FROM THE FACULTIES

English

This semester has been filled with creative writing major works or poetry ICT representations in the junior school, and examinations and assessments in the senior school, as well as all the other teaching learning experiences that go hand in hand with a full and varied curriculum.

We have enjoyed excursions, poetry workshops and theatre visits as well.

In this issue we celebrate some remarkable achievements below.

ICAS

Congratulations to the boys who achieved outstanding results in the 2011 International English Competition (ICAS). The names of High Distinction achievers are listed below.

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Summary of Calendar Events in Term 3, 2011

| Week 10 | Fri 23 Sept | Last day of term |

Summary of Calendar Events in Term 4, 2011

| Week 1   | Mon 10 Oct | Students return |
|          | 11 & 12 Oct | High Resolves Year 8 |
|          | Thu 13 Oct | High Resolves Year 9 |
|          | 18-21 Oct | Year 9 Camp |
|          | 19-21 Oct | Year 10 Yearly Exams |
|          | Tue 18 Oct | P&C Meeting 7:30pm |
|          | Wed 19 Oct | Auxiliary Meeting 9:30am |
|          | Fri 21 Oct | Immunisation Day 3 |
| Week 2   | Thu 27 Oct | Falcon Sport Meeting (AGM) 6:30pm |
|          | Fri 28 Oct | Falcon Sport BBQ |
|          | 9-11 Nov | Year 7 Yearly Exams |
|          | 9&10 Nov | Year 10 SC Computing Skills Test |
|          | Wed 7 Nov | Falcon Foundation Meeting 6:30pm |
| Week 3   | 14-18 Nov | Year 8 & Yearly Exams |
|          | 15 Nov | Year 10 Work Experience |
|          | Wed 16 Nov | Auxiliary Meeting (AGM) 9:30am |
| Week 5   | Mon 21 Nov | School Council Meeting (AGM) 6pm |
|          | 21&22 Nov | Year 10 Peer Support Training |
|          | Tue 22 Nov | Year 8 ESSA Online Test |
|          | 23 & 24 Nov | Enrolment Day for Year 7 2012 |
|          | Fri 25 Nov | High Resolves Year 9 |
| Week 6   | 28 Nov-2 Dec | Year 10 Camp |
| Week 7   | Mon 5 Dec | Orientation Day |
|          | 8 & 9 Dec | Year 12 Study Camp |
|          | Wed 14 Dec | Presentation Day |
| Week 9   | Thu 15 Dec | Class of 2011 Morning tea 11:00am |
|          | Fri 16 Dec | Last day of term for students |
Congratulations are also extended to Year 7 High Distinction achievers in the ICAS Spelling competition and the 34 Distinction award winners.

**Writing Competitions**

Congratulations go to the following students for their participation in the writing competitions:

**Campion College Australia Essay Writing Competition**
Luke Chan (Yr 12) Honourable mention ($250 prize) for an essay entitled “Global Warming: A Sensationalised Truth”

**Mosman Council Youth Awards in Literature**
Kenny Ng (Yr 12) shortlisted, Jonah Vogelman (Yr 12) winner of the competition

**Public Speaking**

Congratulations to students who represented the school in the following competitions:

**Rostrum Voice of Youth**
Junior - Sahan Narayankkara
Senior - Varun Randev and Aaron Chen

**Legacy Junior Public Speaking Competition**
Lewis Redner and Jason Luo

**Sydney Morning Herald Public Speaking Competition**
Senior - Alex Cox (won the regional and allowed to participate in the State Final) and Max Rigby

Compliments to all students who participated in all areas. It has certainly been a busy year.

*Sue Ban - Head Teacher English*

**Mathematics**

**Maths Challenge 2011**

Every year the school’s Mathematics Enrichment program gives our keen young mathematicians an excellent opportunity to cut their teeth on interesting problems and concepts.

Warm congratulations to the following boys who achieved High Distinctions in the 2011 Mathematics Challenge stage of the enrichment program!

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UNSW Mathematics Competition

This year 31 students from North Sydney Boys High School entered the 50th Annual UNSW Mathematics Competition.

The school received a total of 11 credits, 4 distinctions and 3 high distinctions.

Special mention goes to Tim Huang, Leslie Lay-Kennedy and Jason Lay-Kennedy who all received high distinctions.

All 18 certificate winners have been invited to a presentation ceremony at UNSW later in the year.

