



# FAIRVIEWS

*I Learn to Live*

Term 2 Week 9 Tuesday 22 June 2021

## FAIRVALE HIGH SCHOOL - AMBASSADOR SCHOOL



At Fairvale High School, the most popular after-school activity for Year 10 students is the Algebra Club. It is entirely voluntary and involves an age group that can be difficult to get out of bed, let alone go to an extra maths class. Yet around 50 students attend each session, thanks to a school-wide culture of constantly striving for improvement.

“The word we use is relentless,” said Head Maths teacher Steve Barbuto.

“It never stops. Day in, day out, we’re writing something for someone, fixing something up here, fixing something up there. We’ve been doing this for 10 years now, it’s become cultural.

”Fairvale High leads the state in improving its students’ literacy, numeracy and attendance, so has been named one of the public system’s first ambassador schools, alongside Auburn North Public and Millthorpe Public.

“[They are] statistical outliers, who had performed really well compared with similar schools, that’s what made them stand out,” said NSW Education Minister Sarah Mitchell. “These schools have the X factor. It’s about capturing what it is that makes those schools so successful, then trying to scale that across the system.”

***“Why the Algebra Club is the most popular activity at Fairvale High School”***  
***Story by Jordan Baker, photo James Brickwood - The Sydney Morning Herald 15 May 2021***



Artist impression of the Fairvale High School upgrade

# Fairvale High School

## Project update

June 2021

### Investing in our schools

The NSW Government is investing \$7 billion over the next four years, continuing its program to deliver more than 200 new and upgraded schools to support communities across NSW. This is the largest investment in public education infrastructure in the history of NSW.

The NSW Department of Education is committed to delivering new and upgraded schools for communities across NSW. The delivery of these important projects is essential to the future learning needs of our students and supports growth in the local economy.

### Project overview

A project is underway to upgrade Fairvale High School. The project will increase the school's capacity and includes:

- 30 permanent teaching spaces including specialised classrooms for science, technology and food technology (Block K)
- new multipurpose hall including gym facilities, stage and canteen (Block J)
- improved outdoor play space, including a new covered outdoor learning area (COLA)
- new and expanded staff administration facilities

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### Progress summary

Work on the school upgrade is progressing well.

The building structure for the new two storey multipurpose hall (Block J) is complete, and internal fit-out is underway. The new hall will include multipurpose sports courts, a raised stage, student amenities and storage rooms, canteen, specialised PDHPE classrooms, fitness lab and seminar room.

The building structure for the permanent teaching spaces (Block K) has been completed. Internal fit-out is underway, with painting and joinery installation in progress.

### Next steps

- Continue with internal fit out of levels GF, 1 and 2 (Block K). This includes the new administration area, classrooms and toilet blocks.
- Continue with the internal fit-out to Block J.

The project is anticipated to be completed late 2021.

### Keeping you updated

We will keep the local school community and residents informed as the project progresses.



## STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL INDUCTION

On Wednesday 19 May, our 2021 SRC team was officially inducted as members of the Representative Council. The ceremony was led by our School Captains Stephanie Lin and Nicholas Ly.

The event was also attended by many proud parents. Dr. Seto presented the students with their badges and they also signed the historic pledge book. It was a proud moment and a great honour for all involved.

Thank you to Dr. Seto, Senior Executives, Stage Co-ordinators, SRC team, Ms Grills, the Administration team and Ms Garcia for photographing the event.



