



KILLARA HIGH SCHOOL

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Term 1 2016 Commences

Thursday 28 January
Year 7, 11 and 12

Friday 29 January
Whole school returns

Summer Uniform is to be
worn

2016 Uniform Shop Opening Hours

The Uniform Shop will be open
again on

Wednesday 27 January 2016

9.00am – 12.00pm

Then every Friday during term time
8.00am – 12.00pm

From the Principal

One of the things so many Killara students do very successfully is set goals for themselves, and plan action to achieve them. While highlighting these recent outstanding achievements, I also wish to acknowledge the significant effort given every day by so many students, who find success and satisfaction in so many endeavours.

Three students have been nominated for Sydney North Secondary Schools Sports Association Blues: Katya Buryak (Gymnastics), Ben Mackay (Athletics) and Alicia Walker (Swimming).

Elizabeth Parsons and Chirath Premaratna were awarded the Premier's Reading Challenge Medal, and Bella Chudgar received a Platinum Award.

Harry Kent is a finalist in the 2015 Young Australian Art Awards with his artwork *Mysterious Farmer*.

Jo Marriage was part of the Sydney North team that recently won the NSW Tennis Championships, for the third year running.

Our team defeated St Ives High School in what is becoming the annual Bare Creek Mob Match.

Thomas Xuan, Johnny Lim and Anthony Fikh placed second in the Schools' One Day Chess Tournament.

Jawad Zaidi and Amber Zhang have been selected as the Lindfield Community Bank Youth Observers, where they will help the Bank develop a community development program.

The artworks of Anchal Chordia and Kerry He have been selected for ARTEXPRESS.

Peter Hoskins has won the University of Wollongong's Industrial Technology Multimedia Award – the third year in a row that a Killara High School student has received this award.

To celebrate many more achievements, please come along to our Annual Awards Ceremony on Wednesday 16 December in the Kerrabee Centre, commencing at 10.30pm.

The end of year always means some staff movement.

Ms Megan Clarke, HT PDHPE, has gained the position of Deputy Principal at Baulkham Hills High School through merit selection. Ms Clarke came to Killara in 2007 and has overseen many initiatives in the PDHPE faculty, including the introduction of the Sports Council and the increased profile of sport in the school and the zone. During 2015 she has served as relieving Deputy Principal, and has had responsibility for key areas of school leadership and management, including the 2015 – 2017 School Plan, and as a supporting Deputy Principal for Year 7 and Year 12. Ms Clarke brings a talent for administration and clear communication to her role, and will be very much missed. We wish her well as she takes up her new role at another great school, closer to home.

Mr Matthew Mulready has served our community with distinction through his work as Special Religious Education (SRE) Coordinator. Mr Mulready has been with us since 2009 and has contributed to the life of the school through SRE teaching and lunch time groups. Additionally, Mr Mulready works with students to provide light and sound at events within the entire Killara Schools Partnership community. We wish him and his family well as they move to Armidale, where he will take up the position of SRE Coordinator for two high schools.

Ms Anne Smith retired from Killara High School some years ago, but has continued to serve our students as a Science teacher in a part-time capacity. Ms Smith has decided to finish her teaching career, and while we can understand her desire to take some time for herself and her family, we are sad to see her go.

Mr Paul Couch has worked in a temporary capacity in the Mathematics Faculty for a total of 12 years, making him a very long-term temporary appointment! Mr Couch has always made himself available to teach at Killara in various part-time capacities, to ensure that we can always deliver curriculum no matter how student numbers change. His expertise has been much appreciated by hundreds of students, and we wish him well.

I hope all students, staff and families have a happy, peaceful and relaxing summer vacation.

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Calendar

15	Year 8 Luna Park Excursion
	Stage 4 Completion Ceremony
	Stage 5 Completion Ceremony
16	Annual Awards Ceremony
	Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 Reports Issued
	Last day of Term 4 for students
17	School Development Day
18	School Development Day
JANUARY 2016	
27	School Development Day
28	Years 7, 11 and 12 Return to school
29	Whole school returns

Congratulations

Hannah Mackay, who successfully auditioned for a role in a huge production of *Back to the '80s*, is opening in January 2016 at The Concourse in Chatswood.

Tickets are on sale now from
www.theconcourse.com.au

Killara High School second in schools' Chess One-Day Tournament

Twenty five 3-person high school teams entered the annual one-day event. Killara A: Thomas Xuan (Year 12), Johnny Lim (Year 11), Anthony Fikh (Year 7); shown in photo below, faced tough competition. They convincingly defeated all but one team, finishing second to James Ruse, with a large gap to the third placed team. Killara B: Timothy Fikh (Year 7), Johnny Benstead (Year 10), Wilson Zhao (Year 11) finished equal eighth; and Killara C: Benjamin Seeto, Michael Boreham, Matthew Tee (all Year 10) finished seventeenth but managed to defeat Killara B when they played.



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Mr Phil Cohen has provided outstanding technology support for twenty years. His work at the school has supported teaching and learning for everyone. His work has enabled this school to provide the best possible access to ICT, and to help the school run effectively. Illness means that Mr Cohen will not return next year and we wish him the very best.

