



"Ship to Shore"

May 2016



NEXT P&C MEETING

Tuesday 24 May 2016
Commencing at 6.00pm
in the School Library
All Welcome!

Upcoming Dates

Term 2

19 May

Careers Expo
Yr 11 Newcastle Drama
Workshop

25 May

Oz Harvest Cooking

26 May

Gymnastics Trials
Yr 11 Gambling Talk

27 May

Westlakes Zone Athletics

1 June

Oz Harvest Cooking
Yr 7 Immunisations –
Visit 2

3 June

Hunter SSA Cross
Country

15 – 16 June

Starstruck Dress
Rehearsal

17 – 18 June

Starstruck Performances
Yr 12 Experifest

19 June

Open Girls Rhythmic
Gymnastics Trials

21 June

U16 & Open Girls Tennis
Trials

23 June

Open Boys Softball Trials

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mark McConville



Bereavement – Jade Frith

It is with great sadness that I write to inform you that Jade Frith (Year 10), passed away after an accident at Warners Bay.

Death can be difficult for us to understand, especially when it is sudden. You and your child may be feeling a variety of emotions: shock, sadness and confusion. What is most important is that we care and support each other. If students and families require additional support, please contact Ms Wilson-Babic and appropriate services can be arranged. Students and staff have had access to additional counsellors and support staff during this tough time.

Our thoughts are with Melissa, Matthew, Joshua and all their close family and friends at this very sad and difficult time. Jade's passing has had a significant impact, not just at Toronto High School, but in the wider community. That is a testament to her and the type of person she was. She will be missed greatly.

ANZAC DAY

Thank you to the students and staff that attended the Toronto Anzac Day march. It was a great day with great weather. Our school captains, Dayle and Sam, spoke extremely well on the day. It was wonderful to receive positive feedback from the community about how well presented our students were and the manner in which they conducted themselves. We had approximately 50 students representing the school.

The school Anzac Day ceremony was held on Friday 29 April. Thanks to the staff and students who organised and participated in the event. A special mention must go to Mr Swadling who played The Last Post and Reveille 'live'!





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Cyber Bullying Incident

As most people are aware, we dealt with a cyber-bullying incident that occurred at the end of last term. We suspended a significant number of students as a result of inappropriate conduct. I won't rehash what I wrote in the letter that was published and sent to all families. I will make a few points in this newsletter item:

- Thanks to the vast majority of parents who supported the school stance and used this as an opportunity to have a discussion with their child regarding internet/social media use. I know that many families were 'tightening up' internet / social media / phone use procedures at home as a result.
- This wasn't something new that we were doing – we have taken this stance for years. The difference was this time we were provided with lots of information from lots of students. We had approximately 20 students come to the front office on the first morning to make reports about the incident. These students were disgusted in what had occurred. I'm very proud of those students who reported, as it demonstrates the type of character that we wish to develop in all of our students; that is, standing up for what is right, and, looking out for and doing something about people who may be victimised by others.
- We won't catch everyone who is involved, but they will still be learning from this incident and hopefully won't engage in this type of behaviour again.

I would like to thank everybody for the messages of support via our Facebook page and to the school email and my email addresses. There were hundreds..... I haven't been able to respond because of the vast number; it would take me months to respond to everyone. If you have written a letter, email or post, please take this as my reply and thanking you for your support.

Learning Enrichment & Acceleration Program (LEAP – formerly CAIL)

Toronto High School LEAP class is now in its fifth year. It was introduced to add a Gifted and Talented (GAT) stream to the academic offerings at the school. The aim is to provide an alternative learning and accelerated academic education program to families on the western side of Lake Macquarie.

We set high standards for this class and the applications for the 2017 class reflect this standard. This year we have over 50 applications for approximately 20 places. Students have already completed the intake exams, the interview, and, we are currently reviewing their school information and results before making offers. Thanks to all those who have applied, and for those families that miss out, we have great educational opportunities in our mainstream classes. Students in these classes are achieving great results as well!

National Assessment Program

NAPLAN was completed over 10 - 12 May for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 across Australia. The results of these tests will provide useful information for teachers and parents. In particular, they will help to inform teachers in their ongoing efforts to address the literacy and numeracy needs of their students across all subjects.

As well as the ongoing focus on literacy and numeracy, there was a targeted focus with students in Years 7 and 9 in the lead up to the testing.

Parents will receive the results later in the year. I would like to remind parents that these tests are one-off tests and the school uses a range of ongoing assessments to diagnose and support student learning.



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Great Achievements

There are so many great things our students are doing, both in and out of school. If your child has achieved something notable outside of school – please feel free to inform us – it is always great to know what our students are up to!!

Lions & Lioness Youth of the Year Awards

We recently had our representatives from both the Lions and Lioness Clubs of Toronto attend the school to present Sam Maxwell, Dayle Beazley and Imogen Jaeger with their individual awards for their successes in the recent LYOTY competition. On behalf of THS, Mr Carlson was presented with the actual shields which will be on display in the school’s front foyer. Congratulations to –

Sam Maxwell (School Captain)

- Lions Youth of the Year Public Speaking Award
- Lions Youth of the Year Regional Public Speaking Award
- Lioness Youth of the Year Award

Dayle Beazley (School Captain)

- Lioness Youth of the Year Public Speaking Award

Imogen Jaeger (Vice Captain)

- Lions Youth of the Year Award



I would personally like to thank both the Lions and Lioness Clubs for providing this opportunity for not just our students but also students from other schools throughout the Toronto community, to participate in this worthwhile competition. It is a fantastic experience for our kids and it is great to see how they match up with kids from other schools.

Past student – Craig Chittick (graduated 1987)

I recently received an email regarding one of our past students, Craig Chittick, who graduated from THS in 1987. Craig has just been appointed as Ambassador to Vietnam, by the Foreign Affairs Minister, Julie Bishop.

Since graduating from THS, Craig completed further study through Sydney University; was awarded the Order of Australia Medal (OAM) in 2003 whilst working at the Australian Embassy in Jakarta; served as Australia’s Deputy High Commissioner to Malaysia in Kuala Lumpur from 2009 to 2012; was appointed Ambassador People Smuggling Issues; and is currently First Assistant Secretary, South East Asia Mainland and Regional Division based in Canberra. With his latest appointment Craig will take up his posting in Hanoi with his family, in early July.

