

Week 6 | Term 3 | 2022



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From the Principals Desk

We are well into Term 3, and I am so proud of our collective efforts that allow students so many wonderful opportunities and the great teaching happening in classrooms. A huge thank you to Carmel Gleeson for organising a successful morning tea in celebration of our indigenous students and their families for Reconciliation Week. This important work is in increasing knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal culture and ensuring every Aboriginal young person is supported to achieve at their maximum potential. In recognition of NAIDOC Week, our staff engaged in professional learning with the Dalmarri group to create a series of aboriginal murals, that will be displayed throughout the school.

Thank you to Head Teacher Angela Waesch and staff, for all your authentic and amazing work in strengthening our STEAM journey. This year's initiative incorporated "Solar Buddies" a program that inspires and empowers students to become global citizens through immersive STEM learning experiences and included an exciting LetterBuddy program, for our students to write a letter to children receiving their light who live in extreme energy poverty. Our Year 7 STEAM "Illuminate" program and achievements were showcased at the Year 7 - 11 Parent Teacher evening.

Over the past few weeks, Year 10 has been busy selecting the subjects that they will study for the HSC through a comprehensive process including Senior Subject Selection Evening, Senior Subject Fair and Senior Interview Day. I am extremely proud of the outstanding work led by Deputy Principal Nicole Sullivan and all the staff assisting to ensure an easy transition into the senior years and to lay a strong foundation for their HSC.

I would also like to congratulate Paul DeCarli who has been appointed Head Teacher English to our school. Paul was an outstanding applicant who impressed the panel with his great knowledge and expertise. He is an incredible asset to our school, who has a big work ethic and equally big vision to lead a dynamic faculty.

Thank you to Rob Vaccari and Christie Van Baardwyk for designing and project managing the new outdoor seating and water stations for our students. These facilities are a fabulous addition and will serve our students well into the future.



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Important Dates

- Monday 12 September - Year 11 Preliminary Assessments commence
- Tuesday 20 September - Year 12 Graduation
- Wednesday 21 September - Year 12 Formal
- Friday 23 September - Last Day of Term 3
- Monday 10 October - Students return to school

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Happy Education Week

Education Week is an annual celebration of NSW public education and the achievements of our schools, students and education system.

This year, Education Week is from Monday 1 August - Friday 5 August, 2022 and the theme is "Creating futures - education changes lives". We celebrate the quality education that we proudly deliver to encourage our students to be agile thinkers and lifelong learners.



As part of Education Week, we congratulated students that have 100% attendance with a certificate of recognition during our weekly assembly.

Year 7 STEAM 'Illuminate' PBL

100 of our solar lights engineered by our students have been sent to a selection of 8 different countries in need. This initiative will impact 500 disadvantaged families and will save their family wages for 16 weeks. This also allows for 730,000 extra study hours at night, which is equivalent to reducing 128 tonnes of CO₂ and 2,130 trees planted over 10 years.

"Thank you St Johns Park High School for illuminating features of children living in extreme poverty with the gift of lights" - Solar Buddy

Premier's Sporting Challenge

The Premier's Sporting Challenge is a 10 week challenge to promote and encourage students to be physically active. Students can log on with their team code and pin, [here](#).

Students can start to record their physical activity. Don't forget to log your PE and Sport lessons! The individual who logs the most physical activity over the 10 weeks we receive a medal from the Premier. Have fun and get active!

New Canteen Menu

From Monday 25 July, we welcome M and F Catering to our school canteen - offering a wide range of food and drink options. Payment options include Eftpos and the Flexischools online ordering feature is available.

See menu attached at the end of this edition for the full list of food items or on our website, [here](#).

HSC Study Guide 2022

The Sydney Morning Herald HSC study guide is here with essential tips and information to help students achieve their best. Read the study guide, [here](#).



Ms Nicole Sullivan
M, W, Th



Mr Steven Moisidis



Mr Steven Daoud



Ms Tina Mutschall
Tu, F



NAIDOC Week

Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up! Celebrating NAIDOC week in assembly and acknowledging the history and culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



Study Hub

Our school offers a supervised study hub for students which runs every Tuesday and Thursday, Weeks 2 - 9 from 3 - 5 pm. Students will be in the school library and teachers will be available to offer help to students with their studies. Permission notes are available at the front office.

