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# Term 4 - Assessments, Reports & Time to Celebrate

FROM Susan Wyatt, The Principal

Welcome back to the start of the last term of the school year, Term 4. It is a term that I always enjoy, not just for the opportunity to read reports and see the improvement in student learning over the year, but for the opportunity to celebrate that learning and other achievements in our many award ceremonies. At Mosman High, we hold a Sports Award Ceremony, a Years 9, 10 and 11 Presentation Evening and then a Presentation Evening just for Years 7 and 8.

For the first time in three years we will also be able to hold the Year 6 Orientation Day at our new school hall. For the past few years and while we have not had a school hall, the Year Advisers and I have visited the primary schools to provide an orientation to high school life. However, with the completion of our fantastic hall and the installation of 'state of the art' audio-visual technology we will be excited to show this to Year 7, 2024 and their families.

Our new build is rapidly coming to completion. The fabulous new G Block with 16 new classrooms, a new theatre and hall as well as a new library and staff room spaces ... and who could forget the incredible views, is finished. The second stage which involved completing the landscaping in the centre of the school is well underway, paths and garden beds have been formed, underground irrigation in place and even large trees are being planted. I am sure it will be as wonderful

as G block and provide much needed playground space for our students. Even the new teachers' carpark is well underway and with an overall completion date by the end of November, we are all getting excited.

The HSC has commenced for the 'Class of 2023' with English papers 1 and 2 in the first week, mathematics dominates the start of Week 2. The new hall is providing the perfect space for the HSC examinations. Already we have heard some impressive news. The HSC drama class has had seven nominations for 'On Stage' and the dance class has had six nominations for 'Callback'. This is a fantastic achievement for the students and their teachers John Feros and Desiree De Bono.

Furthermore, we keep hearing of students who have received early entry offers to university, with thirty-seven Year 12 students receiving offers to Macquarie University alone. These offers are issued before the students sit the HSC and provide a measure of confidence knowing that if they desire to go to university they have a place.

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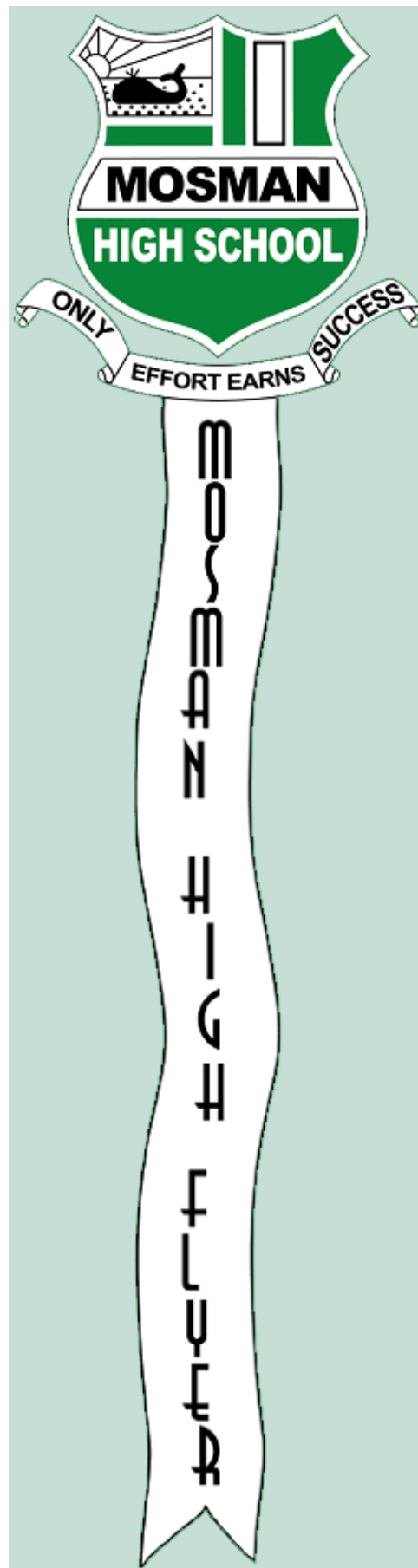
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## P&C Meeting

7pm, Thursday, October 26th

*All Welcome*

**Staff Common Room on 3rd floor of G Block**



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The Year 12 Graduation at the end of Term 3 was such a joyous celebration of student achievement, with Ethan Kijurina being named Dux based on school assessment. Many of the talented Year 12 students also performed their major works in dance, drama and music and all HSC students received their graduation portfolio. An annual highlight of this ceremony is the provision of an 'Art Book' for each Year 12 art student. Compiled by the P&C art committee, these books include photos of every Year 12 student's major art work ... a book to be treasured.

Also, in the last week of Term 3, Year 8 went to camp. With a focus on sustainability and the environment, it was an opportunity to explore a different natural environment and have fun as well. Teachers who accompanied Year 8 said it was a great camp, and that our students were acknowledged as exemplary by the camp organisers. So far, we have held four camps this year, but we still have one to go.

Year 10 will be taking part in the 'Life Ready' camp in Week 8 of this term. The Life Ready program is compulsory for HSC students. While we have trialed a number of ways including school seminars to deliver this program the most efficient and enjoyable way of completing the program has been identified as a camp, of course with the knowledgeable help of the Sport and Recreation team.

Term 4 is also a time of final assessments and Semester 2 reports. Students will all have one more assessment in each of their chosen subjects this term. This may take the form of an in-class test or an out of class assignment or project. Combined with the Term 3 assessments and other formative assessment tasks, this data will form the basis for the final assessment marks on reports. The first reports to be issued will be the final Preliminary reports for Year 11. Having completed their final formal examinations last term, Year 11 have morphed to Year 12 as of Week 2, Term 4, and commenced their HSC courses. It is also pleasing to note the number of Year 12 students who are choosing extension courses.

The 'Mobile Phone Ban' was well publicised as commencing this term. As you know we had a gradual introduction to the ban over the past five weeks of Term 3. Thus, when the ban was introduced this term the students were already used to the process and have seamlessly transitioned

to the new way of being. At Mosman High we have followed the 'Gate to Gate' approach. This means when students enter the school gate they turn off their phone and put it in their bag for the day. On leaving the school gate at the end of the day they take their phone from their bag and check for messages. If students are seen with their phone at any time during the day (including recess or lunch) they have their phone confiscated and placed in the school mobile phone safe. Students can collect their phone at the end of the day from the office. Repeated offences may require a parent to collect the phone or a detention. This term, I am pleased to say there have been no recidivists.

Further exciting news, Mosman High is commencing our overseas excursion program again. 2024 will see a

combined music and language tour to Japan, where we will visit for the first time in three years our sister school Semboku. So, if your student is a musician or learning the Japanese language you are very welcome to contact the school for more information and an expression of interest form.

Finally, I would like to inform our school community that Colette Longley, who has been Deputy Principal at Mosman High School for seventeen years has retired. Recently Colette has been the Deputy Principal responsible for Stage 6 and also responsible for Learning and Support. Colette has been an outstanding member of the executive team and we thank her not only for her contribution to Mosman High School, but her contribution to public education generally.

**Farewell Colette!**

**Colette Longley, Deputy Principal  
at Mosman High School for 17 years**

# Deputy Principals' Reports

FROM Clint Johnson, Stage 6 Deputy Principal

Dear Students, Parents and Staff,

The 2023 HSC exams are upon us with Year 12 students keen to demonstrate their knowledge and reap the benefits of their efforts over the last 12 months. The initial challenge, the completion of the two English papers, was met with determination and focus. It is pleasing to see how our students have settled into the groove, demonstrating their hard work, dedication, and resilience.

