



BLACKWATTLE BAY CAMPUS

Bay Side

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Upcoming Events

12 November	Armistice Day Assembly
19 November	Recognition Assembly and Induction for Leadership Team P&C Meeting
21 November	College Well-Being Evening
26 – 30 November	Taste of Blackwattle Bay Week
6 – 7 December	IMP Jazz Workshop
8 December	Jazz @ the Bay

Principal's Report

Relieving Principal – Jan Cuke

After a wonderful end to Term 3 with many events celebrating the final weeks of Year 12 2018, this week we see the end of the HSC exams for another year. I am very proud of how our group of students have managed these important exams. We look forward to celebrating with our students when the HSC results are released on 13 December and the ATAR results the next day. We encourage students to let us know their ATAR as the school is not informed when the results are released. Year 12 students are invited to join their teachers on Friday 14 December at 11am for a final celebration morning tea in the Glasshouse Café.

By now most of our Year 12 students have applied for courses and placements for 2019. Students who need more advice about future options after receiving their HSC are encouraged to contact the Career Service Hotline on 1300300687. Until the end of this term they can also make contact with our Careers Adviser.

Graduation Night was a wonderful occasion for our whole college community: parents, family members, friends, students and our staff. I would especially like to thank Mr Morris, Ms Nicola, Ms Khodragha and our Administration Staff for the enormous work they put into creating this amazing event. To our wonderful Year Advisers, Ms Narelle Daniels and Mr Shane Pascoe, who have mentored and guided these students over the past two years a loud round of applause.

At the start of Term 4 we welcomed our new Year 12 students back to school and spent the first two days in the very successful Year 12 Learning Conference. We had some fantastic speakers and workshops and students were engaged and focused during the conference. I would like to acknowledge and thank the teachers who presented workshops over these two days.



Year 12 2018 Music Items at Graduation



The Wow Factor at Graduation



The hard-working Year Advisers finally relaxed after all 320 students graduated on 28 September 2018 at Sydney Town Hall

I believe these two days set the scene for the coming four terms. It is important students have all the knowledge of how the HSC works and know they are supported by our well-being programs. Students need to contact their Deputy Principal Ms Nicola, the School Counsellor, Head Teacher Well Being or their Year Advisers for advice and assistance in managing these busy four terms.

Term 4 has seen the launch of a new attendance program designed to further support our students HSC journey through improved attendance. The focus is on students being in all classes and on time unless ill. This includes the use of amber cards to allow students to track themselves on a daily basis. This is then shared with parents and teachers to encourage students to form good study habits. Sydney Secondary College relies on Sentral data to establish students' attendance patterns. If your son or daughter is late or absent as a result of illness or family reasons please be sure to notify the school in writing as soon as you are able so that we can accurately record this absence as explained. We are already seeing an improvement in students on time attendance to class after a very short period of following this procedure.

I am delighted to welcome a number of new teachers to Blackwattle Bay Campus. Mr Chris Roberts has been appointed to the HSIE faculty as a permanent member of staff and Mr Peter Adcock has joined us to replace Mr Amanda Wolf whilst she is on leave until the end of 2019.

Late in Term 3 I had the pleasure of being involved in the selection process of the School Leadership Team for the coming year. The field was very strong and so many outstanding topics were discussed during the leadership interviews. We hope during the coming year that much of this "student voice" can be introduced to further enhance student involvement in school life.

I would like to extend congratulations to our four school leaders for 2018-2019 and I look forward to working closely with them in their leadership role. The Induction of the School Leaders will take place on Monday 19 November during the Recognition Assembly.



**School Leaders: Simon Peyrachon,
Maddie Fox, Lia Perkins, Dylan Godwin**

Year 12 Hospitality Function

On Thursday evening September 6th, the parents of Year 12 Hospitality students were treated to a four course sit down dinner which gave them the opportunity to see the skills their offspring had learnt in the course put into practice.

The students worked throughout the day to prepare dishes including consommé followed by quiche and arancini for entree, a variety of freshly made pastas and sauces, ragout, cous cous and salads for the main course and polenta cake served with lemon curd and rhubarb and strawberry compote for dessert.

During the function our students were assessed on their skills in preparing dishes as part of their Hospitality course. Our Hospitality teachers working with the students on the day were extremely impressed by their skill and enthusiasm in preparing and serving dishes for the function and cleaning up after the event. All the students displayed excellent team work skills throughout the day. Our students are to be congratulated on putting together a great function. Their parents were very impressed with the food, service and very positive attitude of all participants.





Many of our students hope to forge careers in the Hospitality industry and this function was a valuable addition to their resume, providing practical experience of the planning and work that goes into running a successful dinner function. Thank you to all the parents who attended and to the students for all their hard work. Special thanks to our Hospitality teachers Ms. Frougas, Ms. Harper and Ms McBride and Kitchen Assistant Patty Wray for assisting and supervising students on the day and for the evening function. It was a wonderful event and a great way to celebrate the achievements of our year 12 Hospitality students.