Congratulations to the following Student Representative Council:

<b>YEAR 7</b>	Julian Maljkovic
<b>YEAR 7</b>	Stephanie Tan Vo
<b>YEAR 7</b>	Bernice Lee
<b>YEAR 8</b>	Sama Roy
<b>YEAR 8</b>	Nineveh Shmoel
<b>YEAR 8</b>	Christopher Tran
<b>YEAR 8</b>	Aaron Vi
<b>YEAR 9</b>	Sama Al Hadaya
<b>YEAR 9</b>	Cherisa Zhang
<b>YEAR 10</b>	Danyela Tobya
<b>YEAR 10</b>	Marya Atallah
<b>YEAR 11</b>	Helena Exequiel
<b>YEAR 11</b>	Valentina Sol Silva
<b>YEAR 12</b>	Alina Al Hadaya
<b>YEAR 12</b>	Ryan Lieu

<b>CAPTAIN</b>	Stephanie Lin
<b>CAPTAIN</b>	Nicholas Ly
<b>VICE-CAPTAIN</b>	Raja Al-Saberi
<b>VICE-CAPTAIN</b>	Jacky Minh Luu
<b>JUNIOR CAPTAIN</b>	Imeelya Al Hadaya
<b>JUNIOR CAPTAIN</b>	Mohammed Qays
<b>SPORT CAPTAIN</b>	Alisha Ali
<b>SPORT CAPTAIN</b>	Hollie Easton
<b>SPORT CAPTAIN</b>	Sydney Ung

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT REP.**  
Sam Le Dang Khoa Tran

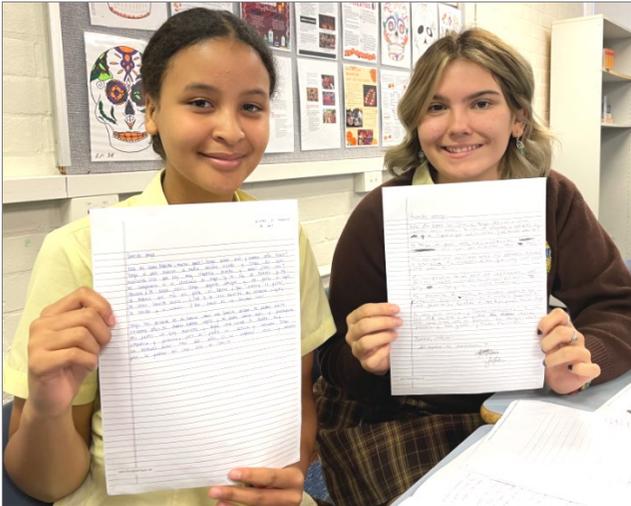
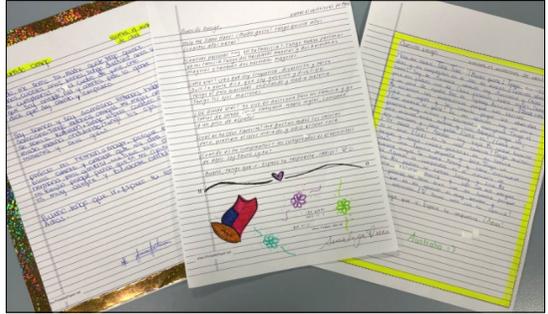
**ABORIGINAL STUDENT REP.**  
Jade Hill

*Ms Sleiman - SRC Coordinator*

## LANGUAGES - HOLA! COMO ESTAN?

### PenPal Program Year 11 Spanish Beginners

Year 11 Spanish Beginners are participating in a PenPal program with students from Coffs Harbour High School. The PenPal program is a great opportunity for students to share their passion of Spanish and make new friends while simultaneously developing their writing skills in Spanish.



Students begin writing about themselves and their family in Spanish using vocabulary taught in Term 1 and ask a variety of questions for their PenPals to respond. They are then sent to Coffs Harbour High School where students read our letters and write a response.

Students will have the privilege to participate in the PenPal program until the end of Year 12 and will consolidate all the concepts learnt in Stage 6 Spanish Beginners.

