



UPCOMING EVENTS

25 August

Art Breakfast @ Wyndham 7.30am
Vision Valley Day Retreat

26-30 August
Ski Trip

28 August & 2 Sept
ATSI Student Conf.

1—5 September
Stocktake

1 September
Year 7 Science incursion

2 September
Support Unit Gala Day

4 September
10W transition to Wyndham

5 September
Contact issued
Vision Valley Day Retreat

8 September
Warragamba Dam Exc.
P&C Meeting 7pm

17 September
Year 7 Parent/Teacher Night 3.30—7pm

19 September
Contact Issued
Last day of Term 3

7 October
1st Day Term 4



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

SCHOOL TARGET - PBL POSITIVE REFERRALS

One of our school targets for 2014 is about acknowledging students doing the right thing, demonstrating an understanding and commitment to our SMART expectations. This year we have enhanced our awards system with the inclusion of SMARTIES and clearly staff have been focussed on capturing students doing the right thing. There has been a dramatic increase in the numbers of positive referrals compared to 2013 and we have subsequently had a significant increase in the numbers of students receiving Principal's Awards. In 2013 we had a total of 37 students attaining this honour. Here in Week 6 of Term 3 we have already had 39 students receiving their award on assembly and the numbers continue to grow.

Congratulations to all students who have received Principal's Awards and I encourage all students to continue to demonstrate SMART behaviour so

you can earn your SMARTIES and merit awards.

STUDENTS ON SCHOOL BUSES

Just recently there has been an increase in complaints I have been receiving from members of the public about the inappropriate behaviour of some of our students using the school buses. I have included information about the code of conduct all our students have to adhere to when using these school buses:

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS ON BUSES

It is every student's responsibility to behave in a manner that ensures the safety and comfort of passengers and drivers. This includes:

- respect the needs and comfort of other passengers (e.g. no use of offensive or racist language, fighting, spitting, placing feet on seats, throwing things in or from



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the bus, eating or drinking – except water – unless the bus operator gives written permission)

- give up seats to all adults and any disabled passengers
 - i. adhere to the law that bans smoking on buses
 - ii. obey reasonable directions from the driver (e.g. where to sit or to remain in the bus)
- keep arms, legs and heads inside the bus
- refrain from attracting the attention of the driver except in the case of emergency
- protect bus property
- ensure that buses are not vandalised
- report any vandalism, e.g. graffiti and window etching
- show travel passes or tickets to the driver on boarding and when requested
- use the travel pass only for its intended purpose
- keep your pass for your own use – you should not lend your pass to other students or borrow one from them.

Roles and Responsibilities

Students will:

- behave courteously and responsibly on buses in accordance with the Code of Conduct
- follow reasonable instructions from drivers (e.g. where to sit or to remain in the bus when the driver is awaiting assistance from the police).

When in possession of a school bus travel pass, students must: show it to the driver when requested

CONSEQUENCES FOR BREACH OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT

- Depending on the gravity of the offence, students may be required to give up their school bus travel pass or may be refused travel on the bus for a period of time determined by the bus operator.
- Heavier penalties may apply to students involved in group misbehaviour.
- School principals have the right to take additional disciplinary action against a student under the school's discipline code or student welfare policy for any breach of the Code of Conduct.

THE SCHOOL CAR PARK

Parents are reminded that when dropping off or picking up their children from school that Blacktown City Council parking officers have been monitoring the school closely, ticketing offenders who park in *No Parking* zones. I would ask any parent accessing the school car park, not to double park and a reminder that children are about and great care needs to be taken near the pedestrian crossing both in the car park and outside the school entrance.

The staff car park in the morning and afternoon has been raised as an OHS issue because of the amount of parent traffic. Greater care needs to be taken by parents or the school may have to close the car park off to parent access. Our children's safety is our number one priority.

FLU SEASON IS HERE!

Influenza is spread from person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected people. Remind your child about these good hygiene practices to minimise the spread of infection:

- Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms should stay home until their symptoms are gone.
- Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

If you or your child develops influenza-like illness, seek the advice of your family doctor as you would with any other illness. The seasonal influenza vaccine, which protects against the pandemic influenza strain as well as two other influenza strains, is now available free to eligible people. More information about the vaccine is available from the NSW Health Immunisation Unit's [vaccination page](#).

Previous vaccination with the pandemic influenza vaccine, Panvax® is not a barrier to also receiving the seasonal influenza vaccine.

Have a great weekend.

Lauretta Claus

Principal



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

MANDATORY COURSE FEES

The Semester 2 invoices requesting payment for course fees went out to parents at the end of Week 4 and these should all be received within the next week or so. Remember, that if payment is going to put hardship on your family, then we do have payment plans that your parents can contact the school about. If you have not received your invoice by the end of next week, please check at the front office.

UNIFORM

Cold weather can cause problems in schools and these problems mainly crop up in the areas of uniform, attendance and lateness. With regard to uniform we have seen a spike in the numbers of students not wearing the correct school jumpers and school pants. Students who are out of uniform will receive a lunchtime detention and failure to attend this will result in an after school detention.

The following items are an NOT acceptable part of our school uniform:

- Black Socks – regardless of whether students are in sports uniform or not
- Anything with hoods - regardless of the colour
- Dark Blue pants that have elastic at the bottom of the legs
- Track suit pants – the only acceptable track pants are the school ones and these are only to be worn by Year 8-10 on their sport day.



These type of pants are NOT acceptable.

ATTENDANCE AND LATENESS

Research has consistently shown that high levels of attendance equals higher school performance. A recent article in the Sydney Morning Herald clearly outlined the link between missing school and a reduction in NAPLAN growth. Unfortunately, attendance in most schools drops during Winter and QHHS is no different. If your child is ill, you do need to keep them at home but if they want to stay home because it is cold and raining, please encourage them to get up, get going and get to school. If your child is ill, please provide them with a note of explanation that clearly outlines the day/days absent and the reason.

Lateness can also be an issue throughout the winter months and the same logic applies. Just getting out of bed is half

of the solution. Once again, unjustified lateness incurs a detention hence encourage your child to be punctual.

MOBILE PHONE USE

Several students have received after school detentions and some have received formal cautions about phone use. Please remember that if your child's phone is out in class on three separate occasions, then they will get an after school detention. If it is confiscated four times, they will receive a formal caution and thereafter a suspension. **Please support us in this by not calling your child throughout the school day.**

FORMAL DINNER/GRADUATION ASSEMBLY WARNING LIST

At a recent Year 10 assembly, Mr Meredith clearly outlined the attendance, work and behaviour expectations for Year 10 students planning to attend the formal. A list of students who have not adhered to the SMART code has been formed and these students have been placed on a warning list. All students who are on the list have been given a letter for their information and the information of their parents. This letter specifically outlines why they are on the list and how they can work towards being eligible to attend. The formal dinner is a significant school event and we would like to see all students participate. Students who are on the list are not allowed to pay a deposit.

PBL FOCUS FOR WEEKS 7 & 8

The Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) focus for Weeks 7 & 8 is being considerate to others. At a recent assembly Mrs Maricic and I spoke about the importance of being kind and how a random act of kindness benefits both the person who is kind and the person who receives the kindness. Tolerance and kindness are necessary to help our society function and it is important that all of us put others first – at least some of the time! A school is such a

large community of people that if we only thought of ourselves it would be a horrible place to be. Some of the ways in which students can show consideration is to listen to others, help others with their work, support those who are being bullied or harassed by standing up for them and taking them to a teacher to report what has happened. Handling in lost phones, wallets, books and jumpers and so on.