Australian Mathematics Competition

This year all of Years 7 – 10 and several senior students entered the Australian Mathematics Competition.

North Sydney Boys High School received a total of 17 prize winners, 79 high distinctions, 362 distinctions and 162 credits.

The prize winners were:

Year 7: Matthew Ward, Joshua Gao, Eryuan Sheng, Louie Song and Jonathan Koruga.

Year 8: Kieran Pai, Raye Lin, Ramanathan Udaiyappan and Frank Peng.

Year 9: Thomas Zhou, Jason Xiang, Anton Bychkov and Nelson Chen.

Year 10: Leslie Lay-Kennedy and Tim Huang.

Year 11: Jason Lay-Kennedy and Andrew Ye.

Congratulations to everyone for such and outstanding result.

Christopher Berry - Mathematics Teacher

Science

Science staff are continuing to evaluate our stage 6 (Years 11 and 12) teaching and assessment programs in Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Staff are being trained and are reviewing how to implement DER laptops into teaching, learning and assessments in the preliminary and HSC courses in 2012 and beyond. The faculty will use its two professional development days at the end of the year to finalise and implement strategies in all courses in 2012.

ESSA - Essential Secondary Science Assessment

This is a test, like NAPLAN, to compare student achievement across NSW. This year all Year 8 students in NSW will sit the test. Results will be available in March 2012. The test will be on Tuesday, 22 November, periods 1 and 2, in the Hall. The actual exam time is 80 minutes. Roll call will be held at 8.50 in B Quad before the exam.

The following content areas will be assessed, which have been covered by your Science topics in year 7 and 8, and includes:

- the physical world - forces and energy
- matter - states, changes of state, elements and compounds
- the living world - classification, unicellular & multicellular organisms, ecosystems
- earth and space - components and structure of space, natural resources

The exam will comprise of multiple choice questions based on stimulus booklet, plus longer written answers. Students are required to bring the following equipment for the test: eraser, pencil sharpener, ruler, protractor and calculator (pencils are provided)

A book to read if you finish early is also advisable.

National Youth Science Forum

The National Youth Science Forum is an intensive 12-day program that provides selected young leaders the opportunity to experience the wonders of Science and what a Science career can provide. This year we are pleased to announce that one of our year 11 students, William Andrew, has been selected to attend the forum in January 2012. He has been subjected to a regional and district interview by the Rotary Club and awarded a $1000 sponsorship.

Students from across Australia and overseas will meet and work with top researchers, scientists and engineers at selected Universities. We hope William comes back with a mind set for Science and wish him all the best.
Biology, Chemistry and Physics Olympiads

North Sydney Boys High School is developing a history of achievement in the International Science Olympiads. In the last round our own Nathan Isaacson won a Bronze Medal and Certificate in the 22nd International Biology Olympiad held in Taipei, Taiwan. Nathan competed against 227 participants from 58 countries.

In 2009 another student – Thomas Brereton, won a Gold Medal in the 20th International Biology Olympiad and gained fourth place out of 221 competitors at Tsukuba, Japan. Every year students from NSBHS take part in the Science Olympiads in the disciplines of Biology, Physics and Chemistry. Many thanks are given to Mr Uminski for his hard work in organising the Olympiad tutoring program at NSBHS.

Science Competition

Congratulations to all students who received Certificates in the Australasian Schools Science Competition. The results for the 2010 Australasian Schools Science Competition indicate that we are improving the number of Distinction and High Distinction grades. 590 students sat for this competition and the school was awarded 95 High Distinction, 267 Distinctions, 200 Credits and 38 Participation certificates. The following students were awarded High Distinction Certificates.

**Year 7**
- Matthew Lai
- Jeffer Wang
- Jason Xiang
- Mathew Lai
- Kevin Lin
- Jordan Southi
- Jeffery Wang
- David Wang
- Nick Wyche
- Jason Xiang
- Yurk Sing Xu

**Year 10**
- Kieran Ballurkar
- Glen Clothier
- Raymond Guan
- Tim Huang
- Edward Lee
- Varun Randev
- Oliver Charlton
- Daniel Du
- Eric Huang
- Louis Lan
- Joshua Liu
- Carlin Ngai
- Tristan Chan
- Mehul Gajwani
- Leslie Lay-Kennedy
- Daniel Refi
- Ronnie Taneja

**Year 11**
- Anthony Chan
- Calvin He
- Bob Rao
- Darren Shen
- Andrew Wang
- Kevin Zhu

RACI Australian National Chemistry Quiz

The 2011 Australian National Chemistry Quiz has been the most successful year ever for NSBH. 600 students participated for this competition and students were awarded 9 Plaque and Certificate of Excellence, 3 Plaques and 180 High Distinction.

