



BLACKWATTLE BAY CAMPUS

# Bay Side

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### Upcoming Events – Term 4

<b>7 December</b>	Women in Business USYD Program
<b>14 December</b>	HSC Results released
<b>15 December</b>	ATARs Released ATAR Morning Tea 11am Last day of term for students

## Principal's Report

It is hard to believe we are nearly at the end of Term 4 with the December break just around the corner. Year 12 finished their HSC exams a few weeks ago - a great relief for students, parents and of course the teachers! It seems such a short time ago that we all gathered at the Sydney Town Hall to bid them farewell. Congratulations to Imogen Biggins who was awarded the Blackwattle Bay Academic Medal and to all students whose achievements were recognised on the night. I would like to thank Ms Jan Cuke, Year 12 Deputy Principal and all the staff for their superb contribution to the success of the evening.

### HSC Major Projects

Last week we had some exciting news concerning HSC nominations for exemplary work in Major Projects for Drama, Industrial Technology- Multi Media and Design and Technology. Congratulations to the following Drama students: Audrey Bennett, Charlotte Biggins, Zane Fields, Patrick Rae, and Taidhg Ryan for their Group Drama Performance and to Deaglan Godwin and Piper Nyols for their Individual Performance. Congratulations as well to Maya Brandel for her exemplary Design and Technology Project and to Robert Harley and Jackson McKenna for their outstanding Major Projects in Industrial Technology. Thank you to the teachers who mentored these students throughout the year and a big thank you to Year 12 parents for your support of our Campus and the College. We eagerly await the HSC results which are released on Thursday December 14.

### HSC Morning Tea

Students are invited to drop in to the school to share their results with the staff at an informal morning tea at 11am in the Glasshouse Café on Friday 15 December. Students who need advice about future options after receiving their results are encouraged to contact the Career Advisor Service Hotline on 1300 300 687.

### Elite Sports Presentation

Recently, I had the pleasure of attending a "Blues" presentation to celebrate the achievements of exceptionally gifted sports champions in the Sydney East Region.



It was an impressive occasion with seventeen public schools represented. It made me very proud to see two talented Blackwattle Bay students; Tal Lewis and Benedict Brenner each receive a medal for rowing. I was delighted to "stand in" for Daniel Mizera, (a Study Abroad student) to receive his medal for swimming - the closest I will ever get to a sport award!! Congratulations to our Sport Organiser Peter George, for his passion for all sport and for being such a great role model to our students.

### Recognition Ceremony

The end of Year 11 is a significant milestone in the HSC journey. At Blackwattle we mark this with a Recognition Ceremony to highlight students who achieved well academically as well as our School leaders and Sports Leaders. It is always a thrill to present these awards and to witness the pride with which they are received in front of an audience of staff, students, parents and members of the community. Occasions such as this take an enormous amount of planning and organisation. My thanks to our hard working office staff, to our teachers, musicians and to Year 11 Deputy Ms Phair for her superb organisation of this event. It was lovely to chat with the many proud parents and students afterwards.

**Sharon Roberts**  
Principal

## *The SRC Report*

Members of the SRC would like to formally welcome Ms Kylie Ma to our SRC team. It is great to have her on board. She received a warm welcome from our SRC members when they learnt that she was joining our team.

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October SRC members Liam Bourke, Davy Chung, Jacinta Fletcher, Zofia Francis, Thea Baines and Meerae Park attended the College SRC meeting, held at Balmain Campus. Thank you to College planner Natasha Ricardo for organising this meeting. The group participated in a College planning session and completed a questionnaire which will assist the College Executive implement effective transition strategies between the senior and junior campuses.

Balmain, Leichhardt and Blackwattle Bay SRC students then joined their campus teams to complete an evaluation form about their own SRC. They responded to statements such as “SRC meetings are well run, effective/productive and enjoyable” and “the SRC does a range of activities apart from fundraising – e.g. putting forward student views, organising events.” It is pleasing that feedback from the evaluation showed that our SRC is doing a great job.