This is certainly an outstanding achievement for Craig, and is testament of the high calibre of students that Toronto High has produced in past years, and is still producing!!! Well done to Craig and his family, and any of his teachers who may still be here.....



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Staffing Update

Congratulations to Mrs Sue Hodges who was been appointed as the Aboriginal School Learning Support Officer at Toronto High School. Mrs Hodges was already a member of the teaching staff at THS and will 'transfer' from her current teaching role into the new role in the near future. She is replacing Mr Rod Smith who left to take up a position with Awabakal last year. Mrs Hodges will provide invaluable support for students, parents and staff at Toronto High School. Congratulations Sue!

Mr Morgan has been on long service leave and Ms Wilson-Babic has been replacing him as Deputy Principal. I would like to acknowledge the work and effort of Ms Wilson-Babic; she has done a great job! I would also like to thank Mrs Halliwell who has been replacing Ms Wilson-Babic. Mrs Halliwell has been fantastic in the role and has played a vital role in supporting students and staff during a difficult time.

Year 7 2017

Applications have already arrived via the primary schools. If you know someone who is planning on enrolling their child at Toronto High School and haven't applied for a position, please tell them to contact the school ASAP.

Once again we have a significant number of out-of-zone enrolment applications. The reputation of Toronto High School continues to grow and we are becoming the first choice school for many families.

Student Assistance

Parents experiencing financial difficulty in meeting school expenses including subject specific fees and uniforms, are invited to confidentially contact me or Ms Wilson-Babic, HT Student Services, to discuss the process for student assistance. A limited amount of funds is supplied by the Government for needy families to assist with educational expenses. I encourage parents to seek this assistance.



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Yrs 7, 9 & 11

Andrew Pesle

Half Yearly Exams

Students in Years 7 to 10 will be hard at work preparing for their Half Yearly Exams which commence in a few weeks time. Students have been issued with timetables for these exams so please read them carefully and ensure your child is well prepared, and attends these exams with all of their essential equipment. If any exam is missed, it is the student's responsibility to inform the Head Teacher of that faculty on their first day back to school.

The Hive Homework Centre

I encourage all students to take advantage of The Hive Homework Centre which operates on Monday afternoons from 2.30 to 3.30pm in the school library. The Centre is manned by teachers volunteering their own time, to assist students with any aspects of their studies with which they may need help. Please contact Mrs Smith-Kain should you require any information regarding the service.

Uniform - Winter is Approaching

On a different note the weather is rapidly cooling and we ask for your assistance in ensuring your child remains in full school uniform. Jumpers should be plain blue for Juniors and Seniors. No logos or brand writing please and definitely no hoods. The school is keen to maintain our high standard of uniform and students, if necessary, will be required to change into provided uniform, as required. Jumpers, scarves, beanies in school colours, all with the school logo, are available from the School Uniform Shop.



Usage of Mobile Phones - A reminder about the use of mobile phones during class time

School policy outlines that phones should not be brought to school and parents should attempt contact with their children through the usual protocols – call the Front Office and a message will be delivered to the student. If students wish to contact parents, then this can be achieved through either Deputy or the Front Office. Students should not be using phones during lesson time unless directed by the teacher. If phones are brought to school, they must be turned off and placed in bags during lesson time.



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Yrs 8, 10 & 12

Evelyn Wilson-Babic (Relieving)

I was very fortunate to undertake the Relieving Deputy Principal position while Greg Morgan was abroad. During this time our school experienced a couple of significant challenges and I would like to take this time to extend my warmest sympathy to our families for their loss.

At a time of loss and grief it is warming to have our extended school community for support. If you feel that your child would benefit from additional support at this time, please do not hesitate to contact me. As Head Teacher Student Services I will endeavour to facilitate a service to suit their needs. Grieving is a personal and highly individual experience. How you grieve depends on many factors, including your personality and coping style, your life experience, your faith, and the nature of the loss. The grieving process takes time. Healing happens gradually; it can't be forced or hurried—and there is no “normal” timetable for grieving. Some people start to feel better in weeks or months. For others, the grieving process is measured in years. Whatever your grief experience, it's important to be patient with yourself and allow the process to naturally unfold.

From our Year Advisers -

Year 12 - This time of the year sees Year 12 busily continuing with their studies after just completing their Half Yearly examinations, with the next ones of course being the Trial HSC in Term 3.

Fundraising for the end of year formal is also continuing with the sale of cakes last term, and chocolates this term. The 2016 Year 12 Formal will be held at Merewether Surf House on Wednesday 16 November 2016.

Year 10 - Students have had a challenging return to Term Two. They have come together as a year group and supported each other very well. In the next few weeks they have their Half Yearly exams and will need to start to revise in preparation for those.

We also have the opportunity to be entertained by a visiting theatre group thanks to the efforts of Maddie Smith, our School Student Welfare Officer. Information on the theatre performance will be available shortly.

Year 8 - Congratulations to the Buckley Shield Under 14 Boys Rugby League team who played late last term. The boys, mostly from Year 8, played extremely well, however, they lost their first two matches by close margins. The boys then played Newcastle High School in their final game and defeated them 36-0.

Last Friday the Under 15 Bill Turner Cup Soccer side represented Toronto High School and played extremely well. The team won one game and lost their second. Congratulations to all Year 8 students for their efforts during the first semester.

And also a word on school bullying -

While there is a natural tendency to focus on your child's reading, writing and numeracy skills, a fundamental aspect of school success is your child's physical, mental and social development. Misunderstandings and arguments are pretty common in the playground. Kids are still developing social skills and learning how to



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communicate with others. Not every incident or disagreement that upsets a student can be defined as bullying – sometimes it's a one-off problem or a genuine misunderstanding.

Bullying is different. Bullying is a deliberate and repeated abuse of power of one student over another. It can be verbal, physical or psychological abuse that is intended to cause harm.

Lately, there has also been a lot of talk about cyberbullying. This happens through communication technology like email, social networking sites such as MSN, Facebook and of course mobile phones. This kind of harassment can be spread very quickly, not just to a child's own friends, but way beyond the school community to complete strangers. It can be devastating and needs to be taken as seriously as any other form of bullying. Bullying is not a problem isolated to school yards. It can happen anywhere that kids socialise, including online. It's a community issue, which is why parents have such an important role to play in resolving this kind of negative and very damaging behaviour.

