

Week 10 | Term 4 | 2019



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NEWSLETTER



As we draw to the end of the school year I am so proud of the many achievements of our students. Well done to our 2019 Year 12 students on their fantastic HSC results. Our DUX Julia Nguyen achieved an ATAR of 93.45, Cindy Tir achieved 91.45 and Vice-Captain Arsiak Ishaq 90.2. Across the board our students achieved Band 6 results in Mathematics, Mathematics Extension 1, Drama, Arabic continuers, Arabic Extension, Khmer and Chinese. Raksmev Sovan was awarded 3rd in the state for Khmer. Congratulations to all our students, their families and our teachers for hard work and dedication over the past 6 years. I look forward to hearing many more stories of success—either with tertiary education, work or Tafe.

Congratulations Mr Paul DeCarli and the English faculty for their wonderful exhibition of Year 8 student work. The innovative project was based on the inquiry question “What are adults to afraid to tell children?”. Students used the Creative Leadership in Learning Framework to plan and design their own picture book. Well done to Year 8 and their teachers who presented their work at an exhibition.

Thank you to our many staff who we are farewelling this year. In particular I would like to thank Ms Denise Glaves who has been at St Johns Park High School for close to 40 years as a member of the HSIE faculty and relieving Head Teacher. She has been a dedicated educator and will be missed. We sadly also farewell the following wonderful staff; Ms Christine Mitchell and Ms Antoinette Gravante – Drama/ English, Mr Adrian Cooper and Mr Tommy Koutsonikolis – Industrial Arts, Ms Natalie Frish – Art Therapist, Virginia Mortimer – Science Lab Assistant and Ms Althea Phillips – School Counsellor. We wish you every success in your new endeavours.

Finally, I wish our students and the community a wonderful Christmas and safe New Year. I look forward to working with you all in 2020.

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Important Dates

- Wednesday 22 January 2020 - Uniform Shop Open (9am - 1pm)
- Wednesday 29 January 2020 - First Day for Years 7,11 & 12
- Thursday 30 January 2020 - First Day for Years 8,9 & 10
- Tuesday 4 February 2020 - Presentation Evening
- Thursday 6 February 2020 - Swimming Carnival
- Monday 10 February 2020 - Life Ready Road Safety Excursion
- Tuesday 11 February 2020 - Life Ready Camp
- Wednesday 12 February 2020 - Life Ready Camp
- Thursday 13 February 2020 - Life Ready Camp
- Friday 14 February 2020 - Life Ready Camp

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Orientation Day

It was lovely to welcome and meet our Year 7 students for 2020 and their families at our Orientation Day early in December. We have close to 170 students coming to our school next year. We wish them all the best and looking forward to working with you over the next 6 years.

PB4L signage

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) continues to be a big focus for our school. Our staff and students have worked hard defining the key behaviours and expectations we have in each of the different settings around the school. Part of this is including visible signage around the school and if you have recently visited us, you will see our “Safe Respectful Learner” message displayed in the front walkway. We also have signs near the Quad to remind our students of our high expectations (see photos on page 3). Thank you to the PB4L team and Mr Rob Vaccari for their work in getting these signs installed. Our students are rewarded when we see positive behaviours with green “Fast and Furious” awards which they then can place in the barrel in the front office to receive prizes. In 2020, we will continue this program that promotes and rewards excellence in our school.

Our website and App

Our website and App—School Steam are continually updated and is the place to go for relevant and updated information about our school. In particular on our website, parents should look at the upcoming events, uniform updates and equipment list. View our website at [this link](#).

Get ready for 2020

A list of equipment students will need for 2020 is on page 4 and also on our website. A reminder to students and parents that the uniform shop is open on 22 January from 9am to 1pm if you require new uniform.

Finally, we wish our students at the community a safe and happy holiday. We look forward to seeing you in the new year.



