

Week 5 | Term 3 | 2023

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NEWSLETTER

From the Principals Desk

Welcome back to Week 3 and what an eventful start to the term it has been.

Thank you to the STEAM team led by Angela Waesch for delivering the 2023 Year 7 STEAM 'Illuminate Birrung' project. Students learned about Sustainability, Electric Circuit, Letter Writing skills, United Nations Sustainability Goals and Energy Poverty to assemble the solar lights. These lights will be delivered to children in energy poor countries to light up their world. All Year 7 students also learned about biomimicry, geometry, probability and art to create their Lumis using mathematical engineering. These illuminating lights were displayed to represent Aboriginal Astronomy.

Our Parent Teacher Evening was also a great success. There was a clear increase in the number of parents attending the evening in support of their children. Thank you to Nin Eath who did a fantastic job coordinating the entire night and ensuring that the new seating arrangement and faculty banners looked amazing. Also thank you to DP Nicole Sullivan who worked tirelessly in the background, setting up the parent portal and organising the interview times on Sentral for parents and staff as well as distributing all relevant information to community.

I am also very proud of our Year 12 students who have just completed their HSC Trial Examinations. These exams are a major milestone in their HSC journey and it is important students learn from their experiences to prepare for their HSC exams, which commence on Wednesday 11 October, 2023. Students can view the Sydney Morning Herald HSC Study Guide 2023, [here](#).

In the coming weeks, all students and teachers will vote for the 2024 School Captains and Prefects. This student leadership team is an important voice that works hard to promote respect, diversity, inclusion and community spirit. I look forward to hearing the amazing speeches from an exceptional group of students.



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Important Dates

- Year 10 BStreetsmart - Tuesday 22 August
- Drama HSC Practical Examination - Wednesday 23 August
- Year 11 Preliminary Exams commence - Monday 11 September
- R U OKAY Day - Thursday 14 September
- Year 12 Graduation - Tuesday 19 September
- Year 12 Formal - Thursday 21 September
- Year 11 Preliminary Exams conclude - Friday 22 September
- Last day of school - Friday 22 September



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Senior Subject Selection

Year 10 students have been involved in a program of events to assist them in making considered and informed choices about their future and senior subjects for 2024. We were extremely proud of our students and the professional and mature approach they have taken to all of these events.

Parents and students were involved in the Subject Selection Information Evening early on in the term. They were presented with important information from NESA and UAC, including HSC requirements, eligibility, the RoSA credential and the ATAR. The night was a great success with a huge turn out of Year 10 families.

Students also participated in a Subject Selection Fair where they were involved in a number of workshops around curriculum and subjects to be offered. We saw students immersed in their workshops with the majority of students saying they found the day beneficial to them.

To finalise the events, students participated in Senior Interview Day last week. The interviews provided students with an opportunity to clarify their goals and to discuss on an individual basis their senior subject selection. We were extremely proud of Year 10 in the professional manner in which they dressed and were prepared for the interview day. We were also impressed with the study patterns that most of our students have made; they reflect clear thought and careful consideration of their options.

We look forward to Year 10 becoming senior students during our EX-10-SION program.

Year 9 Elective Subject Selection for 2024

Our Year 8 students have some important decisions to make over the next few weeks in regards to their elective subject selection choices for 2024. Students were issued with an individual webcode to select their elective subjects for next year and an Elective subject selection Handbook which guides students through the process and gives an outline of the courses available with their associated costs.

Year 8 will have the choice of two electives from a broad selection. Electives have been introduced to provide students with some choice in their curriculum.

Students have until 8:00 am Friday 8 September, 2023 (Week 8) to consider their elective choices, discuss these with parents/carers and teachers and complete the online selection process. Students are required to return a printed copy of the subject selection form, signed by parents/carers to the front office.

Reminder about our School Carpark

Please be advised that parents are not to drop off or pick up their children in the driveway of the school carpark. This may create a dangerous situation for our students, staff and visitors.

Parents may drop off/pick up their children along Mimosa Road before and after the driveway (not the bus stop) or along Hornet Road next to Hornet Park.



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Primary School Taster Lesson

Primary School Taster Lesson - Edensor Park Public School

We welcomed Edensor Park Public School students to our school in Week 10 last term. Students had an exciting day exploring high school life and experiencing high school lessons in Drama and Science.

Thank you to all students and staff involved.