Robotics Club

Our robotics club runs from Weeks 4 - 9, every Tuesday in the school library from 3:15 - 5pm. Permission notes are available at the front office.

If you are interested in your child participating in this activity, please fill out the Google Form EOI, [here](#).

Offering innovative learning opportunities for our students to succeed



St Johns Park High School CREATING FUTURES CHANGING LIVES Education Week 2022

At St Johns Park High School we are proud leading innovative education to prepare our students to be agile thinkers and lifelong learners. We value the importance of students becoming competent young leaders through projects where they can develop their collaboration, communication, creative, critical thinking skills and digital competencies.

In partnership with STEAMpop and SolarBuddy, Year 7 and Special Education students took part in our STEAM Project Based Learning 'Illuminate' program. 'Illuminate' encapsulates the United Nations sustainability development goals and encourages students to think about their world and to positively impact the lives of global communities. With our driving question, 'How can we light up our world?', students had fun learning about sustainability, engineering, electric circuitry and coding and making Binary Bugs, Lumifive and Solar Light.





Dalmarri Visit on Staff Development Day

Dalmarri Professional Development Visit

During staff development day led by Colin Boyd, our staff looked at the importance of data and its effective use to maximise learning and enhance teacher practice.

Our staff were also lucky enough to be lead by Jason and Trevor from Dalmarri in a cultural professional development. It was insightful, meaningful and engaging. Staff had an amazing time, collaborating together to create these beautiful murals for the school.

We would like to thank Jason and Trevor for such a great experience and allowing us to emerge ourselves in Aboriginal culture!



Strengthening our communication, teamwork and collaboration



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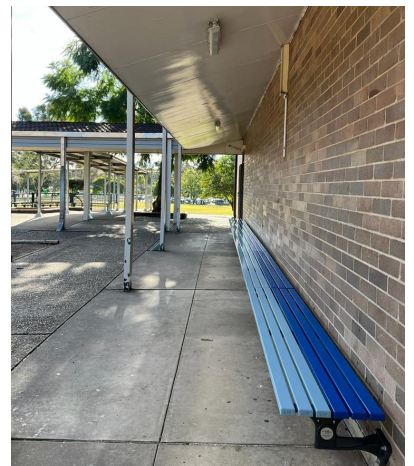




Admin Courtyard Refurbishments



*Providing a safe and
supportive environment for
each student to achieve
their best*



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Senior Subject Selection Evening

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Thank you to our Year 10 students and families who attended Senior Subject Selection Information Evening. We had such a great turnout!

This evening was all about empowering our students to make informed decisions about their future and senior studies.



