



Term 3, Week 8 Monday 4 September 2023

# 2023 YEAR 12 'BODY OF WORKS'



Our Year 12 Visual Arts students had their final exhibition to assess their 'Body of Works' for the HSC Visual Arts course. The students invited their family and friends to view the works in the gallery alongside the Visual Art staff, Senior Visual Art Executive, Ms Seto and Mrs Piet, and we were privileged to be joined by the State Member for Fairfield, MP David Saliba, as well as the Mayor of Fairfield, the Hon. Frank Carbone.

This exhibition represented a culmination of all their knowledge, investigations and explorations of the visual artists they have studied thoughout high school. Their artworks demonstrate both material and technical understanding and skill, as well as conceptual strength and meaning. Each student has worked on this Body of Work for the entire HSC year, refining and building on their artistic practice for this final assessment. Well done Year 12 Visual Arts!

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#### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Term 3 is once again busy with a variety of educational, wellbeing and sporting activities. Year 12 Trial HSC examinations took place in weeks 1 and 2 and the students now have their exam results and teacher feedback to assist them in their preparation for the HSC Examinations in Term 4. It is important to remind students of the value of teacher feedback and to reflect and use all the resources that the school offers. Year 12 are reminded that they are required to be at school every day until the 22 September which is their Picnic Day. The HSC exams begin on Wednesday 11th October and end on Friday 3rd November.

Year 11 exams will be held on Monday 11th September until Friday 22nd September. All students (7-11) return to school on Monday 9th October. There is no Staff Development Day at the beginning of Term 4, therefore <u>everyone should be</u> at school on this day.

Welcome to Mr B.Mtawarira as a permanent teacher in Computing Studies. Mr Mtawarira and his family arrived in Australia from overseas and we are glad that they have settled in and chosen the NSW Public Education System and Sydney as their base. As well, welcome to Ms T. Le who begins in Social Sciences in Week 8. Ms Le, like Mr Mtawarira is a highly experienced teacher and we welcome them both to our school and trust they have a long and rewarding career with us.

Subject Selection for students moving from Year 8 to 9 and Year 10 to 11 will be held on 5th September 2023 at Cabra-Vale Diggers. Year 10 students have received presentations from staff on the requirements for the Preliminary and HSC courses as well as been guided by their teachers on the most appropriate courses to pursue. Once subject selection forms are given out, I would ask parents and carers to advise their son/daughter to choose subjects they enjoy and that will lead to realistic pathways for University, TAFE or work. Year 10 students will be invited to discuss their subject choices in 'one on one' conversations with our Executive teachers. This tailored approach is designed to ensure students make the correct choice and are successful in Years 11 and 12.

On Wednesday 9 August 2023 the Visual Arts faculty held their annual HSC Body of Works Exhibition. Mayor Frank Carbone and MP David Saliba attended and were most impressed with the quality of Year 12 Visual Art works.

Soon Industrial Arts projects, Textiles projects and Music performances will be assessed. We wish Year 12 all the best with their assessments and HSC examinations.



Regards

Dr. K Seto

# NATIONAL SORRY DAY



On 26 May this year, Year 8 students **Nicholas Roulstone and Lachlan Weekes** presented information at the Year Assembly on the significance of "Sorry Day". National Sorry Day is followed by Reconciliation Week 27 May to 3 June. The theme for 2023 is "Be a Voice for Generations". The theme encourages all Australians to

be a voice for reconciliation in tangible ways in our everyday lives – where we live, work and socialise.

The presentation was summarised as follows: "National Sorry Day is an Australia-wide observance held on May 26 each year. The day is also recognised as the National Day of Healing. The first Sorry Day was held on 26 May 1998. Every year on 26 May, National Sorry Day commemorates and acknowledges the mistreatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who were forcibly removed from their families and communities, which we now know as 'The Stolen Generations'. The forced removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children began as early as the mid-1800s and continued until the 1970s.

#### Ms Sekuloski - Head Teacher Administration

### **RECONCILIATION WEEK 2023**

In Term 2, students in Diverse Learning came together to create a collaborative artwork made from eucalyptus leaves in celebration of Reconciliation Week 2023. Each student used visual symbols from the Aboriginal culture to decorate their leaves with the aim to tell a visual story. These artworks can be viewed outside of the Greenway Art rooms.





### A2 AND AB MARITIME MUSEUM EXCURSION

On 25th July, Diverse Learning students from A2 and AB went on an excursion to the Maritime Museum at Darling Harbour.