Simultaneously, our Year 11 students of 2023 started on their HSC journey for 2024. We have designed an assessment schedule to guide them through this critical period of their academic lives. In most courses, students will undergo four school-based assessments during assessment blocks scheduled for week 8 of each term. An exception to this will be the trial HSC exams, which will occur in Weeks 2 and 3 of Term 3, 2024.

To help navigate their studies and assessment periods, I would like to share some strategies that will support Year 12 during these important times:

- **Dedicated Study Area:** Create a space conducive to learning, free from distractions.
- **Effective Time Management:** Utilise daily planners, schedule breaks, practice exam skills and establish a structured study routine.
- **Prioritise Health:** Exercise, proper sleep, and balanced nutrition are fundamental to academic success.
- **Syllabus Knowledge:** Know your subject specific syllabus; seek guidance from your teachers when in doubt.
- **Collaborative Learning:** Join study groups, connect with peers, and foster a supportive learning environment.
- **Teacher Mentorship:** Take advantage of the opportunity to work closely with teacher mentors; their guidance can be transformative.
- **Utilise Support Services:** Access support services such as year advisors, careers advisor and counsellors; your mental well-being is paramount.

Furthermore, it is never too early to consider life beyond the HSC. Exploring potential career paths, engaging in work experience, applying early entry programs at universities, and building a network can significantly enrich your prospects. Our careers advisor, Mr. Mew, has a wealth of experience here and can provide guidance for any student who is interested.

Wishing all of our students a positive and enriching HSC experience.

FROM Tony Gahan, Stage 5 Deputy Principal

Dear Parents, Carers, Teachers & Students,

Welcome to the final term of 2023. We wish all of our HSC students the best of luck in their final examinations. May the efforts of all students be rewarded with questions which suit their learning style. It is also at this time of year that we reflect on the efforts of Year 12 teachers, the Year 12 mentors/counsellors and the learning and administration community. Thank you. I would also like to acknowledge and thank the parents and carers who have entrusted the power of education to Mosman High School. Mosman High School is a better place for the individual gifts each and every student brings to our school community. The support of parents and carers for both the students and the school is outstanding.

## Final Assessments

Term 4 assessment tasks can be found on the school calendar. Please note, that in-line with current educational strategies and research it will not always be the case that students will sit end of year examinations.

The assessment guidelines, available via our webpage; outlines the content assessable, the outcomes assessed and the percentage the tasks are worth. The assessment dates are updated via our school calendar and as such it is important to regularly check this information via the school web page.

## Study Skills, Revision Folders and Note-taking

We have been building the students awareness of strong study and revision skills both through our teaching staff and the Elevate programs.

Each night students should spend the first part of their homework session recalling, what was covered in class that day.

Students should be using a calendar to mark when tasks are due and the nature of the task.

Student study notes should be prepared on a regular basis, they should be filed and easily retrieved for regular appraisal.

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# Deputy Principals' Reports

FROM Tony Gahan, Stage 5 Deputy Principal

## Elevate Education Webinars Term 4, 2023

**Wednesday 25th October @ 6:30pm (AEDT)**  
**How You Can Help Your Child Manage Their Time**  
Click below to register for free  
<https://go.elevateeducation.com/auschoolwebinars>



The poster for the Elevate Education Term 4 Parent Support Series features a smiling young woman with glasses. The text on the poster includes the Elevate Education logo, the title 'Term 4 Parent Support Series', and 'Free Parent Webinars'. It lists four topics to be covered in Term 4: 'How You Can Help Your Child Manage Their Time' (25th October @ 6:30), 'How To Help Your Child Alleviate Stress' (8th November @ 6:30), 'How You Can Build Resilience in Your Child' (22nd November @ 6:30), and 'How You Can Set Your Child Up for Success' (6th December @ 6:30). A 'Click here to Register' button is also present.

## Parent Webinars - KYDS Youth Development Service



The poster for KYDS Youth Development Service features a photograph of a building. The text includes the KYDS logo, 'FREE Youth Counselling at KIRIBILLI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE', and a list of criteria for referral: 'Living or going to school in the Northern Sydney region', 'Aged 10 - 18 years (or attending Year 12 or equivalent)', 'Are willing to engage in counselling support', and 'Have some flexibility in terms of availability to attend sessions'. It also provides contact information: 'counsellor@kyds.org.au', '16-18 Fitzroy St, Kirribilli', and '9416 0900'. The operating hours are 'Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 10am - 6pm'.

## From “no” to “go”: Goal-setting and motivation made easy

17th Oct 1:00pm & 18th Oct 6:30pm (repeated):  
<https://lu.ma/ek4ct7f5>

### Living and thriving with ADHD

25th Oct 1:00pm & 2nd Oct 6:30pm (repeated):  
<https://lu.ma/vmy3pn9v>

We are also running two webinars in the coming weeks in partnership with Headspace and Lane Cove Council:

## Small fish, big pond: Managing the transition to high school

20th Sept 6:30pm:  
[www.lanecove.nsw.gov.au/Eventbrite/Small-Fish-Big-Pond-Transition-toHigh-School-Webinar-Evening-Session-679838865347](http://www.lanecove.nsw.gov.au/Eventbrite/Small-Fish-Big-Pond-Transition-toHigh-School-Webinar-Evening-Session-679838865347)

10th Oct 12:30pm:  
[www.lanecove.nsw.gov.au/Eventbrite/Small-Fish-Big-Pond-Transition-toHigh-School-Webinar-Day-Session-679857160067](http://www.lanecove.nsw.gov.au/Eventbrite/Small-Fish-Big-Pond-Transition-toHigh-School-Webinar-Day-Session-679857160067)

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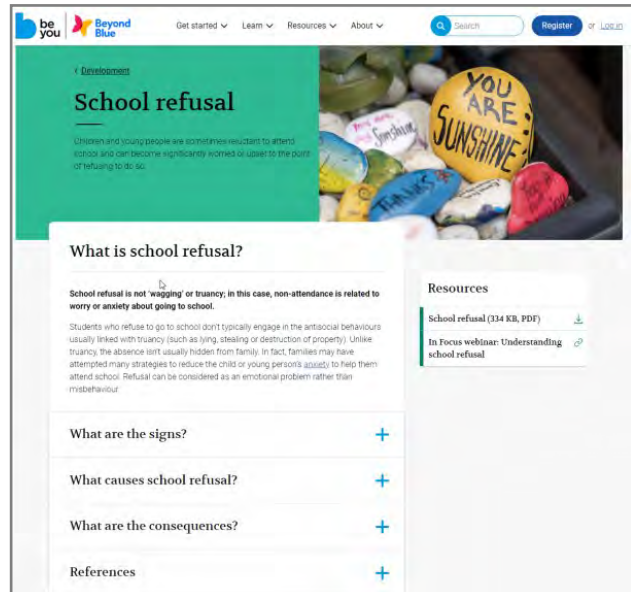
FROM Tony Gahan, Stage 5 Deputy Principal

## School Refusal

Non-attendance at school due to school refusal is related to worry or anxiety about going to school.

Click below for information and help:

<https://beyou.edu.au/fact-sheets/development/school-refusal>



FROM Bernadette Smith, Stage 4 Deputy Principal

At Mosman High we are very fortunate to have a wonderful school with many new and well-resourced classrooms, passionate and caring teachers who welcome students every day into their learning and of course students who are talented in many different areas of the curriculum. Our students are the fabric of our school and so attendance at school is vital to the sense of belonging, school spirit and success of our school. The words of Hancock et al., 2013 *"Every day counts and there is no 'safe' threshold for absences"*.

