



# FAIRVIEWS

*I Learn to Live*

Term 4 Week 10 Wednesday 14 December 2022

## 2023 SCHOOL CAPTAINS FAIRVALE HIGH



**From left:** Fiona Nguyen (Senior Captain), Andy Elias (Junior Captain), Brgeeta Moshi (Senior Vice Captain), Kareem El Anbaawy (Sport Captain), Jade Hill (Senior Captain), Asraa Almajidi (Sport Vice Captain), Emily Silveira (Sport Captain), Bobbi-Jean Roberts (Sport Vice Captain), Samantha Jap (Senior Vice Captain), Alysha Phung (Junior Captain).

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

During 2022 the school has tried to resume to a more normal pattern of learning after two years of interruptions and intermittent periods of on-line learning. Whilst that has been the goal, the teaching and learning cycle has been interrupted with sickness, and the ongoing transmission of Covid infections requiring teachers to have an extraordinary level of resilience, energy and patience. I would like to thank the teaching staff who have been dedicated in the pursuit of an aspiring, inclusive and respectful learning environment. My appreciation to the School Learning Support Officers, Administration Staff, Community Liaison Officers, General Assistants, Student Support Officer, Counsellors, Cleaners, and Itinerant Teachers who support our students every day.

My gratitude extends also to the members of the P&C for their continuation of the P&C scholarships and their participation in the school's decision making and merit selection processes.

On this occasion we would like to acknowledge several staff members who have attained merit selection positions during the year:

Thank you also to the staff who have relieved in higher positions throughout the year:

**Ms Pru Husari, as relieving Deputy Principal Inclusion and Support,  
Mr Anthony Karam as relieving Deputy Principal (Years 7 and 10),  
Ms Gissel Lacroix as relieving Head Teacher PD/H/PE,  
Ms Gina Sleiman as acting Head Teacher Mentor,  
Ms Angie Cvitan as relieving Head Teacher Home Economics,  
Mr Dylan Trevor as relieving Head Teacher Science,  
Mr Peter Repousis as relieving Head Teacher Diverse Learning, and  
Ms Alicia Jeffries as relieving School Administration Manager.**

We have also farewelled members of staff who have retired ,resigned or moved to other positions with the Department:

**Ms Suzanne Smyth (Head Teacher Computers, VET);**

**Ms Cherine Spirou (HT Science);**

**Ms Krista Narravo (Languages teacher);**

**Mr Mario Adesso (General Assistant);**

**Mr Craig Wise (General Assistant);**

**Mr Steve Broadbent (CVTC teacher);**

**Mr Adam Plimmer (CVTC teacher);**

**Mr Nasser Houlayce (CVTC teacher);**

**Mr Todd Gentle (English Teacher);**

**Ms Houda Hablos (English Teacher);**

**Mr Jason Atkins (Industrial Arts teacher) and**

**Ms Mai Le (Math/Learning Support teacher).**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT CONTINUES...

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected as per our merit processes to the student leadership team:

**Senior Captains: Jade Hill & Fiona Nguyen**

**Vice Captains: Samantha Jap & Brgeeta Moshi**

**Junior Captains: Andy Elias & Alysha Phung**

**Sports Captains: Kareem El Anbaawy & Emily Silveria**

**Sports Vice Captains: Asraa Almajidi & Bobbi-Jean Roberts**

Year 12 have finally completed their Higher School Certificate (HSC) examinations and their Graduation and Formal were special occasions to celebrate, not only the end of secondary schooling but an acknowledgement of a disrupted period of learning during the pandemic.

Year 12 will receive their ATAR ranks and HSC results on the 15th of December 2022. We look forward to value added results for every one of our Year 12 students and wish them all the best in whatever endeavours they embark upon as they transition from school to further study/training or employment.

Our capital works program with thirty new classrooms, a new administration area, specialist rooms, a Yarning circle and surrounding landscaping has finally been completed and we look forward to 2023 being a "construction free zone".

Finally, I would like to wish the students, staff, and parents/ carers a refreshing break over the festive season and a Happy New Year.

Together with the staff I look forward to working with the students and the community to improve further the learning outcomes for Fairvale High in 2023.

Thank you all for your support of the Senior Executive, Executive, Support Staff and teachers throughout this year.

Regards,

Dr. K Seto



## 2022 CAREER ADVISER AWARD WINNER

Each year the Careers Advisers Association (CAA) recognises elite Career Advisers who are excelling in the implementation and delivery of Career Education and Development in their school.