Unfortunately, parents often don't hear about their child's problems until the issue has really escalated and their child has been repeatedly harassed and hurt. If your child is not one to talk openly - and many teenagers have trouble expressing themselves in this way - some of the signs that may indicate there is a problem are:

- Sudden physical pain – like stomach aches or head aches that keep them from school.
- Finding it difficult to get out of bed or not wanting to go to school at all.
- A change in their demeanour. Are they more withdrawn than usual? Do they look stressed or really miserable?
- Are they much angrier than normal? Is your child having trouble containing his emotions?
- Or perhaps you've noticed a sudden decline in academic performance?

I think the best advice I can give is trust your instincts. You know your child best. If you feel that there's been a change in your child that lasts for more than a week please contact your Year Adviser and have a chat.

Key School Contacts

DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

Years 7, 9 & 11	Mr Pesle
Years 8, 10 & 12	Mr Morgan

HEAD TEACHERS

English	Mr Carlson
Mathematics	Mrs Coates
Science	Mr Raso
CAPA	Mrs Fotheringham
HSIE	Mrs Philipson
PDHPE	Mrs Gromek
TAS	Mr Chapman
Support Unit	Mrs Milson-Black
Student Services	Ms Wilson-Babic
Careers Advisor	Mr Connell

Year 7 Advisor

Year 8 Advisor

Year 9 Advisor

Year 10 Advisor

Year 11 Advisor

Year 12 Advisor

Boys Advisor

Girls Advisor

ARCO/ADCO

Student Support Officer

School Counsellors

Mrs Little (English Faculty)

Mr Moore (PE Faculty)

Mrs Jenkins (Maths Faculty)

Mrs Chapman (Special Faculty)

Mrs Willott (PE Faculty)

Mr Muxlow (TAS Faculty)

Mr Pauley

Mrs Halliwell

Mrs Fotheringham &

Mrs Hodges

Miss Smith

Mrs Wickham (Mon, Thurs, Fri A)

Mr Lambert (Tues, Fri B)



CAREER EXPO – Thursday 19 May

The annual Career Expo is on at the Newcastle Jockey Club again this year on 19 May. Students in Years 10, 11 and 12 are invited to attend. Toronto High School is taking 3 buses of students keen to find career direction amongst the University, TAFE and Private Colleges. There will also be Police, Ambulance, Defence Force and many other employment areas. There is a charge of \$10.00 to attend (for entry and bus fare), which has been subsidised by the school to keep charges as low as we can.

To attend students need to get an application form from the Careers Office and return it completed to the school's front administration office with the \$10.00 ASAP as the first 150 students get to go. The final date for payment and return of notes is 18 May. This has proved to be very popular over the years and well worthwhile attending. Students will leave school at 9.30am so will attend Period 1 and return to school during lunch so will attend Period 5. All students must wear full school uniform (sports uniform is not acceptable) including fully enclosed leather shoes. There is no food available at the Expo however students can take food for recess and eat at the Expo prior to entry. For any more information please contact Mr Connell, Careers Adviser.

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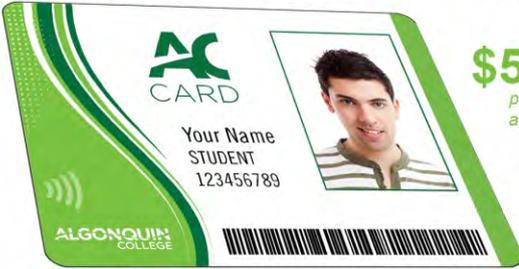
Student Invoices are in the process of being mailed to parents/caregivers. Payments can be made by cheque, cash or EFTPOS at the school's front office. For your convenience, credit card payments can be made over the phone. The hours for receipting are 8.00am to 2.00pm. Should you be unable to pay the entire amount upfront, these fees can be paid weekly, monthly or quarterly.

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Term 2- 2016 - Upcoming Assessment Tasks	
25 May	Yr 11 Visual Arts - Task 2
30 May to 10 June	Yrs 7 – 10 Half Yearly Exams
2 June	Yr 12 Maths 2 Unit - Task 3
3 June	Yr 12 Ancient History - Task 3 Yr 11 Ancient History - Task 2
7 June	Yr 12 Maths Extension 1 - Task 3
9 June	Yr 12 Maths General 2 Unit – Task 3
17 June	Yr 12 HSC Maths Extension 2 – Task 3
20 June	English Advanced Task (Module A)
22 June	Yr 12 Legal Studies - Consumers
23 June	Yr 11 Maths 2 Unit - Task 2 Yr 11 Maths General 2 Unit – Task 2
24 June	Yr 11 English Standard Task Business Studies Assessment Task
27 June	Yr 11 English Advanced Task
29 June	Yr 11 Legal Studies Task Yr 12 English Studies Task
30 June	Maths General 1 – Task 3
1 July	Yr 11 Maths Extension 1 - Task 3
<i>Assessments Tasks extracted 16.5.16</i>	



Student Representative Council (SRC) members are elected to represent all students in the school. SRC members are expected to:

- Develop pride and ownership of their school
- Build relationships with peers across the whole school
- Develop responsibility (completing tasks, attending fortnightly meetings and participating in or organizing events and projects)
- Be provided with leadership opportunities
- Develop decision-making skills (action planning)

In 2015, I had the **amazing** opportunity to see each and every member develop skills in leadership, public speaking, writing articles for the newsletters, organizing fundraising, decision making and in understanding school processes.

In trying to make a difference for each and every student at Toronto High School their passion, dedication and creativity saw them undertake fundraising activities and build student awareness of issues in our community such as domestic violence and bullying. They also completed surveys about behaviour on buses; put together proposals for a COLA (covered outdoor area) in the winter courtyard; purchase of electronic signage, and a water cooler for re-filling water bottles on hot days. And these are just some of the projects....

I would like to congratulate the outgoing Student Representative Council of 2015 for their dedication and efforts.