At Mosman High we develop and will continue to develop ways to continue to maintain and improve student attendance as our goal is to have students learning at school every day, however, if for some reason students are absent then our aim is to ensure that this is supported by a parent/carer explanation. If your child is absent for any reason, be it a partial absence or full day absence or longer please notify the school of the reason for the absence or reply to the text message that is sent by the school. For longer periods of absence, a medical certificate or documentation will be required. Just a reminder that it is important that you update the school on any changes to addresses or contact details either by phone, email or letter.

Additionally, if your child is going to miss school for an extended time due to a planned holiday or such, please let the school know as soon as possible. Students are required to complete classwork and assessments tasks either before they leave, while on leave or on their return to school. It is important that students discuss any assessment tasks or work that will be missed and find out from their teachers about what they will need to do to catch up on missed work when they return to school.

At Mosman High we understand that there are many factors that influence absenteeism from a lack of self-esteem, learning difficulties and/or a lack of motivation or goals. As parents/ carers and teachers it is our aim to support our students to attend school regularly so if you require help getting your child to school for any reason, please contact us. We have trained and caring staff that include school counsellors, a well-being nurse, a well-being officer, Year Advisors, Stage Head Teachers, Deputy Principals and Principal who will assist in many practical ways to support you and your child. If you need interpreter assistance to contact the school, please call 131 450, tell the operator what language you need and ask them to phone the school. The operator will get an interpreter on the line to assist you with your conversation. We want to do all we can to be sure your child achieves their potential and enjoys being in school.

***We know that school is the best place to learn. By attending school every day your child will get the most out of their learning and improve their career and life options.***





# School Captains & Leadership Council

Introducing our School Captains and School Vice-Captains for 2023/2024.



**School Vice-Captains:**  
Annabella Menzies  
Leo Barkhatov



“Here we come! We’re so excited for the year ahead!”



**School Captains:**  
Orlando Tribe Aviles  
Salma Catanho Martinez



## Leadership Council 2023/2024

<b>Sport:</b>	Max Linden, Evie Howells, Katie Beck
<b>Science and Technology:</b>	Leo Barkhatov, Milou Schrap, Jack Whitehouse
<b>Wellbeing:</b>	Orlando Tribe Aviles, Lana Barrios, Tate O'Neill
<b>Performing Arts:</b>	Abigail Rowe, Sofia Madsen, Phoenix Leech
<b>Visual Arts:</b>	Salma Catanho Martinez, Zachary Clarke, Giselle Cano
<b>SRC:</b>	Annabella Menzies, Chelsea Law, Zak O'Hara, Luke Liu, Mack Waters

# Year 8 Great Aussie Bush Camp 2023

FROM Bernadette Smith, Stage 4 Deputy Principal

The Year 8 school camp can be described as nothing less than amazing. The camp is situated where Stockton Creek and Dora Creek meet, near Lake Macquarie and a very excited, energetic Year 8 group arrived at camp ready for fun and action. The weather was perfect - a little warm on day one, but perfect the next.



Different groups were able to participate in canoeing, archery, bushcraft, fencing and initiatives whilst other groups were set for the heights of the giant swing, rock climbing and the flying fox. This all happened in beautiful, natural surroundings amidst the happy sounds of cheering and laughter. It was lovely to see the comradeship developing in Year 8 especially when students cheered and supported one another in their activities. Night-time activities kept us all amused with games night followed by a hilarious rendition of shaving blindfolded and going around and over a table whilst never touching the floor. And yes, some students achieved this with great flexibility and in record time!

Tired but happy we returned home ready for the relaxation of the school holidays. It was a great experience that the whole year enjoyed and one we will remember for a long time to come.

Great friendships, new skills and as well as new challenges were met. A huge thank you to all our teachers Mr Feros, Mr Thomas, Mr Hodge, Mr Maiit, Mrs Mugnes, Mrs Van de Linde, Mrs Smith and Mrs Marsters who gave up their time, sleep and provided a safe and enjoyable camp for our students.





# Performing Arts News

FROM Michael White, Head Teacher Performing Arts

Congratulations to all students who have completed the practical component of their HSC examinations and a special mention below, from Mr John Feros, to Drama for their Onstage Nominations. This an exceptional achievement to top off all the hard work they have put into their craft over the last few years.

With the excitement brewing around the Mosman High School tour to Japan in 2024, it isn't too late to join one of our many ensembles. Whether you want to sing, or play an instrument, everyone is welcome to join an ensemble. Performing in an ensemble provides many opportunities, enhances confidence and builds new friendship. Our ensembles include, the Symphonic Wind Orchestra, Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Jam, Percussion Ensemble, Choir, the String Ensemble and the Guitar Ensemble.

In Term 4, we will be holding different concerts, in Week 7 we will have the Ensembles Evening which involves our ensembles, and the Performing Arts night which will include, Drama, Dance and Musical items. Auditions for the Performing Arts night will be in week 3 (Wednesday Period 1 and 2).

In Week 6 the Performing Arts department will be holding a Stage 4 Drama evening which will display the skills and theatrical prowess of our students from Year 7 and 8.

The school choir is featuring in School Spectacular this year. Ms Smith has been working tirelessly with the choir. We at Mosman High school are so lucky to have such an experienced conductor to guide our students through such a wonderful event - It will also be televised on 7Plus!!

The Jazz Ensemble are playing a show this Friday (October 20<sup>th</sup>) in the afternoon at Balmoral reserve from 6pm. Come down, listen to some sweet tunes and have a boogie!

In 2024 we will be heading off to attend Japan. This will be an amazing opportunity for all Music students that are playing in an ensemble. If your child is interested in this amazing adventure to perform in an ensemble in front of different schools and audiences in another country, please come and speak to Mr White, Mr Williamson or Ms Smith. Come and join the Tour of a lifetime!

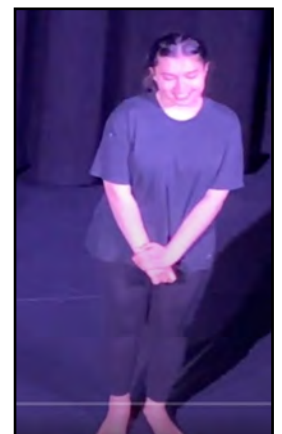
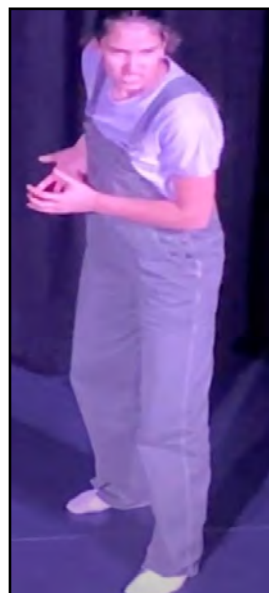
## Congratulations Year 12 Drama:

Year 12 Drama have received an incredible 7 nominations for Onstage! One group and three monologues were nominated. OnStage showcases some of the best performances from the 2023 HSC. If chosen the students will perform at the Seymour Centre in February.

The students selected:

- the group devised performance *The Theatre of War* – Ashkia Ramsay Roberts, Lily Weerasinghe, Peppa Graham and Abby Lytton-Hitchins; and
- the monologues *Scarecrow* – Ashkia Ramsay Roberts, *Medea Redux* – Abby Lytton-Hitchins and *Normal Jean*– Lily Weerasinghe;

all showcased amazing performance skills. It is so rewarding for all students nominated as the nominations reflect the hard work and outstanding theatricality. I am proud of the whole class's achievements. Now for the written component!