This year Kaye Higgins was the 2022 winner of the Excellence in Student Engagement, an award which acknowledges the development of an engaging Career Education & Development Program, demonstrating exceptional student participation.

Kaye received the award at the Career Advisers Association Annual Conference

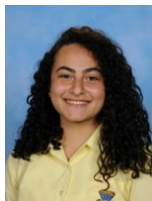


## ORIENTATION DAY



On Tuesday 28 November 2022, around 170 Year 6 students attended Fairvale High School for Orientation Day. Students, parents, and carers were introduced to the school expectations, uniform and were introduced to several of their teachers. A musical item was performed by 8C with Mr Thwaites and were presented on safe and responsible behaviour online by Constable Glen Clark. The day was filled with bonding activities to establish positive relationships. In addition to this, students participated in Positive Behaviour Learning, reflecting FAIR values. Students were also led by Year 9 Peer Support leaders around the school and were placed in their housing teams.





Congratulations to Daniella Youssef. Her HSC body of work has been selected to be included in ARTEXPRESS as part of the 2023 HSC

Showcase Season. Daniella's artwork "Dissimulated" will be exhibited at the Hazelhurst Arts Centre in 2023.

ARTEXPRESS is an annual series of exhibitions of exemplary artworks created by New South Wales visual arts students for the Higher School Certificate examination.

Dissimulated is a body of work that represents the hidden emotions in a physical form, where each ceramic bust reveals a different emotion and the concealed horrors that an individual may face at a certain time. The concept behind my body of work was heavily influenced by personal experiences, where at times I felt like I was bound by conditions while other times I felt like the inner me wanted to break free from the constraints that society places on us. Through my art making practice, I aim to raise awareness by exploring the reality of the pain caused by hidden emotions that is often ignored by many.

***Ms Toledo - H.T. Visual Arts***

## FAST FORWARD PROGRAM YEAR 9

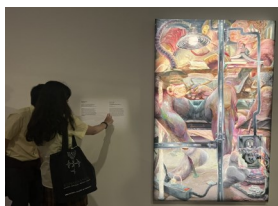
On October 14th, 20 Year 9 students were given the opportunity to embark on an interactive and educational journey at a Western Sydney University campus. Students participated in a variety of interactive and challenging activities. They received a tour of the campus and engaged in fun activities derived from teamwork and cooperation between students in order to complete difficult tasks. Overall, students had a pleasurable experience learning about different educational pathways available for the future.

By Sarah Lie



***Mr Anou - Year 9 Adviser***

## NSW SYDNEY MODERN AT THE ART GALLERY



On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November our Year 12 (Class of 2023) Visual Arts Class was invited to represent Fairvale at the VIP School Preview day of Sydney Modern - the new building at the Art Gallery of NSW. Our students were one of 50 schools selected to view the spaces and artworks ahead of the public opening on 3 December, and we had the amazing opportunity to explore the beautiful new building designed by Pritzker Prize-winning architects SANAA from Japan. The students were transported in a private coach and arrived to see and experience a traditional First Nations smoking ceremony to welcome the many students attending.

Our group was **the first** to experience the Tank space - a previously top-secret World War II era fuel tank for the Australian Navy. The space was installed with several large, commissioned sculptures by Argentinian artist Adrian Villar Rojas and was awe inspiring. We went on to explore all 4 levels, taking in the amazing architecture as well as the wonderfully curated spaces displaying a huge variety of contemporary artists' work. A catered lunch in the Domain gardens was followed by a much-anticipated visit to the original building to see in person the artworks of the artists we had been investigating in our Australia Art case study. Overall, it was a great day out with so much inspiring art and a fantastic opportunity to see our studied works up close and in person - as well as being the first people to experience this brilliant new gallery space! Such a privilege to be included amongst the selected schools to attend the preview and we thank the Education Team at the Art Gallery of NSW for extending the invitation.

## VISUAL ARTS CLASS OF 2022 HSC BODIES OF WORK EXHIBITION

Congratulations to our Year 12 Visual Arts cohort for successfully completing and exhibiting their HSC Bodies of Work. These artworks reflected the entire years' worth of creative work for each student. Students' artworks reflected contemporary art practices in various expressive forms. Their conceptual practice included themes of introspection, global issues in response to themes of politics, war and the human condition. Other students chose to interpret their natural and built environment.