This week's PBL lesson has actually been developed by the SRC and will be taught by the New Generation Teachers – Stage 5 students who have identified that teaching might be their career of choice. The focus of the lesson is Tolerance and given the tensions existing all around the world at the moment this is going to be a good reminder for us all. As a part of the lesson all students were encouraged to make a poster based on the idea of 'Tolerance'. The winner will receive a prize and have their poster displayed in the SRC noticeboard.

THANK YOU MRS NEYLAN

Mrs Neylan, one of our wonderful Year Advisers, has recently gone on maternity leave in preparation for the birth of her first child. Mrs Neylan has been an outstanding Year Adviser demonstrating commitment and dedication in all aspects of the position. All Year 10 students and many parents have benefited from the calm and thoughtful approach that she has brought to the position. Mr Meredith and I will miss her meticulous record keeping, her individual knowledge and understanding of the students and her consistent demonstration of grace under pressure. I am sure that Year 10 and all of Mrs Neylan's students will join me in wishing her well and thanking her for her contribution to this significant time in their education.

Mrs Tong will join the Year 10 team for the remainder of the year where her expertise in

managing events and supporting students will be greatly appreciated by Mr Meredith, the students and myself.

Mrs Rebecca Mahon

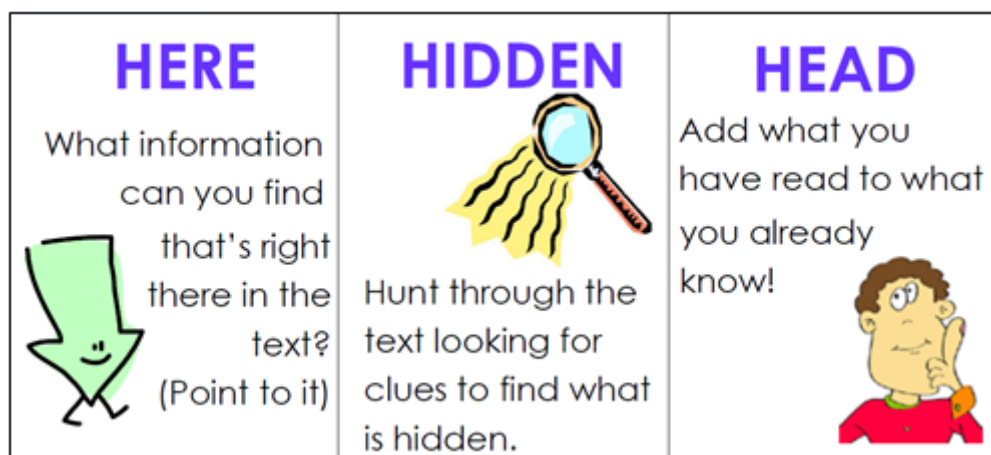
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IMPROVING LITERACY AND NATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS: WEEK 6, TERM 3

The Improving Literacy and National Partnerships Team is focussed on developing and implementing strategies for teachers to use to further develop reading comprehension across the entire school. The Team has been working closely with the CAPA, Social Science, PDHPE and TAS faculties in the first half of this term to add to their ever-increasing knowledge of Literacy, with the History, English, Maths, Science and IT faculties to receive support by the end of term. Across the school, all faculties will be shown ways of embedding the following three reading comprehension strategies in their lessons:

HERE, HIDDEN, HEAD QUESTIONS

This strategy is used (verbal or written) to check literal (*here*) and inferential (*hidden*) comprehension of a text. It also allows students to use prior knowledge (*head*) of the topic to further their understanding.



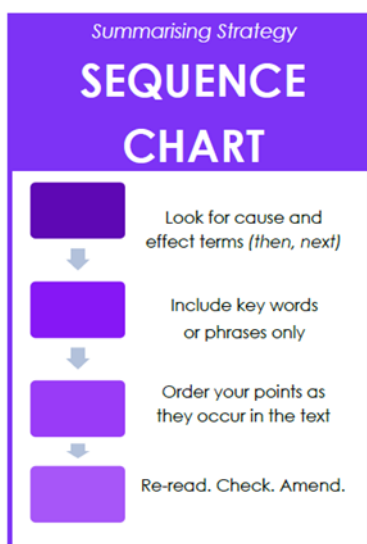
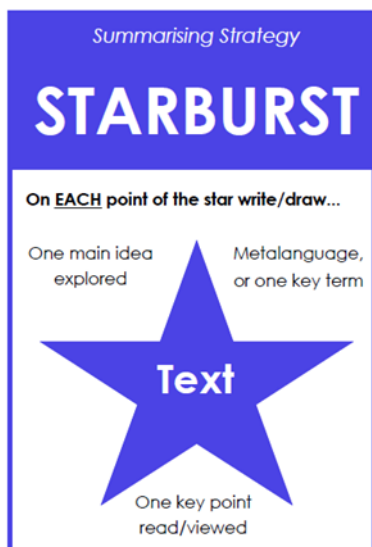
WHAT'S THE POINT?

Before reading a text, students should ask themselves:

- * What's the point of the title? (*What clues does it give me about the text?*)
- * What's the point of the headings? (*What further information can they add?*)
- * What's the point of the picture? (*How can I use the picture to predict what the text is about?*)

SUMMARISING

Students often find it hard to summarise, wondering – *How much is too much? What exactly do I need to include? What's the best way of summarising?* The following summarising strategies are being used in classrooms and will be further revised in a PBL lesson later in the year:



MESSAGE FOR PARENTS—STUDENTS LEAVING EARLY

If you need to pick up your child early from school:

Write them out a note in the morning.

Tell your child to take the note to the office before roll call in the morning.

The office staff will issue your child with an Early Leavers Note which allows them to leave class at the nominated time.

Your child will be able to leave class at that time and will be sitting in the foyer waiting for you when you arrive.

REMINDER—EVERY WEDNESDAY ALL STUDENTS FINISH AT 2.25pm

THE QHHS UNIFORM SHOP IS OPEN EVERY MONDAY MORNING FROM 8.10—9.30AM

It is anticipated that all students in our school will ultimately benefit from the use of these strategies in all Key Learning Areas. The ILNTP Team would like to thank all the faculties for their support of these strategies and we look forward to continuing to share these exciting tips with our students. Should you wish to know more about these strategies and how you can use them with your child at home, we would be more than happy to assist you.

Emily Gray (ILNTP Team, English Faculty)

Students put their art into expression



Artful response: Quakers Hill High School year 10 students Bhoomika Sreenivasan, Aarya Raghunathi, Kavya Mathur and Emily Morgan (front) with their art-based Prosperitas projects.

Picture: Natalie Roberts

By Jade Wittmann

ART was well represented in Quakers Hill High School's Prosperitas showcase.

Guidelines for the six-month program, which sees teachers mentor the school's year 7 to 10 students in special projects of their choice, are painted in broad strokes.

"You open the door and they just fly," program co-ordinator Karen Critchley said.

"We ask them 'What are you capable of that we can't see and that we're not going to cover in class?'"

This year's art includes a series of photographic portraits of dancers by year 10 student Emily Morgan and *Essence of Excellence*, a painting that Bhoomika Sreenivasan and Kavya Mathur will give to the school when they graduate year 10.

"It was to express how we feel about the school, how much we both have learnt over the years," Kavya said.