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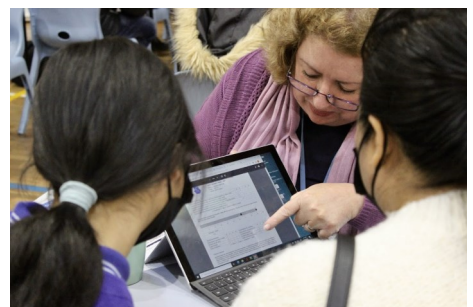


Parent Teacher Evening 2023

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Thank you to all of our amazing families who attended Parent Teacher Interviews. It was great to see the MPC buzzing with so many people.

Thank you to all staff and students involved in organising a successful evening.



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Parent Teacher Evening 2023



Connecting with
our school
community

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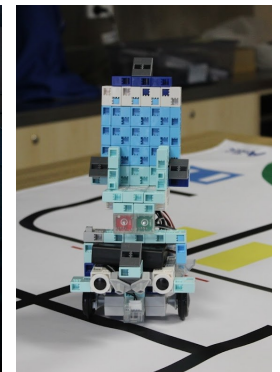
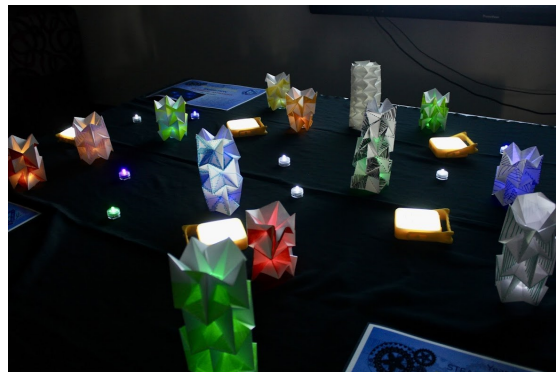
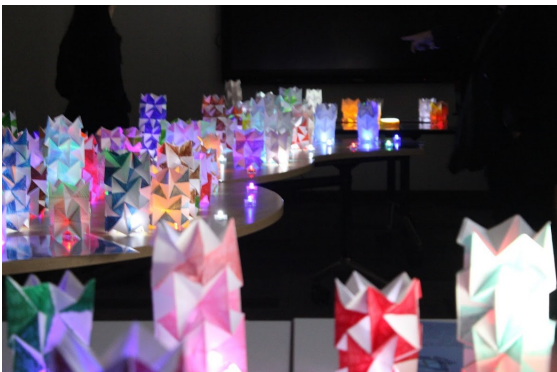


Year 7 STEAM Illuminate Birrung Exhibition

Year 7 STEAM Exhibition

Congratulations to the STEAM Exhibition team on a stunning display of STEAM artefacts from Year 7 STEAM project, Illuminate Birrung.

Students wowed our guests by expertly sharing their learning journey with the beautiful display.



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Year 7 STEAM Illuminate Birrung Exhibition



*Extending our impact beyond
the school gates*



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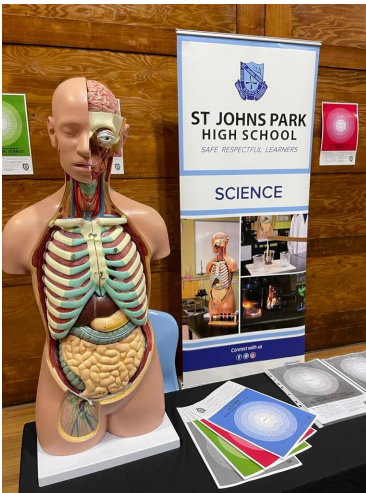
Senior Subject Selection Information Evening

Year 10 Subject Selection Information Evening 2023

What a great turn out of students and parents!

An informative presentation was given on the HSC, ATAR and choosing subjects followed by parents and students having the opportunity to speak with each faculty about each of the subjects they offer.

Thank you to all the families who joined us that evening. A copy of the presentation can be found, [here](#).



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Senior Subject Selection Fair

Year 10 Subject Selection Fair

Year 10 students were immersed in a number of faculty workshops, where they experienced hands on activities and learned about the courses on offer for 2024. Students also had the opportunity to get their USI, check that their webcode worked on our school website and activate their NESA online account.

The feedback from our students was positive and we thank all involved for organising such a great day!

"Today was great. I wish we did more stuff like this, really made me have faith with next year."

"The teachers made the workshops more enjoyable by asking us questions about the courses they offer and what we prefer most."