The response to be part of the SRC this year has been outstanding and I look forward to working with each and every one of the 2016 members in making a difference at Toronto High School and in the community. Congratulations to –

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL - 2016

Year 7

Will Angel
Brayden Wilks

Year 8

Maddison Griffiths
Caleb Robinson
Rory Dunne
Tyreece Sampson

Year 9

Makayla Angel
Cassidy Laguna
Sophie McSparran
Enola Noble
Caleb Watts

Year 10

Chloe Christie
Paris Forbes
Gina Lawrence
Gypsy-Lee Marsh
Carly Mott
Chelsea Richter

Year 11

Liam Garrett
Alana Goodwin
Richell Macdonald
Peri Roberts
Julia Tavasci
Elissa Walker
Kathleen Young

Year 12

Dayle Beazley
Mikaela Bell
Emily Black
Lauren Goodwin
Brayden Hjort
Imogen Jaeger-Daly
Erin McKenna
Brendan Macey
Zach Martin
Sam Maxwell
Jon Ridgeon
Alicia Roughley
Cassie Skene
Cameron Stewart
Tim Sutcliffe
Matthew Whatson



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SCIENCE - IMAX EXCURSION

by Mr Raso, HT Science

Science students from Year 9 visited the IMAX Theatre at Darling Harbour, Sydney on Friday 6 May 2016 to view documentaries linked to the current science program.

Students were quite engaged with the content of the various documentaries - the human body as well as natural disasters which covered volcanos, earthquakes and tornados. The graphics were fantastic and quite awe-inspiring on the big screen, with not just the students enjoying the programs, but also the teachers.

Thank you to Mr Raso, Mr Golvers and Ms Brackley for making the day possible for our students.



Active Leadership



Lauren Goodwin and Matthew Watson, both THS School Prefects in Year 12, took the initiative to undertake a community project in the recent school holidays. They jointly sought community members who required assistance in maintaining their gardens.

Lauren and Matthew both trimmed, weeded, cleaned and mowed three separate gardens over a two-day period.

The recipients were extremely grateful for Lauren and Matthew's support, as due to their age or injury, the recipients were no longer as capable of maintaining their gardens as they would have liked.

Congratulations to both Lauren and Matthew for initiating and undertaking such a worthwhile community project!



*Merrin Jayne
SRC Co-ordinator*

YEAR 7 IMMUNISATIONS 2016

Visit 2	Wednesday 1 st June 2016	Dose 2 HPV to all Year 7 students
Visit 3	Wednesday 26 th October 2016	Dose 3 HPV to all Year 7 students



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YEAR 7 PEER SUPPORT CAMP

by Mrs Little, Year 7 Advisor

On 21 March students in Year 7 and their Year 10 Peer Support leaders left school with nine teachers for our 'big day out', affectionately named the 'camp'. The rain did not dampen our spirits as we boarded the buses for the OUTDOOR EDUCATION NSW Active Education Centre at Morisset.

The students experienced physically and emotionally challenging experiences, to teach them how persistence in extending, often self-imposed limitations, can bring success. This resilience, the ability to bounce back from setbacks or challenges with confidence and optimism, is a vital skill for Year 7 as they progress through high school and enter adulthood. For our Year 10 students, the return to an outdoor program as a leader provided opportunities to master skills or conquer courses that overwhelmed them in their Year 7 experience.



Through the 'outdoor' program all students were given the opportunity to recognise that risk can be dealt with responsibly and with consideration, rather than recklessly. Working collegially teaches students the important skill of working within a team to achieve a certain goal. Delivery in an outdoor setting brings a respect for the natural world and recognition of the part it plays in the lives of all humans.

The rain held off and the sun came out to brighten our day as we conversed the different challenges of:

- Canoeing in 3 person canoes.
- Rock climbing a 5m and 10m rock climbing tower at the centre
- High Ropes Courses - a harnessed activity of sequential elements at 4m, 7m and 12m.
- Giant Swing - a very exhilarating 15m harnessed pendulum swing
- Dual Flying Fox - a harnessed activity an adrenaline rush flying fox down a steep slope.
- Leap of Faith - an adrenalin rush, leaping off a 10m pole.
- Challenge Ropes - a harnessed activity of sequential elements rising to 8m with 60m flying fox.
- Kayaking in a 2 person sea kayak.



By 5pm we were boarding the buses. Everyone was exhausted and the buses were quiet for the trip back to school.

Mr Pesle, Ms Wilson-Babic, Mrs Jayne, Mrs Jenkins, Ms Turner, Mr Connell, Ms Crawford, Mrs Chapman and myself all slept well that night!





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Jazz on the Lines

For the second year Toronto High School supported the Rotary Club of Toronto Sunrise in their fundraiser Jazz on the Lines. This event is held in the historic Toronto Railway Station where 130 guests were wined and dined whilst listening to a live Jazz band. The event was to raise money for a school bus for Fennell Bay Public School and Life Education. Our students all currently in the Year 11 Hospitality Food and Beverage class assisted the caterers by serving food to the guests.

Our students performed faultlessly and demonstrated what they had learnt in class. Last year was our first year of involvement and last year's students set a very high standard so, when organising this year's event requesting our students assistance was high on the priority list.

This year our volunteers were: - Jessica Arundell (unfortunately sick on the day and could not attend), Megan Bennett, Taylah Conn, Jackson Coles, Richell MacDonald and Ethan Muhs. All students received a Certificate of Appreciation from Toronto Sunrise. I would like to personally thank each and every one of them for their professional application. It was a great day, made better by our students' hard work.



Regards

Trevor Connell

Trevor Connell
Career Adviser
Toronto High School





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UN Youth Conference NSW 2016 –Gender Perspectives in Peace & Conflict

Recently we had the privilege of attending the UN Youth State Conference. The conference runs from Friday through till Sunday, and each year an elected convenor selects a topic to focus on, this year's being 'Gender Perspectives in Peace & Conflict'. Over 180 NSW students from years 9-12 attended.

The first night was spent getting to know our fellow delegates and participating in a UN mock debate. Then on Saturday we began our workshops, where we discussed human rights, the involvement of all genders in conflict, the effects of war/disasters, and campaigns focusing on breaking the stereotypes, domestic violence and more. We were also introduced to a new activity labelled 'Interactive Problem Solving', this is where a group of delegates act as representatives of government in their allocated country, to deal with a national or international crisis. However as you go on more allegations and issues arise, causing you to potentially change your entire plan of attack.

We also met a panel made up of four speakers; Dr. Astrida Neimanis, Chris Bell, Jane Caro and Felicity Ruby, and listened to their thoughts on gender perspective, rights, feminism, cultural and religious impacts and so much more! The day ended with a tricky trivia night, and a disco.