Jane Dennett
Principal

Killara Remembers

One of our Modern History students, Sachin Shah, delivered this address to the school on the occasion of Remembrance Day. We would like to share it with our newsletter readers.

We remember, today, the end of the War to end all Wars, the Great War and, at that time, the worst war. At that time, little did our nation know that its character would be tested again, many times over, in subsequent decades. On land, on the sea and in the air, from Gallipoli to Tarin Kot, our nation has been involved in numerous theatres of conflict and peacekeeping missions. Today, we honour those Australian men and women who have served our country; those who lived and died in service to Australia.

They gave their tomorrows so we could have a today.

Look around, what do you see?

On May 5 1915 Private Ellis Silas was a young 19 year old soldier with a very different reality. This is a compelling diary entry written by Private Ellis close to 100 years ago today.

In the dug-out just above me a poor chap is lying very ill but has asked me to say nothing to the medical officer as he does not want to get sent away in the middle of the fun, as he calls it. Of such stuff are soldiers made – I think if I were in his place I'd be glad of an excuse to get out of this Hell, though I don't think I should ever have forgiven myself if I had not come. I hear that to-morrow we are going to make a charge – the Turks are cutting our supplies off; the situation is severely critical. To read this in a newspaper makes an item of passing interest; to experience it is something quite different – if we are up against it, please God may I die in the same spirit that I know my comrades will display, for they know not defeat.

Private Ellis was less than a few years older than many of us present, yet he speaks wisdom and virtues that are timeless and still embedded in our country today. He speaks of the Australian spirit prominent in the most heated times of war; the spirit of mateship, the spirit of courage and the spirit of resilience. By practicing these ideals in our daily lives we can honour the memories of our fallen heroes each and every day.

Private Ellis is one of many soldiers whom we commemorate and celebrate on this sombre occasion. It is men like this who have given the ultimate sacrifice so that the Australian spirit and the freedom of our nation can live on and grow.

This year marked the centenary of Australians landing in Anzac Cove on the Gallipoli Peninsula in Turkey. One of the most courageous battles the world has ever seen. The persistence, courage and determination shown by Australian soldiers is a strong testament to the character of our nation. They came across things our generation cannot imagine, but continued on overcoming the adversity that they were faced with. This is another lesson we can implement into our daily lives.

However, the true scope of remembrance is international. And these memorials and memorial services all over the world are a testament to the significance of this day. The fact that services can be found across all cultures highlights how humanity recognises the importance of honouring our men and women who fought for their nation. As citizens of Australia we recognise and honour the sacrifice of the ANZACs. As members of families, we recognise the loss of loved ones. And as humans, we recognise the sacrifice of humanity. Remembrance day is an occasion for us to honour and remember, but every other day we must strive to make Private Ellis and the countless other Australian men and women proud.

Sachin Shah
Year 11 Student

Year 6 Gala Day

On 1 December (Tuesday Week 9), 170 students from several of our local primary schools attended the Killara High School Year 6 Gala Day. This was an opportunity for Year 6 students to become familiar with their local high school prior to their own transition to high school. It was also a chance for students to learn new sports, develop their skills in a competitive environment and socialise with students from other primary schools.



This year, students from Lindfield East, Beaumont Road, Killara, Gordon East and Roseville Public Schools attended. In the morning, students participated in Newcombe Ball and Basketball competitions. It was fantastic to see the team spirit that developed. All students got involved and tried their very

best. Students were then introduced to Bompo Domp, a modification of Dodge Ball that is legendary at Killara High.



Each primary student who was involved received an official certificate of participation. Star athlete and best and fairest prizes were also given to deserving students. Thanks must go to all of the local primary schools that attended, and the individual students and teachers who participated on the day. Thanks must also go to the Killara High School Year 9 PASS students who acted as coaches to encourage and support students in each session.

The day was a huge success and we look forward to the 2016 Year 6 Gala Day with much anticipation.

Ann Dixon
KSP Coordinator

Year 7 and 9 Swim and Survive Program

In weeks 7 and 8, the Killara High School PDHPE department ran our annual Swim and Survive program for Year 7 and 9 at Lane Cove Aquatic Centre. This program is designed to develop student skill and ability in lifesaving and swimming. We had 230 Year 7 students in the Week 7 program, and 200 Year 9 students attended the Week 8 program. Altogether, over 400 level awards were attained.



Year 7



Year 9



A big thank you must go to all instructors and assistants who guided students through their appropriate award level. A total of 35 teacher volunteers and 35 Year 10 service-learning students attended, and we acknowledge that this program would not be possible without them.

Christina Shapiro
PDHPE Teacher

World's Biggest Beep Test

On 3 December, Killara High School staged another 'World's Biggest Beep Test'. Students from Years 7 to 11 participated in the event, creating an impressive spectacle for all to see.

The event is held annually in an attempt to break the world record, however over the years the purpose of the event gradually steered away from record breaking and is now more focused on building school morale and promoting fitness.