Emily, who hopes to start a photographic business, said the project helped her cope with the pressures of schoolwork.

"Going out and doing a photo shoot took a lot of stress away," she said. "Because I connect with dance it made the experience so much better."

Year 7 student Elliot Luckman used oil paints on canvas to depict scenes from Ned Kelly films, and words from *Jerilderie* written by fellow bushranger and friend Joe Byrne for him in 1879.

"I'm quite intrigued by the history of Ned Kelly because when I read my first biography of him it was from the point of view of another child," he said.

Year 7 student Kopal Mathur created a self-sustaining environment for goldfish, while Kaitlyn Hockey, in year 10, researched ancient and modern architecture to create a computer program for students to design buildings.

A poetry anthology and a few novels were also written for the project and published online.

NGT VISITS BARNIER PRIMARY SCHOOL

On Tuesday 19 August 16 NGT (Next Generation Teachers) students, interested in Primary School teaching, visited Barnier Primary School. The students were lucky enough to experience the middle session of a day at Barnier and helped primary students with their lesson activities. The teachers at Barnier kindly shared their words of wisdom with the NGT students, giving them a first-hand experience of the profession. We are so grateful for Barnier's support of our program, in particular that of Mr Craig Warner (Deputy Principal) for coordinating the event.

The NGT students who attended this event were: Marie-Grace Araullo, Jai Astill, Jaimie Bonsall, Tamarah Bradley, Bradley Coleiro, Morgan Edmunds, Renee Harradine, Kaitlin Heggen, Maria Hondrogianis, Caitlin Ives, Kethini Krishnar, Alyssa Manalo, Erin McCready, Yumin Sun and Nicholette Watts.

Emily Gray



TEACHING AND LEARNING

For our gifted and talented students this is a very busy time. This weekend our Tournament of Minds teams will compete at UWS, Kingswood. At present the school is looking at candidates for the 2015 cohort of accelerated students. Some students who have been listed for both courses have been interviewed. Other students will be told of their offer in the near future. A panel has reviewed the applications for the Gifted and Talented class for Year 7 2015. The parents of the students being offered a placement will be sent in the next week.

In the History classroom:

Year 7 should have handed in their civilisation task

Year 8 have done their Ancient Greek assessment

Year 9 are starting World War 1

Year 10 are studying People Power and are working on their last essay

Please stay tuned for an exciting development in History. Mr Andrews will soon be starting a new concept for students who have an ANZAC history. Year 10 were learning about changing rights and freedoms and created their own Tent Embassy on the central lawn.



Mrs Critchley

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Penrith Panthers Exhibition Marquee, Mulgoa Road,
Penrith

Tuesday 2 September 2014

4:00pm - 5:30pm Ticketed Session

5:30pm - 9:00pm Free Public Entry

If you're interested in being an exhibitor, contact us at
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THE 2014 WESTERN SYDNEY APPRENTICESHIP & TRAINEESHIP EXPO IS DRAWING CLOSER!

With the support of the principal partner, Apprenticepower, this year's Expo will again be held at **Penrith Panthers Exhibition Marquee – Mulgoa Road Penrith on Tuesday September 2, 2014** with an expected 100 exhibitors on hand to discuss apprenticeship & traineeship opportunities.

The expo's principal partner and partners - Defence Force Recruiting, Nepean Careers Forum, TAFE NSW Western Sydney Institute and MTA Apprenticeships Plus - are working together to create an event that has evolved into one of the largest of its type in NSW.

The Western Sydney Apprenticeship & Traineeship is the showcase event of the year with a strong emphasis on raising the profile of apprenticeships & traineeships in Western Sydney.

General admittance for students and their families is 5.30pm to 9pm.

The early bird session 4.00pm to 5.30pm allows equity groups such as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, disability, refugee and other target groups or students who are a little shy and would benefit from extra time with exhibitors before the main crowd.

Promotion of the Expo on your school notice boards, website and social media platforms would be greatly appreciated.

For all the latest Expo news, keep your ears tuned to the radio coverage by 2UE, WSFM and The Edge from 25 August.

Thank you for your assistance in this wonderful opportunity for young people and their families.

Regards

Brett Carter

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18 August JobJump Careers News KLA Bulletin**IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO HEAD TEACHERS and ALL STAFF**

and to Parents,

If you know students have a talent, this is a great way to encourage them.

Please encourage them to take part in those events mentioned below.

HSC SUBJECT KLA / FACULTIES**CAPA**

Dance, Drama, Music, Visual Arts

Sydney Conservatorium of Music Open Day

30 August,

Macquarie Street, Sydney

Contact: 1800 793 864

<http://music.sydney.edu.au/study/open-day/>

National Art School Open Day

30 August, 10.00am – 4.00pm

Explore artist studios, art workshops, tour campus.

<http://www.openday.nas.edu.au/#!portraits/c199t>

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ENGLISH

JB Fairfax Award for Rural Journalism

Closes 30 September

Study relevant degree to rural industry and passion for rural journalism . \$10,000, work experience and be published in major rural publication.

<http://rasnsw.com.au/830.htm>

Poetica Christi Press Annual Poetry Competition

Closes 30 September.

Over 16 . Poetry on theme of 'Inner Child' . Up to 50 lines. Great prizes.

<http://www.poeticachristi.org.au/competition.html>

MATHS

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P.D.H.P.E.

Community and Family Studies, P.D.H.P.E.

FIA Fitnation Career Information Session

21 August, 6pm – 7:30pm

Level 3, 815 George Street, Sydney

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/fitness-career-information-session-tickets-12268386073>

SCIENCE

Senior Science, Biology, Chemistry, Earth and Environmental Science, Physics

Undergraduate (Entry-Level) Allied Health Scholarships

Opens 2 September

The Nursing and Allied Health Scholarship and Support Scheme (NAHSSS) provides up to \$10,000 per year to people from rural, remote and regional areas to study. Enrol as a full-time or part-time student. For more information visit <http://sarrah.org.au/content/undergraduate-entry-level>

Experience It! Student Conference - Engineers Australia Women in Engineering Sydney

24 September 8.45pm-3.30pm. Registration deadline: 5 September

Girls in years 9-12 at UNSW. Experience It! will involve hands-on activities, inspiring talks from engineering students and industry professionals and an insight into what engineers really do. <http://www.engineersaustralia.org.au/events/experience-it-student-conference-2014>

UTS Engineering Bonus Points Questionnaire

Closes 28 November

Be eligible for up to 5 bonus points by doing a Questionnaire. Early round offers will also be made on this. <http://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/engineering/essential-information/year-12-bonus-scheme-questionnaire>

UTS Science In Focus: Microalgae,

11 Sep

This is UTS Science TEDx style! Check out these short, sharp talks by three of the smartest thinkers at UTS. Link: <http://www.uts.edu.au/about/faculty-science/what-we-do/uts-science-focus/events/uts-science-focus-microalgae-brain-and>

Science & Engineering Photo Competition

Closes 30 September.

Photos on categories of "Everyday Science" or "Everyday Engineering". \$500 cash prizes. <http://www.science.unsw.edu.au/photocomp>

UNSW Museum of Human Disease HSC Biology Revision Day

3 October, 9.30am – 4.00pm

Samuels Building (F25), Via Gate 11 - Botany St, University Of New South Wales.

One day workshop .Up to date exam techniques, revision plans for HSC Biology Exam.