We saw various exhibitions including Shaped by the Sea, Serving Country, Wildlife Photographer, Brickwrecks – Sunken Ships in Lego. The Lego exhibition was one of the most popular amongst A2 and AB!

During our time there we also got to see vessels including the James Craig and the Endeavour. To conclude the day we went on HMAS Vampire and explored a ship that served in the Royal Australian Navy from 1959 to 1986. We got to sit in the captain's chair and sat behind some machinery.



Ms Rossiter Diverse Learning

Lego Exhibition





### **COMPUTATIONAL AND ALGORITHMIC THINKING COMPETITION**

The Computational and Algorithmic Thinking (CAT) competition is a national competition that requires outstanding mathematical skills to solve complex problems related to Mathematics and Computer Science. Participating students are given the opportunity to develop informal algorithms and apply



them to test data of increasing *Mr J. Luan - Mathematics Faculty* size and complexity. Justin Huynh and Daryl Duong both achieved a Certificate of Credit, which places them in the top 50% of the year group in Australia. Congratulations to Justin Huynh and Daryl Duong.

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### **CURIOUS MINDS**

Earlier this year, I was invited to participate in the *Curious Minds* program as a result of achieving Distinction in the 2022 Australian Mathematics Competition. *Curious Minds* is a six-month hands-on mentoring program held by the Australian Science Innovations that focuses on empowering women in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) through giving selected girls the opportunity to expand their understanding of





these fields.

I attended a series of online sessions during the summer, learning about various STEM pathways. I

Written by Sarah Lie, 10 Maths\_A

#### AC DIVERSE LEARNING SCIENCE

In Term 2, students in AC Diverse Learning have been putting their teamwork into practice through various science projects. They have built volcano models and conducted experiments to simulate volcanic eruptions and to find out how the temperature of water affects the chemical reaction. The class also took part in a building competition to see which toothpick-marshmallow structure was more 'earthquake proof'.





#### **SRC INDUCTION**



#### AA EXPLORES ABORIGINAL HISTORY AND CULTURE

In our History lessons we have been learning about Aboriginal History and Culture. We have looked at different forms of Aboriginal art making techniques and created beautiful artworks. This term we are continuing our studies and learning about the arrival of the First Fleet and the importance of recognising and celebrating Reconciliation week.



### YEAR 10 DEBATING

The Year 10 debate team has been active since 2020. It currently consists of eight talented individuals who have been making waves in the local debate circuit, showcasing exceptional progress and determination in recent tournaments, under the guidance of their coach, Mrs Drury. Although they are currently doing well, this team has overcome many challenges. One of which includes the shortage of experienced members to participate and emerge victorious in the local debate scene pre 2023. Another being COVID-19 lockdowns preventing them from moving onto the Knockout rounds in 2021. Despite these initial setbacks, the team refused to be disheartened. Their transformation from struggling to find enough participants to flourish with a full roster of talented debaters has been nothing short of inspiring.

Recently, the team showcased their newfound prowess securing victories and accolades when winning against Sefton, and Birrong Girls High School. Hopefully they'll win their last round against Chester Hill to move onto Zone Knockouts!

#### Written by Aminah El Masri and Elina Esho

#### YEAR 8 DEBATING

The Year 8 debating team has been busy over the past couple of months, engaging in three debates with other schools in our area. The Year 8 team's first debate was on the 1st of June against Chester Hill High School, who hosted the debate. The team was made up of George George, Merai Sadek, Sara Butrus and Neema Asongo. It was a high quality debate and very close, sadly the Fairvale team lost. The second Year 8 debate was conducted via Zoom on the 20th of July against Moorebank High School. The team was made up of Isla Ngo, Isabelle Nguyen, Nita Im and George George. Just like the previous debate, both sides provided a debate of high quality. This time, the team from Fairvale managed to win. The third Year 8 debate was held on the 3rd of August via Zoom against Holsworthy High School. The team was made up of Isla Ngo. Nita Im. Sara Butrus and Neema Asongo. The debate was tough with both sides putting on a strong performance, and sadly Fairvale couldn't pass. Many of the Year 8 team are first-time debaters. Despite this, all of them have managed to put on a fantastic performance and every single member of the debating team should be proud of their outstanding performances.