Helping students make wise and informed decisions about their future

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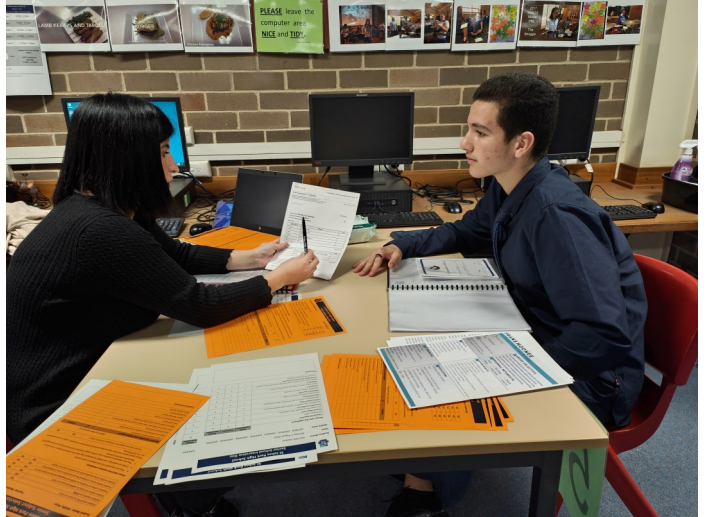


Senior Interview Day

Senior Interview Day 2023

We had a great day where our students stepped up and embraced the interview process. Students presented their Career Portfolio, study patterns or exit plans and answered questions about their intentions for 2024 and how they will demonstrate their goals. They all looked fantastic and presented very well to their interviewers.

Well done Year 10! We look forward to seeing you grow as senior students at St Johns Park High School!





UNSW Gateway Spring Program

Year 11 UNSW Workshop

UNSW Ambassadors delivered a workshop to the ATAR Year 11 students in their English classes. Students were encouraged to reflect on their strengths, interests, and career planning. The workshop included a slideshow, hands on activities as well as small and whole class discussions.

There are additional parts to this program if the students wish to participate. The online programs allow students to access academic support in key HSC subject areas and opportunities to explore a range of UNSW faculties. Students will receive support in planning their Gateway Admission Pathway application, meet current university students, have their burning questions answered and get study tips and tricks to stay on track from Year 11 to Year 12.

Spring Up - The introductory workshop to the Spring program

When: Wednesday 6 September, 2023 (5:00 pm - 6:00 pm)

Where: Online

Spring Program - A one-week program

When: Monday 18 September - Thursday 21 September, 2023

Where: Online

Students interested can contact the Head Teacher Careers & Senior Pathways for more information.



Working in partnership to provide opportunities for our students

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Education Week 2023

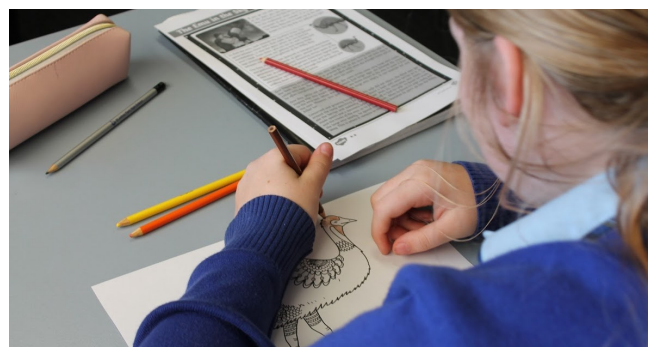
Celebrating Education, NAIDOC and Book Week 2023

During Week 3, our school celebrated Education Week, NAIDOC Week and Book Week for 2023. The week was filled with fun activities and lessons engaging with the themes this year.

2023 marks 175 years of public education in NSW and focuses on learning from our past, celebrating our achievements and embracing the future with confidence.

This year's National NAIDOC Week theme is For Our Elders. Across every generation, our Elders have played and continue to play an important role and hold a prominent place in our communities and families.

Read, Grow and Inspire is the theme for Book Week 2023 and the featured artist is Australian illustrator Matt Ottley whose book Luke's Way of Looking was a CBCA Honour Book in 2000.