Early Sunday morning we were split into committee groups, where we headed to the University of Sydney for a day jam-packed of debating and guest speakers. Our guest speakers were once again Felicity and Astrida, who delivered speeches full of facts and valuable information, and also took the time to answer audience questions. Following that, we took part in some mini UN debates on different topics including: the Mediterranean Refugee crisis, bodily autonomy, men's rights, and women in conflict just to name a few.

Even though the conference was a completely new experience, we both agree that it was a rewarding one, and we will be most certainly be signing up next year, AND YOU SHOULD TOO!

Hayley Winsor (author) and Hayley Street

Happy Mother's Day!

On Wednesday 4th May, ten of our Year 11 students went to Meals on Wheels at Toronto, to help deliver meals for Mother's Day. The students were Annabelle Robinson, Peri Roberts, Jack Buckton, Sam Wellard, Alana Goodwin, Hannah Lavis, Julia Tavasci, Elissa Walker, Kathleen Young and myself along with Mrs Jayne, our SRC Co-ordinator.

After we arrived we had to split up into pairs and we had a volunteer driver taking us where we had to go. We went to different suburbs in the Toronto community to deliver the meals that people had ordered and to hand out chocolates. All the students had a wonderful experience.

We hope all the mothers in the school community had a lovely day.

Liam Garrett



Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels is a name familiar to Australians and is at the heart of many communities. It represents helping hands, teamwork and looking out for each other. It is all about people in the community joining forces to help others.

Creative and Performing Arts News

The CAPA department has hit Term Two running with all projects well underway. Staff and students have been busy with Startstruck and ensemble rehearsals, Hunter Dance Festival auditions and excursions. We are seeing so much talent with amazing performances and artworks.

Starstruck

Starstruck Rehearsals have begun and I had the privilege to attend the rehearsal with Mrs Milwright at The Newcastle Basket ball Stadium on Tuesday 3rd May. Congratulations to all the Dance students who represented the students in such a professional manner. We certainly were a stand out on the day and are looking forward to the next few weeks with more intense choreographic workshops and costumes being organised. Notes have been sent home.

Featured StarStruck Dancers



Congratulations to the above Toronto High School Dancers who were selected as featured Dancers in the up coming Starstruck event. Kristelle Manderson was selected for Jazz, look out for her in 'WINGS' and Nicole Feeney and Chiara Taylor for Tap. Look out for the girls in 'HEIGH HO'. This is such a great honour to be chosen amongst the 100's of students who auditioned.

Student Backstage Production Team Success

Congratulations to Reece Schofield for his success and selection into the Backstage Production Team for StarStruck. This is a huge honour and the first selection in many years that we have had a student from Toronto High school representing us. The job requires Reece to work on his own at times, operating lighting or sound equipment and work in the tunnels. Reece will be on follow spots and will assist on the Props Team.



Star Struck 2016

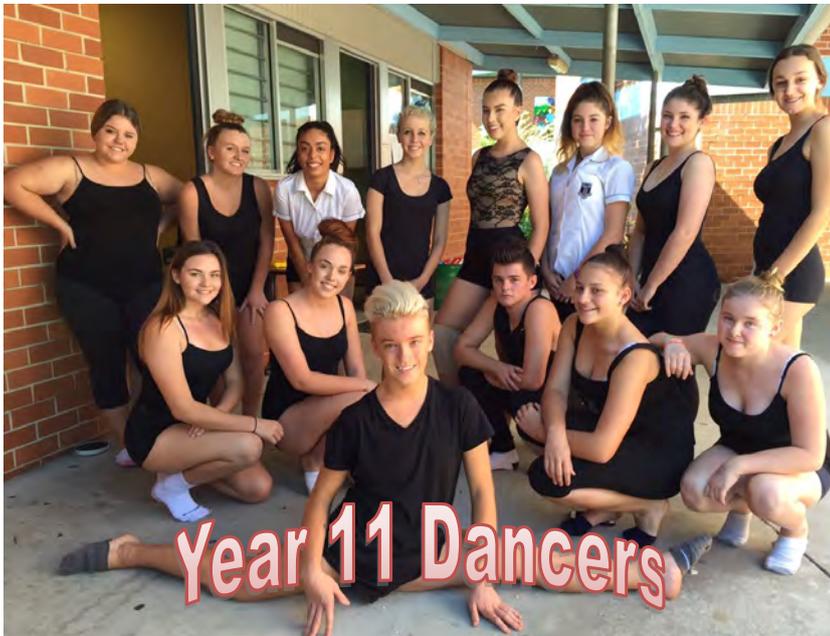
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17th & 18th June

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CAPA Students of the Month

Congratulations to these amazing students who have been chosen by the Creative and Performing Arts Faculty as 'Students of the Month'. The students have excelled in their class and key learning area and we would like to acknowledge them for their outstanding efforts this term.

MUSIC



Matthew Whatson



VISUAL ARTS



Carolyn Burns

PHOTOGRAPHY



Ebony Berry



DANCE



Kristelle Manderson

DRAMA



Gina Lawrence

THS DANCE ENSEMBLE "HYPNOSIS"



Photography Excursion



Wednesday March 16.

It was with much hype and anticipation that Mr Battle and Miss Howlett took Years 9 and 10 photography classes on the annual Toronto High photography excursion into Newcastle's CBD. Rain and cloudy weather threatened to hamper proceedings but the enthusiasm and willingness of these students to capture new images was unstoppable.