Congratulations to the following students who were the recipients of the Plaque and Certificate of Excellence.

- Louis Lan (10)
- Otto Zhang (8)
- Oscar Parker (8)
- Hayden Ooi (8)
- Daniel Liu (8)
- Eryuan Ooi (7)
- Simon Piech (7)
- Michael Brereton (7)

The following students were awarded a Plaque.

- Donny Yang (9)
- Oscar Wang (9)
- Harry Pan (9)

The following students received a high distinction in the Chemistry Quiz; they were in the top 800 participants.

**Year 7**
- Malik Abhishek
- James Buda
- Lawrence Chen
- Anish Kanibaglu
- Justin Lee

- Swaroop Balaji
- Dennis Chen
- Louis Gao
- Andrew Kim
- Philip Lee

- Kaj Bollerup
- Eric Chen
- Francis Gao
- Jeffrey Zhang
- Horace Kuan

- Carey Li
Kevin Li  Stephen Lin  Nathan Luk
Jahan Mand  Tim Rao  Cameron Ritson
Lachlan Smith  Kevin Song  Louie Song
Kevin Tang  Matthew Ward  Leon Yao
Mark Zakoshanski  Justin Zhu  Ray Zhu

**Year 8**

Arjun Bareja  Daniel Cai  Ewan Cai
Nanway Chen  Leon Cheung  One Jun Choi
Blake Coleman  David Ding  Kevin Ge
Lucas Haywood  Ivan Hu  Dillon Khan
Anton Kladnig  Peter Lee  Steven Lee
Nicholas Lim  Brian Lin  Jason Liu
Neil Lu  Jason Luo  Jackson Liu
Beckett McNeil  Kevin Pham  Saroop Philip
Jason Phu  Jeyansayon Thiruvarangan  Raymond Wan
Chuyu Xiao  Stanley Xue  Nick Yang
William Ye

**Year 9**

Sean Batongbacal  Anton Bychkov  Jackson Cai
Osborn Cai  Ryan Jiawei Cao  Gerard Chen
Kevin Chen  Roger Chen  Andrew Cheng
Justin Chia  Benjamin Chua  Alexander Cornish
Michael Do  Alexander Duller  Jeremy Fu
Andrew Gao  James Gao  David Gardiner
Max Gercken  James Gougoussis  Jason Gu
Chengyi Han  Vito Hui  Patrick Hwang
William Ko  Edwin Lai  Matthew Lai
Jacky Lee  James Lin  Kevin Lin
John Luo  Clement Ngai  Harry Pan
Kerry Pan  David Phan  Ming Shao
Ke Sun  Vincent Tan  Eugene Thi
Peter Tryfonopoulos  Edison Tsui  Oscar Wang
Liam Whitfield  David Wong  Nick Wyche
Jason Xiang  Garry Xu  Tony Xu
Donny Yang  Derek Yang  Sean Yeo
Edward Yu  Roland Zhang  Victor Han Yu
Thomas Zhou

**Year 10**

Kieran Ballurkar  Joseph Bang  Lawrence Chan
Owen Chan  Ricky Chan  Oliver Charlton

Allan Chen  Glen Clothier  Alex Ho
Haimin Huang  Leslie Lay-Kennedy  Joshua Liu
William Miao  Bryan Ng  Noah Stammbach
Pramod Parasu  Victor Teh  Charlton Wong
Joshua Xu  Henry Zhang  Albert Zhou

**Year 11**

Andrew Chan  Anthony Chan  Alexander Chen
Leon Fung  Calvin He  Martin Hu
Bob Rao  Isaac Rhee  Gavin Tam
Nathan Teoh  Andrew Wang  Kevin Wang
Aidan Wong  Nicholas Zeng  Kevin Zhuo

**Open Day 2010**

The Science faculty used the 2011 Open Day to present Year 11 students DER classwork in Chemistry. Presented also, Years 7-10 students’ classwork, which comprised of: pamphlets, videos, posters, major research assignments and spectra projects.