*'Our pen pal program has been excellent! Not only are we applying the Spanish we learn in class, but we are simultaneously building strong friendships with other students. It's truly an exceptional form of teaching! Valentina Sol Silva, Year 11 Spanish Beginners*

**Ms Ortiz - Languages**



## CREATIVE ABORIGINAL ARTORK IN HISTORY

Students in Year 8 study the topic Aboriginal and Indigenous Peoples, Colonisation and Contact History. To finish off the topic, students were given the chance to submit a creative Aboriginal artwork. Students needed to incorporate Aboriginal history, culture and traditions in their designs. Out of 60 artwork submissions the following students were rewarded for their creative designs.

**Ms Brown - History**



## CONSTRUCTION - BY OUR VERY OWN STUDENTS

On Wednesday 2 June 2021, Mr Atkins and Mr Narayan's Year 12 VET Construction students, participated in a concreting project at Fairvale High School. The students learned to safely install formwork, reinforcement, place and finish concrete for the construction of minor slabs and pathways for two footpaths near the Trade Training Centre.

On the day, both classes worked well and were enthusiastic in completing their assigned duties. Skills demonstrated were of industry standard. The practical work component of the task was completed at the school site with appropriate signage and exclusion zones maintained, and correct PPE was worn. They overcame a minor inconveniences as the concrete truck was late, and had to mix the last section of concrete manually - using a wheelbarrow and shovel. The mishaps didn't dampen their enthusiasm and the footpaths were completed successfully. Students learned skills in the use of concreting tools, equipment, materials and simple forms, which include working with other members of the team.

Congratulations Year 12 Construction team for a job well done!!



*Mr Atkins & Mr Narayan - Industrial Arts*

## HOME ECONOMICS - EGG BABIES

This semester in Year 9 Child Studies, students have been studying the importance of positive parenting. As part of their assessment task, students had to care for a fresh 'egg baby' for one week. Students randomly selected the gender of their babies, some students were surprised with twin babies.

The students enjoyed decorating their 'babies' and naming them. They had to take their 'egg babies' everywhere with them and protect them from breaking – especially during PD/H/PE and their recess and lunch breaks. The students enjoyed this task, however, they were happy to hand over their 'egg babies' at the end of the week.

*Ms Sleiman - Home Economics*



## DEBATING - STRONG WORDS

Over the course of this term, the Year 11 Debating team, have participated in three debates, reigning victorious in two.

This is our story. There's no thrill like that of sitting! Sitting in an uncomfortably warm classroom as a buffering connection prolongs your fate. Sharing frightened whispers to your teammates as the orange envelope is opened, exposing with it; the topic. Affirmative or negative?

You turn to your teammates, no time to deliberate. Laptops switched off, only you, your brain, and a whiteboard marker. Mind-maps sprout from nothingness as incoherent sentences rebound between classroom walls. There's a knocking at the door. Time's up.

You're sitting, again. Side by side with your comrades as the war of words begins. The opposition, proposing a model. Morphing your words into molten metals before molding them into bullets, striking you in the back.

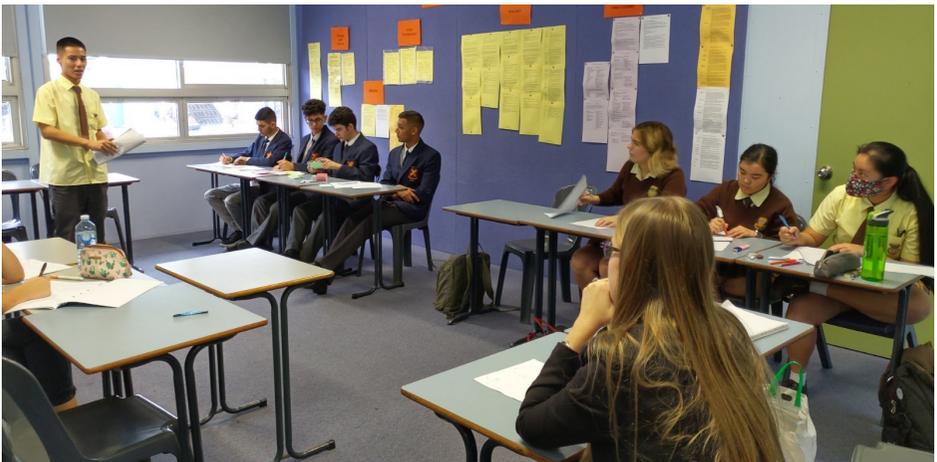
"I am the third speaker of the Negative team and I would like to point out the absolutely inaccurate claims made by the opposing team". Your voice cracks as you say this, rambled runoff speech escapes as you destroy their entire model, rendering them incapable of a comeback.