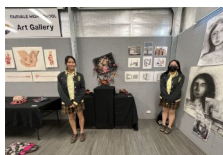
Thank you to our staff and students for attending this years' exhibition and for your ongoing support of Year 12 Visual Arts. We are immensely proud of our students' achievements.



Pictured: Hanson Pham



Pictured: Helene Haydo,  
Sabina Youkhanna and  
Daniella Youssef



Pictured: Nathasha Rath  
and Janet Nguyen



Pictured: Steven Ther and  
Katie Vay

***Ms Omeros - Visual Arts***

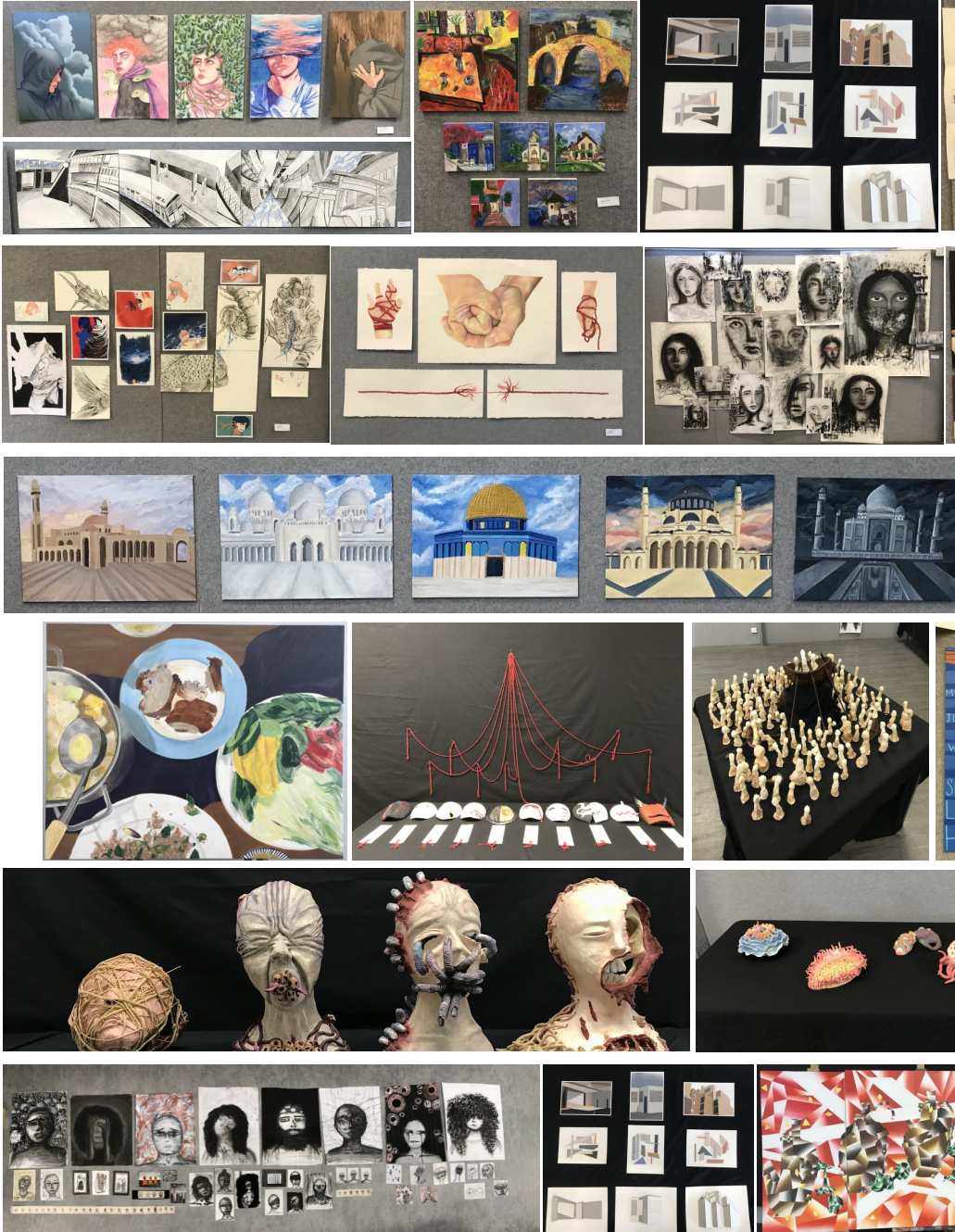
## YEAR 7 MOTIVE8SPORTS SPORTS DAY

On Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November Year 7 students participated in an all day team building event. Run by Motiv8sports, students competed for house points by undertaking a variety of fun activities that required both strategy and skills in order to be successfully completed. Year 7 had an amazing time, consistently showing that they were up for the challenge with end-less energy levels and a can-do attitude. In doing so the spirit that will be required of them to successfully complete their next academic year was on full display and we are looking forwards to seeing further greatness in the future. Well done Year 7!



