

AMBARGRAM

Week 5, Term 2 2025

ART EXPRESS

EXCURSION 2025



Stage 6 Visual Arts students visited the Art Gallery of NSW at the end of Term 1. Students went to see the 2025 Art Express Exhibition and walked around the general exhibit, to see a range of works to gain inspiration for their own Body of Work. Students also had the opportunity to enter the Gallery's 'Tank' where they were exposed to an immersive installation of lights, sound and space which gave students mixed reactions.

Students had a fantastic day and gained valuable inspiration for their own artworks.



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A message from Mrs Fitzgerald

Welcome back to Term 2!

I hope that each of you enjoyed a restful and rejuvenating break over the Easter holidays. We have returned ready for the exciting term ahead.

Term 1 was filled with strong academic efforts, impressive student achievements, and community spirit across our school. I am proud of the way our students have embraced their learning and how our staff continue to support and inspire students every day.

As we step into Term 2, there is much to look forward to. This term will see the continuation of learning programs, upcoming assessments and a variety of co-curricular activities including sports competitions, camps and excursions. Our Year 12 students are entering a crucial period of their Stage 6 studies and we encourage them to stay focused and reach out for support when needed as they draw closer to their Trial HSC examinations. I would also like to acknowledge the comprehensive work staff are currently engaging in during the reporting period. Staff are currently preparing Semester 1 reports, which provide a snapshot of each student's academic growth and engagement so far this year. These reports will be distributed toward the end of the term and are a valuable opportunity for families to reflect on student progress and set goals for the second half of the year.

I would like to congratulate and welcome Miss Nunes to the Head Teacher Wellbeing role. The Wellbeing Hub has been relocated to B Block and we look forward to launching a new attendance initiative with Year 7 this term, aimed at students taking responsibility for their own attendance at school and reflecting on how attendance impacts their engagement to learning.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education.

Warm regards,

Mrs E Fitzgerald
Rel. Principal

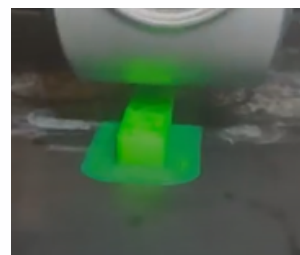
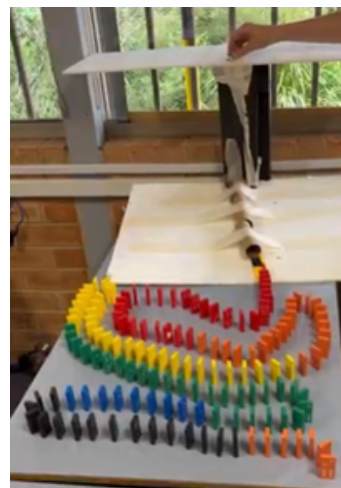
make - bake - create

Make Break Create or MBC is back for 2025 with some very exciting projects running. Each term students from Year 8 complete a different rotation. The rotations this year are:

Mr Gray with 3D Printing
Mr Thurbon with Game Coding
Ms Lewis with Chain Reaction Machines
Ms Davey with Upcycling Retro Clothes
Ms Marsden with Sweet Treats for One
Mrs Gregory with Dinner is Served.

All rotations allow students to show a variety of personal skills, attributes and abilities, including creative and critical thinking, authentic and challenging learning.

We look forward to sharing what Term 2 brings!



Deputy Principal – Mrs Maynard

Welcome back to Term 2 and we also welcome Ms Arts back into the Deputy Principal chair on Fridays.

If you are new to the school, Ms Arts is the substantive Deputy Principal. Ms Arts has reported that she has had a wonderful start to the term with so many wonderful students greeting her in a warm, welcoming manner.

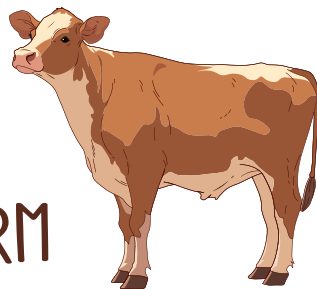
This term will be a reporting period, so many students may be engaging in a range of different formal and informal assessments. We encourage all students to apply themselves in class so that they can demonstrate their potential. If you are unsure when assessments are occurring, all grades have an assessment schedule and will receive assessment notifications. These are available on the school website and Google Classrooms.

Year 7 recently had their Wellbeing Day at Mount Annan Botanical Gardens where they had the opportunity to do bushwalks, initiative games and a picnic with a sausage sizzle. Many students had a lovely day exploring the outdoors and making positive interactions with their peers. Thank you to Mr Pratt and Miss James for their organisation of the day.

