

Nepean Creative and Performing Arts High School

THE LINK

2021 Swimming Carnival



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March 2021



ARTEXPRESS at the Armory will open on Monday 2 March and run until 25 April 2021. Entitled *Threads of Connection*, this year's exhibition contains exemplary works by 60 students that were produced in the midst of the COVID-19 lockdown. The exemplary paintings of Ash B will be showcased in this exhibition and we encourage you to set a calendar event and emerge yourself back into viewing works in a professional gallery space.

2021 ARTEXPRESS: 10am-4pm @ Armory Gallery, Jamieson Street, Newington Armory, Sydney Olympic Park.

Mrs P Rowston
Head Teacher, Creative Arts



Nagoya Permanent Collection



Visit the hallways of the Creative Arts Domain and you will be transported into the world of Japan. Our permanent Nagoya section on exhibition at our school has recently been enriched by the arrival of an additional five artworks. This prestigious Japanese art exchange is held annually and aims to nurture a deeper understanding towards the friendship that exists between our two nations. We are hopeful that this collection will expand and grow yearly.

Mrs P Rowston
Head Teacher, Creative Arts



School Photos

School Photos will be taken on **Friday 5 March 2021**

(Starting with Year 12 & Finishing with Year 7)

If a student is absent on this day, Catch up Photos will be held on

Wednesday 10 March 2021

Each student has been sent home a personalised envelope with the student's name and roll class already printed on them. To make a payment, please follow the instructions on your envelope.

Please send your child with their envelope on the day so they can hand it to 'The School Photographer'.

HOW TO ORDER

- 1. Cash: (Please enclosed the correct amount of money as NO CHANGE will be given)**
- 2. Money Order made payable to The School Photographer**
- 3. Online payment by credit card via the School Photographers website – Use the purple code on your envelope.**

Please visit the website: www.theschoolphotographer.com.au

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Please do not place your sibling envelope inside the student's personalised envelope.

An example of what your envelope looks like is shown on the following page for your information.



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I give permission for my child's name to be included underneath the class/year group photograph. If I DO NOT wish my child's name to appear I will notify the school IMMEDIATELY.

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Firstly, I would like to express how excited I am at joining the Year 8 cohort on their journey through school. Miss Sutherland is an amazing Year Adviser, so to work alongside her will be a great experience and I thank Mr Oudkerkpool for his amazing work so far. We will continue to promote and celebrate our students and their achievements whenever the opportunity arises, starting with this LINK where we introduce our 'Student in Focus' section.

Lincoln is a dedicated sportsperson with aspirations to play in the NRL. He is up and active by 6am, covering approximately 3-4km in a session. Whilst he played all forms of Soccer for around 5 years, his interests moved to Rugby League 2 years ago where he plays in the second row. These skills and focus on sport have seen Lincoln selected for the Division-A Opens Touch Football team for Grade Sport.

It is impossible to mention his achievements and drive without touching on BMX. Whilst his peers may be aware he has been riding BMX for 8 years and is quite the competitor, they may not be aware he is the 3rd fastest for his age group in all of NSW!

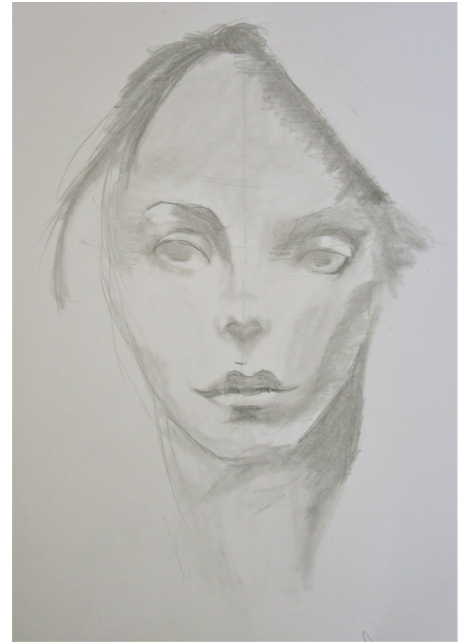
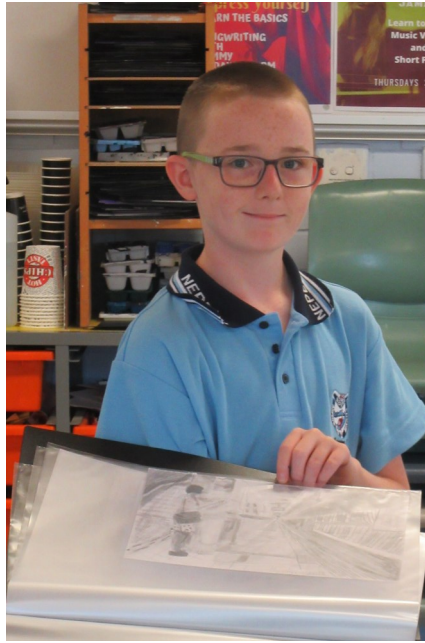
Lincoln understands the hard work and dedication required to achieve his dreams and whilst others are sleeping, he sees an opportunity to get that edge. We wish this humble student all the success as he moves through his formative years of school.