Mr Steven Moisidis



Mr Steven Daoud



Ms Nicole Sullivan



Ms Renee Carniato



Our new PB4L signs



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St Johns Park High School

Year 7 to 10 Equipment list

General equipment needed for all subjects

- Pencil case
- HB pencils
- Red, blue and black pens
- Eraser
- Pencil sharpener
- Colour pencils
- 30cm plastic ruler
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- Highlighters
- Correction tape
- Geometry set
- USB
- Earbud earphones to plug into school computers/laptops (3.5mm plug)

Items available for purchase at wholesale price from the front office

- Home Economics Apron - \$8
- Visual arts diary – All Year 7 students invoiced on school fees
- Calculator - CASIO fx-82AU PLUS II - \$22

Books and folders

- 6 x A4 lined exercise books (English, Science, PDHPE, Languages, History, Geography)
- 3 x A4 display folders (Music, PDHPE, Industrial Arts)
- 1 x A4 grid exercise book (Maths)

Special Education

- 8 x 128 page A4 lined exercise books
- 1 x 96 page A4 lined exercise books

Electives (Y8 to 10)

Elective subjects may require the purchase of books, folders or specialist equipment. Students will be informed of these by their teacher at the beginning of the term.

Please note:

- All books are to be labelled with your child's name
- The school diary and student identification card are to be brought to school each day
- Liquid paper, permanent markers and metal rulers are prohibited
- Avoid spiral notebooks and 3 or 5 subject notebooks
- Special education students only need to purchase items from the general equipment list and special education list
- Books with a large number of pages are preferred
- Students will receive their timetable on the first day of school for the year. Students are required to bring their general equipment and a single book on this day. Any classwork completed can then be transferred into the relevant subject book.



ABCN i2i Workshop at Ashurst Law

ABCN i2i Workshop at Ashurst Law - Hear from our students' experience

We had such a great experience at the 'ABCN program' and we really recommend it to others. We had the chance to learn new skills and techniques such as body language, tone of our voice to help improve our preparation and stand out when having a job interview. Some examples of body language/techniques we learnt that would help us was eye contact, better body posture, what to wear and using facial expressions.

We also gained excellent advice from the mentors at ABCN that would help us prepare better in the future. Some things we took from the program was to be calm and learn to step out of our comfort zone by asking questions to the interviewers to help you decide if the job is for you.

The mentors from Ashurst Law were very friendly and we really enjoyed learning material in a corporate office in the city. These tips has inspired us to be ready, confident and prepare for job interviews and in everyday life when we meet new people. After the ABCN program , we that we became knowledgeable in what to expect and how to act during an interview.

We definitely recommend this program as it's very useful and helpful for young adults. We wish to participate in ABCN in the future.

By Vela, Noellyn, Vela and Fanar

Mentor's Feedback

- It is a great opportunity to empower young students and help them develop important skills when they leave school.
- It is a really well run program that allows tangible contribution to children's lives and broader education
- It is very rewarding and humbling get involved
- Very worthwhile - great to share your experiences and hopefully improve student's knowledge about law firms and interview techniques Great program. Well organised. Great students
- They have become more confident even only after a few hours in the module because of the exercises the presenter has asked the students to complete
- I learn a lot about the younger generation and different backgrounds and experiences. It also feels like a great way to actually use my skills and experience to assist and contribute to building the students Confident.
- It's very important to me to be able to help younger people who may have fewer advantages than I have had by sharing my experiences and what I have learned.



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Students Prepared for Future Success

Student Feedback

- I would recommend interview 2 impress as it really does help people who have trouble with communication and social skills as the mentors give feedback which helps you understand your strengths and weaknesses
- I learnt how to properly answer interview questions and how to look approachable and confident when entering an interview.
- I will use the skills given to me today to make myself a better communicator when in an interview. I will use confidence for future experiences as it will enable me to clearly think.
- I will be applying what I learnt today at the interview to impress program as i apply to jobs over the Christmas break.
- I learnt that I should practice a lot before having the job interview, pay attention to my body language, dress appropriately
- The most important thing I have learnt would be biggest mistakes that could occur during an interview. This include not focusing on my weaknesses and accentuating my strength.
- I learnt to focus on more positive than negative topics during my interviews and to try my best to remain calm and collected.
- This workshop is an amazing, fun and interactive opportunity to visit corporate building and meet with people who work there. I highly recommend this!