# MHS Sport

FROM Reece Watson, Sports Co-ordinator

## Term 4 Water Sports

Over the course of the next five weeks, Years 7 to 10 will be taking part in a range of water sports during their regular sport lessons. Year 7 are participating in Paddleboarding, Sailing and Kayaking with the Balmoral sailing club, while Years 8 to 10 are participating in a learn to Surf program at the renowned Manly Surf School.

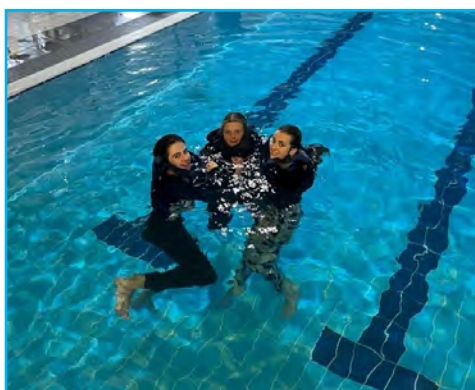
With the sun, sand, and sea as their classroom, students will be guided by expert instructors as to learn a new skill or develop existing ones. Both programs are tailored to all levels, so making this a meaningful and fun learning experience.

These exciting programs promise to not only teach surfing and sailing skills, but also instil values like perseverance and confidence. It's a unique chance for our students to embrace the ocean, get fit, and create unforgettable memories.



## Year 10 SLR lifesaving

Year 10 Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation (SLR) students are embarking on a meaningful adventure this term as they delve into the Bronze Medallion Lifesaving Course. This course equips them with essential water safety and rescue skills, nurturing their sense of responsibility and their ability to respond effectively in aquatic emergencies. During the course, students will acquire vital lifesaving techniques, including CPR and rescue strategies, while deepening their understanding of water safety.



## Mosman High Blues awards

Mosman High Blues awards are presented at our sports presentation day to students who excel in sport, performing at State, National or International level. This does not just apply to representing Mosman High School, it can be for students who have excelled in sports outside of school, such as equestrian, sailing etc.

If your student has excelled in sport this year and has participated at a State, National or International level, please encourage them to self-nominate by filling out the online form posted to their Year group Google Class room page or see Mr Watson in the PDHPE staffroom.

# English

FROM Peter Papilos, Head Teacher English

## Congratulations to the 2023 HSC class of English Advanced, Standard and EALD!!

As of midday Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> of October you officially completed 100% of your HSC in English – no mean feat! Your scripts will begin being marked later this month and by December 14<sup>th</sup> you should receive your results.

Please ensure that any and all texts from HSC and preliminary, and even stage 5 or 4 (if they're lurking under beds, behind drawers or in the backs of desks, etc.) are returned so that the Classes of 2024 and so forth, can derive their benefit.

Looking back over the year, the Class of 2023 has had many achievements in the literary world and the world of literature and there is much for which they should feel pride. Too many to list here, but one stand out was Laura Williams being nominated for the Mosman Youth Award in Literature!

Extension 2 major works were submitted in mid August and so these students have only Extension 1 left to study for now – we wish these students the best of luck and know they will perform their personal best.

For the new class of HSC students and any future students reading this article, time is of the essence and now is the time to be getting your head around study timetables, your commitments in and out of school and how you're going to manage a developing workload so that you work smart first then hard.

I'm sure if the Class of 2023 could give you any advice about how to handle English over the next 4 terms it would include:

1. Show up on time;
2. Have questions and answers ready;
3. Have completed some research on the syllabus or text;
4. Write everything down: you'll never know when you might need it;

Finally, I think their last piece of advice would be:

5. Apply for a mentor, meet with them, take their advice!

English is a diverse and exciting subject with many glittering aspects to it, not least of which is our debating program which runs under the guidance of Mrs Shore, Mr Chen and Mr Giulambarian – if you'd like to check it out or get more information, please come to the English staffroom and sign up on the board or ask for any of the English teachers – we're all happy to help!

# Languages

FROM Jane Jackson, Teacher Languages

So much is happening in Languages right now!

Of course, first up, congratulations to those HSC students who have already sat their respective language exams and good luck to those who still have this to look forward to!

## Chinese

To celebrate Mid-Autumn Festival, our enthusiastic Year 9 Chinese students participated in an excursion during Term 3 Week 8. Our first stop was the *White Rabbit Gallery*, where we explored the remarkable art exhibition. We then proceeded to *Market City* for moon cake tasting and had delicious noodles and dumplings for lunch at *Mr Meng on Level 3, Market City*. Students embraced the opportunity to place their order in Chinese. The students were excited, but nervous to show off their language ability. On our way back, we walked through *Chinatown*, and they were keen to recognise characters on various signs and brought up a lot of interesting discussions in our group. This fun and educational excursion fostered a deeper understanding and appreciation of the Mid-Autumn Festival within the Chinese community in Australia.



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# Languages

FROM Jane Jackson, Teacher Languages

## Year 12 Chinese

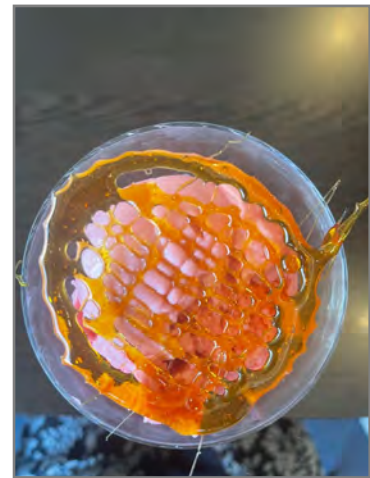
To farewell our incredible Year 12 Chinese class, we decided to make snowy moon cakes and enjoy some bubble tea during our final lesson. It was heartening to see this group work together seamlessly, pooling their efforts to create and prepare the moon cakes (and clean up the room J). This lesson was not only a celebration of the Mid-Autumn Festival, but also a chance to reminisce about the wonderful memories we've shared throughout the academic years. It was a fantastic way to say goodbye to our Year 12 Chinese group and wish them all the best in their HSC.



## French

Year 8 French enjoyed brunch at *Four Frogs Crêperie* during Term 3 Week 10. We are so fortunate to have such an authentic French food experience on our doorstep and it's always a favourite outing for students. Prior to the day, students studied the menu and practised greeting, placing their order («*Je voudrais ... / Je prendrai ...*»), asking for the bill («*L'addition, s'il vous plait!*»), giving feedback on their meal («*C'était délicieux!*»), thanking and farewelling («*Merci! Au revoir! Bonne journée!*»).

Year 10 and Year 11 French ventured a little further afield during Term 3 Week 10. «*Merci!*» to Mr Mew who kindly transported us on the school mini-bus us to and from *The Little Snail* restaurant at Pyrmont with amazing views over Darling Harbour. Students enjoyed a three course French lunch with many students daring to try snails for the very first time!



## Year 12 French

Year 12 French reminisced, and also looked to their bright futures, during their last official French lesson in Week 9 over a lunch of *pissaladière*, salad, baguette and sparkling apple juice. *Pissaladière* is a French version of pizza which hails from the South of France – no cheese, lashings of caramelised onions, cherry tomatoes, thyme and olives etc. Miam! Miam! So easy to make!

Try it out ...

<https://www.taste.com.au/recipes/pissaladiere-3/71cc906e-0584-4399-9d95-4a92cdf0e6df>

So fortunate to enjoy this in our amazing, new Languages Hub classrooms!