<http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/hsc-biology-revision-day-2014-tickets-12596565667?aff=es2&rank=10>

University of Sydney Engineering Leadership Scholarships

\$18,000/year. Work experience placement with a leading firm. Receive leadership skills working with the University of Sydney's John Grill Centre for Project Leadership and with industry mentor.

Contact: engineering.scholarships@sydney.edu.au

<http://sydney.edu.au/engineering/scholarships/undergraduate/future/leadership.shtml>

My Health Career: How Long Does It Take to Become a Fully Qualified Doctor?

<https://www.myhealthcareer.com.au/medicine/how-long-does-it-take-to-become-a-doctor>

Avondale College of Higher Education Nursing Campus Open Day

31 August, 11.00am – 2.00pm

Sydney Adventist Hospital, 185 Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga

Tour the Clinical Education Centre Facilities, participate in interactive sessions, learn about courses available and get some HSC study hints and tips.

<http://www.nursingopenday.com.au/>

H.S.I.E.

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T.A.S.

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VET Financial Services

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VET Primary Industries

Horticulture Faculty at Northern Sydney Institute's Ryde Campus

Australian Garden Show

4–7 September

Centennial Park in Sydney

The show explores new ideas in gardening design and techniques. See garden designs that encompasses environment management, construction, urban horticulture, arboriculture, turf and plant propagation. Visit www.australiangardenshowsydney.com.au/ for more information on the event. Visit www.nsi.edu.au and click on Horticulture and Environment for more information on the courses.

VET Retail Services

REINSW 100+ Conference 2014.

8-9 September

Randwick Racecourse, Sydney.

25 sessions and over 50 speakers covering all areas of real estate practice. Visit and register at www.100plus.com.au

VET Tourism and Events

AHA NSW Women in Tourism & Hospitality Scholarship

Entries close 22 August

\$20,000 scholarship to study a Bachelor of Business Degree (International Hotel & Resorts Management) at Blue Mountains International Hotel Management School. Visit <http://www.ahansw.com.au/index.php/events/women-in-tourism> to download an entry form. For any enquiries contact: veronique.chidiac@ahansw.com.au or 02 8218 1877

Tourism Day

27 September

Students can become involved in world tourism day. Go to:

<http://wtd.unwto.org/>

OTHER FIELDS

ACT Early Childhood Degree Scholarship Program

Closes 22 August

Up to \$6000 over four years.

http://www.det.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/621192/140859-Early-childhood-factsheets.pdf

Air Force Careers Canberra Information Session

21 August, 6.00pm – 8.00pm

64 Northbourne Avenue, Canberra

The Air Force is recruiting now for positions.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/718543481552943/?ref=5>

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JORDAN SPRINGS ▪ Ropes CROSSING

FREE JOBSEEKER WORKSHOP

Held monthly 10am – 12noon at Skilling & Employment

How to Find Work in Difficult Times & How to Interview Successfully

Free Facilities available after initial appointment:

Internet access to job search sites

Fax, photocopier & telephones

Newspapers

Assistance with resume preparation and updates

Help with job applications

Information regarding local training courses

Information regarding apprenticeships & traineeships

Support whilst you search for a job

WHERE: Skilling & Employment

51 Phillip Street, St Marys

PHONE: Amber, Kim or Jan on 9673 1225

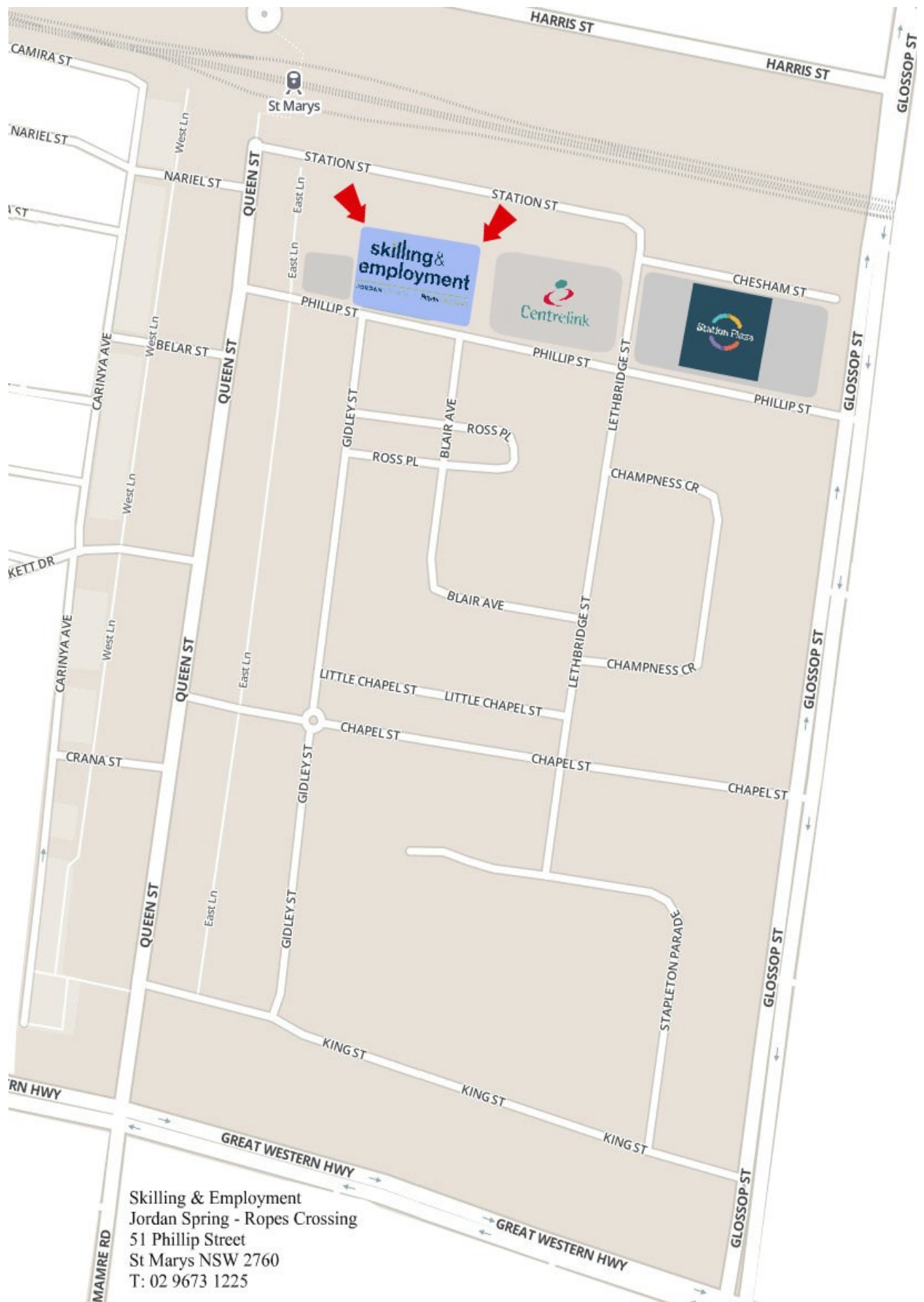
Email: skillandemploy@lendlease.com

Check out our new Website for local jobs and training

www.skillingandemployment.com.au

Skilling & Employment is a local community initiative funded by Lend Lease to assist job ready people in the Ropes Crossing, Jordan Springs and surrounding areas. An initial appointment will be made to assess how we may be able to help people job search.