Written by George George



#### **YEAR 11 VISUAL ARTS**

During the April School Holidays, four of our Visual Arts Year 11 students, Katelin Trinh, Rana Jaffari, Jessica Luu and Adriana Tobar attended the Dobell Drawing School at the National Art School. All students had a very successful and productive experience, and here is what Katelin wrote about her practice.

"During the Art school, I was able to explore different mediums with a variety of techniques through fun games and challenges. It was such an incredible and one of a kind experience to do. The work often involved drawing big artworks of random objects and live models. In my class, we used mediums such as charcoal, ink and pastels which were accompanied with challenges or topics. This included not being able to look at our canvas, only using one line, drawing in a specific mood and using our opposite hand. Furthermore, this experience developed my ability to explore new art tools and confidence to go above and beyond my usual style. I was very fortunate to have been













given the opportunity to go to the National Art School. " Katelin Trinh







#### Ms Toledo - Head Teacher Visual Arts

#### YEAR 10 AND 11 VISUAL ARTS AND VISUAL DESIGN EXHIBITION

Congratulations to our Year 10 and 11 Visual Arts and Visual Design students who showcased their Bodies of Work in the Art Shed Gallery in Week 2, Term 3. The stage 4 and 5 students presented work completed in semester 1.

Year 11 Visual Arts studied a history of art through their artwork, exploring subject matter, materials and techniques that reflected historical and modernist art practices, whilst stage 4 Visual Arts explored the world of Shaun Tan as well as the hyper realistic drawing practices of artist CJ Hendry. Stage 4 Visual Design presented their Pop Vinyl dolls and jewellery designs that included both product and packaging.

Thank you to all staff and students who supported our highly creative students by attending the exhibition.

#### **Visual Arts Dept**

















#### YEAR 11 MODERN HISTORY EXCUR-

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June, the Year 11 Modern History class visited the Museum of Contemporary Art Australia and the Art Gallery of NSW in the city. Students visited four exhibitions between the two locations and were infused in the visual representations of History. Students were particularly impressed with the Grand Courts exhibition which included historical collections from 15<sup>th</sup> century European Renaissance art to 19<sup>th</sup> century sculptures and paintings. It was a well deserved excursion for the Year 11 Modern History class who have been studying the French and Cuban Revolutions.



#### JUNIOR & SENIOR GIRLS SYDNEY SOUTH WEST GALA DAY



On the 31<sup>st</sup> of May 2023, the Junior and Senior Girls Oztag teams participated in the Sydney South West Gala Day.

The Senior Girls proceeded through to the next round placing 2nd on the ladder due to being undefeated at this point.

The girls won their quarter finals match by a try saving dive from Arianna Roberts Ruwoldt and made their way to the semi-finals. They played with all their might. Overall, they were placed top 4 which is a great achievement.

Ms Le - Learning Support



#### YEAR 12 HOSPITALITY BUFFET PERIOD

On Tuesday, 8th of August, the Year 12 Hospitality students, participated in the Cluster D service period. This is where they demonstrate & showcase all the skills, they have learned over the last two years and present a delicious buffet of food.

Working in teams the students prepared, deep fried lemon pepper squid, chicken meatballs and sweet chilli dipping sauce, Kafta, Tabouli, Parmesan twists platter, with veggie sticks and hummus dip, fruit salad and fruit cocktails, grilled vegetables and Haloumi cheese.

Congratulations to all the students involved on the day, who looked very professional in their uniforms. Mr Michael de Main, our Senior Pathways Officer, was invited to attend and assess the students and he was very impressed with the level of skill and knowledge of the students and all students achieved their competencies.



# YEAR 12 TEXTILES DISPLAY

Congratulations and all the best to the Year 12 Textiles students, who have worked so hard over this year

to create some amazing pieces of work for their HSC major projects.











# SRC REPRESENTATIVES - VICTORY OF THE PACIFIC

On the 14th of August, Alysha Phung, Mrs Sleiman (SRC Coordinator) and Mariel Paje, were given an opportunity to represent Fairvale High School in the Victory of Pacific Commemoration at CabraVale Diggers. Victory in the Pacific commemorates the end of World War II, when Japan agreed to surrender, ending nearly six years of war.

In this moment of history, we remember those who took part in the prolonged battles serving under Australian troops, and those who continue to serve our country till this day. Their sacrifices for military service will always be recognised.

SRC representatives, were fortunate to take part in this memorial service, allowing us to reflect and pay our respects to the Australian soldiers that risked their lives for us.