Approximately 214 students and teachers participated in the event this year. Top students in each year were: Angus Pearson, Mathieu Mingant, Helen Legge, Tamara Kowcz-Rosinke, Harry Barnum, Harry Gleeson, Matin Abroon, Gemma Zantiotis, Luke Klusman, and Sophie Halliday. Some teachers also participated, including Mr Rees, Mr Smith, Mr Mulready, Mr Bruckshaw and

Ms Garland. Congratulations to all those who were involved.

The 'World's Biggest Beep Test' has become a unique tradition at Killara High School and it will be a valued event in the school calendar for years to come. Each year the event is run by the sports council, a collection of enthusiastic students who organise and coordinate sporting events throughout the year.

Overall, the event was a huge success for both students and teachers. Although no world records were broken this year, everyone had a fantastic time.

Aishani Mosquera and Tim Payne
Sports Council Captains





47th Annual Awards Ceremony

*Acknowledges student achievement
for the 2015 school year*

Wednesday 16 December 2015

10.30am

Kerrabee Centre



Year 12 2015 Morning Tea Invitation

Please come along to join your Year 12 cohort and staff at
Killara High School to celebrate the end of the HSC.

Friday 18 December 2015

10.00am to 11.00am

Room B17/B18

Careers Advice will be available during the morning

The Premier's Reading Challenge Award Recipients for 2015

The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) aims to encourage a love of reading and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature.

It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more, and to read more widely.

The challenge is open to students from K-9.

For high school students in Years 7-9, the challenge is to read 20 books in the year, with 15 from the reading list provided and then 5 of their own choice.

More than 270,000 students across the state completed the Premier's Reading Challenge this year. This is more than in any previous year.

Every student who completes the PRC receives a certificate of acknowledgement.

Some students across the state will receive either Gold or Platinum Award, or a Medal.

The **Gold Award** goes to those students who have completed a PRC for a total of four years (not consecutive).

The **Platinum Award** goes to those students who have completed a PRC for a total of seven years (not consecutive).

A prestigious **Medal** is awarded to those students who have completed the PRC from Year 3 to Year 9 (inclusive).

Here are some statistics for 2015 across the state:

Gold Awards: 27,914
Platinum Awards: 5,285
Medals: 360

At Killara High School the following students are to be congratulated for their achievements in this year's challenge:

Medal: Chirath Premaratna
Elizabeth Parsons

Platinum Award: Bella Chudgar

Certificates of completion:

- Paris Chye
- Coco Curtis
- George Lennon
- Carolyn Niknafs
- Alison Rutherford
- Osmond Wu
- Saarthak Sinha
- Karen Tsang
- Nicholas Teh
- Thirza Titchen
- Jamison Lennon
- William Pearson
- Chirath Premaratna
- Elizabeth Parsons

Congratulations to all students who completed the challenge.

A special mention should be made of Chirath Premaratna and Elizabeth Parsons, who have received two of the 360 medals awarded across NSW.

Congratulations also goes to Bella Chudgar, who has completed the challenge for a total of 7 years.

Killara High School is very proud of you all.

Karen Jones and Francie Campbell
Teacher-Librarians

Uniform at Killara High School

Please ensure that you start the new school year correctly attired. All new students have been provided with a postcard illustrating correct uniform, and we reproduce it here also.



MindMatters Wrap Up

As you all no doubt would be aware, this year Killara High School began its work on *MindMatters*, a federal government endorsed mental health care framework, developed in consultation with beyond blue.

Because of the need to have current data to inform wellbeing practice, we have undergone extensive surveying of the whole school community and provided opportunities to share and consult with our community, students and staff.

This November we held our inaugural wellbeing community forum and a wellbeing community night for our Chinese and Korean speaking families. Both occasions were invaluable in terms of the quality of the conversations and the strengthening of our partnership.

In weeks 3 – 10 this term, our students have spent time in home groups discussing specific questions on areas the school felt we needed some more understanding of and information. The school's *MindMatters* team designed these questions based on student survey data.

One question per week was set for discussion. The questions which were considered and discussed were:

1. I am asked my opinion about student mental health and wellbeing can be improved in the school
2. My school knows how to deal with bullying and harassment problems
3. I work on skills to manage stress and be resilient
4. I talk to people that I trust when I have a problem that I need help with
5. There are school staff I can talk to if worried or upset
6. My school helps individual students get the help they need to deal with emotional or personal difficulties

The *Mindmatters* team has looked through these responses together with staff and community views and have set several goals for Semester 1 2016.

Some of these include:

An area which was identified by all members of the school community related to who the people are to contact when there is a concern. This relates to both in-school staff and also agencies in the community. To this end, we are currently putting together an easy to read guide for students and parents. Students will be able to see this guide

displayed in all classrooms, on digital signage around the school and notice boards. Importantly we will introduce this to students via homegroup and assemblies, and continue to raise awareness during the school year.

For parents and caregivers, this guide will be emailed home and be available on our school website and facebook page, with links to relevant agencies.