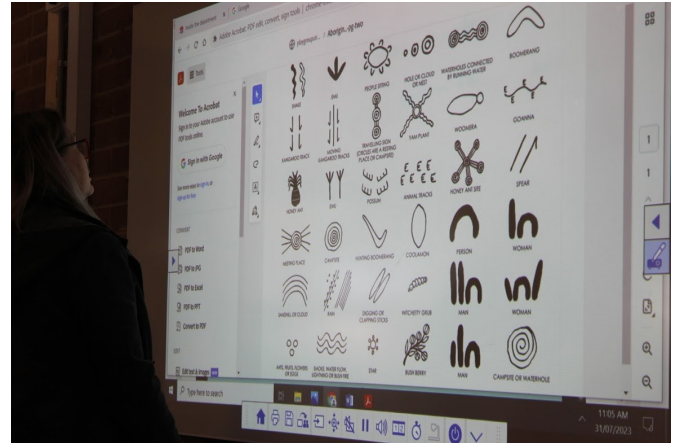


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Education Week 2023



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Celebrating Education, NAIDOC and Book Week 2023

Our teachers incorporated special lessons into their week for students to engage and learn about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and their culture and history as part of our celebrations.

Year 7 students enthusiastically explored the origins, purpose and mechanics of boomerangs in an engaging lesson. Students enjoyed trying their hand at throwing boomerangs in the school oval with some successfully experiencing the satisfying return of the ancient tools. This practical engagement not only deepened their understanding of indigenous cultures but also imparted a memorable experience.

The picture book, 'Let the Children Go' written by Archie Roach explores the experiences of the Stolen Generation. As part of NAIDOC week, 8R students created a visual representation of a chosen page in the book, deepening their understanding of the Stolen Generation and its continuing impact.

Year 8 Visual Arts students re-created their journey from home to school using traditional Aboriginal symbols. This will be transferred into a painting using traditional colour schemes in acrylic paint.

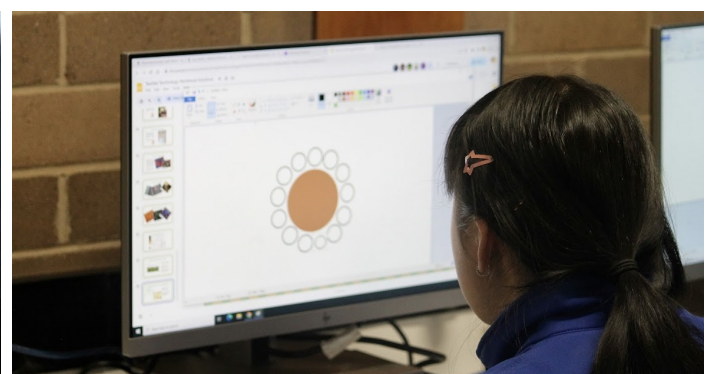
Year 8 Technology students explored the textile fabric designs of Babbarra Women's Centre in Arnhem Land. Using their traditional indigenous symbols research, students tried to interpret the meanings behind their chosen designer's art. Students then began to develop their own design featuring their Yarning Circle.

The theme was 'The first Australians were also the first farmers'. Year 10 Agriculture students presented the history, culture and achievements of the Aboriginal people. Students highlighted the history of agriculture before 1744 with respect to Aboriginal practices including land, water animals and plants.

During their English lesson, JLS explored the Dreamtime story of the 'Emu in the Sky'. Through this activity, students were able to improve their comprehension skills and strengthen their understanding of Aboriginal culture. Students concluded the lesson by rendering a drawing of an emu.

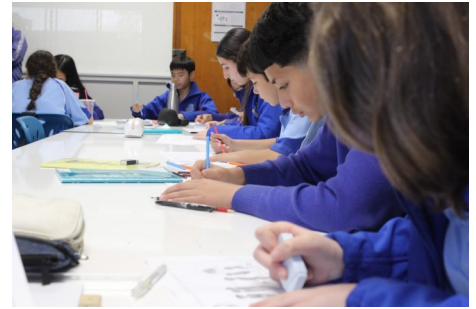
OLS1/OALS1 investigated the properties and uses of lemon myrtle, an Australian native plant. Students completed a cooking lesson, making banana bread where lemon myrtle was a key ingredient.

View our Education Week 2023 video, [here](#) and our NAIDOC Week 2023 - For Our Elders video , [here](#).





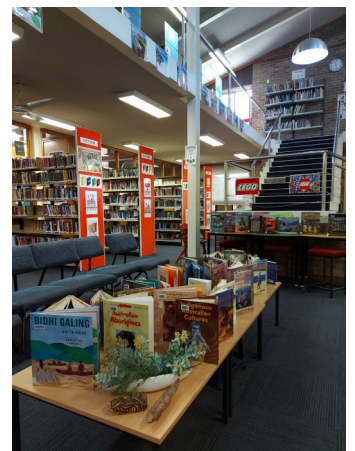
Education Week 2023



Celebrating Education, NAIDOC and Book Week 2023

The library was filled with a wonderful collection of books and art to showcase NAIDOC Week 2023. We had a display of many picture books, non-fiction texts and novels that celebrate Aboriginal culture.

