



BLACKWATTLE BAY CAMPUS

# Bay Side

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## Key Dates for Term 4

October 14 - 15	Year 12 Learning Conference
October 16	Gala Basketball Day
October 17	Raise Mentoring Graduation
October 21 – November 22	Support Unit Transition Program
October 23	Bligh Zone Touch Gala Day
October 25	Year 11 Academic Statements available on Parent Portal
October 28 and 31	Year 11 Parent Teacher Interviews
November 8	Bligh Zone Sports AGM
November 8	Extension Science excursion University of Sydney
November 11	Year 12 Formal
November 18	Year 11 Recognition Ceremony

# Principal's Report



Congratulations to our outgoing Year 12 students for completing the formal component of their secondary schooling. I feel confident our students have been well supported, not only for the upcoming HSC Examinations, but also for their future pathways and I wish them all the best with their future endeavours.

## School Leaders

I had the recent pleasure of being involved with the process of handing over student leadership roles to a new group of students. I was most impressed with the maturity, integrity and thoughtfulness of our current school leaders who played a key role in managing the process. Congratulations to Oscar Dow, Oscar Iredale, Lucy Crawford and Illania Jones on their selection as 2020 School Leaders.

## Minister's Visit

On the 29th August the school had the pleasure of hosting the Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning, Sarah Mitchell and the Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education, Geoff Lee. The purpose of the visit was to launch the Life Launcher website <https://www.lifelauncher.nsw.gov.au/>. This website is designed to help students make career choices.

This term we farewell Mathematics teacher Jack Wilson and wish him well in his retirement. We also farewell HSIE teacher Ms Jessica Hawken and wish her all the best in her new Head Teacher position. Both these teachers have provided outstanding teaching to students during their time at Sydney Secondary College Blackwattle Bay Campus. Mr Adcock will take up the role of College Head Teacher, Teaching and Learning for Term 4 and we wish Science Assistant, Ms Larramendi, all the best as she takes a permanent position at Kogarah High School.

I'd like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday.



**Ms Leiza Lewis, Principal**

# Deputy Principal's Report

This is my final message to the Class of 2019. It has been a fantastic journey over the past 2 years but I am sure for many of you you will be delighted it has come to an end. The last few weeks of the school year have been full of lovely little events where you have been able to consolidate your strong friendships forged over many years.

The Major Projects and Performance events have all finished and it was great to see the talent and effort that went into these projects as part of your HSC. The highlight of course was the Year 12 Graduation with family and friends attending to witness a major milestone in your lives.

On Tuesday the "Big Day Out" was filled with happy times with so many participating in the Skyzone activities and BBQ at Mort Bay. All teachers appreciated the "Thank You Morning Tea" on Wednesday, especially your baking skills.

So what is left now? Lots of study and revision time over the next three weeks to prepare for the final exams. Make sure you establish a good routine, with some relaxation time built in including exercise and healthy eating. I encourage you to meet up with friends to study in various libraries as well as engaging in independent study at home. It is important to vary your study locations.

It has been a pleasure to have been your deputy principal in your final two years. I am very proud of how you have managed them and thank the many groups which have organised big events such as the formal, the Yearbook, Splendour@theBay, Diversity Day,

Sleepover and the Big Day Out.

Look after yourselves and make sure that you maintain good friendships. I believe the world will be in good hands when you become the leaders of business, work and politics over the next 30 years. Remember you are now a member of the BLACKWATTLE BAY ALUMNI.



Year 12 students enjoying reading their Yearbook.

**Ms Jan Cuke**

**Year 12 Deputy Principal**

## Report from our School Leaders

The end of Year 12 is approaching fast and the responsibilities of leadership have greatly intensified as we begin to finish a fabulous year, prepare for the final plethora of farewell activities and cry ourselves to sleep over the end of school life.

In the final weeks of school, we four school leaders and a range of staff members embarked on the process of selecting the new leaders for 2020. It was a thorough and truly inspiring process which saw us meet with many willing and dedicated applicants who could all have done great things for our school. After an entire day of interviews and lengthy discussions among the team of decision makers, the incredibly tough decision was made. On behalf of the 2019 school leaders, we would like to congratulate Lucy Crawford, Oscar Dow, Oscar Iredale and Illiana Jones in becoming the new school leaders for 2020. We wish you well for the coming year, but we are confident that you'll never live up to our glorious legacy!