Mr G Turner
Year 8 Adviser



Student in Focus: Lincoln A

Sharing our Practice



Above: artwork by Conor C. Below: artwork by Jazmin C

Year 7 Audition Creative Arts students have discovered that learning at our School is dynamic, vibrant and diverse. This is evident in the vast creative arts extension experiences available and through the shared experiences of working with other gifted art students. Year 7 Audition students have presented their work to each other this Term; addressing and explaining their technical discoveries, likes and artistic media decisions. This sharing experience has already advanced their appreciation and understanding for different art styles and approaches. Working together positively and productively is a key attribute for their ongoing success.



Mrs P Rowston
Head Teacher, Creative Arts



NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters



When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight = **4** weeks  = Over **1** year missed

1 day per week = **8** weeks  = Over **2.5** years missed

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NSW Government Compulsory School Attendance: Information for Parents at:
https://education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/media/documents/attendance-behaviour-engagement/attendance/attendance_parents.pdf

Attendance & Absences

A parent of a child of compulsory school age is obliged to ensure that their child attends school every school day for the educational program in which he/she is enrolled. Any time during which a student is not attending or participating in their educational program is considered an absence and requires explanation. From time to time a student might be absent from school for reasons listed below. Parents comply with their compulsory schooling for their child by providing the school with a satisfactory reason for these absences. A reason will be **considered satisfactory** if it falls under one of the following categories:

- The student is ill, injured or carrying an infectious disease
- Unavoidable medical or dental treatment or procedure.
- Recognised Religious holiday
- Exceptional or Urgent Family circumstance (e.g. funeral)

Examples of **non-satisfactory explanations** include, minding a younger sibling, helping with the housework, for their birthday, a relative visiting or sibling at another school has a Staff Development Day. These will be marked as Unjustified Leave. If your child will be absent from school, you will need to either:

- Contact the school via phone or email on the day of the absence to explain the absence, or
- Write a note to the class teacher, explaining why your child missed school, when your child returns to school. The note needs to include dates and how many days the child was away. This note is to be given to the class teacher within seven days of the absence. Please ensure the students' full name, roll call class, date and reason are written on the note.

All extended leave or time away from school must have an application completed prior to leave. Students can get this application from Mrs Tyers in the Head Teacher Admin office in D Block. Every minute counts, and your child's attendance is calculated on the minutes in attendance at school. The minimum attendance is 85%. You can view your child's attendance through the student/parental portal of Sentral. Your child has been given this access and should have brought a note home. If it has been misplaced, please contact the front office who can arrange for this to be issued. Letters and emails will be issued shortly if your child's attendance is below 85%, and we will work with you and your child to improve their attendance rate. If you have any concerns or wish to discuss your child's attendance please make contact with us.