Science staff are very impressed with the quality of work being submitted in each of the Year 10 units. We are continuing to assess hands on skills in Chemistry and Motion courses, as alternatives such as simulations, although have their merits, are no substitute for practical skills.

One Science laboratory was used to simulate current teaching practices in science. Prospective parents toured Ms Sacchetta’s and Mr Francis’ classes and observed firsthand the quality and depth of our science teaching at NSBHS.

**HSC and Preliminary Programs**

**Physics Kick Start at the University of Sydney**

Our HSC Physics classes spent a couple of intense hours going through the experiments in small groups at the Physics Kick Start program at the University of Sydney. Workshops go for approximately 2.5 hours and the boys get a real buzz out of using high tech equipment that demonstrate often difficult concepts.
to learn in a classroom environment. The instructors were young Masters and PhD students who highly motivate our boys into selecting Medical, Science and Technology courses at university.

**Water Quality Analysis at Macquarie Uni**

In 2011, The Macquarie University excursion aims to support student practical skills in instrumentation analysis in order to enhance student-learning outcomes from the Chemical Monitoring and Management modules for the HSC Chemistry course. This will be our third year that NSBH has participated the excursion program to the university. Our boys gain the most from the intensive practical experience. They conducted their own investigation to determine the water quality of the Universities Lake using AAS, UV-spectroscopy, oxygen and pH probes and analysing their freshly made soaps. We look forward to continuing our relationship in years to come.

**Extra Curricular Activities**

**Science Experience**

The Science Experience is a three-day hands-on science activities program being conducted at Universities around Australia in 2011-2012. The programs are designed for students in years 9 and 10. The program informs students of the importance of science and technology, stimulates and heightens their interest in a wide range of science study and career opportunities, while giving them a ‘taste’ of university life. This program comes highly recommended by both parents and students. The three-day program costs $110. It is essential that parents register early for each of the programs listed below as places fill quite fast. Please go to their website [www.scienceexperience.com.au](http://www.scienceexperience.com.au) for more information.

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Andrew Hadjichari – Head Teacher Science

**HSC Visual Arts, Drama and Music**

Congratulations to our HSC Drama, Music 1, Music 2, Music Extension and Visual Arts students who have now completed 50-100% of their HSC examinations. All the practical components (performances for Drama and Music) and submitted works
Compositions, Scripts and Bodies of Work) have now been completed. Judging by the outstanding presentations at the HSC Visual Arts Exhibition, Drama Showcase and Musicale, these talented students will be well rewarded in the HSC.

Annual Musicale

The Annual Musicale showcased over 200 of our students from Years 7 to 12! The Concert culminated in an exciting performance of excerpts from Mozart’s Requiem, performed by all music elective students, selected Year 7, Choir, Vocal Ensemble and Orchestra, and was conducted by Scott Ryan. The ensembles and soloists from Years 11 and 12 were brilliant – a testament to the dedication of these students and their teachers and conductors. This concert certainly enabled us to show the diversity of musical talent here at North Sydney Boys High School. Congratulations to all involved! Thanks also to Sarah Quirke and the Charities Committee for providing refreshments at interval.

Merimbula Jazz Festival

Big bands 1 and 2 made what has become an annual trek to the Merimbula Jazz Festival on the June long weekend. These boys are in heavy demand at the festival with audiences queuing to hear them play – a wonderful tribute to the work of Saul Richardson and the boys themselves. Thanks also to Neil Hunt for the preparation before and supervision during this worthwhile excursion.

ArtsNorth Music Festival

Congratulations to the Orchestra, Choir and compere Artem Paotov for the high quality ArtsNorth Music Festival at the Sydney Town Hall. These students, under the leadership of Denise Ee and Ivan Cheng played a major role in the success of this concert. Exciting performances of contemporary works composed and conducted by Dan Walker were of particular note as the region continues to bring attention to the excellent musicians in our schools and community.

Symphonic Winds: State Band Festival – University of New South Wales and State Instrumental Festival – Sydney Opera House

On Saturday 23 July both Symphonic Winds and Intermediate Concert Band performed at the State Band Festival hosted by the University of New South Wales. The Symphonic Winds performed in the top section of the competition and won a SILVER AWARD. Our Intermediate Band performed in a junior section and also won a SILVER AWARD. Many thanks and congratulations to all Band members, and in particular to their Conductor, Scott Ryan!