It is our aim to encourage people to be independent & motivated in their job search and use every endeavour to find appropriate work within 4 months of becoming a member of our Centre.



Skilling & Employment
 Jordan Spring - Ropes Crossing
 51 Phillip Street
 St Marys NSW 2760
 T: 02 9673 1225

EXPLORING CAREER PATHWAYS IN THE DEFENCE FORCE

A number of opportunities currently exist for students to explore career pathways with the DEFENCE FORCE. Continue reading for further information on:

- Free Bus travel to ADFA Open Day in Canberra
- Work Experience Programs / Careers Days

Defence Force Recruiting Information Session

ADFA OPEN DAY - Saturday 30th August, 2014

Defence Force Recruiting will be organising a bus to depart and return to Defence Force Recruiting Parramatta.

Date: Saturday, 30th August 2014

Time: 9.00 am until 4.00 pm

Location: ADFA, Northcott Drive in Campbell, ACT.

Transport: DFR Parramatta will be providing a free bus which will leave from Defence Force Recruiting, 9 George Street Parramatta at 7am and will return at 6pm. To book a seat on the bus please RSVP to CPTNSW@dfrc.com.au. Once you have registered your interest with an RSVP we will send out the necessary paperwork to come along on the bus. Family and friends are also welcome to attend

Places are strictly limited so get in quick.

Open Day at the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) is an ideal opportunity for you to experience first-hand this unique, world class training and educational facility. If you are interested in combining a challenging and exciting career in the Australian Defence Force with a degree then you should come along and find out more. It is your chance to see a range of exciting displays by the Navy, Army and Air Force and learn everything you need to know about life at ADFA.

Defence and University staff will be on hand providing careers and course information. ADFA Navy Midshipmen and Army and Air Force Officer Cadets will also be available to talk to you about life at ADFA. They can give you a first-hand account of their military and academic studies and experience.

ADFA Midshipmen and Officer Cadets will also navigate the above-pool obstacle course, abseil down the side of a building. You will also be entertained by live music during the day. We look forward to seeing you there!

Kind Regards,
Miss Jordan King
Activity Co-ordinator

DEFENCE FORCE RECRUITING

Level 4, 9 George Street
Parramatta, NSW 2150

(02) 8831 2243

DEFENCE WORK EXPERIENCE / CAREERS DAYS

Please see details below for upcoming ADF work experience programs. If any students are interested, they must contact the work experience program (contact details are provided below).

All information regarding these placements can be found on the Defence Work Experience web site at www.defence.gov.au/workexperience or contact Geoff Metcalfe on 07-3233 4413 or email NNSW.workexperienceprogram@defence.gov.au

HMAS Waterhen-Navy Careers Days: 3 September (Ref No 0885/14).

The day is an introduction into Navy life and its values as well as potential career opportunities available through the Royal Australian Navy.

Students will participate in tours, presentations and demonstrations from the following areas: Marine Technician, Electronic Technician, Boatswains Mate, Physical Training Instructor,

Combat Systems Operator Mine Warfare, Coxswain and Medical section. A presentation by Defence Recruiting has also been programmed.

No. of Students: 15

Applications Close: 25 August

RAAF Richmond-Air Force Careers Day: 29 October (Ref No 0904/14).

Starting at 9 am and finishing at approximately 4 pm, students will participate in a variety of activities that demonstrate the different roles of Units and the variety of careers that are available in the Air Force. These include flying roles as well as ground support roles. A presentation from Defence Force Recruiting on the recruiting process has been scheduled. Successful applicants will be required to participate in a PT session as part of this placement, appropriate gym gear will be required to be brought on the day.

No. of Students: 22

Applications Close: 30 September

HMAS Waterhen-Navy Careers Days: 5 November (Ref No 0886/14).

The day is an introduction into Navy life and its values as well as potential career opportunities available through the Royal Australian Navy.

Students will participate in tours, presentations and demonstrations from the following areas: Marine Technician, Electronic Technician, Boatswains Mate, Physical Training Instructor,

Combat Systems Operator Mine Warfare, Coxswain and Medical section. A presentation by Defence Recruiting has also been programmed.

No. of Students: 15

Applications Close: 24 October

DEFENCE FORCE RECRUITING PARRAMATTA

Information Sessions Coming Up...

6:30pm – 8:30pm

- **1 Year IMPS – Monday 18th August**
- **Engineering – Monday 25th August**
- **Women in Defence – Wednesday 3rd September**

Australian Defence Force Academy – Thursday 4th September

Defence Force Recruiting
Level 4, 9 George Street, Parramatta

Bookings:

If you have started your application and have a candidate ID number please call 13 19 02. If you do not have a candidate ID number please email CPTNSW@dfr.com.au

Dear Students, Staff;

Fairfield Local Area Command is inviting you to participate in our next Police Open Day on Saturday 6 September 2014. As in the three previous years, it will be held at Fairfield High School, The Horsley Drive, Fairfield.

We had 1,500 attend the first year; last year we had 3,000; so the public of Sydney love to come along to this largest Community Engagement and Recruitment day outside of the Goulburn Academy day.

The residents and youth of Western Sydney come along to interact with Police, see the Police and associated displays -

Scientific and Crime Scene

Operational skills display

Police helicopter

Marine Area Command

Public Order & Riot Squad

Highway Patrol

Public Affairs

Crime Stoppers

State Crime Command

Dog Unit

Counter Terrorism

Mounted Police

TAFE

This year we are also having representatives from the Australian Defence Force, SES and NSW Fire & Rescue. There will also be food vendors, show bags and live entertainment. It would be great to have you at this upcoming event as your presence sends a strong message to the Community out here and it is fantastic for our public relations. The day commences from **10am to 3pm**, free entry and there is plenty of parking available.

Thank you



The GWS GIANTS would like to offer all staff, students and families up to **FOUR FREE TICKETS** to the GIANTS V Collingwood game on Saturday 23rd August at Spotless Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park. To take advantage of this offer go to www.gwsgiants.com.au/gogiants and follow the instructions.

The game commences at 4.40pm at Spotless Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park. In what will be a GIANT family fun day there will be plenty of activities for the whole family including jumping castle, AFL skills inflatables, face painting, roving performers, air brush tattoo artist, live bands and much more.





GAME TRAINING WORKSHOP

On Wednesday the 3rd of September 2014, Quakers Hill High School is offering a wonderful opportunity to all students to learn to create their own video games.

By the time students arrive home after the event, they will be able to create their own commercial grade 3D world with hills, ocean, sky and trees which blow in the wind. They will also learn how to import vehicles to make a fun driving game, write simple artificial intelligence code, character animation code as well as learn the 12 most important coding concepts needed to create games for all major platforms, mobile devices and games consoles.

This is not just for students studying Computers. All students would benefit enormously from this experience.

Every student receives links to the free commercial grade development software, access to a library of game development resources and video tutorials to use at home valued at over \$3500 - these resources include vehicle packs, 3D models, scripts, terrain tools, an amazing weather simulator and a fully scripted 10 level physics game.

The session will be run by the team from GameTraining and there will be teacher supervision at all times. Go to <http://www.gametraining.com.au/roadshow> for more information.

Below is an overview of the main details for this incursion.

Cost: \$45 - 2 hour session - to be paid at the school front office by 1st September 2014

Venue: Quakers Hill High School, Library

Date & Time: 3rd September 2014 (times will be advised closer to the date)

Permission notes are available from the front office.

