



BLACKWATTLE BAY CAMPUS

Bay Side

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Key Dates

8 March	International Women's day breakfast
11 March	Year 12 Parent Information Evening
12 March	Primary Parent Tours 10am – 11am
20 March	Diversity Day
29 March	Year 11 Progress Reviews
1 April	Year 11 Family Interviews
9 April	Year 12 Semester 1 Report available in Parent Portal

Principal's Report

What a wonderful start to 2019! It all began with the arrival of 430 new Year 11 students and some additional staff. During the holidays the refurbishment of the Administration Area and the Student Administration Area, including the installation of a new Attendance Kiosk, was completed and the much-anticipated bell and PA system was installed. The Student Administration Area caters for all student administration needs. This is the place where student can swipe in when required, talk to Carol Stephenson about any issues related to early leave or sick notifications, finalise payments for excursions and other events as well as sign into the Sick Bay if necessary.

We also welcomed a number of new staff appointed to Sydney Secondary College and Blackwattle Bay Campus. Ms Sarah Brown and Ms Kristy Francis have joined the Science Faculty, Mr James McCue, the Mathematics Faculty, Mr Andy Calvert, the English Faculty and Ms Anna Letsios has moved into the position of Careers Advisor. Ms Jennifer Edwards has also joined the TAS Faculty teaching Textiles and Design, Design and Technology and VET Hospitality. The Special Education Unit has also expanded and we are joined by two new staff members, Ms Olivia Rothwell and Ms Sue Parish. As well as permanent members of staff we have also welcomed cross campus teachers who will deliver a variety of courses over the next two years. Ms Liz Jones (PDHPE), and Mr Drew Furey (English).

The first few weeks of the year have also been dominated by a number of very significant events including our College Presentation Day during which students from across the three campuses of the college were recognised for their outstanding academic, sporting and citizenship performances during 2018. It was a fantastic event and it certainly makes everyone very proud to be part of the SSC community. The highlight of the event was the wonderful speech delivered by the 2018 Dux Jonathan Skelton. He took us on a journey through his six years in the college, and gave hope and inspiration to younger students, encouraging them to find their passion and to strive to achieve their best possible results whilst striking a balance between academic and regular life. In his final two years as an HSC student Jonathan participated in the East Timor Project as well as completing an exchange program in Japan.

In December 2018 we were able to celebrate with our outgoing Year 12 some outstanding HSC results. All students from the "Class of 2018" are to be congratulated for achieving their HSC credentials and establishing good post school options.

Last week I had the opportunity to attend the DE International Awards for 2018. One of our Year 12 2018 students, Emily Phan, was the recipient of two awards for outstanding academic performance and outstanding school service. Emily was very visible member of the School Ambassador program and worked conscientiously to achieve great results and ATAR in a new country and language.



The school population has increased to 790 students this year and as a result we have had two additional portable classrooms installed in our grounds. The school and the P & C work collaboratively to ensure we have all the facilities required for our young adult learners to thrive in their final two years. I encourage all parents to take an active role in the P & C and will join them on the third Monday of every month for their meetings starting at 6.30pm in the School Administration Area.

We have also established a Senior Enrichment Program to encourage engagement in campus life and to encourage the develop life long learning skills. Students have the opportunity of competing in a diverse range of activities

Relieving Principal – Jan Cuke



Thank you to the class of 2015 and 2017 for the gift to the school of table tennis tables.

Dux and runners up

Sydney Secondary College Blackwattle Bay Campus congratulates the three students placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the HSC!

HSC Dux 2018, Jonathan Skelton.

Jonathan has been accepted into a Bachelor of Science and a Bachelor of Advanced Studies with a double major in Physics and Mathematics and has been accepted into the Dalrymple Scholar Program, at the University of Sydney. He is a High School Certificate All Rounder and achieved a band 6 in 10 units in Chemistry, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2, Physics and Japanese Continuers. He was placed 1st in Chemistry, Japanese Continuers, Mathematics Extension 1, Mathematics Extension 2 and Physics with an ATAR of 99.55.

The Sydney Secondary College HSC Runner Up for 2018 was Don Choi. Don will be studying a Bachelor of Actuarial and a Bachelor of Commerce at UNSW this year. He achieved a band 6 in 6 units, in Chemistry, Mathematics Extension 1 and Mathematics Extension 2, with an ATAR of 98.70.

The Sydney Secondary College student in third place was Andy Balcomb. Andy will be taking a gap year then studying a Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Advanced Studies, majoring in mathematical sciences, being accepted into the Dalrymple Scholar Program at the University of Sydney. He achieved a band 6 in 7 units, in Chemistry, Engineering Studies, Mathematics and Mathematics Extension 1. He also came first in Engineering Studies, Mathematics and Mathematics Extension 1 with an ATAR of 98.55.

First in the State in Design and Technology

Congratulations to Elliot Malyon!