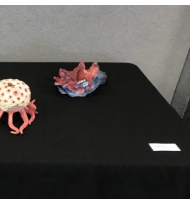
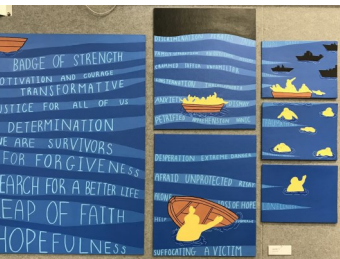
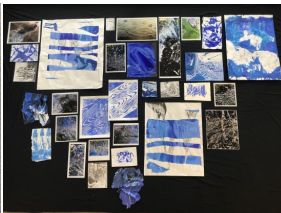
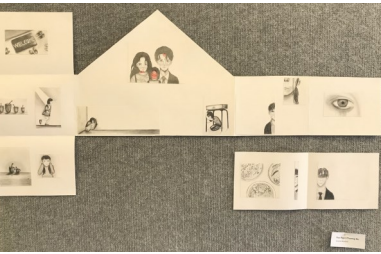
***Ms Smith - Teacher EAL/D & Literacy***







# SC BODY OF WORK 2022



## YEAR 7 VISUAL ARTS FAIRVALE PORTRAIT PRIZE 2022

Throughout Term 4, Year 7 Visual Arts students have been working hard creating portrait paintings of the staff of Fairvale High School. Students have done a great job at replicating their subject's face. The portrait paintings were then displayed for the whole school to view during week 8. It was hugely successful, and it was an opportunity for everyone to vote for their favourite portrait.

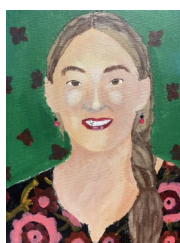
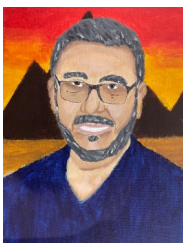
The winners were:

**Principal's Award:** Isabelle Nguyen

**People's Choice:** Aiden Vay

**Faculty award:** Jade Elhlou and Nathan Ninh

**Year Advisers Award:** Krystal Ladouce



*Ms Wolsely - Visual Arts*

## SCHOOL SPECTACULAR 2022

The Schools Spectacular has grown to become more than just a showcase highlighting the talents of the students of New South Wales Public Schools. It is an iconic cultural event incorporating students from diverse backgrounds and communities.

On Friday 25th of November, 15 of our diverse learning students went to watch the 'School Spectacular show' for 2022 at Qudos Bank Arena. They embarked on an unforgettable journey where students experienced live dancing, drama and music performances throughout the day and were amazed at the quality of performances. Students started the day off walking to the bus stop from school taking them to Fairfield train station. From Fairfield to Lidcombe, to Olympic Park station. At the show, there were over 3800 students participating in the School Spectacular Show as performers and at least 100 or more schools viewing the school. Our students were lucky to have been given that opportunity to see a great show. Students had a fantastic and amazing experience and rated it 20 out of 10.



## YOUNG MATHEMATICIANS OF DISTINCTION

The Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) is held every year featuring the top Mathematical thinkers and problem solvers from high schools around the country. It tests everything from basic numeracy skills through to advanced problem solving. Students must attain a pre-set standard to earn a certificate.

This year, 86 Fairvale students from Year 8 to Year 11 participated in the AMC. It was pleasing to have five students achieving Distinction (photo below).

In addition, the following students were awarded a Certificate of Credit:

Year 8: Peter Ninh, Jeffrey Tor, Matthew Yin.

Year 9: Justin Huynh, Wilson Lu, Derek Lov, Kathleen Phongsavat, Alysha Phung, Jonathan Prak, Monita Rano, Nicholas Ristev, Stephen Su, Emily Tran, Nathan Vuong, Johnathan Youkhanna.

Year 10: Christopher Koril, Thien-Khang Nguyen, Daniel Tor.