Year 9, keep an eye out on School Bytes for your upcoming Wellbeing Day. Miss Tobin is planning something special.

Year 11 are about halfway through the Preliminary courses. Ms Arts and Mrs Maynard will be conducting senior reviews throughout the term for students who are failing to meet course requirements. A reminder that all students who have study periods, use them effectively and must attend all study period locations as set on their timetable.

AGRICULTURE NEWS FROM THE FARM



Yet more exciting times on the farm as we welcomed 30 new laying hens. These chooks will provide eggs as well as many opportunities for students to observe animal behaviour and implement animal welfare and animal handling practices.

Year 10 worked hard before the holidays to ensure the gardens were prepped for the break and didn't become overrun with weeds. They did a fantastic job and now have minimal weeding to do and can focus on the winter veg harvests. They began working with our Heifers (Tulip and Blossom) towards the end of the term, in the hopes that we will be able to get up close with them in the not-too-distant future.



Agricultural Show Team will begin this term with a focus on working with the cattle. Listen out during the daily notices for times and where to meet.



Science Faculty



Science has started off with a bang this term!

Year 7 have begun their new topic on Earth and Space where they look at various sources of energy, the spheres of the earth and the water cycle.

Year 8 jumped straight in with an assessment task where they discovered the impact of friction. They used toy cars to determine the different amounts of friction from different surfaces. This is a part of their new topic Forces.

Year 9 kicked off the term by beginning their new topic Universe. In this topic they will learn about stars, star formations' lifecycles, galaxies and nebulae.

Year 10 has started working on their Motion and Energy topic. This topic will introduce them to Newton's Laws of Motion and sources of energy.

Last term, Year 11 Chemistry students attended the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO) Discovery Centre as part of their Depth Study. Students were able to explore why some atoms are radioactive and the operation of the research reactor. The students engaged in hands-on activities, where they were able to use devices to investigate the properties of radiation. The feedback from students was that a great day was had by all.



Leaders at Parliament House visit with Minister



Support FACULTY

This term, students and staff in the Support Unit have been working tirelessly to get 'Inspire Café' up and running.

The Café will be open every Thursday at Recess and Lunch and is an integral part of the Work Transition Program within the Support Unit.

All staff and students are invited to enjoy tasty treats such as homemade sausage rolls and meat pies, fried rice and a staff favourite - the Mars Bar slice!

A variety of drinks will be available including Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate, Milkshakes and Fruit Smoothies. Staff and students are to be congratulated on their hard work and enthusiasm.

We all look forward to enjoying a nice warm 'cuppa' as the year continues. We will only accept payment by card – Students will not be allowed to use their phones for payment.



GMSSEN Community Access

Students in the Support Unit have been participating in the GMSSEN program (Greater Macarthur Secondary Education Network). This program aims to provide students with opportunities for socialisation, skill building and community engagement.

On 14 March 2025, students in our Support Unit attended an excursion to the Mount Annan Botanical Gardens. We met up with staff and students from Oran Park, Picton, Elderslie and Mount Annan High Schools.

This program has been carefully designed to foster creativity, observation and appreciation for the natural environment.

We will be continuing the GMSSEN program with excursions throughout the year.



CAPA FACULTY

Year 12 Visual Arts has been chipping away at developing their Bodies of Work for the artmaking component of the HSC. The due date in September is coming up fast and students are independently building on their concept or idea, Visual Art Diary and their work across practical classes. Some outstanding students have even opted into the 'Extended Art Afternoon' on Tuesdays of Week B, to stay behind with Miss James and maximise on some added time for deep and guided focus until 4pm!

Miss James and Year 7 Visual Arts have begun working on their first portrait inspired by content area the 'Post-Modern Frame' from their Term 2 unit of work 'Framed Me'. Students will get to experiment with a range of artmaking during this project, wherein they make four individual A5 self-portraits. Students will reflect on their developing sense of identity, culture and personality and learn about relevant contemporary artists.





Ambarvale High School's Portrait Competition

ARCHIVALE

WEDNESDAY 25TH JUNE

3-4PM

SMALL HALL

Get a portrait artwork ready for our art
competition happening in Term 2!

Any art medium, paper size or style of art, as
long as it's a portrait.

Archivale is back! Join us Wednesday 25 June, 3-4pm for our Annual Portrait Competition. It's not too late to create an artwork to enter! All students can enter their portrait artwork – any media, any size, any subject matter. We are so excited to see the amazing artworks students enter and there are lots of prizes to be won!

Come and talk to the Art Teachers in H Block for more details or to enter your work.