Formal elections for SRC executive positions were held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017. Students had the opportunity to address the SRC members and provide a summary of why they think they’re suited to an executive position. A formal vote will be held to determine who is elected to the four available positions. I would like to wish everyone good luck with the process.

Many thanks,

**James Mansfield**



**Above:** 3 campus SRC teams completing an evaluation of their SRC.



**Above:** BWB SRC in team discussions.

## *News from the Science Faculty*

### **EDROLO**

We have been very fortunate in the Science Faculty to have free access to an excellent online resource for the students to use. This resource is available for all students in Biology, Chemistry and Physics and involves video clips of key concepts in each module, past HSC questions and extensive explanations on how to answer questions and solutions for each question, as well as online quizzes and exams. Each Science Teacher will use the resource in a different way to supplement their teaching of the course. Please read the letter that Edrolo has provided which has some extra information about the resource and a link to access. Please ask your child to show you this great resource.

### **SCIENCE EXTENSION PROGRAMS**

Throughout the year there are many opportunities for Science students to access external extension programs which are often run through universities. Information about these opportunities is posted on the Science news noticeboard in the Science foyer and often Teachers will nominate suitable students from their class. This year one lucky student in Year 12 has been accepted into a University extension program which will run in January.

Fergus O'Sullivan applied for the program through our Head Teacher after he expressed his interest in pursuing a career in science and was fortunate enough to be fully funded by Rotary. Fergus sets off for the University of Queensland where he will mix with other equally interested Science students from around Australia. He will board at the University and be involved in experimentation and excursions during his time there. We wish Fergus well during his time at the University and can't wait to hear about his experiences. Congratulations Fergus.

### **DREAMLAB**

Ever wanted to contribute to medical research but don't want to be the guinea pig?

DreamLab is a multi-awarding winning app that harnesses the processing power of smartphones to crunch cancer problems to help complete research faster. The app uses your phone while you sleep to help compute small but complex problems and the solutions are then added to the collective bank of information on cancer. The app is free and does not interfere with the working of your phone, nor is it able to access any information from your phone. For more information check out the link below from the Garvan Institute one of Australia's leading medical research institutes.

<https://www.garvan.org.au/foundation/support-us/other-ways-to-support-us/dreamlab/>

Dear Parents,



Our faculty is writing to provide you with information about Edrolo, an important resource that is being strategically utilised at our school in 2018.

**What is Edrolo?**

Edrolo is a comprehensive, online, interactive video and exam simulation resource for Year 11 and HSC students. We have extensively assessed the resource and expect it to be a fantastic tool for our HSC students.

You can see Edrolo in action by visiting this link: [edrolo.com.au/parents/](https://edrolo.com.au/parents/)

**How do students use Edrolo?**

Edrolo is currently used by over 400 schools and 60,000 students and we are confident it is an extremely valuable investment, providing our students with a differentiated and targeted level of support as they embark on their final stage of secondary schooling.

**How will our students and teachers use Edrolo?**

We will use Edrolo as a tool to further enhance what our teachers are doing day-to-day.

Our teachers will be/have been provided with training on how to best utilise the resource, and you should expect them to guide students to make full use of Edrolo in a range of ways across the year, including:

- Holiday homework
- Pre-class work
- Post-class consolidation
- Assessment preparation
- Exam revision.

We are actively communicating with students about how to access Edrolo.

Edrolo has been deemed an outstanding support resource and will help provide our students with the best opportunity to perform to their potential.

Yours sincerely,

**The Science Faculty**



## ***International Students' "Big Day Out"***

Last Friday the International and Study Abroad students of Blackwattle Bay Campus enjoyed their "Big Day Out" at the Blue Mountains. This excursion had been planned as part of the International Students Program at Blackwattle Bay Campus as a cultural and welfare event.

They completed the Charles Darwin walk which connects Wentworth Falls Village with the Blue Mountains National Park. Students really enjoyed walking through the iconic Australian bush in the beautiful spring weather.

"It was a perfect day for a bushwalk in Blue Mountains since I got to have a break from all the school work and fully immerse myself into the beauty of nature. The spectacular scenery and beautifully blended blue sky were truly memorable," said Emily Phan.