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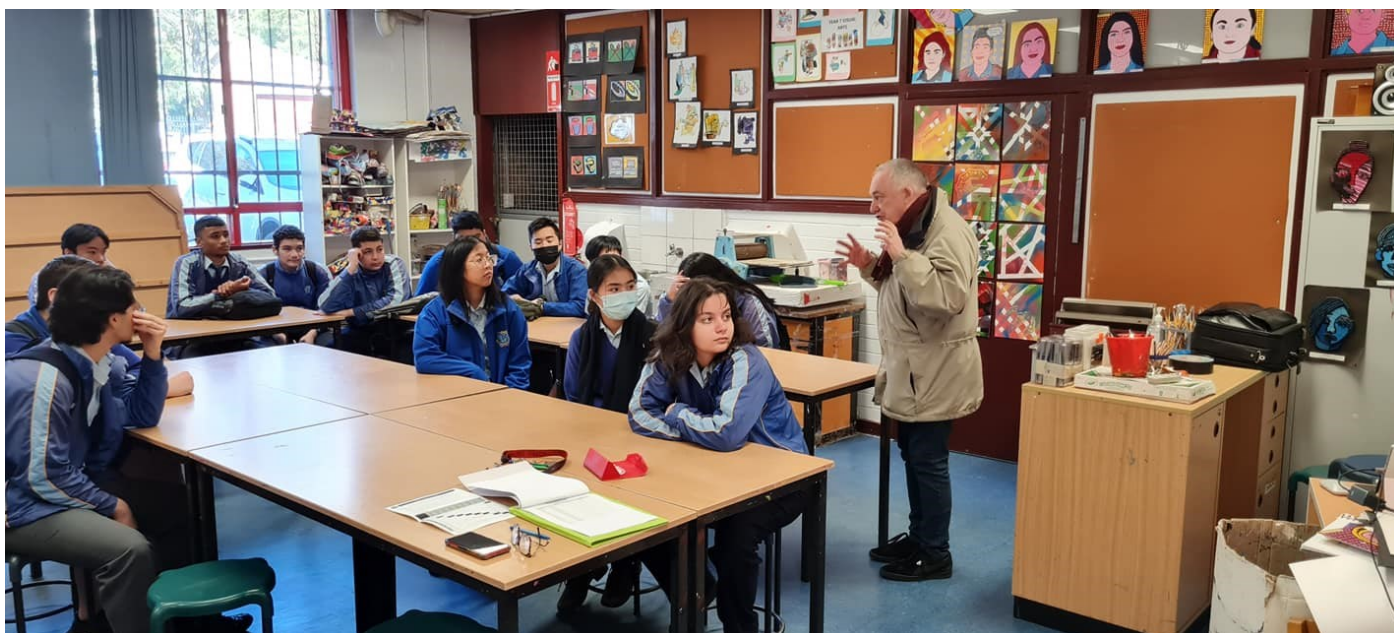
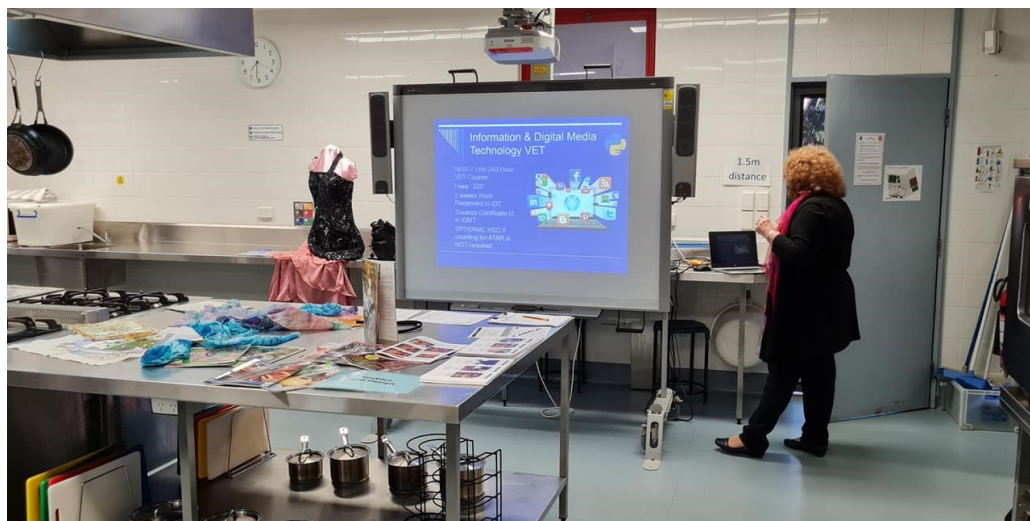
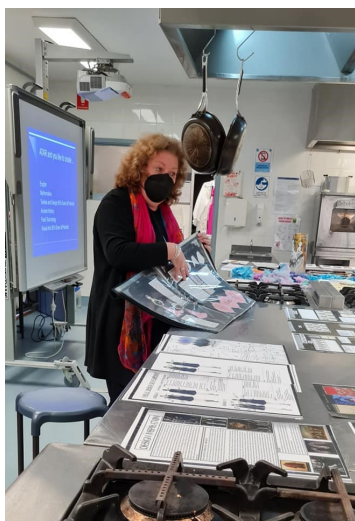
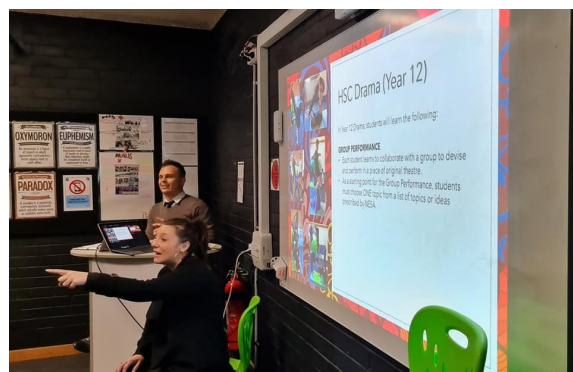


