



BLACKWATTLE BAY CAMPUS

Bay Side

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Key Dates for Year 11 Term 1

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| 30 January | Year 11 Students return |
| 31 January | Year 12 Students return |
| 6 February | College Swimming Carnival |
| 8 February | College Presentation Day STH |
| 20 February | Ready for Life Program (Mandatory 25 Hour Program for Year 11 students) |
| 25 February | P&C Meeting |
| 28 February | Welcome to Year 11 Parents – P&C Event |
| 8 March | International Women's Day Breakfast |
| 29 March | Year 11 Progress Review available in Parent Portal |
| 8 April | Year 11 Progress Review Meetings begin |
| 10 April | Ready for Life Program (Mandatory 25 Hour Program) |

Principal's Report

Acting Principal – Jan Cuke

It is always an exciting time of the year for Blackwattle Bay Campus when we welcome our next intake of Year 11 students. By the time you receive this special edition of our newsletter for prospective parents, your sons and daughters would have almost completed their Taste of Blackwattle Bay Week. The program started in 2003 when the college was first formed and it remains today as one of the most important events for us. The transition between Stage 5 and Stage 6 studies is just as important as the transition to high school. The students in Sydney Secondary College also move campuses and "Taster Week", as it is commonly known, is a wonderful opportunity for students to have a taste of the course they have selected for 2019 as well as be introduced to the teachers who will be guiding and working closely with them as they complete seven terms of HSC studies.

This week also provides an opportunity for our Year 12 students to play a significant role in the organisation and operation of Taster Week. The Student Leaders, Student Ambassadors and the SRC have been very busy in ensuring all students are catered for during this week. They have coordinated activities each day, including a lunch picnic, environmental activities and a snapshot of the many activities and programs available to students at Blackwattle Bay Campus.

We have a newly formed Student Enrichment program for 2019 and there is such a diverse range of activities that there is sure to be something for every student to be involved in. It is the key to a smooth transition so that students get involved in campus life, meet new students and form strong and lasting relationships. We are very pleased to be able to also continue the Duke of Edinburgh program which is such an important program for students across the campuses.



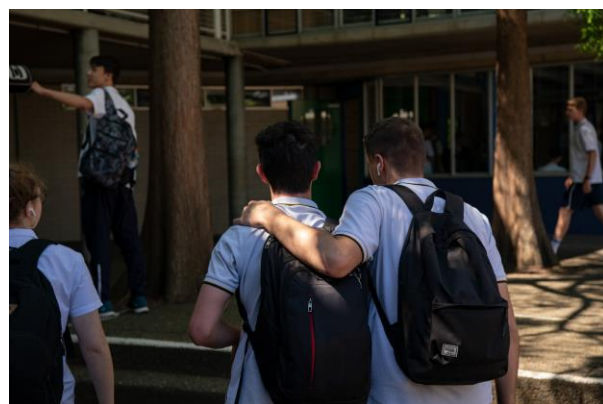


In the past weeks we have had two very important events at Blackwattle Bay Campus which highlighted student achievement and leadership. Our annual Recognition Ceremony was held in week 7 to celebrate student achievement in Year 11 courses. More than 150 of our students were presented with awards and many parents joined us for this event. The induction of the new school leaders was part of the ceremony. The week before the School Leaders and Modern History students coordinated a very moving Remembrance Day Assembly to commentate the 100 year anniversary of the signing of the Armistice Treaty. Students and teachers created 100 red poppies in the week before the event and the student body left the school hall to plant these poppies in our Remembrance Garden.



Although the main focus of Stage 6 Studies is the attainment of the HSC at the end of 2020, it is important students are involved in programs other than their academic studies. Universities and employers now value well-rounded students when they are selecting students for placement in courses, scholarships and apprenticeships and traineeships.

This newsletter also includes some important dates for parents of Year 11 2019 and other information such as bell times.



At Blackwattle Bay there is a t very active P & C and they are important part of the school, providing much needed funds as well as input into many programs and events throughout the school year.

In closing I would like to thank you for your attendance at our Enrolment Night and invite you to become an active part of our campus. Wishing all parents and students a happy and safe holiday and we look forward to Year 11 joining us for the start of the school year on Wednesday 30 January.

Special Education at Blackwattle Bay

Our friendly, helpful staff can be found in lower A Block and we are very happy to welcome any students who wish to come and ask any questions or for help of any kind. If we cannot help, then we can easily find the person who is able to.

We have many teachers and Learning Support Officers who work either in the Support Unit classes or across the school in mainstream classes or in Study periods. Their purpose is to help those who would like it with a particular emphasis on people with special needs.