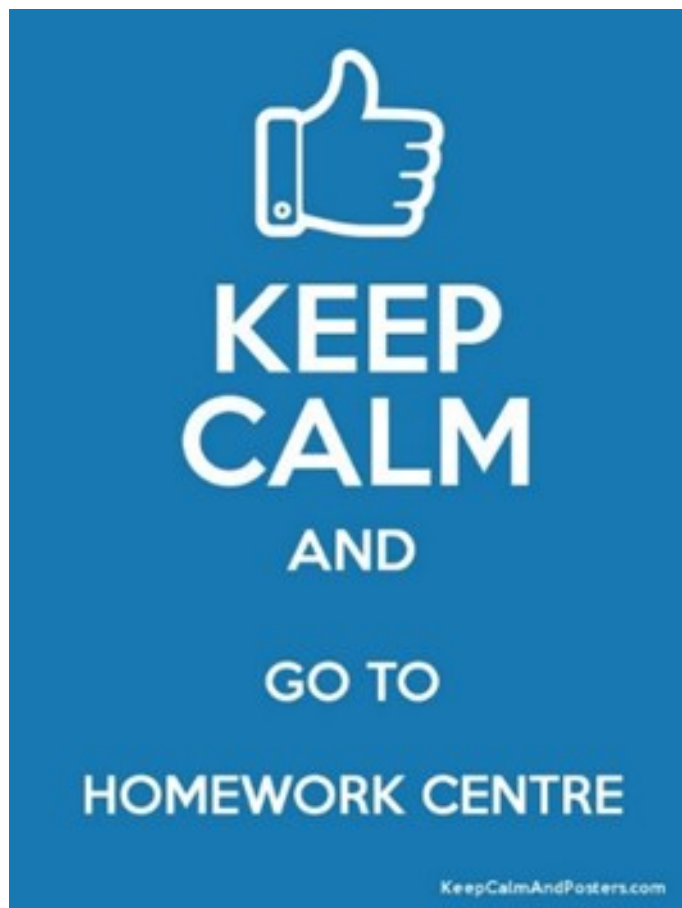
Mrs B Douglass
Head Teacher Administration

Mrs S Page
Head Teacher Administration



Nepean CAPA Library would like to welcome all of our lovely new and returning students to what we hope will be a fantastic year! We have some excellent events lined up in 2021 and are so excited to celebrate all that the library has to offer.

The year has gotten off to a romantic start with our annual *Blind Date with a Book* in celebration of Valentine's Day. It has been great to see so many avid readers coming up to the library excited to read the clues, borrow the books and unwrap their mystery "dates". A particular



shout out to our eager Year 7 students! We love that you are enjoying our library space and encourage you to keep up the enthusiasm!