Senior Subject Fair

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Year 10 students had a great day at Senior Subject Fair! They were involved in a number of faculty workshops, allowing them to be able to make informed decisions about their subject selection and future pathways.

Special thanks to all the staff involved and congratulations to our students for a great day!

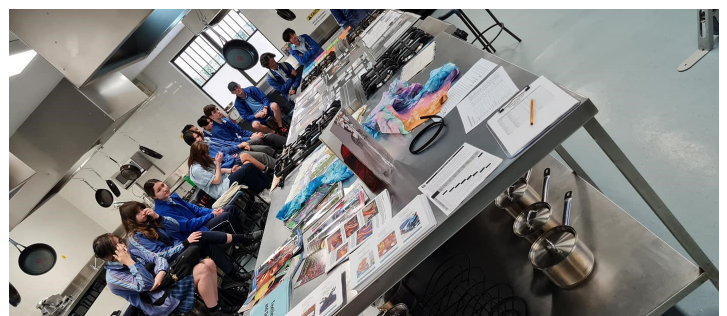




Senior Subject Fair



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make informed
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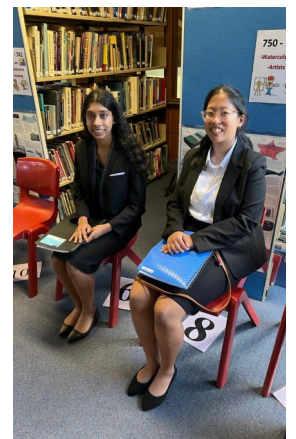
Our Year 10 students attended an interview to discuss their future career objectives. The interviews provided our students with an opportunity to clarify their goals and to discuss on an individual basis their senior subject selection.

Our students were very well presented and participated in the interviews with maturity and pride.





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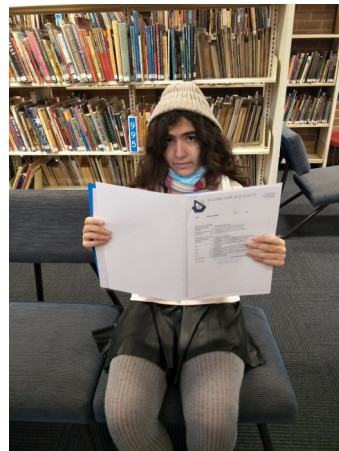
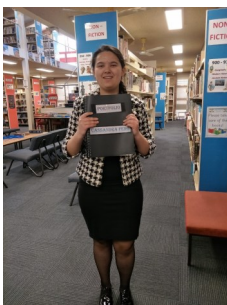
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Special Education Senior Interview Day

The Year 10 students from the Special Education Unit showcased their Career Portfolios to Deborah Dawson, Support Teacher Transition (Student Support and Specialist Programs) in an individual interview in the school library.

Each student dressed in business attire and had to answer a variety of questions about their school achievements, interests and passions. Many students already had thought about their post school plans and this was very impressive.

Ms Dawson said "The students were all very well presented. Resumes were well prepared and all the students participated in the interview with confidence, knowing exactly what they are interested in and what field they would like to pursue after school. You should be very proud of all of them."



Well done to our students!



Laptops 4 Lifelong Learning

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Thank you ABCN and KPMG for donating Laptops 4 Lifelong Learning campaign. Our students are so excited and couldn't wait to use them!