Our major focus is to develop literacy skills for anyone who would like help in this. This means we can teach reading, comprehension, vocabulary development, spelling, handwriting clarity or writing skills for essays. We offer help both in class, withdrawal for 20 minute sessions or in Study Periods. We use a research and evidence based literacy program.

We also offer assistance to those people who want to apply for Disability Provisions in the HSC. Simply come and ask and we will assist you in this process.

We all hope that your stay at this wonderful Senior Campus is very enjoyable and successful,

Barbara Calder, Head Teacher, Special Education Faculty



Wellbeing at the Bay!

At SSC Blackwattle Bay Campus we have a large Wellbeing Team available to support student learning through the HSC process. This includes the Principal, Deputy Principals, Head Teacher Wellbeing, School Counsellor, Year Advisors, Girls and Boys Advisors and all other teachers and staff.

We continue to run numerous wellbeing initiatives throughout the year and are always happy to talk to parents and carers regarding how best to support our students. 2018 has seen the inaugural introduction of The Raise Mentoring Program. This is a program designed to offer students additional one to one mentoring support to engage with goal setting and positive self-esteem. Through this program we have been able to run an extra workshop enabling our students to access external business industry expertise and personal insights regarding employment.

In 2018 the year-specific mentoring program has gone online through the Edmodo platform. Students have been supported through fortnightly year meetings and small group mentoring sessions. The focus has been on supporting student wellbeing through general health, study skills and goal setting. Students now have 24 hour access to all resources and wellbeing sessions and can communicate with the Head Teacher Wellbeing through this platform also with suggestions or requests. This has been welcomed by staff and students and will be bigger and better in 2019.

To further support our students as they undertake their stage 6 studies we have also launched a new attendance procedure. This is designed to enable students to self-monitor, connect with staff (specifically the Head Teacher Wellbeing) and be in all classes and on time. We firmly believe that improved attendance allows students to feel more in control of their study and assessments and also allows them greater access to teacher support. The response from students has been amazing and they have embraced the process with a huge decline in any unexplained absences. As parents and carers it is essential that if your child is absent you report this through the correct channels, Skoolbag app, note or phone call to ensure that any absences are recorded as explained. It has been wonderful to see how proud the students are when shown their new and improved attendance. We will continue to celebrate this.

Rachael Hill, Head Teacher Wellbeing

Welcome to our International Students

Welcome to Sydney Secondary College, Blackwattle Bay Campus. We are pleased to provide you with the next two years of your International student experience and hope that this experience is both enjoyable and rewarding.

We hope you enjoyed Taster Week at Blackwattle Bay and had a chance to meet members of the International student support team during our meeting including Ms Cuke, our Acting Principal, Ms Liu, our International Student Coordinator, Ms Ma in the school's front office, and Mr Santoro, our EAL/D teacher. If you were unable to attend the International student meeting during Taster week, you will still receive your International Student Orientation Handbook in Term 1 next year. You will also have the opportunity to meet all the staff on the International student support team and receive information on other learning and wellbeing support you will be able to access at Blackwattle Bay.



We hope you have had a chance to meet all your teachers and year advisors as well as your future classmates. We also hope you have met all our International Students in Years 11 and 12 during Taster Week. Some of our International students have been studying in Australia for as long as three years, whilst others have only just arrived in Australia. Our International Students will study a broad range of courses across all the KLAs offered at our campus. We hope you settle in with the support of our teaching staff and Year 12 International students. Recently the achievements of the current Year 12 International students have been recognised at the school's Recognition Assembly. Ten out of fifteen Year 12 International students received multiple awards in different subjects for their academic achievement as well as their active participation in whole school activities.



Blackwattle Bay Campus offers all students the opportunity to participate in a wide range of whole school programs including the Student Ambassador program, SRC program, the Social Justice Club, the Environmental Team, Diversity Day, Splendour @ the Bay. New enrichment programs designed for senior students will also be established in 2019. Our International students actively participate in many programs and activities to maximise their experience of studying at our campus. In addition to whole school activities, a range of cultural activities are also offered to our International students to enrich their Australian study experience. These include excursions to Sydney's iconic Bondi Beach and the Blue Mountains. International students also actively support the school to provide a warm welcome to visitors from overseas. In 2018, our International students participated in programs to welcome student visitors from Japan and teacher visitors from China.

Blackwattle Bay Campus values the diverse cultural, ethnic and language backgrounds you bring to our school community. We look forward to getting to know you and having you as a member of our team of International students next year.