2018 HSC Results

The school is extremely proud to acknowledge the excellent HSC results from our 2018 HSC cohort. Exceptional achievements included:

- One student achieving the Premier's All - round excellence award, having achieved Band 6 in 10 units. Congratulations Jonathan Skelton on this achievement
- One student placed first in the state in Design and Technology. Congratulations Elliot Malyon on gaining a place on the Top Achievers list.
- Two students achieved Band 6 in 9 units. Congratulations to Benjamin Kelso and Isaac Wright.
- One student achieving an ATAR over 99.5: Jonathon Skelton (99.95) Dux of 2018.
- Four Students achieving ATARs over 98.00: Don Choi 98.70, Andy Balcombe 98.55.
- 15 students achieving an ATAR above 95.00
- 49% of all examinations completed by SSC Blackwattle Bay students achieving band 5 or 6 (state average 42.8%).
- 96% of all examinations completed by SSC Blackwattle Bay students achieving Band 4, 5 or 6 (state average 87.6%).
- Some outstanding individual course results include:
- Ext Music 100% of students achieved in the top band.
- Music 2 – 100% of students achieved Band 5 or 6.
- Music 1 – 77.8% of students achieved Band 5 or 6.
- Mathematics Extension 2- 88.2% of students achieved in top two bands.
- Ext History - 85.8% of students achieved Band 5 or 6.
- English Extension 1- 74.6% of students achieved in the top two bands.
- English Advanced – 62.7% of students achieved Band 5 or 6.
- Software Design and Development – 62.5% of students achieved Band 5 or 6.
- Modern History- 60% of students achieved Band 5 or 6.
- Mathematics – 54% of students achieved Band 5 or 6.
- Engineering Studies – 53.4% of students achieved Band 5 or 6.
- Society and Culture- 53.2% of students achieved Band 5 or 6.
- Visual Arts – 50% of students achieved Band 5 or 6.
- Japanese Continuers- 50% of students achieved Band 5 or 6.



The end is near for the class of 2019

The school year has started with a term highlight, the celebrations at College Presentation Day. Presentation Day gave us an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of the year and the excellent results HSC results from 2018.

There are some changes to the current 2019 HSC Assessment schedule. This year there is not a Mid-Course Examination which was traditionally, held at the end of Term 1. To reduce excessive stress and allow more time for teaching and learning the Assessment Tasks will be capped at four per course in Year 12 including the HSC Trial Examination. The link below outlines the reason for the new HSC assessment guidelines by NESA.

<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/about/initiatives/stronger-hsc-standards/streamlined-assessment>

The assessment calendar is posted on the school website at the beginning of each term. This is a place where you can look up the actual due dates. The Assessment Booklet was issued to the students at the beginning of Term 4 2018 and outlines the scheduled assessment tasks for each course, detailing the term and week and date that each task is due. A copy these documents can be found on the link below. If there have been any changes since the printing of these documents, then the students must receive these changes in writing.

<https://sscbwattle-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/learning-at-our-school/assessment/year-12.html>

It is wise to avoid booking a family holiday during the HSC year as this may coincide with assessment tasks and time required by the student to complete assessment tasks that relate to practical and performance examinations. The link below are important dates for 2019 HSC Practical and Performance examinations. Most of these submissions are due in Term 3. Therefore, students will require the school holiday period in between Terms 2 and 3 to complete their submissions.

<http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/wcm/connect/b8aace4a-1b05-4030-bc95-4afaa595e03f/2019-hsc-important-dates-performance-exam.pdf?MOD=AJPERES&CVID=>

Denise Nicola

Deputy Principal (Relieving)

School Leaders' report

As the relaxing mood of the holidays wore off the leadership team has become as busy as ever. As more than 420 Year 11 students flooded into their new campus, our ambassadors willingly sacrificed the last day of their summer holidays to assist with the important transition of this cohort. A few welcoming words and guidance around the campus helped ensure the Year 11's felt at ease with the start of their Stage 6 studies. Year 12 students returned to Blackwattle Bay the following day, feeling refreshed after a well-deserved break filled with relaxation, celebrations and study in preparation for their final few terms of schooling. With a new set of assessments just around the corner, both cohorts swiftly returned to their study routines.

The hard work and application of our peers over 2018 was hardly forgotten as Presentation Day rapidly approached. Student leaders from all three campuses united to rehearse and prepare for one of the most prestigious events of the year. On the day itself, student leaders stepped up in front of parents, special guests and their peers to represent each campus by chairing the assembly and announcing the multitude of award winners. The event ran smoothly, as we honored the achievements of 2018, we continued to reflect on the universal values of the College. Presenters, staff and ambassadors from each campus worked hard to ensure the ceremony would honor its purpose. As Year 12 students ourselves, it was of great importance to welcome back the 2018 cohort of school graduates to celebrate their many achievements. Not only was it enjoyable to be able to see our peers and friends from last year, it also inspired and motivated us to persevere with our studies and work even harder for our upcoming HSC.