You sit again, arms flush with your teammates as the adjudicator delivers their verdict.

"I would like to award this to... the Negative team!" Joy, shoots from your feet, up into your throat and sits. Your head, TV static as a faint voice speaks "We've learnt a lot from this debate, and we wish you all the best in your future debates." Words propelling from the fourth speaker's mouth, glaring with smugness. We WON!



*Sol Silva - Year 11 Debating team*



## SPORTS - INTRODUCING VANESSA MCGUIRE

Vanessa Mcguire, from Year 10 represented Fairvale High School at the Sydney South West Open Girls Tennis Championships and was selected as a member of the Sydney South West Team to compete at the CHS State Open Girls championships. From there, Vanessa was successfully selected into the NSW Open Girls Tennis squad to represent the state of NSW at Bathurst.



Read more below about Vanessa's tennis journey in the **interview** compiled by **Hollie Easton - Year 12**

*Photo : Fairfield City Champion Newspaper. Picture: Chris Lane*

### **When did you start playing tennis?**

*I started playing tennis at the age of 6 at Marconi Tennis Academy.*

### **Why did you choose tennis?**

*I chose to play tennis because it suited the way I liked to compete and was a way for me to deal with stress as well as keep healthy and active.*

### **What athlete is your role model?**

*Ever since I was younger, I had looked up to Serena Williams. I have always enjoyed watching her play as she had such a powerful style, her determination to fight for every point and how much of a role model she was on and off the court. She has made me become such a great competitor throughout every match I play and has made me take tennis more seriously, which has led me to play lots of tournaments.*

### **What was the best part of competing?**

*On February 18. I had the opportunity to try out for the SSW Girls Tennis team. I was one of the 16 girls there who made it, which was a great success. Then at the beginning of March, I tried out for the CHS State Team at Parramatta. For this trial, I had made it through to the final and won. This was such a great achievement as this would be my first time making it to State. On 22 March, I went to Bathurst to compete in State. I was hopeful that I would have so much fun and that I would be able to play against some really tough players from CIS AND CAS. Unfortunately, the weather had let us all down with the pouring rain. I was only able to play one match with the rest of the day being postponed. Sadly, on Tuesday, it had finally been cancelled and we weren't able to continue playing. You could now say that this was definitely a good and challenging experience. I am determined to make it into the team in 2022.*



# FAIRVALE HIGH SCHOOL - ZONE C



**CROSS COUNTRY WINNERS - AGAIN!**

## YEAR 11 TEXTILES AND DESIGN

Year 11 Textiles and Design students were required to complete for their first assessment task, a textile item either from the furnishings, non-apparel or textile arts focus area. An accompanying portfolio detailing inspiration, design ideas and experimentation was also a requirement. The students displayed enthusiasm whilst producing these creative and quality textile items.



## YEAR 10 CAREERS DAY

All Year 10 students attended a one day Careers Day this week. Dan Hardie, CEO My Strengths spoke to the students about using their five strengths and how important it is to acknowledge their strengths when choosing a career pathway.

Students also had the opportunity of attending four workshops to help them think about career pathways in Science, Engineering, Apprenticeships, Traineeships, Tourism & Travel, Psychology, Physiotherapy, Event Management, Occupational Therapy, Medical Science, Medicine, Creative Intelligence & Innovation, Early Childhood and Business & Law.