Year 11: Samantha Jap, Natasha Le, Elly Su.

Congratulations to all participating students on their achievement.



**Mr J. Luan - Mathematics**

**Distinction award winners** (from left to right):

Hayden Tang (Year 8), Tony Pham (Year 9), Daryl Duong (Year 9), Sarah Lie (Year 9), Steven Tran (Year 10) and Mr Luan.

## YEAR 9 LUNA PARK EXCURSION

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of November, the Mathematics faculty organised an excursion to Sydney Luna Park for 100 Year 9 students.

While we all enjoyed the exciting rides, students also applied mathematical principles and ideas to the various rides.

We were able to understand maths concepts without the need for textbooks. We enjoyed learning about probability, volume, and surface area through our work booklet.



**Ms E.I. - Mathematics**



## RELAY FOR LIFE ARTICLE

On Saturday the 19th of November, 32 students participated in the Relay For Life event at Mounties. With the help of Mr Di Yorio (honourable mentions including Ms Piet, Ms Wolsely, Ms Cheng, Ms Casha, Mr Patrizi, Mr Anou, Ms Te, Mr Abuhamed, Ms Prevezanos and Ms Lacroix). The Fairvale High School team raised over \$11,400 for cancer research. This was a 12 hour walking course which raised awareness for cancer and was a chance for the locals to recognise and celebrate local cancer survivors/carers as well as to commemorate loved ones lost to cancer. The FVHS team placed first in raising the most amount of money amongst all teams participating in the event, and collectively walked around 400 laps. It was an opportunity for our school to give back to the community and pay our respects to the lives lost to cancer.





## OUTSTANDING VET WORK PLACEMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

South West Connect were impressed with the transformation of Justin Trinh and Imeelya Al Hadaya during their work placement, as they developed their skills and confidence with each administrative task allocated to them by the Youth Collective Impact Team.

Work placement is a mandatory component of industry-based Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses that students can choose as part of their studies for the NSW HSC.



At Fairvale High School, the following VET courses are available:

**Certificate II in Kitchen Operations**  
(Hospitality)

**Certificate II in Construction Pathways** (Construction)

**Certificate III in Business** (Business Services)

**Certificate III in Retail** (Retail Services)

**Certificate III in Live Production and Technical Services** (Entertainment)

### Imeelya's experience

"During my Business Services work placement I was fortunate to be able to work on a project which was to prepare 200 primary school students to explore skills for success at school and beyond. My work placement involved:

Collaboratively researching and suggesting ideas within the team,

Creating, scanning, and laminating documents,

Preparing marketing materials and wrapping event gifts,

Drafting letters, addressing mail and general filing of documentation,

The best was that I was able to connect with people from different ages and cultures".

### Justin's experience

"My work placement allowed me to experience working in a team environment everyday as well as working under pressure. This opportunity allowed me to get out of my comfort zone and I am glad I did it".

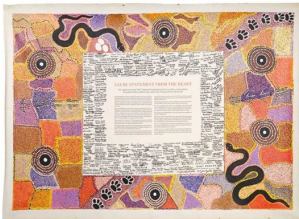
## PEACE PRIZE AWARD CEREMON

Each year, the Sydney Peace Prize brings the Sydney community together to talk about justice, peace and honour the world's inspiring peace makers.

Last month, members of the Fairvale High School community had an exciting opportunity to attend the 2021-2022 Sydney Peace Prize Lecture at Sydney Town Hall and witness the Award Ceremony conducted by the Sydney Lord Mayor.

In 2022, the prestigious Sydney Peace Prize was awarded to the Uluru Statement from the Heart, which calls for the “establishment of a First Nations Voice enshrined in the constitution”.

Pat Anderson AO, Professor Megan Davis and Noel Pearson, worked tirelessly with the community to bring together Australia's First Nations peoples around a clear and comprehensive agenda for healing and peace within our Nation and delivering self-determination for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, that enables Australia to move into the future united and confident.”



Mira Sekuloski, Bailey-Marie Bell, Melissa Trikilis, Kobe Bell, Alice Anslow



It is with great pleasure and honour that I stand in the presence of these powerful women who provide substantial wisdom and have such an effect on the community. If so many people habitually tell you “NO”, eventually that “NO” starts to look like a “MAYBE” and in time that “MAYBE” will start to sound like a “YES”.