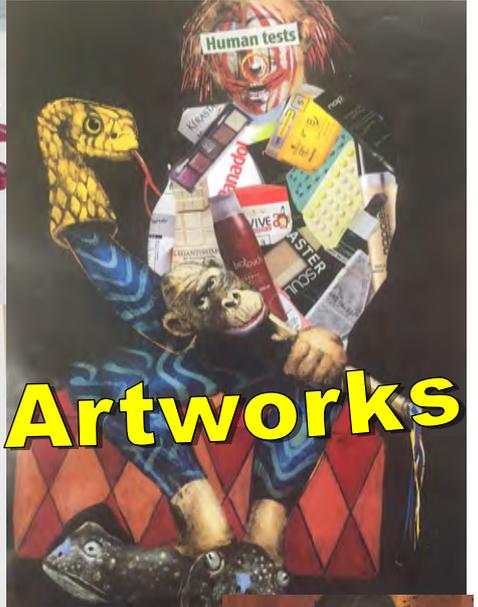
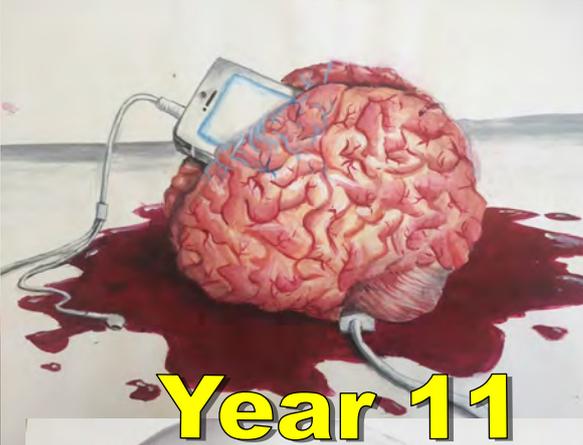
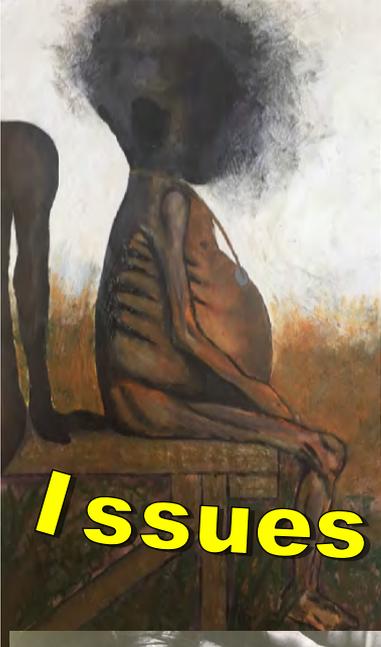
So with raincoats and umbrellas they marched up to Newcastle Baths snapping away at any good photography opportunities along the way. Year 10 students were encouraged to explore the class themes of "Urban decay" and "Suburban Tales" while Year 9 focused on composition techniques. The urban inner city landscape gave students the opportunity to capture new and exciting images. Many were able to apply in-house framing techniques learnt in class, as well as investigate different ways of interpreting their subject matter.

It was great to see the more experienced Year 10 passing on tips and advice to the younger Year 9 cohort. The nature of walking to different locations gave everyone the time to consider shooting obscure and unusual aspects of the city. All students were given the opportunity to experiment with the school's digital SLR cameras. A range of strong photographs were produced reflecting the enthusiastic atmosphere of the day. Mr Battle and Miss Howlett would like to thank all students for their exemplary behaviour.

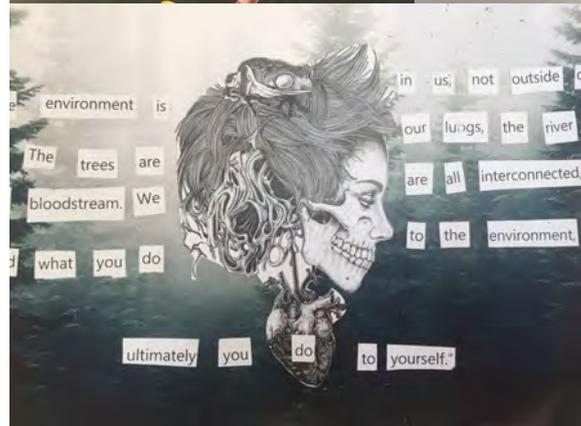
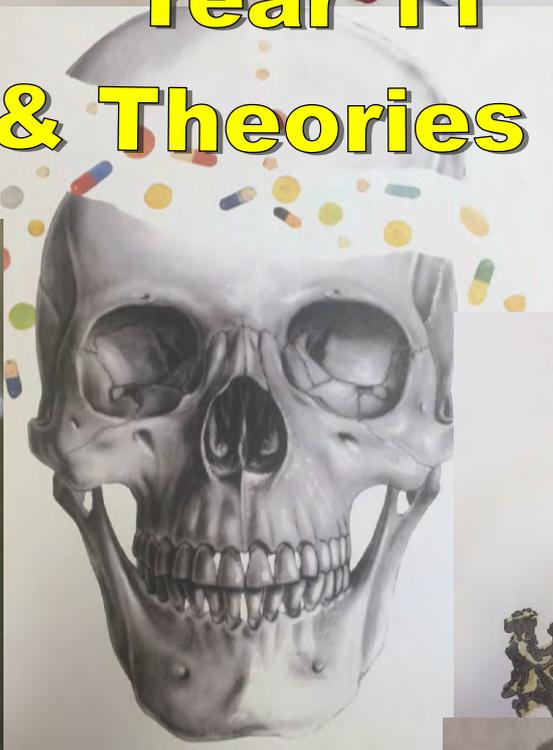


Camera Donations

Do you have an old Cameras up in the cupboard that you never use.? The CAPA department are seeking old SLRs This would help our students and it would be much appreciated.



Year 11 Issues & Theories Artworks



Music links to Newcastle University

This year Toronto High School has been forging stronger links with the University of Newcastle Conservatorium of Music. As a result several opportunities have been opening up for music students at Toronto High. Year 12 student Matthew Watson had the opportunity to be a part of a keyboard/piano master class run by Helen English. Matthew has a passion for playing organ, and on the weekend he had a personalised musical experience. He had the chance to play the large organ in the concert hall of the Conservatorium as well as an opportunity to play the organ in the Great Hall at the Callaghan Campus at Newcastle University. Stay tuned for more master classes coming up. Guitarists will have the chance to pick the brains of one of the Hunter's best guitarists, Adam Miller. There will be a vocal master class later in the year.



Matthew Watson

Ensemble News

All the Toronto High School ensembles are going great. The Contemporary ensemble students are working hard on a few pieces. They are very close to performing for the first time as an ensemble.....cant wait!!! The Vocal Ensemble made an impression at the last formal assembly by singing our school song and National Anthem (always sounds better with massed voices). The Music Department are working on a long term project a result of which will be entered into Choral fest next year. The concert band has only a few musicians but the musicians we have are all outstanding performers. This ensemble has been exploring the genres of blues and jazz and they are all having a go at improvisation. Some opportunities are coming up for this ensemble soon but will need to be locked in before we can let you all know. Stay tuned.