Similarly, it became evident that students learning how to manage stress and anxiety was another area common across the school community. To this end, the school will be introducing a wellbeing space in the school for students to access during lunchtimes. This will be like a drop-in place for students (and staff!) to come along and participate in some relaxation exercises and mindfulness. Staff with knowledge and skills in these areas will be leading these sessions, and we expect to be able to hold one such session each week. I am grateful to the generosity of staff volunteering to run these workshops next year.

In terms of the timing of assessments, which we all recognise as a significant stressor for students, the school executive will also continue to focus our management of these and support students in managing not just the subject content, but also the emotional load that comes with these.

As the new school year starts up, additional initiatives and programs will be rolled out.

I would like to personally thank members of the Killara High School's *MindMatters* team for their dedicated work this year: Liesl Williamson, Jane Rountree, Megan Clarke, Christine Black, Duncan Smith, Ruth Charles, Melinda Buxton, Dane Le Rougetel, James Wray, Goran Petkovski, Paula Sherras, Emmy Druce and Julia Griffiths.

Killara High School is committed to fostering wellbeing amongst our students and community, and we thank you for your partnership and commitment.

Have a wonderful Christmas and festive season and we look forward to working with you once again next year.

Carla Marchesin
Deputy Principal

<http://au.reachout.com/the-family-and-christmas>

From the Library

New fiction in detail:

Chambers, Becky. **The long way to a small angry planet**

When Rosemary Harper joins the crew of the *Wayfarer*, she isn't expecting much. She just wants a small, quiet spot to call home for a while, adventure in far-off corners of the galaxy, and distance from her troubled past. The crew is a mishmash of species and personalities. Life on board is chaotic, but more or less peaceful - exactly what Rosemary wants. Until the crew are offered the job of a lifetime, tunnelling through space to a distant planet. They'll earn enough money to comfortably survive for years... if they survive the trip. But Rosemary isn't the only person on board with secrets to hide, and the crew will soon discover that space may be vast, but spaceships are very small indeed.

French, Jackie. **The ghost by the billabong**

Hippies wear beads, demonstrators march against the Vietnam War, and the world waits to see the first human steps on the moon's surface. But at Gibber's Creek, Jed Kelly sees ghosts, from the past and future, at the Drinkwater billabong. But is sixteen-year-old Jed a con artist or a survivor? When she turns up at Drinkwater Station claiming to be the great-grand daughter of Matilda Thompson's dying husband, Jed clearly has secrets. Set in the turbulence of the late 1960s, this was a time when brilliant and little-known endeavours saw Australia play a vital role in Neil Armstrong's 'one giant leap for mankind' on that first unforgettable moon walk.

Gray, Clauia. **Ten thousand skies above you**

Marguerite Caine has done the impossible, travelling to alternate dimensions with the Firebird – the brilliant invention of her parents, her boyfriend, Paul and their friend Theo. When Paul's soul is splintered into four pieces – pieces that are trapped within Pauls in other dimensions – Marguarite will do anything, and travel anywhere, to save him. With the help of the brilliant Theo, Marguarite forges a plan to save Paul and the Firebird. But succeeding means outsmarting a genius and risking not only their lives but also the lives of their counterparts in every other dimension.

Manfredi, Valerio Massimo. **Alexander: Child of a dream**

Who could have been born to conquer the world other than a god? A boy, born to a great King – Philip of Macedon – and his sensuous Queen, Olympias. Shaped by the disciplines and passions of his parents' court, Alexander became a young man of immense, unfathomable potential. *Child of a dream* is the magnificent story of one of history's greatest characters and his quest to conquer the civilised world.

Morpurgo, Michael. **An eagle in the snow**

1940. The train is under attack from German fighters. In the darkness, sheltering in a railway tunnel, the strangers in the carriage with Barney and his mother tells them a story to pass the time. And what a story. The story of a young man, a young soldier in the trenches of World War I who, on the spur of the moment, had done what he thought was the right thing. It turned out to have been the worst mistake he could ever have made – a mistake he must put right before it is too late....

RICH & RARE: a collection of Australian stories, poetry and artwork (edited by Paul Collins)

Stories to sink your teeth into....A collector of computer games, a knitting needle ninja, a violin that comes to life, a cat with many names, a love that cannot be bought, a prince who finds a friend, and alien invasion....Welcome to a world of 'beauty rich and rare', a world of natural (and unnatural) gifts on every page – from humour to horror, thriller to fantasy – encompassing the past, the present and the future.

Non-fiction in detail:

Szaky, Tom & Zakes, Albe. **Make garbage great: The terracycle family guide to a zero-waste lifestyle**

Make Garbage Great is the household primer on going and staying green. With more than 200 photographs and illustrations, and more than 100 tips and creative do-it-yourself upcycling projects, this graphic volume demystifies the impact that the current production and disposal of consumer goods has on the environment, and offers a multitude

of suggestions to help everyone live more sustainably to promote a safer, healthier planet. From 'Terracycle', a world leader in the upcycling and recycling movement.

Price, Jane. **Party time : The party recipes you must have**

From small bites to serve with cocktails, a barbecue buffet, and elegant Japanese feast or an informal evening of tapas and meze, *Party Time* has all the recipes for every celebration.