The Symphonic Winds were selected to perform at the State Instrumental Festival recently, presenting an outstanding rendition of the Australian work,
Kosciusko by Brendan Collins. They not only sounded superb but also looked wonderful – these students have been great ambassadors for our school and for Public schooling this year – congratulations!

Many thanks and congratulations must go to our Creative and Performing Arts staff, students and conductors for the huge amount of time and effort that has gone into the successful presentation of all these activities.

Ensembles fees are needed as soon as possible. We have been paying for music, special equipment and professional conductors all year. Please find the fees schedule at the end of this bulletin. Many thanks to those who have already paid this fee.

Linda Moulton - Head Teacher CAPA

This term we welcomed Tania Linnertson to the HSIE faculty to replace Jola Jones who is currently studying in the United States.

North Sydney Boys’ High School came 5th in Australia in 2011 National Geographic Channel Australian Geography Competition. This is two places higher than last year.

Special congratulations go to David Gardiner Year 9 who became a national finalist. He took part in the final at the Opera House. He competed against seven other students (mostly from Year 10) from around the country. His final result was ranked 6th.

Two Year 11 Business Studies students were presented the opportunity to attend monthly board meetings at Bendigo Bank Spit Junction for a year and Aaron Liu and Chris Yang were fortunate enough to be accepted into this unique role. During their time as Youth Observers, they sat in on the board meetings, make contributions to the board from the perspective of an adolescent, represented Bendigo at State Parliament to meet with Health Minister Jillian Skinner and also visited Bendigo Bank’s Head Office. We thank Virginia Howard and the team at Bendigo for providing the Junior Youth Observers with this opportunity.

Kim Drummond - Head Teacher HSIE

The Year 8 Celebration of Languages Day last term was a huge success with the boys enjoying French Cooking, German Handball, Indonesian Volleyball, Taikoz Japanese Drumming and a Roman Army performance. The boys also participated in a ‘Who wants to be a Millionaire?’ game as well as hearing from an old boy, Joshua Wyndham-Kidd, who now studies foreign languages at University.

The elective Indonesian classes, along with 7T Indonesian enjoyed a Wayang Kulit, Shadow Puppet, performance at Monte Sant Angelo by the world renowned dalang, puppeteer, Pak Sumardi from Jakarta, Indonesia.

Our French, German and Japanese students participated in the Australian Language Centre Competition and we are eagerly awaiting another year of great results.

Seven Year 8 Latin students from North Sydney Boys attended the annual Year 8 Latin Camp held at Elanora Heights on the weekend of the 9th-11th September. Over the course of the three days, the boys enjoyed a variety of activities related to the Latin language and the classical world in general, including an entertaining display of Roman weapons and military techniques, a mock gladiatorial show, tongue-in-cheek plays based on classical myths (written and performed by the students), and an “Ancient World Olympics” on the Sunday morning. Mr. Salter and Mr. Coombs attended the camp along with the boys.

Kathy Coady - Head Teacher Languages

Since the last report we have had exciting times in the TAS Faculty. Three Year 9 engineering students Edward Chang, Elijah Huang and Jason Xiang were placed third in the New South Wales Aurecon Bridge Building Competition 2011 which was held at Art Gallery of New South Wales on 5th August. Their balsa, string and cardboard bridge supported 68kg and scored 38 points against a competition average of 17 points. The boys worked hard during lunch and after school to perfect their final entry and we must thank Mr Hayvatt for his expertise and giving up his time to mentor the students. The team won $500 for the school and $50 each. We hope to spend the
$500 on purchasing new equipment which will aide next year’s entrants in this competition.

In Graphics Technology (Technical Drawing) the Year 9 class has been working hard to master the new Turbocad 3D program. They have just completed the Maze Project. I am pleased to report we have just machined the first maze project on our Denford Rapid Processor Milling Machine. This is a very important step as it places a link between Computer Aided Drawing (CAD) and Computer Aided Manufacture (CAM). Once we have completed this project the boys will be focussed on designing their CO2 vehicles. These will be close to a Formula 1 design and using the same technology. In 2012 we plan to introduce the Maze Project into the Year 8 program. A big thank you must go to Bob Rao and William Andrew of Year 11 for their assistance and mentoring of the Year 9 students.