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# Languages

FROM Jane Jackson, Teacher Languages

## 'Ciné Club' - Film Club

The 'Ciné-Club' is back in Term 4 Week 2 starting Monday 16 October in room G12.

Ciné-club is an after-school film club held every Monday from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. where students learn and watch films in different languages with (English) subtitles with the focus for this term being French films. Students can be kept up to date with the latest film club news via Google Classroom (code = ku6igdi). We are looking forward to students being able to review and recommend foreign language films to the Mosman High community!

By Hannah Ishimura Wright

## Italian Film Festival

Lastly, there is still time to catch a film at the Italian film festival here in Sydney. For more information please access the following link

<https://www.italianfilmfestival.com.au/>

«A la prochaine !» (Until next time !)



The Design Exhibition of all TAS Subjects for years 7 to 12 will be on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> of November, (Week 4) on the ground floor of E Block from 4 - 7 pm.

All our workshops and CLS3 will be full of practical work from 2023 Yrs 7 to 12. The subjects include Timber, Multimedia, Design and Technology, Engineering, Textiles and Stage 4 Technology. Yr 11 Hospitality will be serving a variety of Hors d'oeuvres with light refreshments.

Our guest speaker is Belinda Maudson who is currently a teacher at Enmore Design School and has worked in many creative areas including special effects in movies.

Students, parents and friends are all welcome on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

# TAS Report

FROM Patrick Griffin, Teacher TAS

## Year 11 Multimedia

Both Year 11 Multimedia classes spent Semester 2 learning to use a range of video editing, special effects and animation software to create outstanding short films. These will be available for viewing at the MHS 'Design Expo 2023' on Friday 3 November 2023 (Week 4, Term 4) from 4-7pm.



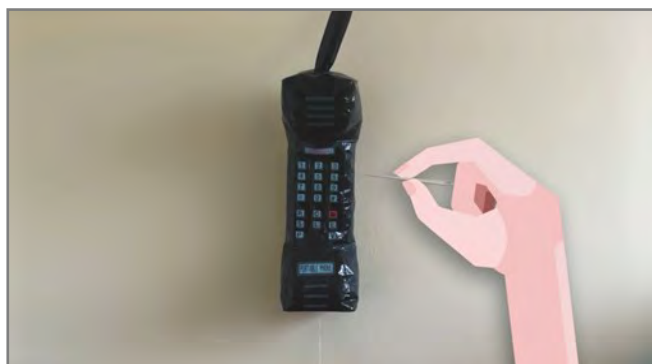
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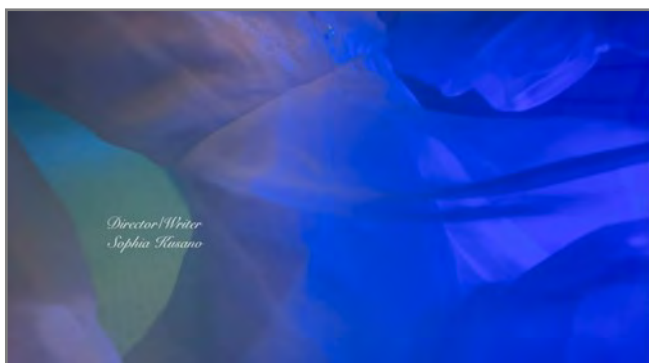
*Leo McGrath - 3D Animation*



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*Sophia Medveskaya - Video / Animation*



*Sophia Kusano - Music Video*



*Oliver Sams - Surfing Video*

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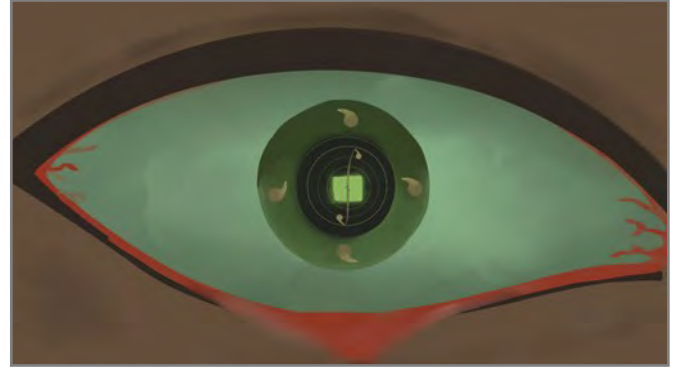
# TAS Report

FROM Patrick Griffin, Teacher TAS

## Year 11 Multimedia



*Alexander Augustynowicz - Tourism Video*



*Andy Zhang - Video / Animation*

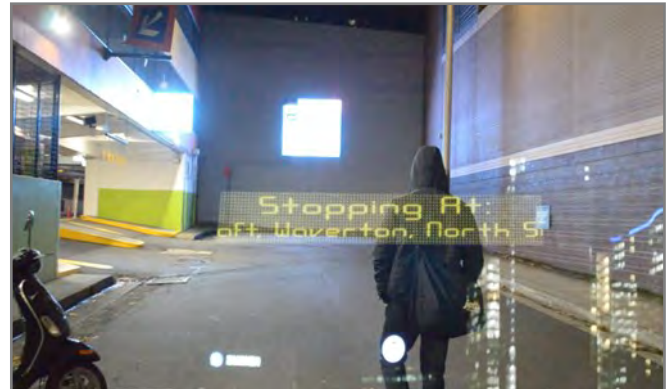
## Year 12 Multimedia 2023

The HSC Multimedia class have made a range of works that can be viewed at **MHS 'Design Expo 2023'**.

**STOP PRESS - Oliver Ludbrook's major work has been nominated for the HSC Shape Exhibition held annually at the Powerhouse Museum.**



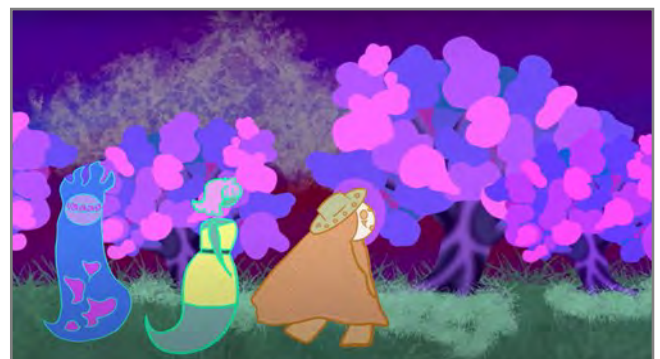
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*Justin Ludick - Music Video*



*Jeremy Smith - Skateboarding Video*



*India Smith - Animation*



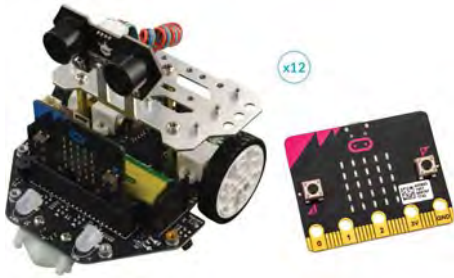
# HOTS Report

FROM Jess McCarthy, Head Teacher Teaching and Learning

As Term 4 begins, it is a great chance for the Year 9 students to reflect on the learning they have done in the HOTS and HOTH courses this year.

We have completed some interesting projects including vertical gardens, game design and coding.

But for now, let's meet the MAQUEEN robot.