**Denise Haire, Head Teacher,
Vocational Education and Training.**



Year 12 English Studies students go behind-the-scenes at Network Ten!

On Wednesday, September 12th, our students from Year 12 English Studies attended the filming of television game show *Pointless* at Network Ten, in Pyrmont.

Unlike the title of the show, the excursion was undertaken in conjunction with English Studies' ongoing investigation into how English is used in the media as part of their "Telling us all about it" unit of work. Many students found the experience a rewarding one, and it wouldn't be surprising to find some of them operating the cameras, psyching the crowd up or even hosting the show next time we go to Network Ten.

POINTLESS TRIVIA!

The premise of the show is to pose contestants with trivia questions that people have surveyed and to give the correct but most obscure – i.e. pointless – answer (and if this confuses you, think reversed Family Feud!).

Here are some questions that *Pointless* have asked their contestants previously. Can you give the most obscure answer?

Please give us the ten youngest winners - male or female of any tennis Grand Slam Singles Final in the modern era, that is after 1968 and up to and including July 2018.

Please tell us any studio albums released in Australia by AC/DC up to June 2018.

Name any nationality known in English by a name ending in the letters '-ese', according to the Macquarie Dictionary.

Answers at the end of this newsletter!

Liam Kinkead, Teacher, English Faculty



South Passage Tall Ship Sailing Expedition: EOI

Our Year 12 students currently have the opportunity to participate in a unique teamwork, leadership and adventure activity. It is an initiative designed to support our students as they prepare to deal with the pressures of the HSC year.

Activity: Learning to sail the 'South Passage' a 100ft gaff-rigged schooner that is owned and operated by the Sail Training Association of Queensland. It is a not for profit organisation that is crewed by volunteers with a background in sailing and a desire to make a difference in the lives of young people.

Students will work in teams to control the ship for a day of sailing on Sydney Harbour.

Venue: The South Passage will leave from our own Blackwattle Bay Pontoon for an adventure on Sydney Harbour.

Date: Tuesday 11 December 2018. (Week 9).

Time: 9am – 3pm (students should arrive by 8.45am).

Cost: \$70 payable at the front office by Friday 23 November.

EOI: the excursion is limited to 24 students.
Expressions of interest are due to Mr George by Friday 16 November to be involved in this fantastic opportunity with your peers.



A message from the School Leaders

As the week progresses towards its conclusion, so does our first month as year 12 students. We have successfully completed 4 weeks of our HSC year and whilst each faculty continues to gift each of their students a black and white striped assessment notification, our variety of leadership programs and committees are only beginning to blossom. Quite literally, as students from *the Ambassador* program recently formed an arrangement of poppies in preparation for Blackwattle Bay's annual Remembrance Day assembly.

Currently, student representatives belonging to the Ambassador program are assisting staff in arranging and formalising the details pertaining to the forthcoming Taster Week, which will host 460 students from Balmain and Leichhardt campuses giving them their first experience of life at Blackwattle Bay. As newly selected School Leaders, we are excited to welcome and assist the broad diversity of individuals in the transition from junior to senior campus.

In the midst of the various approaching events, the social justice and environmental committees have been successful in enticing new members and setting objectives and discussing ideas for the impending year. In addition, our SRC recently took to the voting booths in order to appoint student representatives as the new President of SRC, Vice President and Social Media Coordinator.

Blackwattle Bay Campus received the honour of attending the launch of the 2018/19 Youth and Wellbeing Plan at Strathfield Girls High School. Alongside Blackwattle's Head Teacher Wellbeing, Ms Rachael Hill, two of Blackwattle Bay's school leaders, Maddie Fox and Dylan Godwin, had the opportunity to experience and observe the launch of an interesting and significant initiative regarding youth wellbeing.

RUOK, MATE?

Ask the question. Change a life.
Visit ruokday.com

RUOK?
A conversation could change a life.

Boys stuff...RUOK? is a wellbeing and mental health initiative focusing on small groups of boys in Year 12 for 80 minutes each Thursday Period 1 with Peter George, Boys Adviser, and Matt Condon the Year 12 Year Adviser. The boys will have the chance to meet and connect with us during this time. The session will be spent kayaking and bike riding in our beautiful local surroundings on Sydney Harbour in Glebe. The sessions are based around involvement in physical activity and the idea that boys will talk about stuff while we are doing exercise rather than talking face to face.

We currently have large numbers of students in Year 12 and this program will attempt to treat students as individuals and provide the support needed for them to engage and be successful in their student life at Blackwattle Bay Campus.

P positivity
R relationships
O outcomes
S strengths
P purpose
E engagement
R resilience



The program will be targeting students from many cultural and SES backgrounds in Year 12 and aims to provide our boys with positive male role models.