A great initiative for our students to excel

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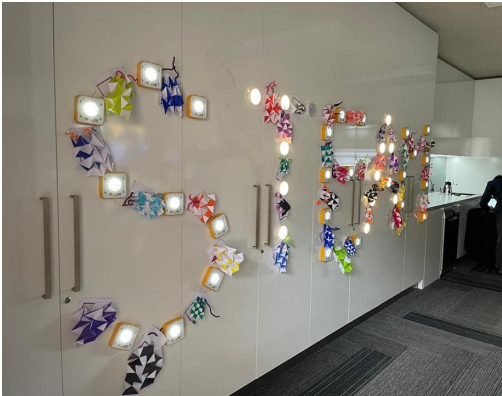


STEAM PBL 'Illuminate' Exhibition

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Year 7 students have engaged in a STEAM project with the driving question 'How can we light up our world?' This incorporates Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Mathematics curriculum in creating artefacts that introduces the United Nations Sustainability Development goals in partnership with STEAMpop and SolarBuddy.

Thank you to our brilliant STEAM presentation team for sharing their exciting learning journey that inspires them to enact positive change in the world, with our parents and peers!



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ABCN Focus with Ventia

At the start of Term 3, our students applied to be part of the ABCN Focus program. This is a mentoring program for 20 aspiring young female students from Year 10 and 11. Our students were mentored by Ventia, who operates as a telecommunications, infrastructure, and utilities services. Students completed two ABCN Focus workshops via ZOOM and for the completion ceremony, students travelled to North Sydney to meet their mentors at the Ventia office. As a result of this program, students had direct experience of role models in the workplace, demonstrate willingness to take on leadership roles at school and found greater motivation to achieve their goals in school.

Ventia Mentor Feedback

"The biggest change I observed in the students is confidence and growth. Awesome group of future leaders but more importantly excellent humans who will succeed at everything they do."

"...the girls are all amazing. The school should be proud of this bunch!"

Teacher Feedback

"We've been able to see that majority of the students are more confident in speaking and voicing their opinion. Students are more aware of their failure and how to overcome it."

- Ms Yen Nguyen and Ms Tara Nguyen

Student Feedback

"The most useful thing I've learnt from the program was how to deal with time management and how to overcome our failures in life, knowing that everyone has something that they feel like they have failed in life but to review over our failures allows us to become a stronger person and to identify our mistakes and how to improve for next time."

"Mentors are amazing, even the new mentors we have met are amazing. They've all shared openly and amazing WOMEN IN THE WORKFIELD!!!"

"That a failure isn't truly a failure because there was still a learning experience or something to take away."

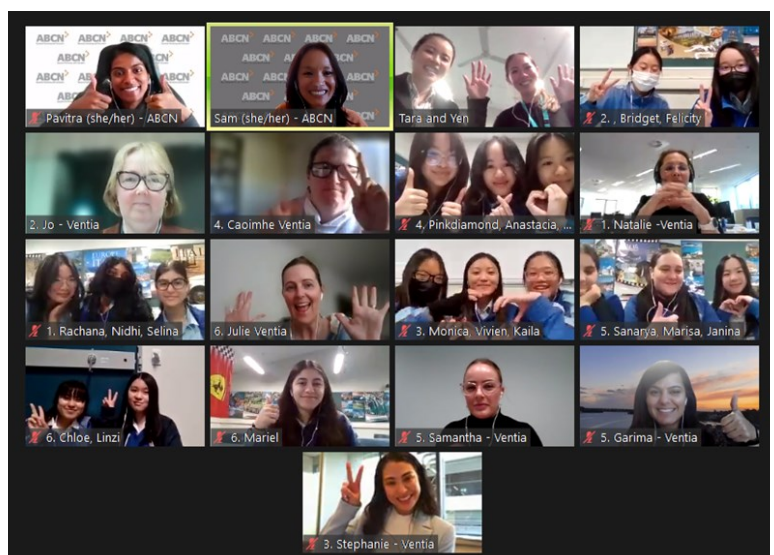
"I learnt to not be so hard on myself, and that my failures or mistakes aren't truly failures. They're just learning curves and experiences that can teach me how to improve."