The following 2020 HSC students volunteered to speak about their career pathway from Year 12 to what they are doing now. They were able to provide the Year 10 students with information and advice about subject selection, time management, starting assignments on time, stress management and keeping an open mind about post school options.



*Ms Higgins - Careers*

*Photo Left to right - Nathan, Bella, Dean, Yasmine, Batool, Thao, Liana and Zainab*



**Daylight Schoolwear - Uniform Shop** is opened on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:00am - 12:00pm. Parents and students can also purchase school uniforms online at anytime. Simply create an account profile, place your order and select 'walk in' to pick up your order from the School Uniform Shop on the next open day. For future details, please see website: [www.daylightsportswear.com/fairvale](http://www.daylightsportswear.com/fairvale)

# JUNIOR ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2021



# SENIOR ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2021



## FAIRVALE BASKETBALL JAM

On 21 May, our Under 15's Boys Basketball team went to Bankstown Basketball Stadium for the knock out competition.

The boys had a great day out with approximately 40 other schools at the venue. The boys played a tough game against Oran Park High and despite an outstanding team effort, they lost the game by only one point- 32-31 (the final free throw). The game was very intense and very close but the boys played their best.

The second game we won against John Edmondson High School and ended the day on a positive note. Throughout their experiences, the boys have learned endurance, patience and teamwork. Keep training boys!

*Mr Anou - Coach*



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## FUTURE FRIDAY PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

Last month 42 Year 10 students had the opportunity to attend the Future Friday Program at the University of Sydney. We were welcomed by many



of the students at the university where they led and guided us through a presentation in selecting our subjects and introducing careers which will benefit us in the near future, as we transition into Year 11 and 12.

Being one of the few schools to have this opportunity, we had the chance to experience Law and Criminal lectures where we participated in a Mock Trial based on a real case, and also studied the ideology of Forensic Science and Psychology. This gave us a taste of different fields that may interest us in the future and provide us with further knowledge.



We all enjoyed our yummy "free" morning tea and lunch. After a tour around Sydney University, we completed a survey to determine the skills we excelled at to help prepare us for our subject selection for Year 11. The day overall was very memorable and interesting, learning new things, stepping ahead in areas, and having more confidence in choosing our future subjects and careers!



**Angela Lam and Meeyla Hanna**



## FAIRVALE'S SUSTAINABILITY TEAM

The Sustainability team at Fairvale High School have arranged for a Mobile Muster collection box for any old mobiles, chargers and mobile batteries.

The collection box is situated in the Careers Room in Wright Block.

When you drop your old mobile phones for recycling they are collected and transported to Mobile Muster recycling facilities in Australia. They are sorted and disassembled into components

including batteries, printed circuit boards, casings, glass screens, accessories and packaging.

These components are further processed separately through shredding and sorting techniques to maximise resource recovery.



### ✓ ACCEPTED BY MOBILEMUSTER



#### Mobile phone handsets

(including PDA's that are mobiles)



Mobile batteries of all kinds



Wireless USB mobile devices



Mobile phone chargers



Mobile phone accessories (ear pieces, car kits, cases...)

### ✗ NOT ACCEPTED



PDA's (with no phone function)



Non-mobile batteries



MP3 players, Pagers



Any other non-mobile electronic components or devices



KEEPING OLD MOBILES OUT OF LANDFILL

# THE CRITICS' CHOICE

## The health effects of tobacco smoking and e-cigarette use

### Effect of tobacco smoking on your health:

- Smoking is the main cause of **preventable** death and disease in Australia!
- Smoking is linked to **40+ diseases**, including lung cancer, liver cancer, emphysema and eye and mouth diseases.
- When you smoke, extremely harmful chemicals enter your body and can reach your heart, brain and go everywhere your blood flows.
- Smoking affects how you look and feel.