Feildel, Manu. **Manu's French Bistro**

Have you ever wondered how the French make entertaining at home look so effortless? Join Australia's favourite French chef, Manu Feildel, as he guides you through one hundred classic bistro recipes that will expand your dinner-party repertoire and impress your guests.

Chen, Jade & Muriel. **Blue eye dragon : Taiwanese cooking**

The dishes in this cookbook are home-style Taiwanese recipes that are easy to follow and prepare for your family and friends.

Pathak, Anjali. **Meena Pathak celebrates Indian cooking**

Meena pathak celebrates Patak's 50th anniversary by sharing her family favourites. This book is about celebrating traditions while reflecting changes in Indian cuisine.

Nestle Australia. **Australia's sweet baking favourites : A collection of Australia's most-loved sweet baking recipes.**

A collection of Australia's most-loved sweet baking recipes which will remind you of your own favourite childhood treats.

**Karen Jones and Francie Campbell
Teacher-Librarians**

Careers Corner

Universities

UNSW Art & Design Graduating Work

Work from UNSW's graduating Art & Design students may be viewed on the following website:

<http://annual2015.artdesign.unsw.edu.au/>

UNSW On-campus Accommodation: Online Videos and Website

Hear from alumni and students firsthand how living on campus is a home away from home.

Applications for 2016 are now open.

<http://rc.unsw.edu.au/>

YouTube: About UNSW

UNSW's YouTube channel, hosts a range of videos providing information on disciplines, courses, scholarships, student experiences and advice from current and graduated students.

To access the videos, visit:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCthjY71kw6kubDED3pNn9Yg>

Studying at US Universities: Information Sessions

Wednesday 6 January, Monday 11 January, Wednesday 13 January, Wednesday 20 January, 2.00pm – 4.00pm. EducationUSA,

US Consulate General, Level 10, MLC Centre, 19-29 Martin Place, Sydney.

A series of free information sessions that will cover the opportunities at US universities including undergraduate admissions and sport scholarships.

<http://news.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/index.cfm/2015/11/27/Information-sessions-about-studying-at-US-universities>

University of Sydney Equity Scholarships

Scholarship applications close: Tuesday 5 January 2016

The University of Sydney offers Equity Scholarships for students commencing in 2016. These are applied for via UAC's website. Scholarships include University of Sydney Bridging Course Scholarships, Burton Educational Trust Scholarship, Rural Sustainability Scholarships, Environmental Sustainability Scholarships, The William John and Lizzie May Sinclair Scholarship, Roy Frederick Turner AM Scholarship, Graham Daniels Scholarship in Engineering and Information Technologies, Peter Giles Memorial Scholarship in Pharmacy, and Commonwealth Indigenous Scholarships.

<http://sydney.edu.au/scholarships/prospective/equity.shtml>

UTS Science Bridging Courses

Monday 8 February – Friday 4 March 2016

UTS offers bridging courses for students both attending UTS and other universities, who feel their knowledge does not meet the assumed knowledge requirements for their degree. These courses are designed to bridge the gap between students' high school knowledge and university studies, and serve as introductory information on subjects.

<http://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/science/essential-information/bridging-courses>

TAFE & Apprenticeships

Sydney TAFE: Music and Course Career Night

Wednesday 2 December, 6.30pm – 7.30pm, Ultimo

Wednesday 9 December, 6.30pm – 7.30pm, Ultimo

Get an overview of the courses in music performance, studio recording, live production, music business and music theatre.

<http://sydneytafe.edu.au/careers/music>

2016 NSW Skills List Release

New additions to the Skills List for qualifications that are eligible for government subsidy under the Smart and Skilled program have been added for 2016.

http://www.training.nsw.gov.au/smartandskilled/nsw_skills_list.html

Private Colleges

St Patrick's Institute of Education: Information Session for Year 10 School Leavers

Thursday 10 December, 11.00am, Level 1, 65 York Street

Learn about applying for the Diplomas in Business, Management and Business Administration for study in 2016.

<http://www.spie.edu.au/latest-news/information-session-for-year-10-school-leavers-1>

College of Complementary Medicine: Transpersonal Art Therapy & Counselling Introductory Workshop

Saturday 30 January, 10.00am – 3.30pm, 4 - 10 Bridge St, Pymble.

Develop the creative skills required to start a career as a transpersonal practitioner or group leader in an organisation or private practice.

<http://www.complementary.com.au/>

Endeavour College of Natural Health: Open Day

Saturday 16 January, 10.00am – 12.30pm, 815 - 825 George St Level 2, Sydney

Find out about careers in natural health, get questions answered by staff and students, and get a taste of the Bachelor of Health by attending mini lectures.

<http://www.endeavour.edu.au/events/>

Raffles College of Design and Commerce: Graduate Exhibition

Thursday 10 December – Sunday 13 December, Ambush Gallery, L3 Central Park, Chippendale

Raffles' Graduate Exhibition will showcase top graduate student works from Fashion Marketing, Digital Media, Graphic Design, Interior Design, Multimedia Design, and Photography.