"That failure doesn't define you and they are just opportunities to learn."

"The most important thing I've learnt from my mentor was to take time for myself and to always remember that one day you will succeed whether it would takes a year or a decade."

"It was really fun and the mentors were like big sisters."

"It was amazing and I'm so glad I had the opportunity."





ABCN Focus with Ventia

The following are summarised student response results which demonstrate the percentage improvement from start of the program to end.

Rating Area	Before Focus Rating 5-7	After Focus Rating 5-7
I see myself as a leader.	53%	94%
I am aware of my strengths that can make me a good leader.	41%	100%
I have confidence in my leadership potential.	41%	94%
I am motivated to become a leader.	53%	88%
I can communicate my ideas to others.	35%	94%
I am aware of a wide range of career options.	41%	100%
I feel confident using video-conferencing for conversations with professionals.	53%	100%





Western Sydney University Fast Forward

Year 11 WSU Fast Forward Program

Selected Year 11 students, as part of the Western Sydney University - Fast Forward Program, had a successful, fun day out at the Liverpool Campus.

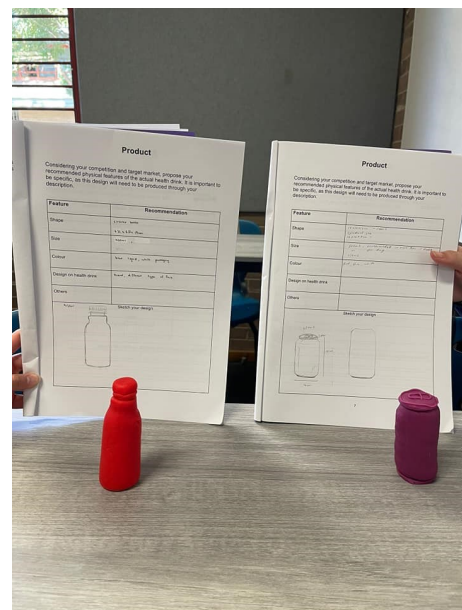
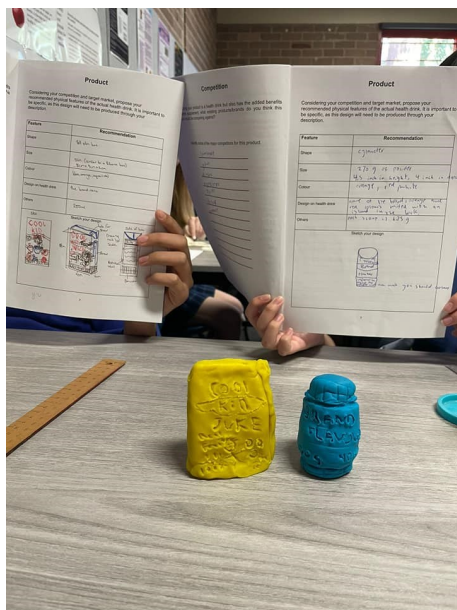
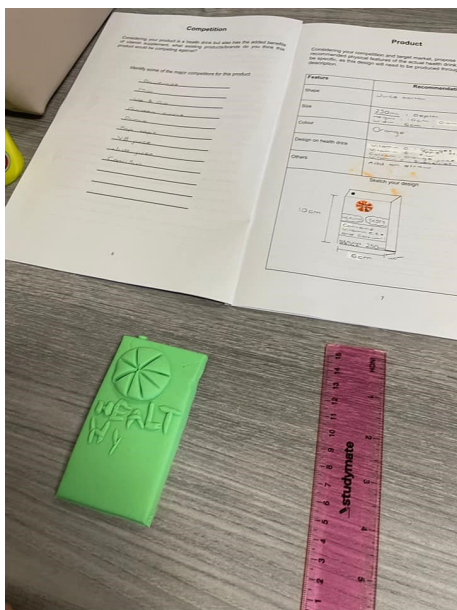
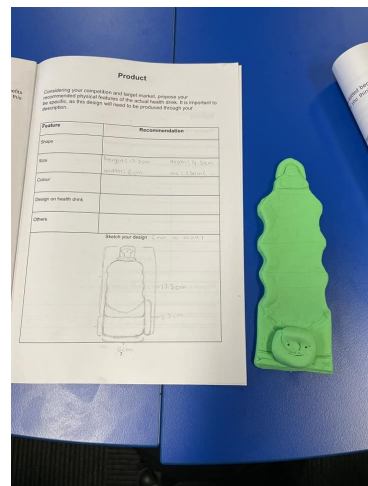
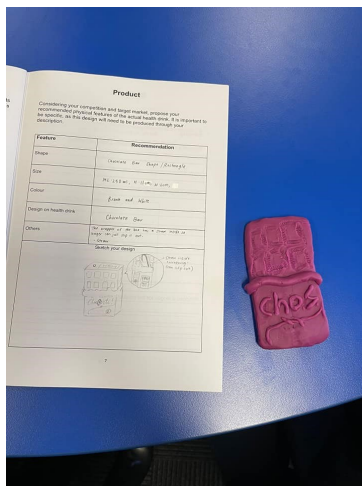
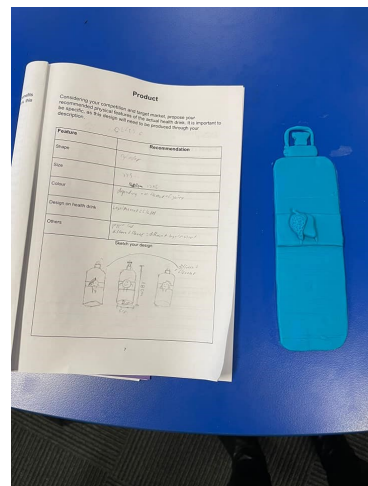
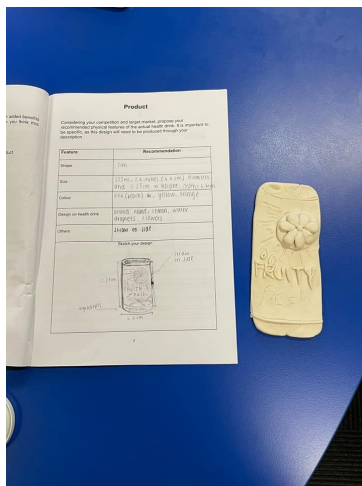
Students played icebreaker games and completed the training skill quiz. This helped students to identify future possible careers that suit their interests and personalities. Students also experienced getting to know the campus through participating in various fun challenges that built on their creativity, team building skills and communication to succeed.