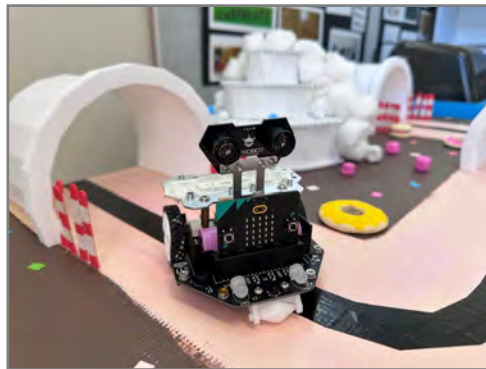
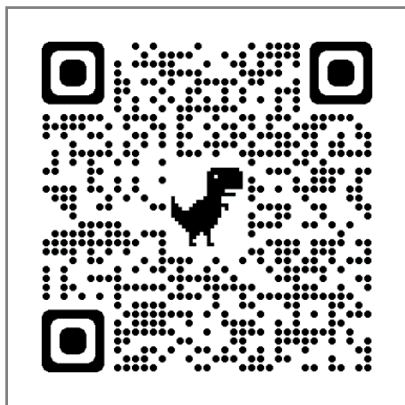
Students use block coding to program the microbits.

They have been challenged to get their robots to move forward, follow a line, dance and light up.

Students have been creating some fun "race tracks" for the robots to travel through.

I have been impressed at the skills students are demonstrating in as they problem solve. The collaboration, prototyping and self reflection skills are really improving, and it is evident in the way their projects have developed.

Scan the QR code to see one of the robots in action.



# Merchant Navy Day Memorial Service 2023

This year, Merchant Navy Day fell on the same day, as Father's Day. This last occurred in 2017. The attendance of 63 guests was most pleasing given that circumstance. This is the second year the Grand Hall at the Mosman Art Gallery has been the venue, which we hope will continue in the future.

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We were delighted to have the Mosman High School Captains, Emma Simpson and Raghunath Gokhale, present a tribute to the Merchant Navy. The time and research they had devoted to their excellent address, later created much comment from those present. Consider that this occurred during their study for HSC exams, so we appreciate their considerable efforts and thank Principal Susan Wyatt for making their presence possible.

My thanks also to Capt. Ted van Bronswijk for allowing me to summarise his eulogy to Gordon, published in that newsletter.

*Gordon first went to sea as a 14-year-old a couple of years prior to WW11. For the duration of the war, he served on ships operation in Australia, Fiji, India, PNG and NZ. He was in Darwin during the attack by Japanese aircraft. Leaving seagoing service in 1950, he began compiling the names of M. N. seafarers lost during the war and by 1964 had added a large number to the War Service League Roll of Honour, in Melbourne. Then began his membership of the Merchant Navy RSL sub-Branch and Merchant Navy Association, together with the publication of the first edition of "The Red Ensign". In his words "to keep the crowd together". He organised gatherings and lunches, initially at his home, but as they became strongly attended, moved them to the Markets Club at Flemington. All profits from those were donated to the Merchant Navy Memorial at Rookwood. During the 1980's lunches were being held at State Parliament House. In 1990, Gordon became President of both the sub-Branch and Association.*

*He worked very closely with the Company of Master Mariners, raising funds for the Merchant Navy Memorial in Canberra, which was unveiled in October 1990 by Governor General Bill Hayden. A dinner, attended by 300 was held at The Canberra Club the evening prior. Gordon and his colleagues Bob Nelson and Ron Wylie worked to secure formal recognition of*

*Merchant Navy veterans war service, resulting in granting service pensions and full repatriation benefits to those veterans. In 2002, Gordon, Bob and Ron formed a committee to prepare a submission to government for Merchant Navy Day as a "Designated Day" and to be formally recognised. This took six years before success was achieved. Merchant Navy Day was first officially commemorated on 3 September 2009 and has been so in the years following. Even at age 85, Gordon still travelled widely, meeting with veterans to have gatherings at local RSL clubs. With his death in May 2008, his newsletter ceased publication. This was a great*

*loss, but understandable as it was solely his.*

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In our present form, we commit ourselves and our members to continuing the history and dedicated service to honour those Merchant Navy veterans who gave their lives and served during wartime to ensure continuation of our Australian way of life and freedom.

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Merrill Barker,  
Merchant Navy Chapter Coordinator,  
Forestville RSL sub-Branch.





## MHS Stars

### Georgiana Brown, Year 9

Georgiana has been selected in the final squad for the 2024 NSW U15s Girls Thunder Futsal State Team. Georgiana will be representing NSW in the FA National Futsal Championships 2024 which will be held in the Gold Coast from 5 - 9 January 2024.

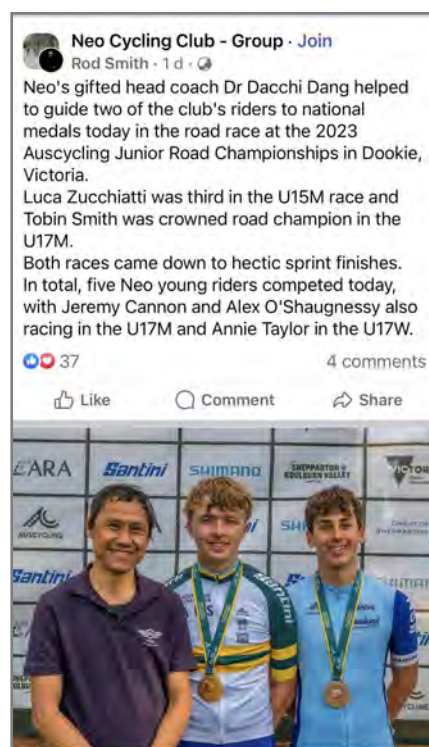
Such an incredible achievement! Well done Georgiana!



### Luca Zucchiatti, Year 8

Luca recently competed in the 2023 Auscycling Junior Road Championships in Dookie, Victoria. Luca came 3rd in the U15 race.

Congratulations Luca!



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# MHS Stars

## Daniel Wood, Teacher TAS

Not only did Daniel run the Sydney Marathon in 4 hours and 14 minutes in soaring temperatures, but he also raised over \$1,200 for the Children's Cancer Institute.

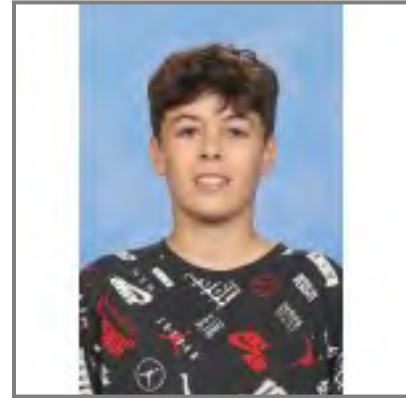
Amazing! Well done Daniel!



## Jack Eeles, Year 8

Jack was selected to represent the NBA Basketball School Australia Team at the first ever NBA Basketball School International Tournament that took place in Abu Dhabi between 3-7 October.

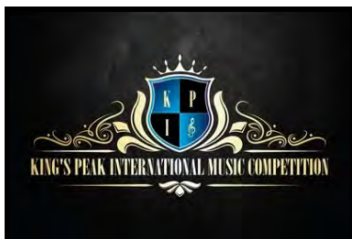
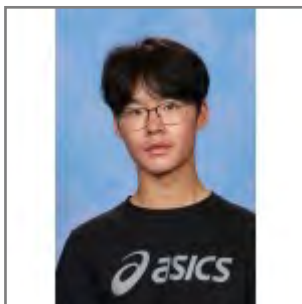
Congratulations Jack!



## Joey Lam, Year 11

Joey Lam recently participated in the King's Peak International Music Competition, Fall 2023. This is a worldwide competition with numerous musician entries each year. The competition is divided into a preliminary and a final round. Joey came first in Group E, age category 17-19 years.