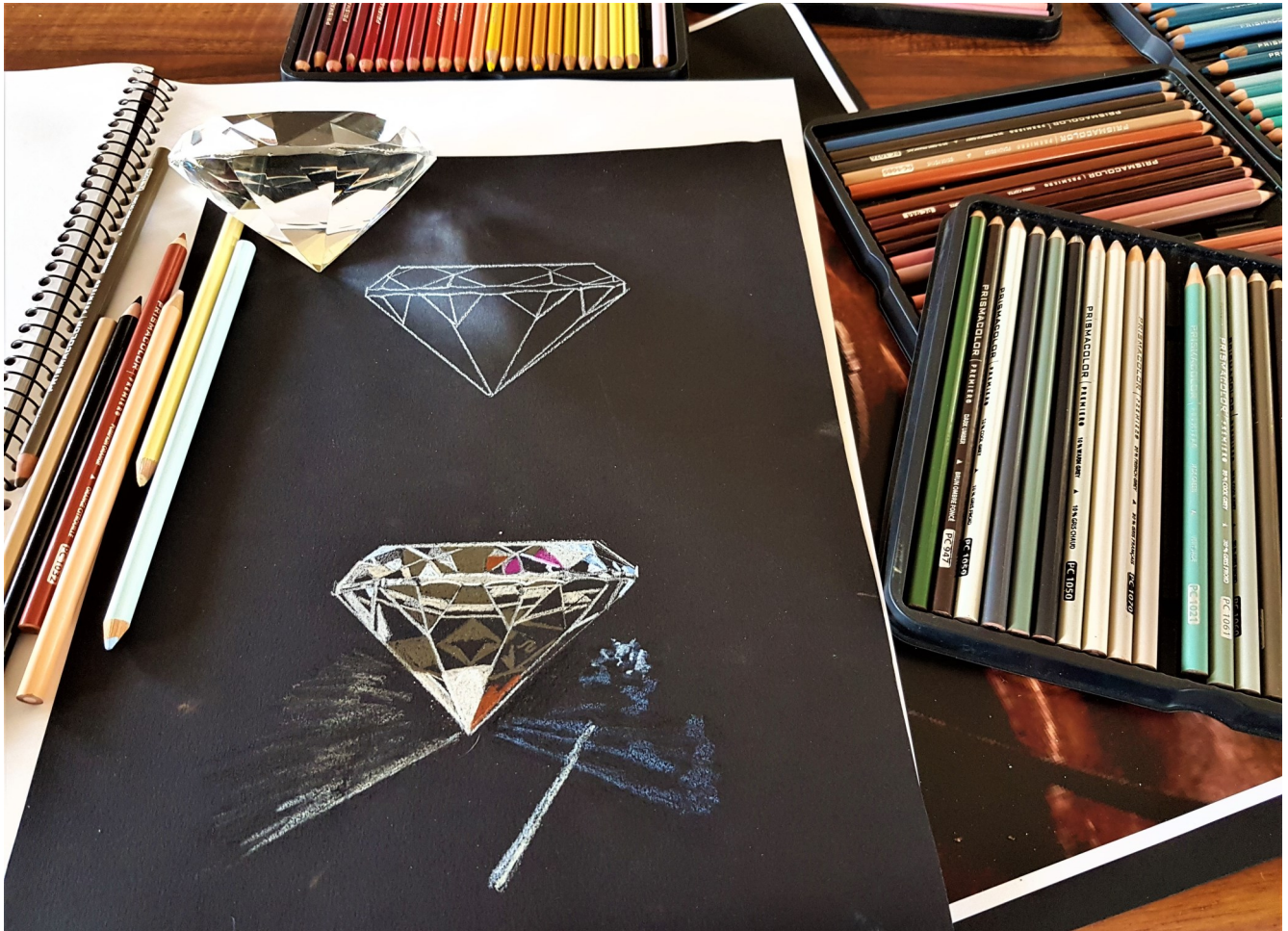
Homework Centre is also back up and running every Monday and Thursday from 3-4pm in the library. Homework Centre provides a great opportunity to access library resources, catch up on homework, complete assessment tasks and seek clarification from teachers. There are always staff on duty to help.

As always, we have an exciting line up of activities and initiatives that will be taking place in the library. We look forward to sharing lots of fun opportunities with all of you throughout the year. For now, stay tuned... Lip Sync Battles are coming!!

Happy reading

Miss L Sherry
Teacher Librarian





In the Creative Arts Domain echoes of 'here and present' are resounding throughout the learning spaces, as our art learners embark on their newly elected subjects and arts experiences for 2021. As a team of Arts Educators, we encourage our artistic learners to tailor their creative journey under the guidance of discovery, innovation and passion.

Ensure that you take up on opportunities such as Intensive Studio, Wednesday Studio, Arts Edge, Arts Dreaming, Arts Excursions and establish an Arts Mentor from the experienced Creative Arts Teaching Team. Make sure you also explore and experiment with the vast selection of art materials and equipment available to you.