<http://www.raffles.edu.au/story/detail/raffles-graduate-exhibition.html>

Shillington College: Information Session

Thursday 14 January, 6.00pm, Level 3, 50 Margaret Street, Sydney

Learn about studying a course in graphic design at Shillington College.

<http://www.shillingtoncollege.com.au/graphic-design-course/info-sessions>

Shillington College: Graduate Exhibition

Friday 11 December, 6.00pm – 9.00pm, Cnr Cleveland & Eveleigh Street, Redfern.

See the diverse range of work produced by students studying the 3 month full-time or 9 month part-time courses.

<http://www.shillingtoncollege.com.au/graphic-design-course/sydney-graduation>

Avondale College of Higher Education: 2016 Information Guide

<http://www.avondale.edu.au/Main/Information/Information-Guide.pdf>

Australian College of Make-Up and Special Effects (ACMUSE)

ACMUSE offers courses in Certificate IV in Make-Up and Diploma of Specialist Make-Up Services as well as a range of shorter courses. These include both accredited and non-accredited courses. Intakes are in December and February.

<http://www.makeupcollege.com.au/domestic/>

Coco Republic Design School: Information Sessions

Saturday 12 December, 10.00am – 10.45am,
24 O'Riordan Street, Alexandria

Tuesday 15 December, 6.00pm – 6.45pm, 24
O'Riordan Street, Alexandria

Discover their new timetable with one day
masterclasses, short courses and full courses
both online and on campus.

Contact: designschool@cocorepublic.com.au
<http://www.cocorepublic.com.au/about/events/c-rds-information-sessions/>

Sydney Film School: Wrap Up Tour

Saturday 12 December, 2.00pm- 3.30pm, 82
Cope Street, Waterloo

Get an insider's perspective on the Wrap Up
Tour with directors, teachers, current students
and graduates of the Diploma and Advanced
Diploma of Screen and Media courses.

<http://www.sydneyfilmschool.com/news-events/events/wrap-up-tour.aspx>

Sydney Film School: Film Festival

Tuesday 15 – Thursday 17 December,
Chauvel Cinema, Paddington

Films will be screened across 9 sessions with
entry open to the general public.

<http://www.sydneyfilmschool.com/news-events/news/23rd-festival-program-announced.aspx>

Australian Academy of Beauty and Spa Therapy: Open Night

Chatswood: Tuesday 15 December, 7.00pm

Learn more about the courses available by
speaking to staff.

<http://www.australianacademyofbeautytherapy.com/>

Other News

My Health Career: Is a Degree No Longer
Enough? An Experience in International
Nutrition

<https://www.myhealthcareer.com.au/dietetics-at-bond-university>

Karl Von Busse Institute of Design: Work Experience Program 2016

Applications are now open

Karl Von Busse school work experience
program is for students who are interested in a
creative career and want to experience what it
is like to be a Fashion, Graphic or Interior
Designer. The Institute accepts senior high

school students for a four-day (Monday to
Thursday) work experience in Fashion Design,
Graphic Design or Interior Design (or a
combination of all 3) during school terms.

<http://karlvonbusse.com/program/school-work-experience/>

ADFA Education Award

Applications close 28 February 2016

For current Year 11 students: Award presented
to Year 12 students in recognition of leadership
potential, and academic and sporting
achievements exhibited during Year 11. Award
comprises of laptop and certificate along with
plaque of recognition for your school.

For eligibility and application:

<http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/education/adfa/howToApply/educationAward.aspx>

AFS Open Day – Online

AFS run exchange programs across the world,
and Open Days are the chance to find out
about the programs on offer. If you can't make
it to an in-person session, online open days
take place on the following dates at 7.00pm
(AEDT).

- Wednesday 9 December
- Tuesday 12 January
- Tuesday 8 February

<http://www.afs.org.au/news-and-events/open-days/>

Camp America Online Information Session

Wednesday 9 December, 6.00pm – 7.00pm
(AEDT)

Find out everything you need to know about
Camp America and get all your questions
answered from the comfort of your own home.

<http://campamerica.com.au/events/2016-season-kick-off-online/>

Readygrad

Readygrad is a student coaching organisation
established to increase the employability of
students entering the job market. They run a
variety of programs which are designed to help
students enter the job market, and can partner
with schools and colleges to deliver coaching
sessions for students in Years 10 – 12.

Contact: info@readygrad.com.au
<http://www.readygrad.com.au>

The Stringybark Short Story Award 2015

Closing date for entries is Sunday 31 January,
2016.

This is a writing competition where you have to produce a short story of 1500 words. The only restriction is that the story must have some link to Australia.

<http://www.stringybarkstories.net/competition-info/the-stringybark-short-story-award-2015.html>

Advocate for Children and Young People (ACPY) Young Journalist/Blogger

ACYP is an independent NSW Government Office, which aims to promote the participation of children and young people. The young journalist and young blogger opportunities provide an avenue for children and young people to share their voices by either becoming a regular contributor or by writing a single article to be published.