Amazing achievement! Well done Joey!



KPMC FALL 2023 WINNERS' LIST	
PIANO	
Age Group A	
1-	Clara Nathania Thee, INDONESIA
1-	Elsie Lin, USA
2-	Brian Hu, USA
Age Group B	
1-	Tejit Boriboonpoka, THAILAND
1-	Julia Beal, USA/UKRAINE
1-	Lena Okada, USA
2-	Hannah Lee, AUSTRALIA
2-	Hayley Li, AUSTRALIA
3-	Hugo Dockter, USA
Age Group C	
1-	Hiram Reategui, PERU
2-	Armen Dockter, USA
3-	Ong Xiang Ying, SINGAPORE
3-	Nil - Su Kerimoglu, BULGARIA
Percussion Group C	
1-	Jinyuan Guan, CHINA
Age Group D	
1-	Ivan Chepkin, RUSSIA
2-	Kai Wang Wu, HONG KONG, CHINA
3-	Kiana Ghalambor, IRAN
Age Group E	
1-	Joey Lam, AUSTRALIA
1-	Henry Meng, NEW ZEALAND
2-	Dian Chen, USA
3-	Prashasth Turaga, USA

# Bundanon 2023

FROM Liz Peniazeva, Teacher Visual Arts

During the October school holidays, 29 Year 9, 10 and 11 Visual Arts students journeyed to **Bundanon**, the home and work site of iconic Australian painter Arthur Boyd, to take part in a rich 3-day Visual Arts program.

Immersed in the striking landscape of the Shoalhaven region and guided by highly knowledgeable Art Educators, students worked *'en plein air'* and through direct observation to develop a series of artistic responses to this very special landscape.

Upon arrival, students explored the historic homestead of Arthur Boyd, perusing the impressive collection of ceramics, paintings and sculptures by members of the renowned Boyd family. Students were particularly enthralled by Arthur Boyd's painting studio, in which masses of metal oil paint tubes lay scattered on his desk amongst an array of brushes and other curious contraptions. Enchanted by this intimate insight into the practice of such an acclaimed Artist, students were inspired and ready to create some artworks of their own.

After arriving at the architectural marvel that is *'The Bridge'*, students commenced an *'Art as Action'* artmaking activity informed by Contemporary Australian Artist Janet Lawrence. Exploring the concept of Land Art and environmental intervention as artistic expression, students sketched tube-stocks before planting them on the Bundanon grounds.

After an evening of self-directed artmaking, students woke early for a full day of landscape painting and drawing. Beginning with a morning visit to the Bundanon gallery, students were guided through the current exhibition showcasing the work of Contemporary artists from New Zealand who developed conceptual artworks while in residence at Bundanon. Featuring sound artworks, installations, sculptures and digital artworks, the expansive nature of contemporary art practice challenged students, leading to some very insightful discussion. Afterward, students embraced the challenges of working *'en plein air'* (in some very windy conditions) and documented their interpretations of the Shoalhaven river through acrylic painting before changing scenery and working with charcoal to represent a forest environment. Students then engaged in a riveting collaborative reflective dialogue and gallery walk.

Before packing up on the third day, students selected their own materials to create a final artwork of the beautiful Bundanon grounds. Throughout the entire Bundanon experience, students were beaming with creative energy and focus, making them a delight to chaperone.

A huge thank you to Stephen Little who organised this unforgettable experience for our students and to the Mosman High School Art Committee for helping make this happen. We can't wait to return in the future!



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# Bundanon 2023

FROM Liz Peniazeva, Teacher Visual Arts



*As someone interested in history, I really enjoyed visiting Arthur Boyd's old house and getting a feel for the place. The staff were very informative.*

*I felt inspired by seeing his studio. It made me more aware of Artist's Practice.*

*It was also interesting to visit the Art Gallery. While I may not be too in-tune with more conceptual and Contemporary art, it was still worthwhile to see other people's interpretations of the land.*

*I enjoyed the planting and drawing of the tube stock along the river, it made me feel helpful.*

*The plein-air painting and charcoal drawing was really nice to be out and amongst nature for a change. I liked how we also had our wind-down. Overall, there was a good balance of freedom and instruction which made it both relaxing and informative.*

**Lily Robertson, Year 11**

*Like last year, the camp was very enjoyable.*

*The landscape painting was my favourite exercise as it was nice to go out into nature and not worry so much about the little details. The charcoal work was fun to create and good to use a different material. While it isn't my favourite media to use, I enjoyed working messily and the challenges it posed.*

*Visiting Arthur Boyd's homestead and painting studio was a nice way to get into the mood for artmaking and was interesting to learn about.*

*Overall, this has been one of my favourite camps and I would highly recommend it to other students.*

**Zach Clarke, Year 11**

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# Bundanon 2023

FROM Liz Peniazeva, Teacher Visual Arts



*I really enjoyed coming to Bundanon and think that this is a great camp. I liked the small number of students that attended and the freedom we got because of that. I really enjoyed the charcoal and painting workshops (apart from the wind and heat). The accommodation was really nice, good location and distance from home. Overall, this is an amazing camp and I can't wait to come back!*

## Lilly Bell, Year 9

*On the first day, we went to Arthur Boyd's house and studio. It was a beautiful experience and really nice to be able to see his artworks and learn a lot about Boyd himself. We then went to The Bridge where we did some pen drawings of small plants, before planting them which again was really enjoyable. It was quite nice to get straight into it rather than planning the whole time. When we completed our works, we pinned them to the wall. It was really nice to see everyone's different styles and different approaches. On the second day, we started off with painting which was fun but quite difficult. There was a lot of wind which made it a lot harder, but also very memorable! Finally, we worked with charcoal. The charcoal was 100% my favourite. I loved the concept of starting dark and adding lighter tones with erasures. I loved being outdoors and surrounded by nature.*

## Greta Zuppardi, Year 9



# NBA Basketball School Shootout Results

FROM Phil Webster, Sydney North Boys Basketball Convener

Our National Touring teams got in some warm up games against the best teams in Sydney over the holiday weekend, peaking at the right time in the NBA Sydney Shootout.

Our U17s (Year 10) boys defeated St Joseph's College 40-24 and Bulli High (U18s) 42-37 to qualify for the semi-finals against an All-Star Eagle Academy, a mix of players from 4 different schools and rep programs. Eagles were the favourites to march to the semi-finals but MHS proved too strong in the end with exceptional team performance, particularly on the defensive end. Lamar Wright McGuirt led all scorers in the 38-37 point win for MHS to meet Balgowlah Boys (mostly Year 12) in the semi-final.

Once again MHS was the underdog and had the last shot to tie the game in the semi-final. Our Bucks hit some great 3 point shots from Tom Fish and Sihao Liu and were unlucky not to progress to the Grand Final, going down 35-38. St Augustine prevailed in the final game over Balgowlah. Our finish of 3rd was a fantastic result against older boys in Division 1.

Our U15s (Year 8) boys went undefeated throughout the round games defeating Savannah Pride 66-47, Eagles Academy (B) 53-43, Balgowlah Boys 34-25 and Cranbrook 42-35. Alas, they fell short in the semi-final to Eagles Academy (A) 37-42 and finished equal 3rd overall with Orleans Wright McGuirt and Samuel Catanho Martinez leading the scoring.

Fantastic preparation for our first journey to National Championships since 2019 and we wish the boys all the best against schools from around Australia between 26 November - 1 December. You can support the boys through their 'Chocolate' drive and also through our Art Auction.