Mrs Sleiman - SRC Coordinator

DATES TO REMEMBER - TERM 3 2023					
Term 3	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	4 September	5 September	6 September	7 September	8 September
Week 8		<ul> <li>Subject Selection Evening</li> </ul>	CHS Athletics     SRC     Representatio     n Battle for     Australia -     RSL Venue	CHS Athletics	CHS Athletics
	11 September	12 September	13 September	14 September	15 September
Week 9	<ul> <li>Year 11 Preliminary Examinations</li> <li>Stewart House Residential Week</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Year 11 Preliminary Examinations</li> <li>Stewart House Residential Week</li> <li>Year 9 Geography Excursion</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Year 11 Preliminary Examinations</li> <li>Stewart House Residential Week</li> <li>Year 9 Geography Excursion</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Year 11 Preliminary Examinations</li> <li>Stewart House Residential Week</li> <li>RUOK Day</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Year 11 Preliminary Examinations</li> <li>Stewart House Residential Week</li> </ul>
	18 September	19 September	20 September	21 September	22 September
Week 10	• Year 11 Preliminary Examinations	• Year 11 Preliminary Examinations	• Year 11 Preliminary Examinations	• Year 11 Preliminary Examinations	<ul> <li>Year 11 Preliminary Examinations</li> <li>Year 12 Picnic</li> <li>Last Day of Term 3</li> </ul>
SEPTEMBER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2022 Monday 25 September to Friday 6 October Beginning of Term 4 Monday 9 October Monday 9 October - ALL STUDENTS RETURN DATES TO REMEMBER - TERM 4 2023					
Term 4	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
4	9 October	10 October	11 October	12 October	13 October
Week 1	• Year 10 Assessment Week	• Year 10 Assessment Week	<ul> <li>Year 10 Assessment Week</li> <li>HSC Written Exams</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Year 10 Assessment Week</li> <li>HSC Written Exams</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Year 10 Assessment Week</li> <li>HSC Written Exams</li> </ul>
	16 October	17 October	18 October	19 October	20 October
Week 2	<ul> <li>HSC Written Exams</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>HSC Written Exams</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>HSC Written Exams</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>HSC Written Exams</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>HSC Written Exams</li> </ul>

# SCHOOL UNIFORM - SOCKS AND SHOES

It is important that parents and carers provide students with the correct school uniform elements through out the students school years. Below is a friendly reminder of the types of socks and school shoes Fairvale students need to wear to school on a daily basis.

**SOCKS: Boys** must wear GREY fold down ankle socks.

**Girls** must wear white fold down ankle socks or chocolate brown tights.



#### SHOES:

All students need to wear school shoes. School shoes must be plain laced leather enclosed shoes.

**Girls** need to wear brown plain laced leather school shoes.



**Boys** need to wear black plain laced leather school shoes



Slipper style shoes are banned for safety reasons and sports style shoes and sports shoes are not acceptable. Boots or shoes with steel caps are not allowed.



Students can attend Time to Shine on Fridays during the first half of lunch to polish their shoes in Wright Block.

Students are also reminded to polish their school shoes on a regular basis. This shows pride in appearance and also helps to protect the leather, helps to keep the shoes waterproof and makes the shoes last longer. If parents / carers / students have any questions regarding the School's Uniform requirements and policy, please contact Ms Efthymiades on 9604 3118.

### STUDENT EYECARE PROGRAM

We are pleased to announce that the Student Eyecare Program will be running at the school in Term 3, 2023. An optometrist will be onsite during school hours to provide students with a free comprehensive eye examination that is covered through Medicare Australia.

1 in 6 students have eye conditions that go undetected. This is due to the high level of visual demand on their eyes from books, laptops, tablets and smartphones. Every student will receive a full report about their eye health and a prescription will be provided if glasses are required. The prescription can then be taken to any optical store to get the glasses made. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity.



FOR MORE INFO, PLEASE VISIT WWW.STUDENTEYECARE.COM.AU OR CONTACT (02) 8188 1336

# YEAR 12 IT TIMBER MAJOR PROJECTS

Congratulations to Year 12 IT Timber on completing their 2023 HSC Major Project.

All students were required to design, manage, finance and construct a practical project along with documenting and presenting a related 11-chapter folio.

The students can reflect on their effort over the past year and hopefully be satisfied that they delivered their personal best.

They may even consider it a memorable life experience!



Mr Cerniauskas — Head Teacher Industrial Arts