Well done and good luck to all students who entered in the Book Week Poster Competition!



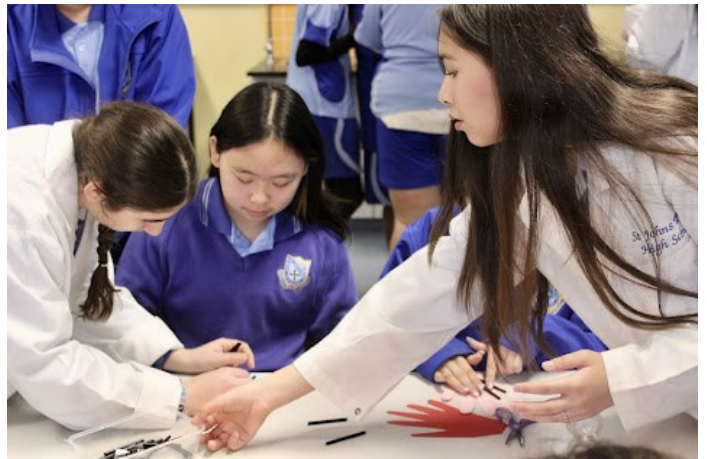
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Year 10 Science Show

Congratulations to Year 10 SCIR students and all staff involved for organising and executing a successful Science Show. The theme this year was *Innovation: Powering Future Industries*. Students showcased their scientific discoveries involving the advancement of technology, artificial intelligence and sustainability.

Year 7 students enjoyed various engaging and interactive activities that sparked their curiosity!

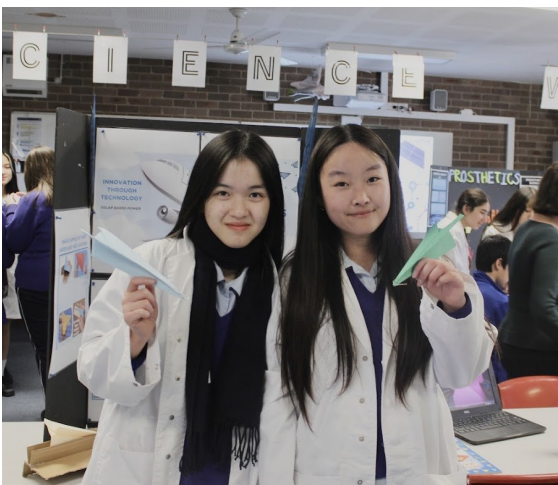
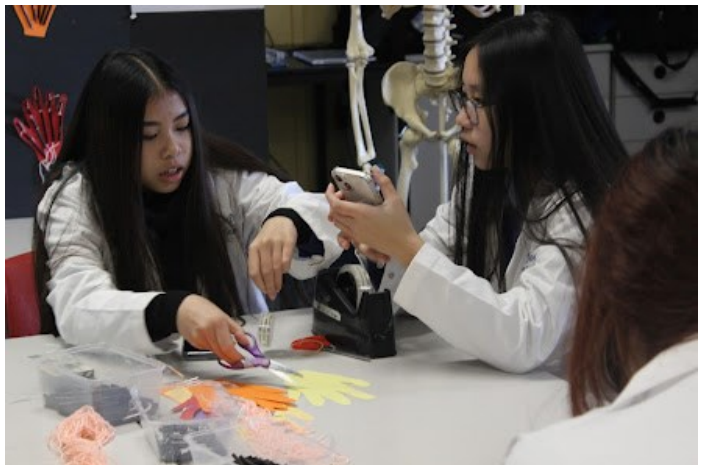




Science Week 2023



*Driving strong
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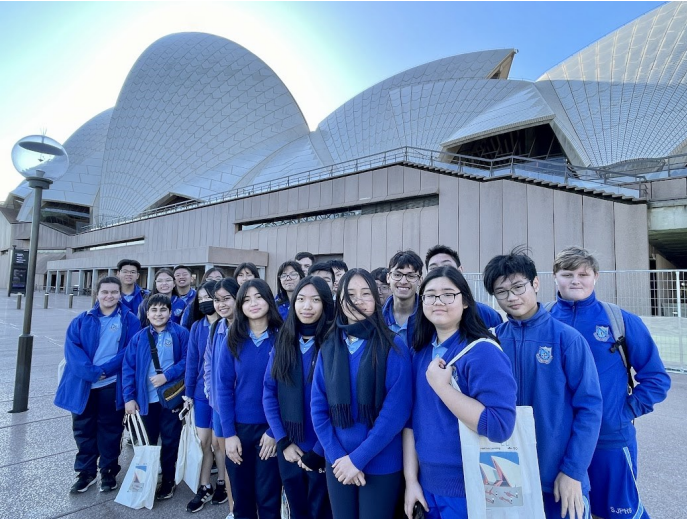