Year 10 engineering students are in the final stages of building their Solar Car Project which is focussed on renewable resources, design, efficiency and electronics. The boys have been fully engaged by this project which has enriched their understanding of engineering principles and emerging technologies.

In Food Technology the Year 9 and 10 students are in the midst on their yearly practical tests. Great dishes have been produced by the boys. It is very rewarding to see how far their culinary skills have developed as well as their collaborative and organisational skills.

Year 10 Power Systems continues to be a popular tangible subject for our boys. One class is learning the ins and outs of the 4 stroke engine, they have just completed the disassembly stage and we eagerly await the first roar of one of their rebuilt engines. The other class are just starting to manually cut out their CO2 vehicles and we should be able to highlight their race results in the next bulletin.

Neil Hunt - TAS Faculty

PDHPE

Students from the junior school have enjoyed a range of engaging activities and events this term. Year 10 PDHPE (PASS) elective students have enjoyed a 5 week program delivered by development officers from the ARL which is aimed at improving skills and participation in the sport. From this group, a number of enthusiastic boys will be selected to officiate at an interschool gala day in Term 4. Year 9 PASS students are looking forward to participating in an Ultimate Frisbee Gala Day in week 10.

As part of NAIDOC week celebrations PDHPE students were given the opportunity to engage in activities run by Uncle Les from National Parks and Wildlife. By far the most popular activity was the hunting game. The game involved hurling spears, boomerangs and rocks at a Kangaroo on wheels (made of wood) with the objective of knocking it over and having a meal to share with the rest of the mob. I think the game was enjoyed so much because it was the first time in their lives that they have actually been encouraged to throw sticks and stones – and at a moving target.

In Term 2 the Fitness Centre floor exploded in one section due heavy rainfall, rising damp and subsequent swelling of the timber. The good news is that the problems have been clearly identified and progress has been made in obtaining quotes to commence repair work. Unfortunately it is a job that will take some time to fix properly. Hopefully the popular centre will be available for use before and after school early Term 4.

I’d like to congratulate the following students who competed at the NSW CHS Athletics carnival:

- 4th Place in the 14 Years 4 x 100m relay: Bala Anandasivam, Osborn Cai, Matthew Gibbs and Kevin Hu.
- 10th Place in the 17+ Years 4 x 100m relay: Adam Aarons, Amartya Bose, Benjamin Lyon and Crishna Kumar.
- 5th Place in the 15 Years 1500m: David Gardiner

Finally, I would like to wish the 2011 Year 12 PDHPE class all the best with their final preparation for the HSC examination and for their futures. They have made a terrific contribution to the school over the years both in the classroom and in their sporting pursuits.

Peter Barraclough - Relieving Head Teacher PDHPE

Year 12

With their last term of high school rapidly coming to an end Year 12 have been excitedly researching and making decisions about the future. The boys have been issued with UAC Guides and PINs and have also been to a UAC (University Admissions Centre) Application presentation at NSGH.

Students are encouraged to apply to UAC before 30 September to avoid the late fee. You can select up to 9 preferences, the order of these preferences can be changed (free of charge) up until 5 January (after your ATAR has been released). Students are encouraged to select one course with a significantly...
lower ATAR cut off than they are expecting. This means should their results be unexpected they still have a course they can get into, giving them the opportunity to transfer once at university. Without an adequate ATAR for the selected courses they will not get any offer and not be able to start university next March.

It is wonderful to see so many of our Year 12 students applying for scholarships. These scholarships are for a variety of courses such as Engineering, Information Technology, Science, Merit, Arts and International Relations, it is encouraging to see the boys apply for scholarships and universities across Australia. There have been some amazing applications and we wish you all the best with these.

If you are feeling a little overwhelmed by all the options for next year please stop by the careers office.

If students are to accept a HECS place next year they will need a Tax File Number (TFN), this is a simplified version for school students available from the careers office.

University Visits

The larger of the universities in Sydney have visted the school for lunch time presentations which many of the boys have attended. Many students have also visited the universities on their open days. Should you wish to visit the universities please contact them as they do offer after school tours, many students have expressed how visiting the campus has made their course choice a lot easier. A number of boys from Year 11 will be attending different workshops at many of the universities in the coming weeks from UN Model Law Workshops to Mineral Engineering camps.