The demand for a Voice to a Parliament established in the constitution in the Uluru Statement provides a practical path forward to ultimately address the concerns that governments alone have been unable to tackle.

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## PEACE PRIZE AWARD CEREMONY CONTINUES...

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The law can oppress, and the law can redeem, Aboriginal people know much about how the law can oppress, the law has played a major role in the dispossession, oppression, and subjugation of the First Nations People.

The Uluru Statement from the Heart is a call for the establishment of a 'First Nations Voice' in the *Australian Constitution* and a 'Makarrata Commission' to supervise a process of 'agreement-making' and 'truth-telling' between governments and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The Uluru statement from the heart is an invitation, a gift to the Australian people, we are located here together and we have to coexist in a peaceful way. As a population we are facing a serious existential crisis "To face this battle together the country needs peace, and the country cannot be at peace until we start to resolve this issue of the original grievance" and the Uluru Statement from the heart is the beginning of that.

Bailey-Marie Bell

## CELEBRATE PEACE DAY AT CABRAMATTA HIGH SCHOOL

On Friday 11 November 2022, Fairvale High School was invited to celebrate Peace Day at Cabramatta High School to honour the 2022 Sydney Peace Prize winner  
THE ULURU STATEMENT FROM THE HEART



Aboriginal Performers, Smoking Ceremony



Lachlan Weekes, Pat Anderson AO,  
Jarryd Champion, Nicholas Roulstone

## 2022 WORK READY DAY



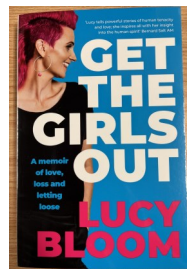
In preparation for the Year 10 Work Ready Day at Fairfield RSL, all Year 10 students undertook a two week program in English and roll call classes. The program included completing the Work it Out Workbook, Work Ready Day Preparation booklet and a Powerpoint presentation culminating in all Year 10 students creating their individual Resumes.

The program for the day included interviews, a workshop on Preparing for Work and motivational speakers Lucy Bloom and Paul Wade and of course a “yummy” morning tea. Lucy Bloom, who is not afraid to break the rules, spoke about the importance of communication, leadership and changing the world. Several copies of her “Get the Girls Out” are now in the Fairvale School Library. The two Year 10 Advisers, Mark Macadam and Chris Morris with Paul Wade, ex-Socceroos captain, was definitely on a high as Australian had just won that morning. He showed several jerseys of legend soccer players with each having a story behind them.

Students were interviewed at Work Ready Day for one of six positions – Office Administration, IT Support, Hospitality Team Member, Retail Sales Assistant, Construction Labourer or Entertainment Technical Assistant

Students were encouraged to dress appropriately for a formal interview. Many took up this challenge and a number were awarded with a Best Dressed certificate. Unfortunately, there were too many students to award a certificates too. Students who received a certificate Included Mirabel, Jilli, Marian, Teresa, Vanissa, Iyla, Adeline, Katelin, Ramina, Nenurt, Junior, Raymond, Justin, Raphael and Thang.

The 26 interviewers came from various universities (WSU, ACU, USyd, UNSW, UoW, Torrens, Macquarie and UTS) as well as from TAFE, Training Services NSW, Fairfield Youth, The Smith Family, YEP and Career Advisers from Miller HS, Cabramatta HS and Westfield Sports HS.





## DIVERSE LEARNER'S ART EXHIBITION



This term, Diverse Learners students had the opportunity to showcase their collection of artworks they created throughout the year. They have been exploring a variety of artists including Pete Cromer, Sarah Fordham, Jasper Knight, John Wolsely and have made artworks about the landscape around Fairvale High School. Thank you to all students and staff who made some time to attend the exhibition, it was a great success!



## VET SUMMIT

Last term, South West Connect organised the VET SUMMIT at Liverpool Catholic Club for VET students to explore pathways and gain industry skills for their future. Year 11 VET students acquired skills and knowledge to help them get the most out of their work placements through being mentored and by interacting with industry experts throughout the day.

During the day students from various schools gained points for the following components:

- Submitting a detailed evaluation survey
- Asking thoughtful questions to Industry Experts
- Engagement in the Keynote and Q & A Panel
- Participation in the Kahoot Session

After a solid day of active participation at the VET Summit, Fairvale High School Year 11 VET Construction student Marko Jojic was the proud recipient of a powerful laptop. Marko scored the highest points across all

components. **Congratulations Marko!**

Marko Jojic commented “This VET Summit allowed me to see many ways in how businesses are able to support young people and get them jobs. It provided me with great knowledge of how people and their businesses work which was amazing. That helped me to be better prepared for my workplacement”.