Chang Liu Teacher of Chinese/ International Student Support Team

Hafil Santoro ESL Teacher/ International Student Support Team

Remembrance Day 2018

On Monday 12 November our school community commemorated Remembrance Day. Sunday 11 November 2018 marked the 100th Anniversary of the Armistice which ended the First World War (1914-18).

One hundred year ago, the guns of the Western Front fell silent after four years of continuous warfare. With their armies retreating and close to collapse, German leaders signed an Armistice, bringing the war to an end. From the summer of 1918, the five divisions of the Australian Corps had been at the forefront of the Allied advance to victory. Beginning with their stunning success at the Battle of Hamel in July, they helped to turn the tide of the war at Amiens in August, followed by the capture of Mont St Quentin and Peronne and the breaching of German defences at the Hindenburg Line in September. By early October, the exhausted Australians were withdrawn from battle. They had achieved a fighting reputation out of proportion to their numbers. However, victory came at a heavy cost. They suffered almost 48,000 casualties during 1918, including more than 12,000 dead.





School leaders with poppies at the Remembrance garden.



Students and staff in front of the Remembrance garden after the assembly.

At our ceremony our school leaders, Lia Perkins and Maddie Fox, led the proceedings and outlined the importance of this occasion as a time of remembrance, a time to commemorate war dead from all conflicts. Our Acknowledgement of Country was given by Lachlan Barker-Kennedy and was followed by Martha Chess-Phelps who performed a moving song which set the tone for the ceremony. Daniel McKay-Smith read a beautiful poem "In Flanders fields" by John McCrae. The Ode was followed by the Last Post performed by Oliver Chaves. It was at this point we observed a Minute's silence. At the end of the ceremony, our Acting Principal, Jan Cuke, acknowledged the solemnity of the occasion with a personal reflection about "the war to end all wars."

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the official party and many of our students were invited to place poppies in the Blackwattle Bay Remembrance Garden which was planted in 2010.

Lest We Forget.

Mr Peter Morris, History Coordinator, HSIE Faculty

Recognition Assembly



STUDENT ENRICHMENT PROGRAM 2019

CRAFTY HIVE: Come join us to learn the craft of knitting, cross-stitching or crocheting. These ancient crafts have become more popular with young people who like to use their hands creatively and research has shown knitting can help with relaxation, mindfulness and enhance well-being.

For more information please visit the Crafty Hive stall outside the café at recess or lunch.

Ms Tran and Ms Waycott



ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE: A very active group of students and ably lead by Mr Chris Roberts are looking into ways of making Blackwattle Bay as GREEN AS POSSIBLE. Students are welcome to sign up in Taster Week.



SCRIPTURIENT

Are you a budding writer?

Do you daydream and let your thoughts constantly flow from one imaginative situation to another?

Are you the type of person who feels that they would like to share their voice with the general public?

Do you feel strongly about certain issues?

Do you have an interesting tale to tell?

Or are you an illustrator?

Would you like to create your own manga?

Do you have an eye for detail?

Are you witty and like to play on words?

Is poetry or prose your forte?

Do you love playing around with words?

If any of these seem appealing to you, perhaps you are SCRIPTURIENT... You possess a strong desire to write.

So come join the SCRIPT-U-RIENT group of budding writers and illustrators and create your own school magazine!

Other Student Enrichment programs for 2019 include:

- WRITE A BOOK IN A DAY
- FILM MAKING COMPETITION
- CHESS COMPETITIONS
- OUTDOOR TABLE TENNIS
- STUDENT COMMUNICATIONS TEAM
- MOCK TRIALS
- STUDENT AMBASSADOR PROGRAM
- SRC
- SOCIAL JUSTICE
- ARE YOU OK BOYS PROGRAM
- SOCIAL INC

Duke of Edinburgh International Program

Sydney Secondary College Blackwattle Bay will run the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award in 2019, an internationally recognised program for young people, building their skills to equip them for life and work. By creating opportunities for young people to develop skills, get physically active, give service and experience adventure, the Award can play a critical role in their development.

The choice to do the Award is entirely voluntary and every Award is different. Each participant chooses what activities they want to take part in for each section. It is a very personal program that offers young people a structure to fulfil their passions and ambitions in a way that suits them. Apart from the requirements for each section, and the safety training requirements for the "Adventurous Journey Section", the activities a participant chooses to undertake is entirely up to them. They have the freedom to progress through the Award according to their personal needs and abilities.