We had the honour of chairing our final assembly at Sydney Town Hall on September 20th for the Year 12 Graduation Ceremony, an occasion we will never forget. It was truly wonderful to see the presentation of all the academic, sporting and cultural awards to members of our cohort, the amazing musical performances of the Wind Orchestra and the Year 12 Music 1 class, as well as Gertrudis and Alida, their grandmother and Ms Thompson as well as joining everyone in our year to cross the stage and receive our graduation packages. The night couldn't have gone any better. Congratulations to Paul Wen on receiving the Blackwattle Bay Academic Award for HSC Assessments, to Spyridon Korras on receiving

the award for VET Student of the Year, and to Gertrudis Ondo Akeng on receiving the award for International Student of the Year. Special congratulations and thanks to Alia Ardon, for her prizes, the People's Choice Award and also the School Leader's Award for her dedication to the school. Her help for the past two years has been very much appreciated. A huge thank you to everyone involved in having made this night so special. We would like to extend our thanks particularly to Ms Cuke, Mr Morris, Ms Nicola, Mr Wilson, Ms Khodragha and Ms Campbell for their amazing efforts behind the scenes to ensure that it was a graduation that we will remember forever.

Now, as we approach the end, our last week at school will be filled with productive workshops, excursions and last farewells to members of the college community before we depart once and for all. On Monday, we look forward to partaking as a cohort in various workshops organised by our hardworking teachers in order to perfect and tweak our skills for the HSC, with workshops focused on topics such as essay writing and how to prepare for multiple choice questions as well as general revision. The "Big Day Out" this year, an excursion for the whole year to enjoy, will be held at Skyzone, a trampoline park in Alexandria, followed by a picnic. Having organised this event, we hope that students in our year group will enjoy the opportunity to jump around a little and spend some quality time with their peers outside of our regular learning environment. Wednesday will also be an important day when we will thank our teachers over morning tea, followed by a quiet Thursday with a few workshops to finish off

our final week at school.

After a year of hard work, yearbooks will finally be given out in week 10. We hope year 12 and their parents enjoy it as much as we do, and that the constant pestering for yearbook payments to the rolls desk was necessary. A special thank you to May Tun, Winnie Wang, Ashley Lim and Wilson Che for volunteering time on top of your HSC studies to create this wonderful piece of memorabilia that will stay with us forever.

As our time as School Leaders approaches the finish line it is surreal to picture that all 13 years of schooling is coming to an end. It has been truly an amazing experience and a pleasure to be the 2019 School Leaders. Since stepping into the roles of leadership, Blackwattle has been a second home to us and we have been welcomed with open arms by both staff and students. Representing the college at several wonderful events and sharing these experiences with the parents and students through the school newsletter has been a true honour. We are terribly sad to say goodbye to such a great school and our fellow Year 12 students who have become like family, but we are eager to see where this next chapter takes us. To the students reading this, it has been a privilege to represent you and work with you and we wish you all the very best with your studies and in life. To the teachers and staff, we couldn't have made it this far without your guidance and support, to name a few, thank you to Ms Cuke, Ms Fitzpatrick, Ms Lewis, Ms Nicola, Ms Hill, Mr Condon, Ms Hawken and Ms Daniels. We couldn't have done this without you. To finish with the words of Winston Churchill that each Year 12 student needs to hear - "Success is never final. Failure is never fatal. It is courage that counts."



**Year 12 School Leaders with our new School Leaders for 2020 at Graduation**



**Rohan Jain, First in Engineering Studies and Spyridon Korras, First in Vocational Education and Training posing with teacher, Mr David Sunderland at Graduation**



**Simon Peyrachon, Lia Perkins, Maddie Fox and Dylan Godwin, School Leaders 2019**

# CAPA Reports

## Drama Report

Our HSC Drama students have now successfully completed all the assessment tasks in Performance and the Trial HSC Written Exam. These students successfully showcased their Individual Performances of monologues and Group Performances which were totally self-devised. Along with this, we had two students who chose to do their Individual Project in Scriptwriting and Costume Design. We wish these students all the best as they approach their final study prior to sitting for the HSC Exam in October.

The Year 11 Preliminary Drama students have now completed all their coursework and have sat for their Yearly Drama Written Exam. This year saw these students showcase imaginative and engaging self-devised Group Performances at the Year 11 Drama Night. Many of these students will continue their studies in Drama as they meet the challenges of the HSC Drama course beginning in Term 4 of 2019. The popularity of Drama as a subject at Blackwattle is growing and we are expecting even greater numbers of students enrolling in the subject next year.

**Mr Leo Sorbello, Teacher, CAPA Faculty**

## Music Report

What a busy past few weeks it has been! Congratulations to all HSC Music 1 students who completed their NESA HSC Performance exams on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> September and Music 2 and Extension students who performed on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September. All

students gave their best and are to be congratulated on their efforts. A big thank you to Ms Thompson and Ms Hiu for preparing our Year 12 students and to all parents and tutors for their support and guidance.

We would also like to congratulate Year 12 students Bertie, Gabriel, Jack, Art, Oliver, Jesse, Jamie, Henry, Audrey, Francis and Ruby on their participation in Music in the Park on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September. What an amazing sound!

We wish all our Year 12 students the very best in their HSC Examinations in October. Congratulations on your efforts over the past two years and all the best for your future endeavours.