<http://www.acyp.nsw.gov.au/engage/young-journalist-blogger>

National Youth Council Australia Membership

The National Youth Council is a network of young people. The Council acts as a platform to discuss ideas with a focus towards change making in local communities. There is the option of full membership for those over 18, or junior membership for those 14 to 17.

<https://www.youthcouncil.org.au/council-membership.html>

<https://www.youthcouncil.org.au/young-people.html>

2016 National Youth Conference

Tuesday 19 April – Friday 22 April 2016

Conference for young people to debate ideas and contemporary issues. Delegates will act as representatives for their respective states. In previous years working groups divided by topic area have been used to focus specifically on issues and areas.

<https://www.youthcouncil.org.au/>

Career Harvest

This website showcases the career opportunities and pathways available in the food & fibre industries. There is also information about internships and scholarships.

<http://www.careerharvest.com.au/>

WEP Skype Information Sessions

Tuesday 22 December & Tuesday 5 January
Tune in online from 4:30pm – 5:30pm (AEDT) to discover the programs offered by WEP.

<https://wep.org.au/lets-talk/sessions/>

The Importance of Maths

Visit the Australian Mathematical Sciences Institute's website to view a range of career profiles from apprentice chefs to Electricians to Nurses where mathematics is a necessary part of their everyday jobs.

<http://www.mathscareers.org.au/>

Friday 11 December:

The Somerset National Novella Writing Competition & Poetry Prize Entries Close
UTS Engineering Bonus Points Questionnaire Closes

Saturday 12 December:

Cultural Care Au Pair: Info Meeting Sydney
Defence Careers Australia Information Session: Sutherland – Army Reserve Rifleman

Tuesday 15 December:

Australian Training Company: 2015 School Leaver Traineeships Information Session
JMC Academy: DotEXE
John Koowarta Reconciliation Law Scholarship: Applications Close
UNSW Art & Design: Media at UNSW Careers and Industry Evening

Local job vacancy:

The Village Pharmacy Lindfield is seeking a Delivery worker to join our great team. The position would suit someone aged between 14 – 17 years old.

The successful applicant will display:

Willingness to learn and be a quick learner

Be efficient and accurate

Must be available to work Monday 4.00-7.00pm

Must be available to work during the Christmas holiday session. No experience required, training provided. Please drop in your resume and we will contact you accordingly. If there are any questions please contact Ray at The Village Pharmacy on 9416 7550 Monday to Friday (10.00am-7.00pm).

For further information on any of the above or for general inquiries please contact the careers office.

Sophie Allen and Jasmine Crewe
Careers Advisers

MANY CHRISTMAS!
MUCH JOLLY!

SO TREE!
SANTA WOW!
SUCH PINE!

2nd St Ives Scout Troop
are selling Christmas
trees this year! Come
buy a tree to help our
fundraising ☺

Trees from \$70
Cash only

**CHRISTMAS TREES
FOR SALE**

When: Saturday 12th December, from 7am onwards
Where: Corner of Mona Vale Rd and Killeaton St
**COME BUY A FRESH TREE
AND TALK TO US ABOUT JOINING
CUBS AND SCOUTS!**

PLUS!! We are scouts so there will be the obligatory sausage sizzle

<http://www.2ndstivesscouts.org.au/>

LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE 2015

Launch into the festive season by
joining us for Lane Cove's Lighting
of the Christmas Tree event!

**FREE
EVENT**

Friday 4 December, 4.00 pm - 8.00 pm
Lane Cove Plaza

Take part in a very exciting Christmas spectacular featuring
dazzling magic, side-splitting kids comedy and a performance
from Lane Cove's very own 'The Voice 2015' contestant
Chantelle Morrell. Also, keep your eyes peeled for a special
appearance by everyone's favourite giraffe, Healthy Harold.

From 7.45pm the Mayor of Lane Cove, Councillor Deborah
Hutchens, will help to switch on the Christmas tree lights!

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For a full list of free events in Lane Cove visit
www.lanecove.nsw.gov.au/festivals

Christmas Trees
For Sale
Sat 12th Dec

Support your
local scouts

8am until
sold

SCOUTS

2nd Gordon Scout Hall
32c Rosedale Road Gordon

Bring your family, friends, picnic rug and
nibbles, and join the fun!

All Saints' Carols on Moore Sunday, 13th December

Sausage Sizzle at 6.30pm
and celebrate Christmas from 7.30pm
with the

**All Saints' Band
&
The Beaumont Road Big Band**



11 Moore Ave, West Lindfield
www.aswl.org.au



a little princess

book by
directed by *Frances Hodgson Burnett*
Sharon Mullin

11 Dec to 19 Dec 2015



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8 Jan to 23 Jan 2016
The Concourse, Chatswood

The totally awesome musical!

Following the success of their inaugural sell-out production, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, Packem Youth Productions returns in 2016 with the totally awesome musical **BACK TO THE 80's**. Featuring over 60 of Sydney's most talented young performers and special guest star **Mark Simpson** (*Hairspray*, *The Rocky Horror Show*) as Mr Cocker. This awesome musical will include all your favourite hits from the 80's including *Girls Just Wanna Have Fun*, *Man In The Mirror*, *500 Miles*, *Love Shack*, *Kids In America*, *You Give Love A Bad Name*, *Footloose*, *Material Girl*, *Wake Me Up Before You Go Go* and more!