Any students interested in being involved in the program should register interest with Mr George or email peter.c.george@det.nsw.edu.au



News from Special Education Faculty

An Excursion to Sculptures by the Sea

The sun was shining and birds were twittering in the trees as the Special Education Faculty set off last Monday on its annual pilgrimage to view “Sculptures by the Sea” at Bondi. The bus trip provided entertainment from some quirky individuals who alighted and departed the bus at various stages as it weaved its way around the quaint back streets of Darlinghurst and Paddington.

We arrived on schedule at Marks Park, Bondi, in time for a “Tactile Tour”, which provided a unique opportunity for students with disabilities to experience sculpture “hands-on” through touch and informed dialogue with experienced Art Gallery of New South Wales guides.

Most of our students had the opportunity to experience the coastal walk to Tamarama Beach where they discovered their favourite sculpture called “Cold Dead Hands” made from recycled steel car bonnets and enamel.

We had a very interesting day with an intriguing array of sculptures to discover connecting art and the environment.

Denise Mroz, Teacher, Special Education Faculty





Photos – Maria FitzPatrick, Teacher, Special Education Faculty

TALENTED ARTIST WINS GLEBE EXHIBITION AWARD FOR 2018

Congratulations to Stella Bennett for winning the 2018 Glebe Art Show Youth Prize for her striking self-portrait. Other commendable entries from Blackwattle Bay Campus were from talented art students Phillipa Goldsmith, Paul Wen and a triptych by Darwin Schultz.

Marissa Zaknich, Teacher, CAPA Faculty



VET Excellence Awards

Congratulations to Ryan Gandiaga who was the proud recipient of the Southern Sydney Business Education Network (SSBEN) VET Excellence Award for our school. SSBEN is the work placement broker who places all our VET students for their two weeks of mandatory VET work placement and each year they ask schools to nominate one Year 12 VET student for this award to recognise outstanding effort and commitment to their VET course.

Ryan was the nominee for our school as he has applied himself diligently and demonstrated a high level of commitment to his studies in VET Hospitality. Ryan would like to work in the Hospitality industry when he finishes school and his excellent progress in VET Hospitality has prepared him well for his future career. The award was presented at a breakfast event at Bonnie Doon Golf Club with representatives attending from SSBEN, industry, the Department of Education, and schools. Ms Roberts and Ms. Haire attended the awards ceremony with Ryan. He is a very worthy recipient of the award and a fine ambassador for our school.

Denise Haire – Head Teacher Vocational Education and Training.



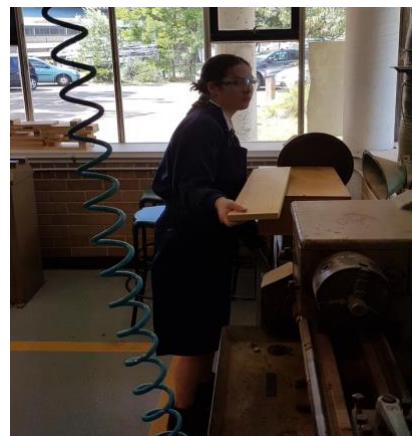
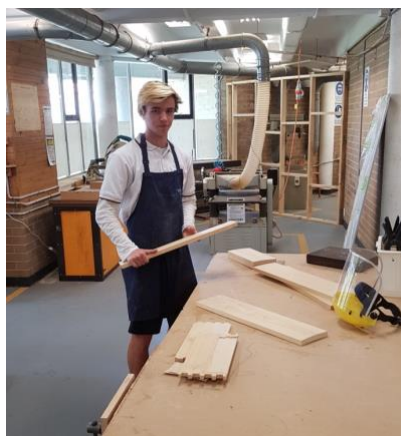
Ryan with Ms Sharon Roberts and Ms Denise Haire



Ryan receiving his award



Year 12 Construction – First day in the workshop.



Wellbeing Information Evening

As part of Sydney Secondary College's ongoing commitment to addressing the wellbeing needs of all our students, we are inviting parents to an information evening with guest speakers from our local community. The speakers will be covering a range of topics from general wellbeing issues concerning young people and how parents can support them, cyberbullying, what to be aware of and how parents can help to build a growth mindset with their child.

Guest Speakers:

Vicki Papageorgopoulos

Community Development and Engagement Officer
headspace Camperdown

Kim Harper

Student Wellbeing Initiatives, NSW DoE

Wednesday 21 November

6:45 - 8:00pm

SSC Blackwattle Bay

Library



Please register by the 19 November to confirm catering

<https://sscwellbeingevening2018.eventbrite.com.au>

Answers to the English 'Pointless' Trivia

ANSWERS

Tennis Grand Slam:

<https://tenplay.com.au/channel-ten/pointless/round-3-questions-and-answers/thursday-16-august>

AC/DC Albums:

<https://tenplay.com.au/channel-ten/pointless/round-3-questions-and-answers/monday-27-august>

Nationalities ending in the letters '-ese':

<https://tenplay.com.au/channel-ten/pointless/round-3-questions-and-answers/friday-31-august>