Providing students with an opportunity to pursue their interests, skills and passions



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ALSA's Robotics Lesson

On Wednesday 27th of November, The ALSA students did the LEGO Mindstorms robotics lesson with Ms Huzairan, Ms Welch and Ms Melissari in E12. First, we all received the Lego Mindstorms robot, a computer, and the USB cable for the robot. We powered up the robot, the computer and we went to Mindstorms Education app on the computer. We create new project on the Mindstorms app, then we followed Mrs Welch instructions on how the robotics move back and forth. We also had Miss Huzairan and Mrs Melissari to help us with the steps.

We followed the step-by-step instruction to get to the finish line, then we coded the robot onto the computer. We download the robot from the laptop and we tested it. Next, we programmed the robot how to move around the circle without touching the cone. We all bought a cone and we programmed it again and we tested it and it was all a big success.

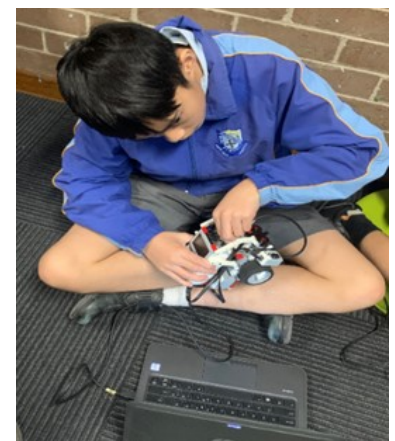
Then, we all bought an object from the box and we followed Mrs Welch instruction how to move the object. We pulled the arm from the robot a bit to make sure the arm get into the object. We all programmed it again and the robot got into the object. Lastly, we learn how to program the robot to dance by repeating loops. They programmed move, back, around circle with some repeating loops.

Mrs Welch put on the music and had a robot dance. Soon, we packed up the USB, the computer, and the robot into the box. We all had a great time with Mrs Welch, Miss Huzairan and Mrs Melissari.

By Tyler Truong, Michael Ponti and Nathan Hoang



A caring and personalised learning environment where all our students achieve their best



JQ Physiotherapy and Sports Rehabilitation (STOCKLANDS WETHERILL PARK)

St Johns Park High School would like to thank *JQ Physiotherapy and Sports Rehabilitation (STOCKLANDS WETHERILL PARK)* for their generous contribution to our sports program and for attending our special assembly to receive a thank you certificate, gift pack and specially framed jersey. Our Rugby League team will benefit from the substantial (\$1200) contribution towards purchasing new jerseys.

Thank you Mr Jamil Qutami and *JQ Physiotherapy and Sports Rehabilitation!*



Thank You JQ Physiotherapy and Sports Rehabilitation - STOCKLANDS WETHERILL PARK





SJPHS @ WSU Bankstown Campus

On the 31st of October, a group of Year 9 students, part of the Western Sydney University Fast Forward Program attended the Bankstown Campus. This program provides enthusiastic high school students with opportunities to increase their awareness of university and further study beyond high school and helps to raise their educational aspirations. During the day, year 9 students were introduced to a variety of activities that accelerate their communication and teamwork skills, confidence and participation. Students also worked with the UNIMATES who were still continuing their studies in university.