Michael Brooks

PREMIERS SPORTING CHALLENGE 2014

This term students in Years 7 and 8 have been logging their physical activity during PE lessons as a part of this year's Premiers Sporting Challenge. The challenge runs all term and will be logged weekly during PE lessons. At the end of the term students across both Years 7 and 8 will receive awards for their participation. Below is an outline of the awards students will receive for the amount of physical activity they do each week. Get out and be active and remember to log all your physical activity, good luck!

AWARDS	Daily average activity time per student	Average time in minutes per week per student
BRONZE	30 minutes per day	210
SILVER	45 minutes per day	315
GOLD	60 minutes per day	420
DIAMOND	80 minutes per day	560

SRC BOOK FAIR AND CAFE

Last week (13th-15th August), the SRC held a book fair and cake sale to help fundraise for Galston High School. A recent fire burnt down their library, classroom and play areas, and we wanted to contribute funds to assist them. The support that we received from the students, parents and the local community was absolutely astounding as we received boxes upon boxes of donated books. We are happy to say that we raised over \$700 which will be gratefully accepted by Galston High School to buy new resources.



CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

The Creative and Performing Arts faculty is extraordinarily busy these next months preparing for the exhibition and performance presentation “**ROAR**”. Students from Year 7 through to Year 10 will have their excellent talents on display across two nights in early November (more to come).

This Visual Arts exhibition will include the acclaimed “**Prosperitas**” works recently completed by students. These works were entirely student directed, but with teacher mentors to advise them. The Visual Arts faculty was extraordinarily proud of the dedicated and motivated effort these students demonstrated to complete such highly accomplished paintings and illustrations.

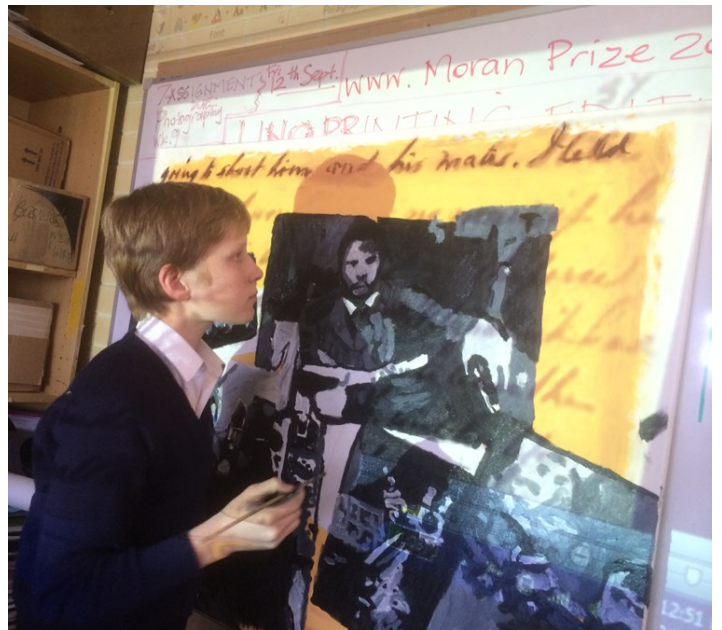
Kavia Mathur and Bhoomika Screenivasan – Year 10 achieved the highest accolade **Best in Show** with their multi- panelled canvas mural, interpreting the school exterior and symbolising the myriad of activities involved in school life. It is superbly finished and is now permanently hung outside the Principal’s office.

In the Junior school category, the Year 7/8 students who selected to complete Visual Arts Projects were Dominic Savrimoutou, Elliot Luckman and Muskan Soni. The boys won gold and silver awards successively, as selected by the student body vote. Dominic impressed with his *Assassin’s Creed* acrylic painting, and Elliot’s *Ned Kelly*, was astounding in oils. He also created replica body armour. Muskan wrote and illustrated a volume of twenty self-penned poems, which she digitally manipulated and had two copies published and bound, very beautiful! Aarya Raghubanshi’s “Eye” is a surreal drawing in superb detail.

Photography was selected by Emily Morgan to display her passion and interest in dance as her theme. She achieved striking compositions and indicated the beginnings of a successful small business with portraits of a talented friend.

All the students who entered the **Prosperitas** programme are to be congratulated for the range and variety of their self- determined projects, but CAPA is particularly pleased to acknowledge the additional hours and hours of concentrated effort and time after school, that went into creating such exciting artistic works - each student decided their own challenge and each rose to gain significant achievements and skill levels. Impressive!





ROAD SAFETY FACT SHEET

Penalties from 1 July 2014

Blacktown City Council

This Fact Sheet provides an overview of some of the penalties that apply to illegal parking on all roads in School Zones

If you stop in a 'No Stopping' area - Fine from \$311 + 2 demerit points



You must not stop your vehicle on a length of road or in an area in which a No Stopping sign applies.

No Stopping includes when the vehicle is not moving but the engine is still running.

If you stop in a 'Bus Zone' - Fine from \$311 + 2 demerit points



You must not stop or park your vehicle in a bus zone for any reason.

This includes when the vehicle is not moving but the engine is still running.

If you disobey a 'No Parking' sign - Fine from \$173 + 2 demerit points



You are allowed to stop your vehicle only to set down or pick up passengers, or goods.

Your vehicle must not stop for more than 2 minutes. The driver must not be more than 3 metres from the vehicle.

A 'Kiss & Ride' area is always within a 'No Parking' zone. The 'No Parking' rules apply to all 'Kiss & Ride' areas.

- Fine from \$173 + 2 demerit points



You are allowed to stop your vehicle only to set down or pick up passengers, or goods.

Your vehicle must not stop for more than 2 minutes. The driver must not be more than 3 metres from the vehicle.

If you stop on or near a 'Pedestrian Crossing' - Fine from \$415 + 2 demerit points

You must not stop or park your vehicle on or near a pedestrian crossing to drop people off or pick them up.

If you are Double Parked - Fine from \$311 + 2 demerit points

You must not stop your vehicle or park in the middle of the road to drop people off or pick them up. Always stop or park legally and safely at the edge of the road or in a parking area.

When you obey the parking rules, it makes it easier to see what pedestrians are doing.

More information over the page

For more information contact the Blacktown City Council on 9839 6000

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If you block access to a ramp, path or passageway - Fine from \$104

You must not stop or park your vehicle where it stops people using a pram ramp, footpath or passageway. This includes when you are queuing around a corner while waiting to pick up someone from the school.

If you stop on or across a driveway or block access to a property - Fine from \$173 + 2 demerit points

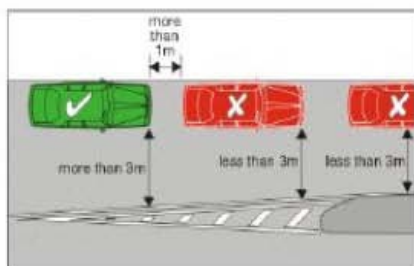
You must not stop or park your vehicle on or across a driveway, or block access to a property.

If you stop on a footpath or nature strip - Fine from \$173 + 2 demerit points

You must not stop or park your vehicle on a footpath or nature strip in a built up area. This includes stopping with two wheels on the road and two on the path or nature strip.

If you park too close to the road dividing line or strip - Fine from \$242

You must not stop or park your vehicle within 3 metres of the continuous dividing line or dividing strip unless a sign allows you to park there.