Students then had lunch at Leura Village and visited Echo Point. Students were amazed by many fun facts about the Blue Mountains and the story about the Three Sisters shared by the ever-knowledgeable Mr Colcott.

"As we arrived at the top [of Echo Point] and looked up to the sky I felt as if I could reach into the clouds," marveled Chulan Fu.

At the end of the day some students, who had never experienced bushwalking before, found it challenging to keep up with its physical demands. Nevertheless, they cheered in celebration and triumph at the end of the round trip after consulting their pedometer apps noting that they had walked over 8 kilometers by the end of the day.

**Mr Santoro and Ms Liu**



# *Schools Spectacular Stage Crew*

Congratulations to Andrei Patrushev and Jade Schothorst of Year 12 Entertainment on their selection for the 2017 Schools Spectacular stage, sound and lighting crew. Both students were selected via a written submission from over 200 students state-wide to be part of the 16 person team. Andrei was operating audio for the performances while Jade was involved with the stage crew at Qudos Bank Arena on 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> of November.

The event involved a 2700 person strong choir, 2300 dancers and an 80 piece symphony orchestra and was televised across Australia. A very proud Blackwattle Bay moment!



# 2017 Learning Conference



Steaming the dumplings.



Enclosing the steam



Everyone was so good! Well done everyone!

## "Dumpling Wars"

During the first two days of the Year 12 Learning Conference our new Year 12 students formed teams of three to four students and learnt how to prepare ingredients for making dumplings. The ingredients included coriander, ginger, shitake mushroom, chicken mince and shallots. They then cooked their dumplings, first pan frying and then steaming them.

Of course, they got to enjoy their creations! Each team kept one star dumpling of their choice and presented this for judging. The winners received a large block of *Toblerone* chocolate to share!

Everyone did a great job and the judges were impressed with never seen before dumplings in the shape of a UFO, a love heart and a stingray!

Thank you to everyone for being such fantastic students throughout this Learning Conference workshop.

## Mr Mansfield



Masterchef presentation skills



Above: Taste testing.





# STUDY SKILLS HANDBOOK

## What do you do if you have left your study to the last minute?

In an ideal world it would be great if all students paid attention, focused and participated in all classes, completed all homework and assessments thoroughly, asked for help throughout the year on anything they didn't understand, made regular summaries of the work covered in class (preferably at the end of each topic or section) and did their best to learn as they go throughout the year.

But in reality, this doesn't always happen for every student and every subject.

So what can you do if you have left your study for tests and exams to the last minute?

### **5 TIPS FOR LAST MINUTE STUDY**

1. **FIND OUT FAST:** Be very clear what you need to learn and what will be tested. It is impossible to start your study until you are sure what you have to know. Find out as much as you can too about the exam format and the style of questions. Don't be afraid to ask your teacher. For each subject write a list of exactly what topics and areas you need to review.
2. **GATHER MATERIALS:** Do you have notes, materials, textbooks on everything you need to learn? If not, is there a friend who will let you photocopy the work you have misplaced? Is there an online portal where material from classes is stored? Can you borrow from the library additional books or textbooks on the topics you need to learn? Are past examination papers available?
3. **MAKE A PLAN:** You only have limited time left so you need to make the most of it. Draw up a grid that shows how much time you have left before your exams to study. Decide if you will spend equal time on each subject or if certain subjects need more time. Allocate subjects to the timeslots you have then decide exactly what you will do to prepare for each subject. For each subject make a list of what sort of study you should do to prepare for that subject. Brainstorm your ideas on how to prepare, ask your parents and teachers for feedback and share ideas with your friends.

4. **CREATE STUDY NOTES:** Target your notes to what will be tested. It is best for learning and memory to make your study notes yourself, but if you have run out of time there are options. See if any of your class materials or textbooks have summarised the sections you need, see if there are study guides available in the library on the topics to learn or make targeted notes yourself on the key areas you have to memorise. You could also see if there is a friend where you could split the topics between yourself and share the notes you make. Don't spend too long on this stage, it needs to be completed as quickly as possible.
5. **STUDY!** What does study actually mean? It means memorising the material you need to know so you can recall it in the exams, and practising the skills of the subject so you know how to do the types of questions you will have in the exam. To memorise your notes you need to test yourself over and over on them. You could read a section, see what you can write down without looking then check. Then review the things you didn't know again. Or you could do the same approach reading things out loud then seeing what you can repeat out loud. Doing questions, practise essays, past exam questions will also help you understand what you know, and what you need to spend more time on.