## VICTORY IN THE PACIFIC

Victory in the Pacific is celebrated each year on the 15th of August and commemorates the end of the 2nd World War in August 1945.

Australians had been at war since 3 September 1939, so it marks the end of nearly six years of conflict and an end to all the stress and loss of lives and livelihoods over those years.



Helena Exequiel and Tina Tran represented our school at Cabravale Diggers, laid a wreath and met many dignified members of our local community.

## BATTLE OF AUSTRALIA

On the 7th of September, we attended the Battle of Australia service conducted by Smithfield RSL at the Leo McCarthy Memorial Park. This commemorative event is held annually on the first Wednesday in September. The commemoration marks the first time in the history of European settlement that Australia came under direct attack.

This is the moment in history when Australia undertook military actions from 1942-1945 during World War II. We remembered those who served in the defence of the Australian mainland, in land, air and sea battles in the Coral Sea and Papua New Guinea. The war ended on August 15<sup>th</sup> 1945, and more than 39,000 Australians were killed and injured.

It was an honour to represent our school at this significant historical event, remembering those who lost their lives and meeting many influential public figures such as Frank Carbone (Mayor of Fairfield), Guy Zangari (Member for Fairfield), Detective Superintendent Michael McLean, Rev Armen Nalbandian and many more active community members and school representatives.

Lest We Forget

By Katelin Trinh





## REMEMBER DAY



Each year on November 11th we recognise and commemorate the Australians who have sacrificed their lives in military service for our country, those who suffer from injuries incurred throughout their service, and those who continue to serve our great nation.

Sama and I were honoured to attend the service and lay a wreath in remembrance of the Australian Soldiers at Smithfield RSL as were, Alysha Phung and Stephanie Tran Vo who attended a service at Cabravale Diggers and George George and Samantha Jap who attended a service at Fairfield RSL.

It was a remarkable experience as we were able to meet different community members and we had the opportunity to watch the community come together to pay their respects to the Australian Service.

We remember those who have died or suffered in conflicts, wars and peacekeeping operations.



Lest We Forget

By Katelin Trinh and Sama Al Hadaya



Mrs Sleiman, Katelin Trinh,  
Guy Zangari MP and Sama Al Hadaya



Ms Ho, Stephanie Tran Vo and Alysha Phung



## A YEAR IS THE LIFE OF AN SRC STUDENT!

Covid is still lurking around, but thankfully some rules have relaxed so SRC have been out and about again representing our school!

We have attended many commemoration services in our local area, raised awareness around our school for important causes such as Mental Health awareness, RUOK Day, Harmony Day, Bullying and Violence - No Way! We raised approximately \$650 for the people of Lismore affected by floods and created a variety of videos for our fellow students to view during Roll Call.

Thank you to Ms Feng, for all your hard work and commitment to our SRC team. She has worked with and supported our SRC students over the last 4 years. Ms Feng has handed over her position to Mr Patrizi and we are all looking forward to working with him in the new year.

***Mrs Sleiman - SRC Co-ordinator***

## YEAR 8 TECHNOLOGY

Year 8 Technology Mandatory students have been working hard this semester in textiles, to create emoji cushions. Students developed their skills using a variety of skills and techniques to decorate their cushions, with applique being the most popular technique used.



***Ms Ho - TAS Teacher***

## 2022 YEAR 12 UNIVERSITY EARLY OFFERS

A large number of Year 12 students have received Early Offers for their 2023 chosen degrees. Students apply for Early Offers halfway through Year 12. Each university has a different application process. Some may require a personal statement or ask the student to answer three or four questions. The universities read the applications and also access the students Year 11 NESA results. This year, the universities notified us of the Early Offers and I am delighted to say that the 2022 Year 12 cohort offers includes 73 for WSU, 25 for ACU, 16 for UTS and 18 for the UTS@Academy Program. 30 for UNSW, 5 for Macquarie University and 50 E12 (\$5950 scholarships) for University of Sydney. This is absolutely fantastic news!

Congratulation to the Year 12 Students who received multiple offers.

***Ms Higgins - Career Adviser***

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Schooling is an important part of a child's life and is compulsory for all children from 6 years to 17 years of age. Everyday counts, as regular attendance helps students to:

- develop a sense of belonging
- develop and maintain friendships
- be more engaged at school
- progress with their learning
- be more aware of career and life options.