Thank you to Western Sydney University and Helen Magiropoulos for working with our school teachers to enable students to have this opportunity to aim high for their future.



Year 9 Commerce

Year 9 Commerce have been developing a marketing plan for a hypothetical new drink to be launched in the Sydney market as part of the Promoting and Selling topic. Students prototyped their product to determine design strengths and flaws.



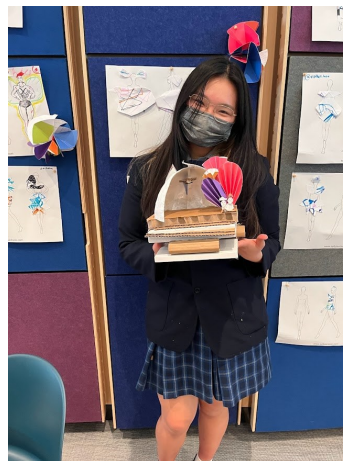


Sydney Opera House STEAM Project - BUILD

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During Education Week, our students from Years 9 and 10 participated in the week-long Sydney Opera House STEAM 'Build' project. Our students rocked through all the challenges and embraced this amazing opportunity. We are very proud of our students representing our school and changing futures.

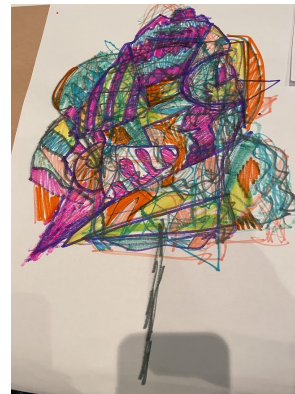
Thank you to Sydney Opera House Creative Learning Team and all teachers involved!