### Effects of e-cigarette use on your health:

- E-cigarettes contain chemicals that **haven't been tested for safety** when inhaled into the lungs.
- E-cigarette makers don't list all their ingredients and it can be hard to find out what they are. Some e-cigarettes contain nicotine even when they are labelled "nicotine free".
- Nicotine is **highly addictive** and can harm your brain development.
- Studies have shown that young people who use e-cigarettes are **more likely to smoke** and become addicted to cigarettes in adulthood.

#### Smoking can:

- Stop your lungs growing properly and make you less fit.
- Give you tooth decay and sore or bleeding gums.
- Make you wheeze or trigger an asthma attack.
- Cause addiction to the drug nicotine.

#### Using e-cigarettes can:

- Make you wheeze or trigger an asthma attack.
- Make you moody, anxious and irritable.
- Expose your lungs, body and brain to harmful chemicals.
- Cause addiction to the drug nicotine.

### Smoking and e-cigarettes affect your brain:

Your brain is particularly sensitive to the effects of nicotine. Your brain is still developing until you are about 25 years old, so if you use nicotine your brain may not be able to properly develop. This means that you are more likely to develop anxiety and mood disorders.

### What does all this mean for you?

Smoking or using e-cigarettes:

- is bad for the health of your body, lungs and brain
- costs a lot of money and can mean you miss out on doing fun activities
- exposes you to addictive and unknown substances
- gives you yellow teeth and unhealthy gums.

**By choosing not to smoke or use e-cigarettes you are setting yourself up  
for a healthier and happier life!**



# DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 2 & TERM 3 2021

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Term 2</b>	<b>June 21</b>	<b>June 22</b>	<b>June 23</b>	<b>June 24</b>	<b>June 25</b>
<b>Week 10</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yr 7 &amp; 8 Catholic Scripture Workshop</li> <li>HSC Trials Speaking Workshop</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Netball Schools Cup</li> <li>Parent Teacher Night</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IEC Orientation Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yr 10 YEP Program</li> <li>Year 10 Vaccinations</li> <li>Year 10 Music Rehearsals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 10 Music Concert</li> <li><b>END OF TERM 2</b></li> </ul>
<b>JUNE / JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2021</b> Monday 28 June to Friday 9 July Beginning of Term 3 Monday 12 July - Staff Development Day Tuesday 13 July - <b>ALL STUDENTS RETURN</b>					
<b>Term 3</b>	<b>July 12</b>	<b>July 13</b>	<b>July 14</b>	<b>July 15</b>	<b>July 16</b>
<b>Week 1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff Development Day</li> <li>HSC Trials begin</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yr 10 YEP Program</li> </ul>	
	<b>July 19</b>	<b>July 20</b>	<b>July 21</b>	<b>July 22</b>	<b>July 23</b>
<b>Week 2</b>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yr 10 YEP Program</li> </ul>	
	<b>July 26</b>	<b>July 27</b>	<b>July 28</b>	<b>July 29</b>	<b>July 30</b>
<b>Week 3</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SSW Regional Athletics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SSW Regional Athletics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yr 10 YEP Program</li> </ul>	
	<b>August 2</b>	<b>August 3</b>	<b>August 4</b>	<b>August 5</b>	<b>August 6</b>
<b>Week 4</b>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Australian Maths Competition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yr 10 YEP Program</li> <li>Australian Maths Competition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Australian Maths Competition</li> </ul>
	<b>August 9</b>	<b>August 10</b>	<b>August 11</b>	<b>August 12</b>	<b>August 13</b>
<b>Week 5</b>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yr 10 YEP Program</li> </ul>	

Please Note: The above events and / or event dates are subject to change.  
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## Parent Teacher Night Year 7 - Year 12

**Tuesday 22 June - 4:00pm - 7:30pm**

**Cabra-Vale Diggers Club  
Cabramatta**

1 Bartley St, Canley Vale  
**Plenty of free parking is  
available onsite**

- Semester 1 Academic Reports will be distributed
- Interpreter Services available
  - ⇒ Arabic      ⇒ Vietnamese
  - ⇒ Assyrian    ⇒ Samoan