours during term time are:

Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am to 2pm.

If you have a question or to book a fitting appointment, please call Mrs Jeneva Sweyda: Ph: 02 9552 2870 or Email: <u>scholasticas@ranier.com.au</u>

2nd Hand Uniforms

For all enquiries about purchasing second-hand uniforms, please send an email to: uniformroom@scholastica.nsw.edu.au or call the Front Office on 9660 2622.

School Travel Update



School Holidays

A reminder for students: The School Student Transport Scheme does not cover travel during school holidays or on the weekends. Students may see "reason codes" on Opal card readers if they use their School Opal card during these times. School Opal cards will be reactivated at the start of Term 2.

School Term Bus Pass

Opal areas – Students who have purchased a School Term Bus Pass that is due to expire at the end of the term will receive an email from Transport for NSW reminding them to renew their pass. Parents, guardians or students should go to transportnsw.info/school-students for more information.

Rural and Regional areas – School Term Bus Passes are available in some areas. Students should check with their operator for details.

Students Changing Schools

If a student is changing or leaving school, parents, guardians or students can go online at <u>transportnsw.info/school-students</u> to update their details.

Lost Property Email Address

If a student accidently leaves something on a School Special bus, there is now an email address where messages can be sent, It is: lostpropertysouth@sta.nsw.gov.au

Wellbeing and me and the HSC

Feeling overwhelmed by pressure from parents and teachers hassling you about the HSC? Keep calm because help is at hand.

Join the experts from Headspace as they talk about tips and strategies for managing your wellbeing during the HSC and learn how to deal with stress and difficult emotions.





Bookings required—online or call 9367 9266



ParentWise

How to keep calm and connect with adolescents

FREE parenting course

Good Shepherd is offering a six-week parenting course for parents and carers of 12-18 year olds. This course helps take some of the stress out of parenting.

ParentWise is facilitated by experienced Adolescent and Family Counsellors.

This is a great opportunity to learn

- Evidenced-based strategies from the latest research on parenting by adolescent neurobiology specialists
- How to connect with your adolescent based on their stage of development
- How to take a positive approach to discipline and communicate effectively with your child
- Parenting styles and reflect on your role as a parent

Good Shepherd



Registration is essential

Please contact Anne-Marie Taylor by phone on 8571 7800 or email AnneMarie Taylor@goodshep.org.au

What parents say about ParentWise

"ParentWise helped me to change my perspective and helps me to keep calm when dealing with my child."

"ParentWise gave me more ways to connect with my children and how to talk to my teenagers."

Program details

WHEN

Friday mornings, 9:30 – 11:30am One session per week for six weeks, from 19 May to 23 June, 2017

WHERE

Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand 440 Marrickville Road, Marrickville

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