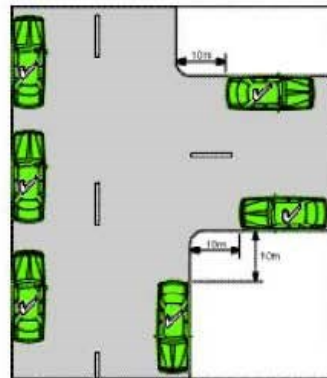


For more information contact the Blacktown City Council on 9839 6000

If you stop in, on or near an intersection - Fine from \$242

Unless a sign allows you to park there, you must not stop or park your vehicle:

- within 20 metres of an intersecting road at an intersection with traffic lights.
- within 10 metres of an intersecting road at an intersection without traffic lights including roundabouts.



***There are many more parking rules that could affect you.
For more information see the RMS website
www.myrta.com***

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ROAD SAFETY FACT SHEET

Penalties from 1 July 2014



Double Parked



Stopping includes when the vehicle is not moving but the engine is still running

School Zone

Fine from \$311 + 2 demerit points

All other roads

Fine from \$242

For more information contact the Blacktown City Council on 9839 6000

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2014-2015 Apprenticeships & Traineeships

School leaver Expression of Interest. Apply now!

HVTC Western Sydney in conjunction with reputable Host Employers will be offering apprenticeships and traineeships in many trades and vocations..

HVTC Western Sydney is an expert in the employment and training of apprentices and trainees in the local region. We are well equipped to support the region's diverse range of industry.

As a division of HVTC, Australia's oldest and largest group training company, we have employed and trained more than 18,000 people for more than 30 years.

HVTC Western Sydney provides mentoring and support for all their apprentices and trainees and is seeking committed applicants who possess an enthusiasm to learn and develop new skills.

About the roles

These are entry level positions which will suit applicants who do NOT currently hold qualifications above Certificate II level.

Criteria: For Expression of Interest

Candidates will be assessed by first in, best chance basis and must:

1. Apply online on our website westernsydney.hvtc.com.au click on Jobs, Expression of Interest
2. Answer the online screening questions, including your ideal apprenticeship or traineeship
3. Respond to future online assessments sent via email. Please apply by using your personal email address only.
4. Be available for interviews

Benefits

Nationally recognised qualification
Gain practical training and work experience
Earn while you learn

How to apply

If you are viewing this vacancy on SEEK.com.au **YOU MUST** apply online at westernsydney.hvtc.com.au by clicking 'Jobs' and selecting 'Western Sydney Apprenticeships & Traineeships - Expression of Interest'.

We are unable to consider your application if it is not received in this way. All applications must be completed using a unique, individual email address only. Applications using a shared or family email address will not be accepted.

Interested applicants **MUST** attach a copy of their current resume and cover letter outlining the reasons why they should be considered in the Expression of Interest process.

Applications close 1st of September, 2014.

HVTC Western Sydney is an EEO Employer.

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Penrith NSW 2751

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westernsydney.hvtc.com.au

Hunter Valley Training Company Pty Ltd
ABN 45 002 226 619

PARENT TEACHER EVENING

Semester Two Parent /Teacher Evening will be held on Wednesday 17th September 2014 between 3.30 pm and 6.30 pm for all Year 7.

Semester Two Parent / Teacher Evening will be held on Wednesday 15th October 2014 between 3.30 pm and 6.30 pm for all Year 8, 9 and 10. All parents are invited to attend and discuss their child's progress with **all** of their teachers.

I encourage all parents to discuss with their children what times they would prefer to visit the school so that when students receive their booking sheets, they can record your preferred times and start making appointments immediately. The longer these bookings are left the more difficult it will be to record appointments within your preferred times. It will be the responsibility of each student to arrange interview times with their teachers on your behalf within your preferred times. Please ensure that interviews have been arranged to your satisfaction. Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students will receive their booking schedule in Week 8 in Term 3 during roll call and they can then immediately begin to make appointments.

Appointments will be restricted to 7 minutes in order to accommodate all parents unless the teacher requires an extended interview and it is highly recommended that you allow 7 minutes between each interview to give parents time to move between teachers. Students are also invited to help their parents find their teachers and also to listen to the discussions about their progress.

The library would greatly appreciate it if any parent would like to donate a book or some computer software that could be used as a resource to help student learning.

Teachers of Quakers Hill High School look forward to meeting with parents and carers for an informative night.

Mr P. Sultana

Parent/Teacher Night Organiser

SUPPORT UNIT NEWS

Wyndham Transition

Thank you to the parents of 10W who attended the Wyndham transition meeting last week. We gained vital information from Jo Arundall (Wyndham Support Unit Head Teacher) and Brigette Herrmann (STT) which enabled all attending to organise and plan for each student in preparation for 2015.

Students in 10W will have a morning visit to Wyndham this Thursday and also Thursday 4 September (Week 8).

Crestwood Gala Day

The Support Unit will be attending the annual Crestwood Touch Football Gala Day on Tuesday 2 September. We look forward to a fun filled day where students take part in the activities, meet peers and enjoy a tasty BBQ. Just a reminder to parents—can you please sign and return notes and \$10 asap.

Mrs Jennifer Payne

Support Unit Head Teacher

ENGLISH FACULTY NEWS

A final call to students to enter the Write4Fun competition. Entries are due on Sunday 31st August. There have been several very creative entries, some of which will be published in later editions of Contact. Enter online: www.write4fun.net or email to: enter@write4fun.net

Upcoming assessments:

Year 9 will be starting preparation very soon for their Speech assessment task due in Week 9.

Year 10 are preparing for their Viewing/Listening Test on *The Castle* on Monday 8th September in Week 9.

Students are reminded that all assessment tasks must be done by the due date. Absences from school on the due date must be accompanied by a medical certificate or students will receive zero marks for the assessment.

Classroom news:

The Year 7 Project Centred Learning classes are currently well underway with their study of *Mao's Last Dancer* as part of their cross-curricular focus on China.

Year 8 are completing their unit on *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and will be starting an exciting new unit on crime fiction.

Year 9 are well into their comparative unit on two different film representations of *Romeo and Juliet*. Students are focusing on the influences of culture in both films and how this affects the representation of themes and ideas within the film. Students are also learning to analyse how film directors use a variety of techniques in their films to represent themes and position the viewer.

Year 10 are continuing their Area of Study on Australian Identity, analysing the different representations of Australian Identity in a variety of texts. Recently all of Year 10 have been focusing on the set film text *The Castle* and the characterisation and themes represented within the film.

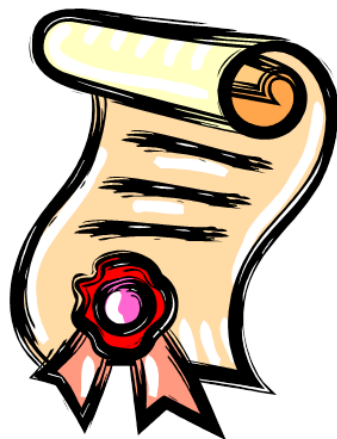
PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Year 7 Haoyang Cai, Rosalie Polis

Year 8 Adam Bargiel, Camryn Batchelor (Bronze)

Corey Brzezinski, Joshua Glastonbury, Luke Norris, Harry Poulos, Alister Tupper (Bronze)

Year 10 Kaitlyn Hockey (Gold), Bradley Lannoy, Kavya Mathur (Gold)





Have you ever considered trying Athletics?