Parents and carers play an active role in supporting attendance. Supporting positive school attendance is **a shared responsibility - everyone has a role.**

You can help your child be successful at school by:

- Making school attendance **by 8:40am everyday** a priority for your child.
- Talking to your child about the importance of arriving to school every day on time and how it helps his/her learning.

Help your child develop good habits like:

- finishing homework and placing it in his/her backpack
- laying out clothes and the backpack in the evening
- having a regular bedtime for a good night's sleep
- leaving early enough in the morning to get to school on time.
- turn off electronic devices one hour before bedtime.

All student absences must be explained to the school by any one of the following methods: -

- write a note to explain the date (s) of being absent from school,
- make a phone call to the school,
- email the school,
- submit a medical certificate,
- respond to the daily SMS text message.

What happens if your child does not want to go to school?

- You should contact the school as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help.
- The school may seek support from a home school liaison officer (HSLO) or regional officers who support school attendance initiatives. These officers can work with you and the school to discuss the issues and provide support.

NSW Department of Education



## IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM SCHOOL

**This is sextortion.**  
It's a scam.  
And it's trending.  
You can make it stop.

- ✓ Do stop the chat
- ✓ Do take screenshots of the text and profile
- ✓ Do block the account and report it to the platform
- ✓ Do report to the ACCE
- ✓ Do get support

- ✗ Don't send more Images
- ✗ Don't pay
- ✗ Don't respond to demands
- ✗ Don't enter into further communication
- ✗ Don't think you're alone

If you're under 18, we can help.  
The Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation is here to keep children and young people safe from online sexual exploitation and abuse.

### Information for families

*Note to schools: information in this document can be copied and shared among your school community*

The Australian Federal Police through the [Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation](#) is seeing a concerning global trend of teenage males being targeted to send explicit images of themselves and then blackmailed. This is called sexual extortion, or sextortion.

The AFP is urging families to have important safety conversations ahead of the school holidays to prevent young people from becoming victim. This crime can have serious wellbeing and psychological impacts.



### How does sextortion start?

- Unsolicited friend and follow requests on social media
- Direct messages on one app and then being asked to keep chatting on a secondary app
- Conversations suddenly and quickly becoming sexualised
- Requests for sexualised images or content.

### What can families do?

- Have open and regular conversations about your child's online activities and interactions
- Know what platforms, apps and games they are using and who they are interacting with
- Remain open and approachable, victims will be reluctant to come forward if they feel they will be punished or blamed
- Ensure your child knows that it is okay to leave conversations if they feel uncomfortable or unsafe
- Support your child and know how to respond. The [Online blackmail and sexual extortion response kit](#) has been created to recognise sextortion and get help.

The Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation is here to keep young people safe from online sexual exploitation and abuse.

You can make a report via [acce.gov.au/report](https://acce.gov.au/report)

For further information, resources and advice visit [thinkuknow.org.au](https://thinkuknow.org.au)





## DATES TO REMEMBER TERM 1 2023

<b>School Holidays:</b>	<b>Monday 19 Dec. 2022 to Monday 30 Jan. 2023</b>
<b>Staff Development Day</b> <i>(No students to attend school):</i>	<b>Friday 27 &amp; 30 Monday January 2023</b>
<b>Year 7,11 &amp; 12 Start School:</b>	<b>Tuesday 31 January 2023</b>
<b>Years 8, 9 &amp;10 Start School:</b>	<b>Wednesday 1 February 2023</b>

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Term 1</b>	23 January	24 January	25 January	26 January	27 January
<b>Week 0</b>					Staff Development Day
	30 January	31 January	1 February	2 February	3 February
<b>Week 1</b>	Staff Development Day	• Year 7,11 & 12 Commence	• Year 8,9 & 10 Commence		
	6 February	7 February	8 February	9 February	10 February
<b>Week 2</b>					
	13 February	14 February	15 February	16 February	17 February
<b>Week 3</b>		• Swimming Carnival		• Year 7 Vaccinations	
	20 February	21 February	22 February	23 February	24 February
<b>Week 4</b>					• School Photos

Please Note: The above events and / or event dates are subject to change.  
If you have any questions, please contact the school on - 9604 3118  
or visit the website - [www.fairvale-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/](http://www.fairvale-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/)

May you all have a Happy and  
Safe Holiday!