This term we would like to start a training band for anyone who would like to learn how to play a brass, woodwind or percussion instrument. Information about this ensemble will be out towards the end of term.

Mr Swadling



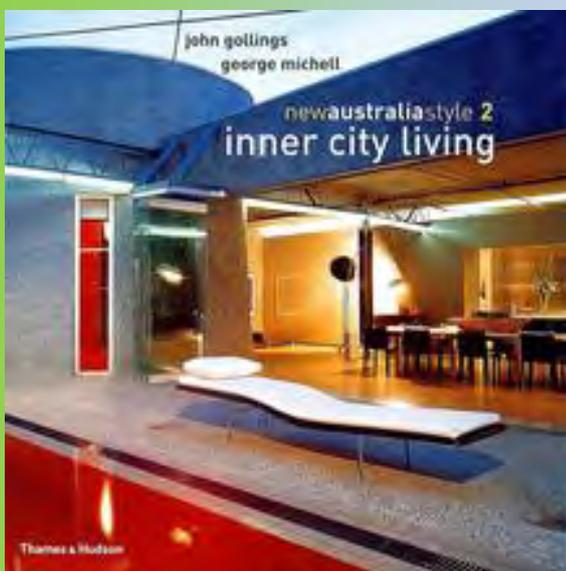
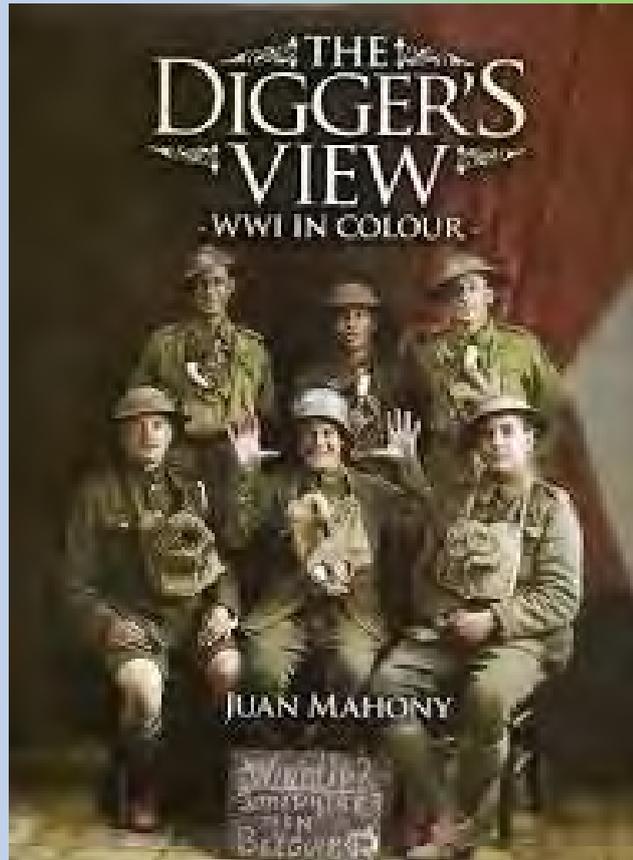
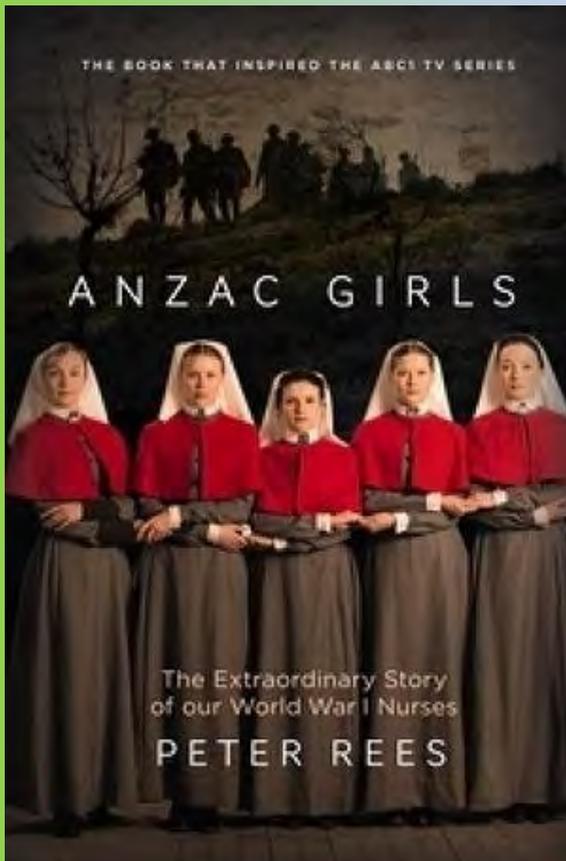


Ensemble Fun



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The Library continues to be the place to be in 2016, it seems to be the hub of school activity. There are Literacy Focus groups, Humanities classes, classes in the computer area and the senior tutorials in the Library on a regular basis.

The 2016 Premier's Reading Challenge is underway and all students are encouraged to participate. Below is a letter from N.S.W. Premier Baird congratulating all who participated 2015.

To the School Community of N.S.W.,

I would like to congratulate all students around NSW who are participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge this year.

The Premier's Reading Challenge allows students to experience a range of exciting stories, and explore issues that can challenge the way one thinks.

With thousands of books to choose from, students have the opportunity to embrace subjects that will widen their horizons and expand their vocabularies.

I encourage all participants to be courageous with their reading choices, and to approach the Challenge with great energy and enthusiasm.

The world of books is certainly an exciting one, and I wish all students undertaking the Premier's Reading Challenge a fun, enjoyable and fulfilling experience.

Mike Baird MP
Premier

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Mrs Frost/Mrs Figures
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Toronto High School actively promotes the education of students regarding Internet Safety. The StaySmart and Budd:e online websites are worth a look. StaySmart online is a student friendly website and Budd:e (Secondary) has been developed for Australian secondary schools, specifically for Years 7 and 8. Budd:e educates students about the risks that people take by going online, and the possible consequences of those risks. It also educates about the technical and behavioural measures we can all use to help reduce our risk, and bolster online security. Specifically they highlight Security for people, for internet devices, and for personal data. The link to Budd:e is available below and also through the new Oliver enquiry home page on students portal.