**Ms Gabrielle Hiu, Music 2 and Extension Teacher, CAPA Faculty**



## Visual Arts Reports

### Year 11 Collaborative Relief Sculpture

Year 11 Visual Arts students have finished the year with a collaborative relief sculpture inspired by the local area. They have completed a case study on a variety of artists including American sculptor Louise Nevelson who is known for her monumental monochromatic wooden wall pieces. The assemblage sculpture featured below can be viewed in C Block.



**Ms Denise Nicola**

**Head Teacher,**

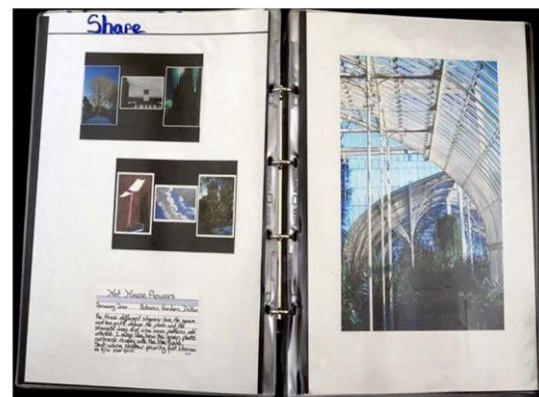
**CAPA Faculty**

### The Importance of Portfolios

Portfolios are used in subjects such as Photography, Design and Visual Arts. They are very significant in demonstrating how compiling, reviewing, and evaluating student work over time can provide a richer, deeper and more accurate picture of what students have learned and are able to do as opposed to more traditional methods of testing.

Portfolios provide students with the opportunity to create a record of activity and achievement that can be used beyond the school environment with employers when seeking work and gaining entry to specialised higher degree programs.

This year, students have felt a great sense of achievement putting together their portfolios as the process has made them appreciate what they have learnt and how far they have progressed when seeing examples of their work over time laid out in themes.



**Ms Marissa Zaknich**

**Teacher, Photography and Visual Arts**

**CAPA Faculty**

# Support Unit Report

## Visual Arts in the Support Unit

Students in our Visual Arts class in the support unit have been working hard recently on a project to create their own “trptych” exploring the theme of cityscapes. The word “trptych” is an art term which means a work of art presented as three panels or compartments, side by side, showing pictures, carvings or other artworks. It is therefore a type of polyptych, the term for all multi-panel works. Most people would be familiar with the kinds of religious triptychs made by artists in early Christian art or screens in the tradition of Japanese art. The middle panel is typically the largest and is flanked by two smaller related works, although there are triptychs of equal-sized parts. Artworks in a triptych can stand alone as works of art but work equally as well as a group of artworks which may tell a story.

For inspiration our students looked at images in the picture book “The Cat and the Bird”, illustrated by Peggy Nille, which in turn were inspired by the artist Paul Klee who was influenced by movements in art that included Expressionism, Cubism and Surrealism. The works were created with watercolour and gouache on watercolour paper. Soft pastels were applied over the top to make the colours really pop. Our students have created their own series of works which are both distinctive and impressive and which demonstrate an increasing confidence on their part in using a range of materials and techniques when engaging in the artmaking process. Some of our students enjoyed this project so much that they have created even more works

on this theme so that now they have four or more panels! I hope you enjoy viewing the triptychs created by Sufia Khan, Soulomon Bezzina – Zammit and Jacob Pezzullo.

I would also like to acknowledge the hard work and achievement of our Year 12 Visual Arts students who will be attending art classes at Studio Artes in Rozelle when they leave our campus. I hope that they will continue to build on their artmaking skills and produce more amazing artworks in the future.



**Ms Maria FitzPatrick, Teacher, Visual Arts,  
Special Education Faculty.**





# Music in the Park

Many thanks for everyone's efforts in making Saturday another great day of community and music. Despite the wind, the ensembles sounded excellent and everything ran like clockwork. Well done to all involved.

Particular thanks to Kristie Rue, Ling Chan, the stall leaders and the many volunteers who made the day possible. A special mention to John Collyer and the sound team for working their magic, to Ade Chope for driving and coordinating the heavy lifting, and to Val Melvin and Ali Vildos for donating wonderful raffle prizes.

Well done to the jazz bands who performed on Sunday as well as Saturday for the LPS Fete. We have a few more performances coming up this term, watch this space for updates and reminders.

Please view some great pictures of the day. You couldn't tell it was windy - apart from all the pegs!



**Cameron Barnett, Music Administrator, SSC Instrumental Music Program.**

# Glebe Art Show

For many years, under the guidance of Visual Arts teachers at BWB campus, students and staff have entered artworks into the Glebe Art Show. This year the exhibition will be held at the Tramsheds from October 23 – 27. If you would like to find out more about this fabulous exhibition please see Ms Marissa Zaknich, Visual Arts Teacher, CAPA Faculty.

## Our Year 12 students say “Farewell”



**Year 12 Construction students posing with their gifts to their teachers – a refurbished teacher’s desk and a D & T work trolley.**