Mrs P Rowston
Head Teacher, Creative Arts

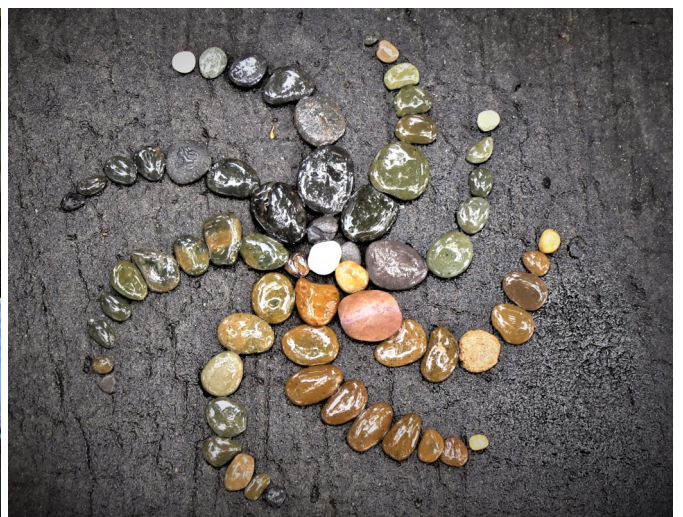


Installation

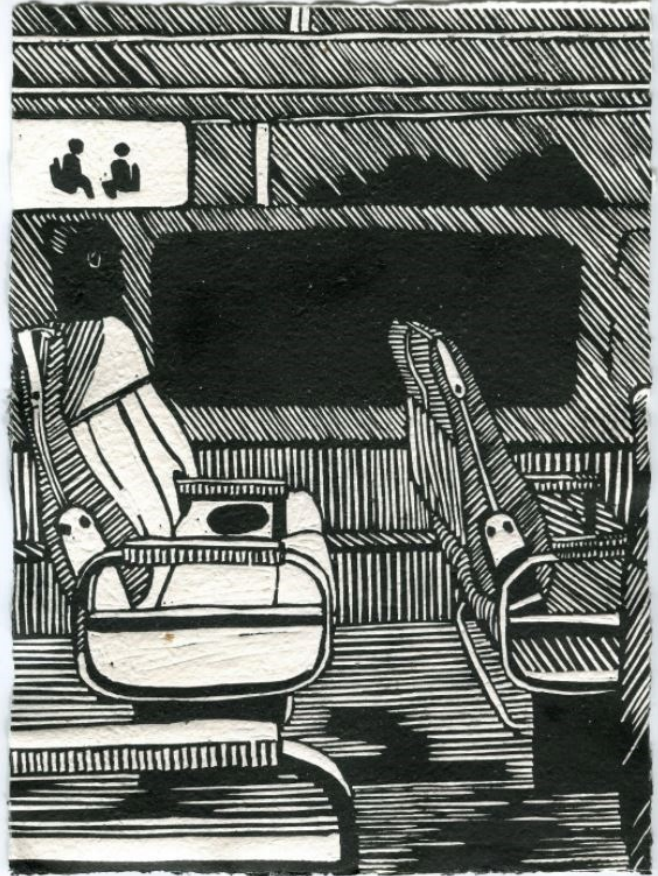


Stage 6 Photography, Video and Digital Imaging students have discovered the joy of producing site specific installation works. Inspired by the artistic production of Andy Goldsworthy, Christo, Ai Wei Wei and Duchamp, they have gathered, assembled and responded to the placement of objects within a space. Their practical assessment task for this term is to produce the perfect archival image of these installations, in a masterly and technical manner.

**Mrs P Rowston,
Head Teacher, Creative Arts**



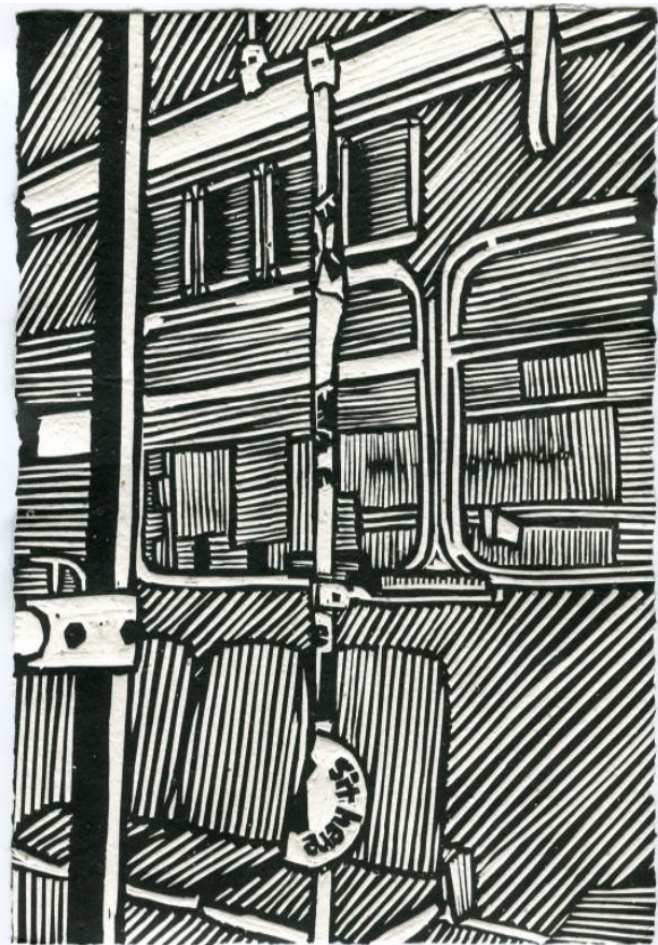
Alumni Success



Our 2016 Nepean Creative and Performing Arts Alumni student, Lorelei, was recently awarded her Bachelor of Fine Arts achievement, at the prestigious National Arts School, Sydney.