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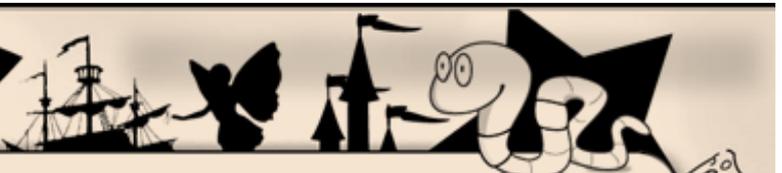
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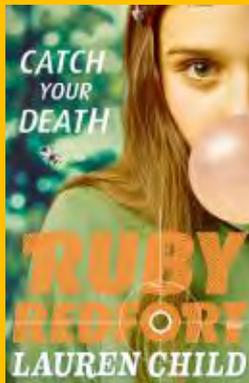
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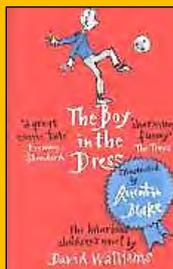
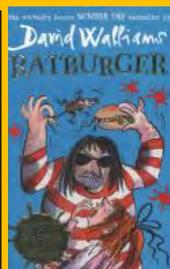
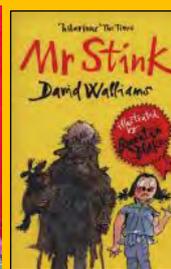
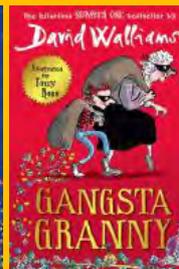
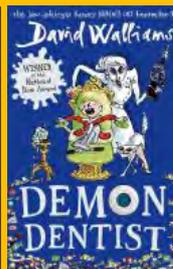
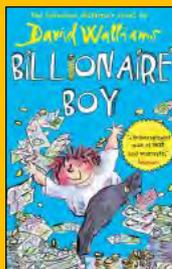
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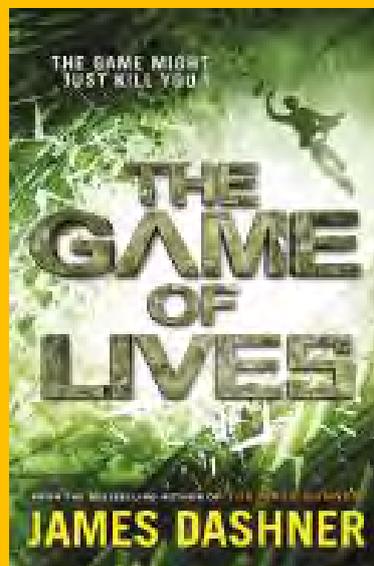
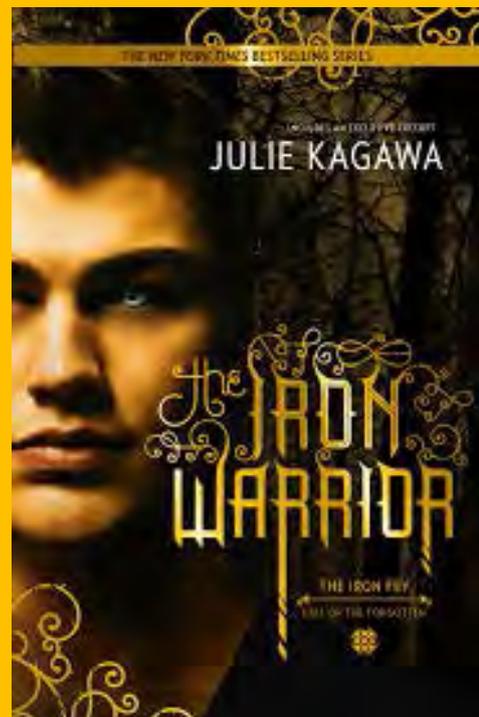
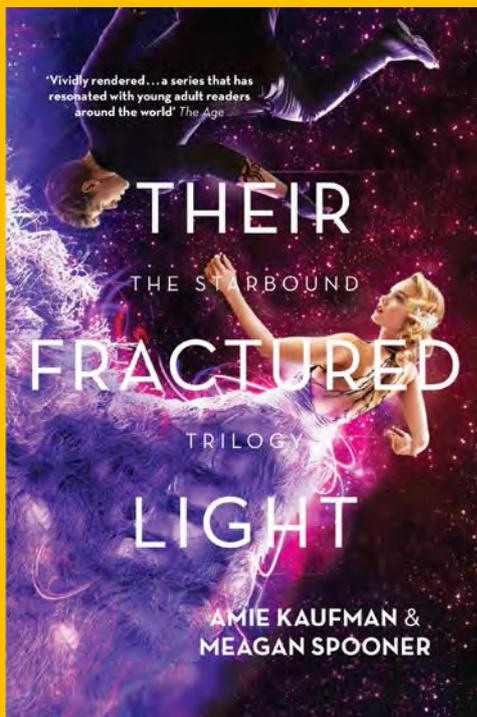


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Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.





My child won't go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to [complete their schooling](#).

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/student-support/programs/attendance.php>

The school leaving age:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/leaving-school/index.php>

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

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Single Serve Sauce - Tomato, Sweet & Sour or BBQ	\$3.00

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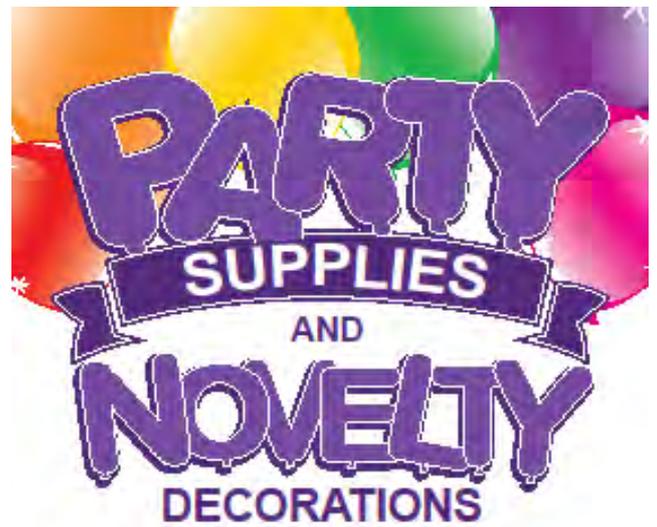
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