The key is to get started. No more procrastination, no more excuses. Start today!

You and your parents can learn more about study and examination techniques at [www.studyskillshandbook.com.au](http://www.studyskillshandbook.com.au) by logging in with the details below and working through some of the units.

Username: sscblackwattlebay

Password: achieve56

# VET NEWS

## WorldSkills Australia 2017 Regional Competition

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November, our school hosted the WorldSkills Australia 2017 Regional Competition in VET Information Technology. The competition is designed to evaluate a competitor's ability to develop ICT solutions to problems faced by public and commercial organisations wishing to implement productivity gains through the integration and expansion of their information and communication systems.

Students had to complete a range of interesting and challenging tasks that addressed five key competencies. The competition provided students with the opportunity to practice problem solving and helped reinforce prior knowledge.

Students across NSW attended and we are pleased to announce that a number of students from our IDT VET class were highly placed in the competition. Mike Cuffe obtained second place and Christopher D'arcey obtained third place. Well done to all competitors for being a part of the WorldSkills Australia 2017 Regional Competition.

A big "thankyou" to Ms Haire, Ms Waycott and Mr Goodyer, the VET teachers involved in the competition, who generously gave their time and support and helped make the competition such a success.

**Ms Chantel Waycott**  
**TAS Faculty**



## *News from the PDHPE Faculty*

We are lucky to have a number of highly talented athletes at Blackwattle Bay Campus. Here are some profiles of students who compete in their chosen sport at an elite level.



### **Amelia Whish Jacka**

Amelia is a figure skater who skates for a synchronised team called Southern Sky Synchronised. Synchronised skating involves a team of around 8-20 skaters aiming for perfect unison on the ice. It involves lifts, intersections, spins and many other things. She trains anywhere from 5-10+ hours per week. In October 2017 her team competed at the State Championships and achieved 2nd place. The team is training for the Australian Figure Skating Championships in Brisbane and its members are hoping to qualify for international competition.

### **Reuben Dunleavy**

Reuben is a very talented athlete in Tae Kwon Do. He was the Under 17 Champion at the National Tae Kwon Do Championships held in Bendigo in October 2017. Reuben has been NSW State Champion seven times. His two most impressive achievements in his sport so far have been being a quarter-finalist in the Under 15 World Tae Kwon Do Championships in Korea and a silver medal in the Under 15 Commonwealth Championships in Scotland. Reuben has the potential for a big future in his chosen sport.

### **Sari Simpson - Jones**

Sari has been skateboarding since she was about ten years old. She competes both nationally and internationally. She loves skating because it allows her to travel and constantly push herself. Sari also loves to encourage girls to jump on a board and face their fears.





## Sydney East School Sports Association Blues Awards 2017

For the first time since 2010 three students have been awarded the very prestigious “BLUE” award at the recent Sydney East School Sports Association Blues awards presentation at Dolls Point on Tuesday 14 November. Congratulations to Tal Lewis, Ben Brenner and Daniel Mizera.

### TAL LEWIS ROWING

Tal's achievements include participating in the NSWCHS Rowing Championships at Grafton 27-28 February 2017. 1<sup>st</sup> Inter-regional combined 8, 1<sup>st</sup> Championship men's pair. He made the final in the single scull.



### BEN BRENNER ROWING

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### DANIEL MIZERA SWIMMING

Daniel was an exchange student from Slovakia who attended SSC Blackwattle Bay for the first 6 months of 2017. He was an outstanding swimmer who excelled at the NSWCHS swimming championships at Homebush in April in 2017. He placed 1<sup>st</sup> in 200IM and 400IM. He also was placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 400fs. Daniel placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the 400IM at the NSW All Schools swimming championships in May 2017.