## NSBC Art Auction

We are proud to be sending 2 MHS teams to participate in the National School Basketball Championships (NSBC) on the Gold Coast this November.

Nationals is a big deal. It will be a fantastic experience for the students, great exposure for the school and will hopefully result in a new trophy or two.

The fundraising committee for the trip is working on some exciting initiatives. One of these is an Art Auction, where a percentage of the proceeds will go to the Tour.

We are thrilled to present an exceptional collection of artwork by artist **ALEJANDRA SIEDER**, one of our MHS parents. Alejandra's art is a mesmerising fusion of monochromatic Op-art and abstract expressionism. Each masterpiece emerges from a meditative process where the artist engages with her memories and the canvas resulting in captivating optical illusions that challenge and push the audience's comfort zones.

By participating in this auction, you have the unique opportunity to make a meaningful impact on MHS selected basketball teams and their dream to participate in the NSBC with other national and international schools. This event is the

pinnacle competition for school basketball in Australia that sees secondary schools from across the country travel and compete in a week long tournament.

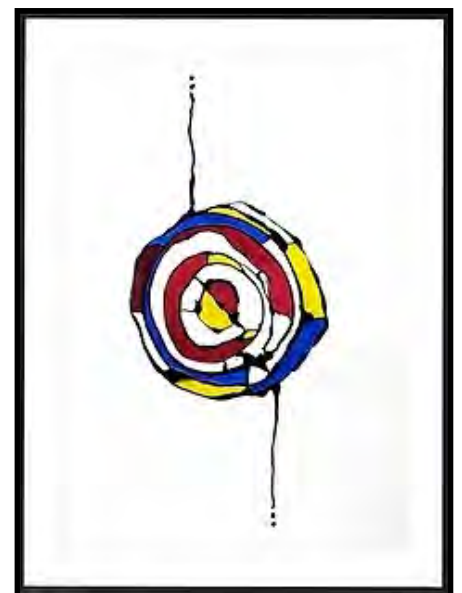
In addition to your support, ALL ART purchases made before July 1st, 2024, are eligible tax deductions. Your generosity creates an impact for MHS Basketball teams to achieve a wonderful goal and also provides a potential tax benefit to you or your business.

Let's unite through art and sport to create a wonderful opportunity for the Mosman High School teams to participate in the National School Basketball Championships on the Gold Coast this November. Please access the auction via the link below.

You can also use the link to make a cash donation to the Team if that is preferred.

Huge thanks you for your support!

<https://www.32auctions.com/mosmanhighbasketgames>



*We understand the importance of convenience, which is why the price of each artwork includes door-to-door shipping. No matter where you are located in Sydney, we ensure that your cherished acquisition reaches you safely and promptly. Deliveries for purchasers outside of Sydney can be arranged (case by case basis).*



# Library Matters

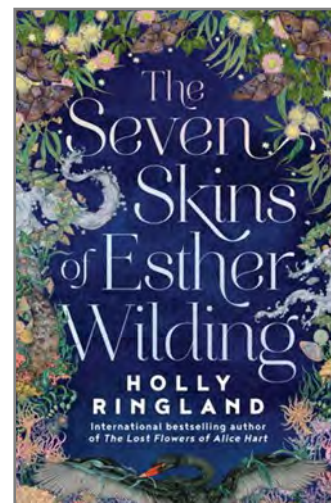
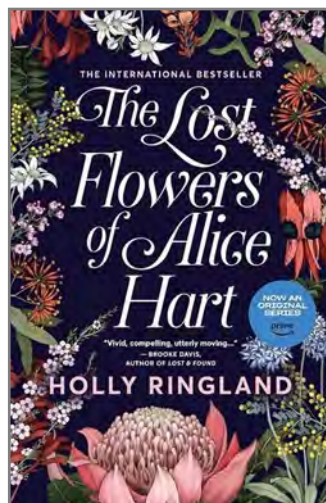
FROM Deborah Mulhall, Librarian

This month we focus on those books which pass our very own version of the Bechdel Test (or more correctly, the Bechdel-Wallace Test) which was inspired by an observation by Virginia Woolf.

So in the fiction section of the Library, we have devoted a section to fiction authored by a female where the core characters are also female. Not love stories, but stories from the female (or female identifying) perspective. To this collection we have just added the two very successful novels by Australian writer Holly Ringland.

Holly Ringland is a writer, storyteller, and television presenter. Her internationally bestselling debut novel, *The Lost Flowers of Alice Hart*, has been published in 30 territories and is now a 7-episode TV series. We have also her second best-selling book, *The Seven Skins of Esther Wilding*.

Both these are powerful novels are available for loan.



All our fiction has been displayed in genres with clear signage. Each genre section also has a small definition explaining the parameters for selection. Our other genres are Young Adult, Contemporary, Adventure, Supernatural, Science Fiction, Fantasy, Classic, Humour, Historical, Graphic novels, Mystery and Crime.

So there is a little something for everyone's tastes.

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## TERM 4 2023

### Monday 23 October

Yr 8 VALID Science 2023  
Yr 12 HSC 2023 Week 3  
Yr 8/9 Top Blokes Mentoring Program 9-10am  
P&C Art Committee Meeting 6-7pm

### Tuesday 24 October

Yr 8 VALID Science 2023  
Yr 12 HSC 2023 Week 3  
Yr 9/10 RAISE Mentoring Program 10-11am  
P&C Music Committee Meeting 7-8pm

### Wednesday 25 October

Yr 8 VALID Science 2023  
Yr 12 HSC 2023 Week 3

### Thursday 26 October

Yr 8 VALID Science 2023  
Yr 12 HSC 2023 Week 3  
P&C Meeting 7-8.30pm

### Friday 27 October

Yr 8 VALID Science 2023  
Yr 12 HSC 2023 Week 3

### Monday 30 October

Yr 8 VALID Science 2023  
Yr 12 HSC 2023 Week 4  
Yr 8/9 Top Blokes Mentoring Program 9-10am

### Tuesday 31 October

Yr 8 VALID Science 2023  
Yr 12 HSC 2023 Week 4  
Yr 9/10 RAISE Mentoring Program 10-11am

### Wednesday 1 Nov

Yr 8 VALID Science 2023  
Yr 12 HSC 2023 Week 4

### Thursday 2 November

Yr 8 VALID Science 2023  
Yr 12 HSC 2023 Week 4

### Friday 3 November

Yr 8 VALID Science 2023  
Last Day of HSC 2023  
Yr 12 HSC 2023 Week  
Yrs 7-12 TAS Design Expo 4-7.30pm

### Monday 6 November

Yr 8/9 Top Blokes Mentoring Program 9-10am

### Tuesday 7 November

Yr 9/10 Raise Mentoring Program 10-11am

### Wednesday 8 November

Yr 8 Blue Mountain Trip

### Monday 13 November

Yr 8/9 Top Blokes Mentoring Program 9-10am

### Tuesday 14 November

Yr 9/10 Raise Mentoring Program 10-11am  
Yr 7 Special Dance Excursion  
P&C Sports Committee Meeting 7-8pm

### Wednesday 15 November

Year 5 High School Experience

### Thursday 16 November

MHS Choir - Schools Spectacular Choir  
P&C Wellbeing Committee Meeting 7-8.30pm

### Monday 20 November

Yr 8/9 Top Blokes Mentoring Program 9-10am  
P&C Art Committee Meeting 6-7pm  
Performing Arts Concert 7-9pm

### Tuesday 21 November

Yr 9/10 Raise Mentoring Program 10-11am  
P&C Music Committee Meeting 7-8pm  
Ensemble Concert 7-9pm

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