You can start your Gold Award if you are 16 years old or more. You'll need to do your activities in each section regularly for a minimum amount of time, for an average of an hour a week:

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| Physical Recreation | minimum 12 months | } | Plus an extra 6 months if you have not achieved your Silver Award |
| Skills | minimum 12 months | | |
| Service | minimum 12 months | | |
| Adventurous Journey | 4 days + 3 nights | | |
| Residential Project | 5 days + 4 nights | | |

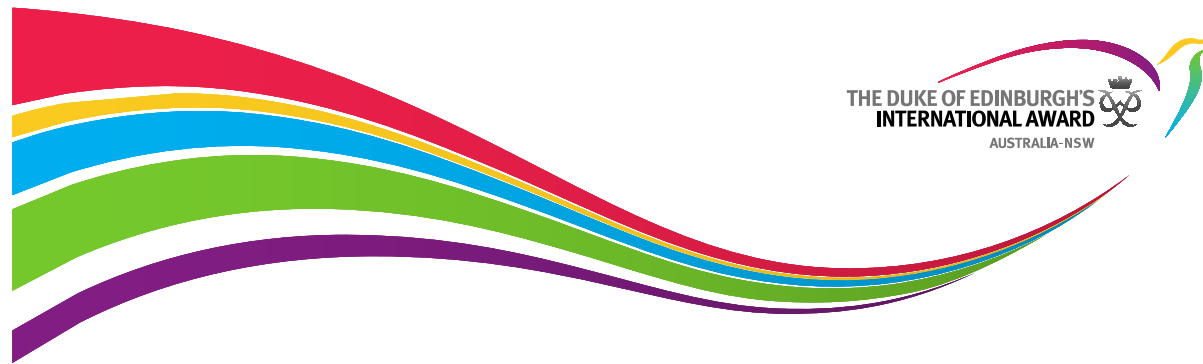
The "Residential Project" will involve you undertaking a shared activity or specific course with people whom you don't know that will build on a talent you've developed in another section, learn something completely new on an intensive course or do something to help others. It's a big, exciting and very fulfilling experience that will leave you with a great sense of achievement.

Cost: The Duke of Edinburgh Award costs \$125.00 payable to the school.

The school will provide support students with goal setting and administration but will not run the Adventurous Journey or Residential Project. Please research the cost of these sections before committing to the award. The Duke of Edinburgh website has a number of registered activity providers to contact, found at:

<https://dukeofed.com.au/resources/registered-activity-providers/activity-providers-search/>

Mr Adcock, HSIE Faculty



Award Unit & Participant Fee Schedule

PERIOD BEGINNING 1 JULY 2017

| Award Unit Registration | Fees |
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| All schools, national and state based youth representative organisations eg Scouts and Armed Forces Cadets | Costs all inclusive of GST |
| Award Unit Application Fee | \$120 |
| + Pro Rata Affiliation Fee* | \$372 |
| * calculation based on month of application from beginning of January each year | \$31 per month |
| Annual Affiliation Fee thereafter | \$372 |
| Participant Registration | Fees |
| Bronze Participant | \$130 |
| Silver Participant | \$135 |
| Gold Participant | \$160 |
| Change of level | \$35 |

For more information call 13 13 02
Email: dukeofed@sport.nsw.gov.au

Anticipated Bell Times 2019!

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Period 1 | 8.55-10.10 | 8.55-10.10 | 8.55-10.10 | 8.55-10.10 | 8.55-10.10 |
| Recess | 10.10-10.30 | 10.10-10.30 | 10.10-10.30 | 10.10-10.30 | 10.10-10.30 |
| Period 2 | 10.30-11.45 | 10.30-11.45 | 10.30-11.45 | 10.30-11.45 | 10.30-11.45 |
| <i>Break</i> | | | | | <i>11.45-11.50</i> |
| Mentoring | | | | | 11:50-12:10 |
| <i>Break</i> | <i>11.45-11.50</i> | <i>11.45-11.50</i> | <i>11.45-11.50</i> | <i>11.45-11.50</i> | <i>12.10-12.15</i> |
| Period 3 | 11.50-1.05 | 11.50-1.05 | 11.50-1.05 | 11.50-1.05 | 12.15-1.30 |
| Lunch | 1.05-1.45 | 1.05-1.45 | 1.05-1.45 | 1.05-1.45 | 1.30-2.10 |
| Period 4 | 1.45-3.00 | 1.45-3.00 | 1.45-3.00 | SP 1.45-3.00 | 2.10-3.25 |
| <i>Break</i> | <i>3.00-3.05</i> | | <i>3.00-3.05</i> | | |
| Period 5 | 3.05-4.20 | | 3.05-4.20 | | |