Join Corey Palmer and the graduating class of William Ocean High School as they live through their final senior year. Experience with them all the highs and lows of growing up; the fun, the heartbreak and the teenage angst - think Ferris Bueller's Day Off, The Karate Kid and The Wedding Singer!

Set in 1980's USA and against a backdrop of the biggest pop hits of the time, **BACK TO THE 80's** is the ultimate throwback to the era that brought you the Rubik's Cube, Max Headroom and the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle. This totally awesome musical will take you on a journey back to a time when bubble skirts and blue eye shadow were cool and Michael Jackson and Rick Astley were the Kings of Pop.

Director - Jordan Vassallo
Musical Director - Rachel Kelly | Choreographers - Cameron Mitchell & Craig Nibbels
Creative Supervisor - Neil Gooding | Musical Supervisor - Peter Hayward

TICKETS ON SALE NOW
www.theconcourse.com.au or 8075 8111



A LITTLE PRINCESS

By Frances Hodgson Burnett
Directed by Sharon Mullin

After spending her first 7 years in India as the well loved, only child of wealthy Captain Crewe, Sara travels to London to study at Miss Minchin's boarding school for girls. She thrives at school and is mostly well liked. On her 11th birthday disaster strikes and Sara is thrown from riches to ruin.

A gentle, heart-warming story told with song and dance.

11 December - 19 December Bookings open 9 Nov

Fri 7pm	Sat 11am	Sat 1.30pm	Sat 4pm
11 Dec	12 Dec	12 Dec	12 Dec
18 Dec	19 Dec	19 Dec	19 Dec



Tickets \$12/\$8. Includes booking fee.

Tickets available at the door and online at
www.pymbleplayers.com.au
or phone (02) 9144 1523

Cnr Bromley Ave & Mona Vale Rd, Pymble www.pymbleplayers.com.au



Children, Teens & Adults Holiday Program

14-23 Dec 2015 and 11-22 Jan 2016

Artxtra (10yrs to Adults)

Thursday 17 December Tutor: Megan Pickwell
Architectural inspired prints & sculpture
Look at some famous structures and create a print using foam with watercolour background. Create a 3D sculpture - using inspiration from medieval houses.

Friday 18 December Tutor: Amanda Davis
Art of Photography
Using a variety of photographic compositional techniques students will explore the relationship between photography, sculpture and art. Students to bring own camera (phone and/ or tablet inc) hat & sunscreen.

Monday 21 December Tutor: Megan Pickwell
Make like Matisse
Students will explore the work of Henri Matisse, create colourful cutout designs and a still life painting/mixed media - exploring his use of colour, pattern & line.

Tuesday 22 December Tutor: Jane King
Get it into Perspective
Drawing covering perspective & foreshortening. These are two of the most challenging aspects of drawing. Learn how to deal with some of the basic problems using light hearted subject matter. Take the challenge & surprise yourself.

Wed 23 December Tutor: Karen Atkins
'Over the hills and far away' in Acrylics
Use a variety of techniques to paint a series of imaginative landscapes. Various surfaces used.

Monday 11 January Tutor: Megan Pickwell
Architectural inspired prints & sculpture
As Thurs 17 December program

Tuesday 12 January Tutor: Jane King
Acrylic painting based on Georgia O'Keefe
Get Close Up! Create a colourful semi-abstract painting based on the beautiful world of plants. Colour mixing and theory, painting technique & process included.

Wed 13 January Tutor: Karen Atkins
'Over the hills and far away' in Acrylics
As Wed 23 December program

Thursday 14 January Tutor: Victoria Peel
Still Life in Oil Pastel & Ink
am: draw gesture and structure of flowers and other objects
pm: draw man-made and natural patterns in the composition

Mon 18 January Tutor: Jane King
Animal Portraits in pencil & pastels
Keep Calm & Draw - Drawing takes practise & there are skills you can learn to help move to the next level. Keen observation & persistence are essential along with technique.

Tuesday 19 Jan Tutor: Susan Davies
Contemporary Art and Abstraction
Explore, discover and be excited by the endless possibilities of painting with acrylics. Colour, tone, line and composition taught.

Wed 20 January Tutor: Karen Atkins
Matisse Style Interiors
Students will be inspired by Matisse and paint a large canvas in acrylics looking at colour, design, pattern and composition.

Thurs 21 January Tutor: Victoria Peel
Landscape Drawing/Painting
am: Simplifying the landscape from photos
pm: 'plein air' drawing in charcoal or oil pastels/ ink from am: tonal drawing



NEW Early bird 8.30-9.30am drawing class
Late 4-5pm pottery/sculpture class \$18.50 each

Venue: 307 Sailors Bay Rd, Northbridge
(near roundabout)

Includes all materials, morning/afternoon tea, lunch for full day students
email: judy@nsva.com.au
website: nsva.com.au
Phone: 9958 1298