As soon as we arrived at the campus, we were excited as we were greeted with warm welcome smiles and a refreshing and delicious morning tea. Following the schedule, we were guided towards the lecture room by our UNIMATES and by our schools Fast Forward coordinator, Mrs Magiropoulos. All the staff, including the UNIMATES introduced themselves as part of the introduction to the day. In the lecture room, all the students were sorted to a specific colour in which we were given an instruction to create a team name that refers to our given colour (which was purple) and school name. *We chose 'ST Barney'!* Afterwards, two of our brave and dedicated students went to the front stage to explain the meaning behind our team name. St for our school name Saint and Barney because he is a purple character, representing the university colour group we were given.

Our very first warm up activity was called 'Ice Breaker'. This fun and simple game tests our awareness and reaction of the surroundings. Amazingly, one of our students showed her ability of a quick reaction that leads her to the finale round where three different schools were competing each other. Fortunately, she came third, in which became one of our proud and memorable moment. Additionally points were given to our team through the point system. After this, our UNIMATES handed out booklets which were very useful as there was a quiz activity that lists a range of skills and talents that we select from, leading us to consider which possible future careers would best suits our interests and strengths.

Our lunch break started..... so many small cafes provided at the campus..... *YUM!*

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After the break, we were instructed to go back to the lecture room. The second activity was based on a scenario which was about how an alien came to the planet intended to kill humanity. In order to stop this alien, a mission to get the essential objects which scattered around the campus. Each item contained clues which lead us to the next location. However, before each item was awarded to our team, we had to complete a fun task. At the final location, surprisingly, lollies were being offered by the organiser of this program. At the end of the mission, we found out that the organiser that was offering the lollies was THE ALIEN! Students who fell into the trap by eating 'poisoned' lollies, died. In order to revive, they need 'antidotes'. We then were separated from the other teams, to plan a skit which was performed in front of the other schools. To congratulate everyone on their hard work and efforts, our UNIMATES treated us with some cool and tasty zooper doopers which was very refreshing on a hot day. To end the day, we finished with a simple, yet enjoyable game – Kahoot.

A special thank you to Mrs Magiropoulos in organising this insightful excursion and her efforts in trying to keep up with us around the campus during the amazing race activity. Overall, this excursion was pleasant and enjoyable as this program allows us to experience the day with university students as well as other students from other schools, as well as possible future studies at the university. Through the various activities, we could say that not only did we gain confidence and improved our social skills we also discovered various talents and skills that we never knew about. Thanks to the University for offering this beneficial Fast Forward Program to our school.

By Jennifer Gatt & Guchheng Khov



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Attention Year 12 School Leavers



Attention Year 12 School leavers!

Screen and media traineeships available!

Start a full-time Certificate IV in Screen and Media and gain hands-on experience with post-production for film, TV and streaming including visual effects, 2D and 3D animation with on-set exposure.

Traineeships are a great way to set yourself up for a long and successful career. Earn while you learn and gain a nationally recognised qualification and invaluable experience! This is a full-time position working Monday to Friday. You will be paid to be trained in line with the National Training Wage Award.

You will be based in Moore Park working for an Australian company with a dynamic team of passionate and skilled professionals.

Technical Skills

- Demonstrated use of photo imaging and animation tools
- May have a show reel
- Strong computer skills
- Able to learn new software

Eligibility criteria

- Must be an Australian citizen/NZ citizen or Permanent Resident

Other Skills

- Friendly and optimistic outlook
- A team player and communicator
- Organised and able to prioritise
- Able to take direction and use initiative
- Demonstrates confidence
- Has a passion to learn and grow in the industry
- Patience

To apply for the position email your resume to Kathleen at klatham@austrg.com.au





STRENGTHENING FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS THROUGH CREATIVE ARTS

Cabramatta PCYC & Fairfield City PAC will be running ten (10) creative arts sessions commencing Tuesday 26th November 2019 through to 13th December 2019. Each session will be 1.5 hours in duration. These sessions will take place at Cabramatta PCYC.

The aim of this program is to build stronger family relationships by using art as the medium. This type of environment encourages positive energy and positive interactions. The sessions will also raise awareness to participants about the effects of Domestic Violence on families & young children.