Our Valentine's Day assembly was held in week 3 and both year 11 and year 12 cohorts miraculously managed to squeeze into the school hall despite a common disbelief in this possibility! Two of our year 12 students, Dylan Abduraman and Finn Purcell, courageously took the honour of hosting the ceremony of love and laughs alongside our very own rock band, "Jucifer", which performed a mixture of heavy metal and love music to truly encapsulate the Blackwattle Valentine's Day spirit. The assembly was a great success and truly was "the most seductive 20 minutes of your life" as our flamboyant librarian, Mr. Pascoe, accompanied our guest hosts in serenading a variety of Year 11 and Year 12 students. The serenades ranged from short, yet sweet sentiments, to page long expressions of love. A special thank you to John Yi, Audrey Tran, Arham, Louie Minnett, Marina, Kai Adam, Abi Wilkie, Keanu, Julian Zhu, Ankit Bailwal, Alex Danis, Jolie Adcock, Jimmy Chu and Lucas Holder Young for enduring their serenades with humour

The college swimming carnival saw many of our talented senior swimmers compete and students from SLR and PDHPE classes provided Mr. George with much needed assistance which contributed to an incredibly successful day. This term, we are looking forward to our International Women's Day breakfast on the 8th of March, and Diversity Day on the 21st of March. Students from our campus will also be participating in Clean-Up Australia Day on the 1st of March. This event has been organised by the environmental group. It's going to be a busy term!

Maddie Fox, Dylan Godwin, Lia Perkins and Simon Peyrachon.



Sport Report

College Swimming Carnival

At our most recent swimming carnival Frances Smith was a high achiever who impressed us all, completing seven swims and setting seven new records. Ryan Chiu was the boys 17+ Age Champion and placed 1st in 50 and 100fs.

Eight of our students will compete at the Bligh Zone Swimming Championships on the 25th of February at Enfield Aquatic Centre. Frances Smith was under 17s age champion and named swimmer of the meet.



NSWCHS Girls Cricket

Sarah Brine in Year 11 has been selected to represent Sydney East School Sports Association at the NSWCHS Carnival at Raby on 18-21 February.

NSWCHS Rowing

Twenty rowers from our College will be competing at Grafton on 25-26 February in the NSWCHS Rowing Championships. They have been training very hard under the direction of Brad Smith from Glebe Rowing Club and we look forward to outstanding results in this competition.

NSW All-Schools Triathlon

James Olson Keating is representing our College and will be competing in Penrith on 28 February before flying to Tasmania to compete in an Oceania Triathlon Event. Best of luck, James.

Lunchtime Sport

Balancing the demands of senior school with regular physical activity is being addressed at our campus with our lunchtime sports program. It is open to everybody with badminton on Mondays, volleyball on Wednesday and basketball on Friday.

Year 11 Sport

Sport is mandatory for all Year 11 students and a range of early-bird, not so early and Thursday afternoon sport sessions are offered to meet the demands and interests of students. Ensure you see Mr George or email peter.c.george@det.nsw.edu.au with any concerns.

Peter George**PDHPE Faculty**

Congratulations to Hannah Baker who has been selected in the NSW CHS girls water polo team to tour the USA and Canada.

Congratulations to Sarah Brine who represented Sydney East at the NSW girls cricket carnival.

CHS rowing regatta – Grafton 25th to 26th Feb

Our school was represented by 13 athletes and we came home with a total of 12 medals and a 3rd place on the medal tally. This is an amazing result and the school is proud of all athletes.

Championship Womens Single Scull	Maxine Franz Miku Johnson	Gold medal 5 th place
Championship Mens Single Scull	Namkhai Stylianou	Gold medal
Under 17s Womens Single Scull	Zoe Reid	Gold medal
Championship Mens Coxed Quad Scull	Oscar Tierney, Marco Cirjak, Oliver Ryan, Namkhai Stylianou, Cox: Jesse Newton	Gold medal
Championship Womens Double Scull	Maxine Franz and Zoe Reid	Gold medal
Championship Mens double scull	Marco Cirjak and Namkhai Stylianou	Gold medal
Mens Under 17 Double Scull	Gus Tierney and Finn Mckendry David Lee and Andreas Migdalias	Gold medal 4 th place
Women's Inter-Regional Eight	Maxine, Zoe and Miku	Silver medal
Mens Inter-Regional Eight	Oscar, Gus, Andreas Migdalias, Oliver, Finn Mckendry, Marco, David Lee, Cox: Jesse Newton	Silver medal
Mens Under 17 Coxed Quad Scull	Gus Tierney, Finn Mckendry, David Lee, Andreas Migdalias, Cox: Kaelan Crawford	Silver medal
Mens Under 17 Single Scull	Andreas Migdalias	Silver medal
Championship Mens Pair	Jesse Newton and Kaelan Crawford	Bronze medal

Individual awards:

Maxine Franz - Most Outstanding Female Competitor at C.H.S Rowing Championships
Namkhai Stylianou- Most Outstanding Male Competitor at C.H.S Rowing Championships