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Sydney Opera House STEAM Project - BUILD



Working in partnership to provide opportunities for our students to thrive



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1. App
Click 'Order Food' at the top of the home page.
OR
Website
Click the green 'Order' button below your desired service.
2. Select the date that you wish your child to receive their order on.
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New School Canteen Menu



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Canteen Menu (Eftpos & Flexischools online ordering available)

[V]: Vegetarian

[E]: Everyday Food

[O]: Occasional Food

Breakfast

Banana Bread [O]	\$3.50
Raisin Toast [E]	\$3.00
Muffins [O]	\$3.50



Toastie [E]

Cheese	\$3.00
Cheese & tomato	\$3.50
Ham & cheese	\$4.00
Ham, cheese & tomato	\$5.00
Bacon and Egg Roll [O]	\$5.00



Sandwiches [E]

Chicken, lettuce & mayo	\$5.50
Tuna, lettuce & mayo	\$5.50
Salad sandwich	\$5.50
Ham, cheese & tomato	\$5.00
Turkey, lettuce & cranberry	\$5.50
Egg, lettuce & mayo	\$5.50



Wraps [E]

Chicken, lettuce & mayo	\$6.50
Tuna, lettuce & mayo	\$6.50
Salad wrap	\$6.00
Ham, cheese & tomato	\$6.00
Turkey, lettuce & cranberry	\$6.50
Egg, lettuce & mayo	\$6.50
Chicken caesar	\$6.50



Salads [E]

Caesar	\$5.00
Chicken caesar	\$6.00
Greek [V]	\$5.00
Pasta salad [V]	\$5.00
Fattoush [V]	\$5.00



Healthy Corner [E]

Piece of fruit	\$1.50
Muesli & yoghurt	\$4.00
Fruit salad	\$5.00

Hot Food

Beef lasagna [E]	\$5.50
Vegetarian lasagna [E]	\$5.50
Lean meat pie [O]	\$4.00
Lean sausage roll [O]	\$4.00
Spinach ricotta roll [E]	\$5.00
Chicken burger [O]	\$5.50
Cheeseburger [O]	\$5.50
Chicken nuggets (6) [O]	\$5.00
Garlic bread [O]	\$2.50
Hot chips [O]	\$4.00
Baked wedges [O]	\$4.00
Beef kebab	\$7.00
Chicken kebab	\$7.00

Drinks

Orange juice	\$2.50
Apple juice	\$2.50
Chocolate milk	\$3.00
Strawberry milk	\$3.00
Water	\$2.00
Peach iced tea	\$4.50
Aloe vera	\$4.50
Gatorade	\$4.50
Sugar free can drinks	\$2.50

International Cuisine [E]

Lebanese cheese pizza	\$5.50
Oregano pizza	\$4.00
Falafel wrap	\$6.50
Kofta wrap	\$6.50
Butter chicken rice	\$5.50
Penne boscaiola	\$5.50
Spaghetti bolognese	\$5.50
Arrabbiata pasta	\$5.00
Hokkien noodles [V]	\$5.50
Fried rice [V]	\$5.00
Chicken stir fry	\$6.00
Teriyaki chicken	\$6.00



Snacks [O]

Jelly cup	\$2.00
Chips	\$2.00

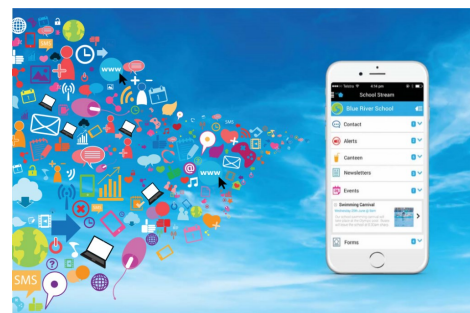
Coffee [E]

Regular	\$4.00
Large	\$4.50
Iced coffee	\$5.00
Iced chocolate	\$5.00
(soy, almond, lactose milk + 50 c)	

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