Sydney Opera House BUILD 2023

Sydney Opera House STEAM Project - BUILD

What a wonderful way to spend the week at Sydney Opera House, creating, collaborating, critically thinking about prototypes and communicating the important of sustainability in STEAM design. Our students loved the opportunity to explore the Sydney Opera House, participate in design workshop and showcases, as well as learning Ngumpie weaving, the art of Aboriginal weaving to create bracelets, baskets and more.

Thank you Sydney Opera House Creative Learning Team!

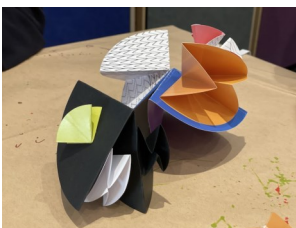


Innovative learning to encourage our students to achieve their best

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Sydney Opera House BUILD 2023



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Year 10 ABCN Interview 2 Impress

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Year 10 Commerce students participated in 'Interview 2 Impress' with the Australian Business and Community Network (ABCN). Students learned the valuable practical skills needed to engage in employment options beyond school.

Thank you to the mentors at Stockland for sharing their knowledge and expertise.



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Year 10 ABCN Interview 2 Impress

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Year 10 Commerce participated in 'Interview 2 Impress' with the Australian Business and Community Network (ABCN). The workshop gave students hands-on experience in developing a presence, preparing and practising for interviews.

Thank you to the mentors at nbm for sharing their knowledge and expertise.



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Spring RSPCA School Holiday Program

RSPCA School Holiday Programs

Registrations for the RSPCA Spring School Holiday Program are open. These programs have half and full day sessions, running from Monday 25 September to Friday 6 October, at the Sydney Shelter, Yagoona.

Pet Friends

Spend the day with us learning about animals, positive pet care, and the ways RSPCA NSW helps animals at our shelters and in the community. The day includes a guided tour to meet our shelter animals as well as visiting behind-the-scenes to see the inner workings of our shelter. You will also get crafty and make enrichment goodies for your own pet or one of the lucky shelter animals.

Junior Animal Attendants

A unique hands-on program for children aged 8-15 years who want to develop their skills in caring for companion animals or have an interest to work with animals in the future. Participants will learn the daily routine and responsibilities of a RSPCA NSW Animal Attendant and learn how to care for cats, dogs, and pocket pets through a range of interactive activities and behind the scenes encounters.

For more information and to register visit their website, [here](#).



PROGRAMS



**LOWER
PRIMARY**
(5-7 years)



**UPPER
PRIMARY**
(8-11 years)



SECONDARY
(12-15 years)



Sydney Adoption and Education Centre
201 Rookwood Road, Yagoona NSW 2199

Sessions include:

- 🌱 A behind-the-scenes tour of our shelters
- 🌱 Making enrichment toys
- 🌱 Meeting a variety of shelter animals
- 🌱 Talks from various roles at RSPCA NSW
- 🌱 Exploring how our Inspectors perform rescues and enforce the law



RSPCA NSW Education Team

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Football United Gala Day

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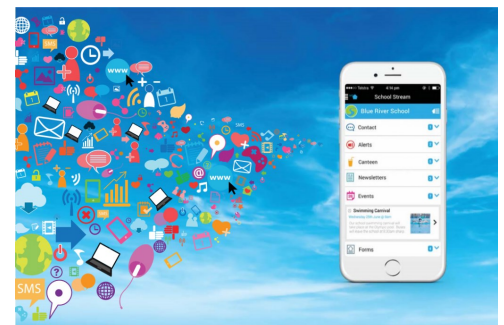
Students from our school were invited to be part of the Football United Gala Day held at Ultimate Football in Fairfield High School. The Gala Day was run by Creating Chances to celebrate the FIFA Women's World Cup being held in Australia.

Congratulations to our girls and boys teams, who successfully won the tournament! Both of our teams played tremendously and impressed everyone with their teamwork and dedication to win.



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