**Year 10 Work Experience**

Year 10 will be going on work experience from 14 – 18 November. Work experience is a great opportunity for the boys as it allows them not only to experience the workforce and all the associated challenges and triumphs but may also help them make a decision about their future career. Many of the boys have done a great job contacting possible employers, securing a placement and dealing with all the paper work. Please check with your son about his plans for work experience. Students who are struggling to find a placement are asked to see me before the end of term. If you or your company would like to take on a student for a week please contact me as we have a number of boys looking for placements.

*Sarah Quirke - Careers Adviser*

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**Managing HSC Stress Program**

The Higher School Certificate can be stressful for many students. However there are things that you can do to get through Years 11 and 12 with less stress and reduce the impact that stress has on your academic performance.

The UTS Health Psychology Unit has been running Managing HSC Stress programs for many years now and is pleased to be able to offer this program again in Term 4 2011.

The Managing HSC Stress program is a group program that assists students to better manage the stress of the HSC by teaching a broad range of skills that can be helpful in any stressful situation. Students also have the opportunity to learn from and assist each other.

The program can also be useful for students who are struggling with anxiety, low self-esteem or low mood.

**When?**

Tuesday afternoon

25th October, 1st November, 8th November, 15th November

**Time?**

4.30-5.30pm

Afternoon tea will be provided.

**Where?**

Health Psychology Unit

Ground Floor, 174 Pacific Highway

St Leonards

The Health Psychology Unit is a 5-10 minute walk from St Leonards train station. Buses 252 and 290 stop right out the front. Metered & time-limited street parking is available in surrounding streets.

**Cost?**

$90.00 ($22.50 per session)

Private Health Insurance or Medicare rebates may apply.

**Register?**

Registration is essential as numbers are limited. To register call 9514 4077 or email Health.Psychology@uts.edu.au
The Co-curricular music program at NSBHS caters to students of all musical levels and interests. Ensembles are directed by professional conductors and educators, and all ensembles perform widely both at school and within the community. The co-curricular program strongly supports the class music programs available to students from Years 7 to 12. There are opportunities for some of the ensembles to perform at state, national and international events.

Fees for the ensembles help to cover payments for conductors for rehearsals and workshops, music, equipment, concert organisation etc.

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YEAR 7 STUDENTS
Year 7 students are invited to participate in Choir, Intermediate Concert Band and/or Orchestra (string players). No audition is necessary and all levels of ability are acceptable. Intermediate Concert Band members may be invited to join Senior Concert Band if they meet the required level of musicianship and maturity. Students who show continued commitment and enthusiasm to the Concert Band, Orchestra and/or Choir are invited to join Big Band 3 as an extra ensemble from Term 2.

ENSEMBLES FEES 2011
Students are encouraged to participate in a wide range of ensembles. For this reason there will be ONE FEE ONLY of $275 for the year. This fee covers students’ participation in one or more of the following ensembles:

- Orchestra
- Big Band 1
- Choir
- Senior Concert Band
- Big Band 2
- Vocal Ensemble
- Intermediate Concert Band
- Big Band 3
- Chamber Groups

NSBHS is fortunate to have the expertise of professional Jazz musicians Saul Richardson and Peter Farrar to run Jazz improvisation and ensemble skills classes in small combos. Fees for membership to one of these small combos (Jazz Combos 1 and 2) will be $245 per semester.

Prompt payment of Music Ensembles fees is essential to the success of the program. If, however, you have a concern regarding payment, please don’t hesitate to contact either myself or Ms Hughes.

Linda Moulton
Head Teacher Creative and Performing Arts
Music Ensembles 2011

Please read the following conditions of Music Ensembles membership, sign and return to the office with your payment.

- It is expected that students will attend all rehearsals
- All ensembles will have a variety of concerts and/or workshops throughout the year, and it is expected that students will participate in these as required
- Students are encouraged to be punctual and fully prepared for all rehearsals and engagements
- All students will be courteous in their interactions with peers and conductors
- Students must contact the conductor if they have an issue related to rehearsals and/or concerts etc
- It is expected that students will practise their parts regularly in preparation for concerts and rehearsals
- It is expected that payment for the Ensembles program will be made as soon as possible in order to help maintain the program’s success

I have read and understood the conditions of the Music Ensembles program

Student’s signature: ___________________________ Date: _____/_____/2011

Parent’s signature: ___________________________ Date: _____/_____/2011

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