Then give **Quakers Hill Little Athletics** a go!
Besides running, jumping and throwing -
There's a whole lot more.

Points, awards, records to break -
Meeting up with athletes from other schools.
Not just old friends but new ones to make
It's the place to be cool!

Fun, team spirit and mateship
At Galas, Carnivals, Zone and Regional
You'll be caught up in a whirl wind trip
Bearing in mind it's totally seasonal!!

'Quakers Hill Little Athletics is your local athletics Centre'.

Our **preferred** registration method is "online" via the following link www.lansw.com.au from **1st August 2014**.
Proof of payments, birth certificates, collection of uniforms, patches etc need to be presented or made in person at the ground on the following dates:

Registration for the 2014/15 Season can also be made on:

- **Sunday 24th August 2014** from **10.00 am** to **3.00 pm**
- **Sunday 31st August 2014** from **10.00 am** to **3.00 pm** and
- **Friday 5th September 2014** from **5.00 pm** to **8.00 pm**.

Where:

Registration and running nights are held at Wright Reserve, Pye Road Quakers Hill.

Season:

Our season commences on **Friday, 12th September 2014** from **6.30pm** and continues every Friday through to 6th March 2015 (with a break for Christmas).

Little Athletics – For hassle-free, family fun and fitness!

Enquiries: 0427 001 987 or www.qhlac.org or email: info@qhlac.com



SCIENCE MATTERS

In celebration of Science Week, the myth busters came to Quakers Hill High School. Jamie (aka Aidan Bath) and Adam (aka Jayden Thompson) brought to the school assembly their charm, entertaining style of testing ideas, and not forgetting the procedure of undertaking scientific experimentation. Before fascinating the audience, the young scientists presented a slide show of the importance of Science and the many amazing things one can learn from it. They then brought out their scientific equipment onto the stage. Both *gentlemen* were able to explain to the students and staff gathered the safety processes that needed to be followed when conducting experiments, and answered the interesting questions asked by the show presenter Tracey Shaw (aka Kaitlyn Hockey). The young scientists fascinated the assembly, demonstrating to them how to make 'elephant's toothpaste', creating a 'wow' moment for the audience. They explained the science related to the formation of the foam, and engaged the audience asking and answering questions. The scientists received much applause and compliments about their fabulous presentation.



Kaitlyn Hockey, Jayden Thompson
& Aidan Bath



Other Science Week activities included a Roll Call Challenge question, 'Who am I?' requiring the first ten students to work out the question asked by their teacher, and to come to the Science staff room at recess and exchange the answer for a prize and a merit award. This will continue into next week. Also, a trivia quiz will be held on Friday during Roll Call, with the winning class with the most correct answers, will receive merit awards and a prize each. To the readers, have a go and see how many of these questions you can answer correctly, without the help of the internet! Students had to attempt it this way too!

SCIENCE WEEK TRIVIA

- 1.How many bones does an adult human have? _____
- 2.How long ago did the dinosaurs die? _____
- 3.Name a metal which is a liquid at room temperature. _____
- 4.Where does sound travel faster, water or air? _____
- 5.What type of rock is basalt? _____
- 6.What tectonic plate does the 'Ring of Fire' mainly sit on? _____
- 7.Plants use the sun to gain energy, what is this process called? _____
- 8.What is a xylem? _____
- 9.How many neck vertebrae does a giraffe have? _____
- 10.What is the closest planet to the sun? _____
- 11.Another name for the voice box is the? _____
- 12.What is the 13th element on the periodic table? _____
- 13.Botany is the study of what? _____
- 14."K" is the chemical symbol for which element? _____
- 15.How many bones does a shark have in its body? _____

Ms K Naicker , HT Science

(See end of newsletter for the answers)

SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENT TAXFILE NUMBER PROGRAM – THE EASY WAY TO GET A TAX FILE NUMBER

Parent Information Letter

Dear Parent / Carer,

The Australian Taxation Office (ATO), with the cooperation of schools, offers students aged 13 years or over the opportunity to apply for a tax file number (TFN) through school. This is a voluntary program and makes it easier for students to obtain a TFN. Students need a TFN for employment, applying for Centrelink benefits, opening a bank account or deferring university fees.

Applying for a TFN through school is easier because students do not need to show identifying documentation to the ATO. The application form is available from the school and students can complete it at home. The form requires information such as the student's name, address and date of birth. Students also need to provide the following details:

students born in Australia will need to provide their

- birth certificate number, state of issue and year of registration, or
- Australian passport number and date of issue.

students born overseas will need to provide their

- overseas passport number and country of issue, or
- Australian citizenship certificate number and date of issue, or
- Australian passport number and date of issue.

It is important that the application form is fully completed and **signed by the student**. All information provided on the form will remain confidential.

The school will certify the application form by cross-checking against the information held on their records. Students are not required to show identifying documentation to school or the ATO.

PLEASE NOTE: Quakers Hill High School will post completed applications to the ATO 2-3 times each term (approximately every 3 weeks). Students will receive their TFN via a notification letter sent to their postal address within 28 days of the application being received by the ATO.

Enquiring on your child's behalf

Due to privacy provisions, parents of children aged 14 or older may enquire about their children's tax affairs only if they are registered as an authorised contact with the ATO. After your child has received their TFN they can authorise you by phoning the ATO on **13 28 61** between 8.00am and 6.00pm, Monday to Friday. **For more information – Contact Mr Hutton at QHHS on 9837 1533.**

EMAIL ADDRESS REQUEST

Greetings Parents and Carers

I am sure that you would agree that effective communication between the school and home is important. One means of communication is the school newsletter 'Contact'.

We have been concerned for some time that our Contact newsletter is not as effective in communicating as we would wish. It often does not reach home, lost without trace at the bottom of a school bag and sometimes our teenagers actively prevent the school communicating with you as parents and carers.

On top of this is the notion that a paper newsletter is expensive (over \$5000 every year) and given the increasing number of parents who use email and actually prefer it, we really need to get with the times and communicate with parents electronically. Of course, a paper version would still be available for those who require it.

Be assured that we are not aiming to overflow your IN tray with school emails.

We would like to start sending out newsletters by email thus ensuring that they reach the desired destination and saving money which would be better spent on resources for your children.

Please carefully and legibly complete the following and return it to school with your child.

Lauretta Claus

Principal

February 2014

QUAKERS HILL HIGH SCHOOL - EMAIL ADDRESS REQUEST

CHILD NAME: _____ YEAR: _____

PARENT'S EMAIL ADDRESS:

[illegible][illegible]

PARENT/CARER SIGNATURE: _____

CHANGE OF PERSONAL DETAILS FOR STUDENTS

(PLEASE PRINT)

NAME OF STUDENT: _____

YEAR: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

WORK PHONE: _____

MOBILE NO: _____

CARER 1 NAME: _____

PHONE/MOBILE: _____

CARER 2 NAME: _____

PHONE/MOBILE: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACTS: _____

MEDICAL PROBLEMS (IF ANY) _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

SCIENCE WEEK TRIVIA - ANSWERS

1. 206
2. 65 million years ago(except the birds)
3. Mercury
4. Water
5. Igneous rock (cooled from magma)
6. Pacific Plate
7. Photosynthesis
8. Water conducting tissue in plants
9. 7
10. Mercury
11. Larynx
12. Aluminium
13. Plants
14. Potassium
15. Zero (has a skeleton made of cartilage)



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