YOUR ORGANISATION HAS BEEN SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM. IF YOU HAVE ANY CLIENTS WHICH MAY BENEFIT FROM THIS TYPE OF PROGRAM PLEASE CONTACT ORGANISERS LISTED BELOW

Senior Constable Zarina Munguia / Youth Liaison Officer – Fairfield City PAC
Email: munglzey@police.nsw.gov.au or Ph: 02 9728-8445

Mark Mleczko – Club Manager / PCYC Cabramatta
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**A FREE Program for all Guys
with an interest in Boxing,
Martial Arts & Gym**

**First Sunday of every Month
1pm - 4pm
@ PCYC Cabramatta**

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Find Solace Amongst Good Mates, Stay healthy in Mind & Body. Find your Community

A Program from PCYC Cabramatta for Guys of all ages bringing Men together with an Interest in Boxing, Martial Arts, Sport & Community. An afternoon where Mates can Train hard then Kick back and talk Life ... A safe space where it is OK to speak up and talk about how they feel.

On average, One in Five men will experience Anxiety, one in eight will experience Depression at some Stage in their Life. Guys make up an average of Six out of Eight Suicides in Australia every single day. The Number of Men that die every year through Suicide is nearly double the national Road Toll. Suicide is the leading cause of death in Australian Men aged 15 - 44.

This session is not about Broken people, its about being there for your Mate when life throws a Curve ball his way. A Community of mates looking out for each other.

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PCYC Cabramatta
162 Railway Parade
Cabramatta, 2166
(02) 9727 8908



Opportunity for our Students



**FAIRFIELD
CABRAMATTA**

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS JANUARY 2020

TIMES: 10AM - 2PM - COST: \$20PP

DATE	WORKSHOP 1	AGES	WORKSHOP 2	AGES	WORKSHOP 3	AGES
MON 13 JAN	MULTI SPORTS	7 - 13 yrs	MESSY CRAFT	7 - 13 yrs	JUNIOR BOXING BOOTCAMP	7 - 13 yrs
TUE 14 JAN	MULTI SPORTS	7 - 13 yrs	MESSY CRAFT	7 - 13 yrs	HULA HOOP WORKSHOP	7 - 13 yrs
WED 15 JAN	MULTI SPORTS	7 - 13 yrs	MESSY CRAFT	7 - 13 yrs		7 - 13 yrs
THU 16 JAN	MULTI SPORTS	7 - 13 yrs	MESSY CRAFT	7 - 13 yrs	HULA HOOP WORKSHOP	7 - 13 yrs
FRI 17 JAN	MULTI SPORTS	7 - 13 yrs	MESSY CRAFT	7 - 13 yrs	JUNIOR KICKBOXING	7 - 13 yrs
MON 20 JAN	MULTI SPORTS	7 - 13 yrs	MESSY CRAFT	7 - 13 yrs	JUNIOR BOXING BOOTCAMP	7 - 13 yrs
TUE 21 JAN	MULTI SPORTS	7 - 13 yrs	MESSY CRAFT	7 - 13 yrs	HULA HOOP WORKSHOP	7 - 13 yrs
WED 22 JAN	MULTI SPORTS	7 - 13 yrs	MESSY CRAFT	7 - 13 yrs	SELF DEFENCE FOR KIDS	7 - 13 yrs
THU 23 JAN	MULTI SPORTS	7 - 13 yrs	MESSY CRAFT	7 - 13 yrs	HULA HOOP WORKSHOP	7 - 13 yrs
FRI 24 JAN	MULTI SPORTS	7 - 13 yrs	MESSY CRAFT	7 - 13 yrs	JUNIOR KICKBOXING	7 - 13 yrs

- RECESS AND LUNCH NOT PROVIDED -

All participants MUST be members of PCYC. Become a member **NOW** for only \$10 per child, per year. Join online at www.pycnsw.org.au/membership

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