Awarded an Artist and Residency at Sydney Olympic Park Authority and selected for acquisition in the National Arts School Collection, it is apparent she is aspiring and achieving the heights. Lorelei works as our Arts and Design Technician every Monday and intends to spend 2021 dedicated to expanding her arts production.

Mrs P Rowston
Head Teacher, Creative Arts



From the Studio



Alice Dardaneliotis's painting



Taryn Leahy's Pastel work

Our first term of Intensive Studios is underway with our new and established art students eagerly embracing the technical skills being taught by our specialist Painting and Drawing Tutors; Taryn Leahy and Alice Dardaneliotis.

Taryn and Alice have mastered approaches and methods in undertaking hyper-realism, expressive drawing and painting illustrations across vast media areas. Enrolment in their studio's is a must for students who *Aspire the Heights*. Held on Tuesday and Wednesday morning each week, ensure to set your alarm and embrace this extension learning opportunity.

Any students who would like to register for enrolments please see Mrs Rowston, Head Teacher, Creative Arts, .

Mrs P Rowston
Head Teacher, Creative Arts



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The preferred method of payment is online via our school website. Please disregard the student registration number.

If you wish to make a payment at the front office, we request that you please use the EFTPOS facility rather than cash payments.



UNIFORM SHOP

Located downstairs in E Block (E8)

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Monday: 7.30am - 9.30am

Wednesday: 7.30am - 9.30am

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Natalie Isakov
Deputy Principal

Welcome back to all our students, parents, carers and families. It has been a busy and productive start to the 2021 school year and it's been great to see our students settle in so quickly to another year of learning. 2020 was definitely a year that had its challenges, and it's fair to say we are all hoping that 2021 will bring back a sense of normalcy and allow us more opportunities to meet together as a school community for information evenings, performances and showcases of our students' talents.

Our Year 7 students have transitioned to the daily routines of high school and are getting used to having more than one teacher and moving from room to room throughout the day. With their commencement to secondary schooling, our Year 7 students bring with them different skills and abilities in numeracy and literacy, which are two key general capabilities to learning and life beyond school. To identify student strengths and any areas of development in these capabilities, all Year 7 students have completed Best Start Testing. The results from this are now being used by teachers to inform their delivery of teaching and learning activities to ensure that we are catering for the individual learning of students.

We also hosted our Year 7 Information Evening on Wednesday 10 February which provided us with the opportunity to share valuable information with our Year 7 parents and carers, and also gave parents and carers an opportunity to see and meet the faces of Nepean CAPA High School staff who have been entrusted with their child's education. Thank you to all who attended and we look forward to our continued journey together as partners in student learning.

Year 11 are to be commended as a cohort for their smooth transition to Stage 6, senior schooling and the start of their HSC journey. We'd also like to thank the parents, carers and students who attended our Year 11 Assessment Evening on Tuesday 2 February. A considerable amount of information was shared on the night regarding Stage 6 Assessment, HSC Eligibility, ATAR requirements, early entry to University, TAFE and VET. All parents and carers are encouraged to read through the Year 11 Assessment Handbook that was provided on the evening, or that students have since

collected from either myself or the Head Teacher Secondary Studies, Ms Witheridge.

From the start of this year we have continued embedding PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) across the school which underpins our core values of *Care, Opportunity and Success*. Each week we have had a different focus area. In Week 2, Be Prepared; Week 3, Take Pride in your Work; and Week 4 is Complete Quality Work. As at the beginning of Week 4, we have had almost 600 positive Sentral entries from staff recognising students in Years 7 to 12 for demonstrating these core values. Staff have also recognised and acknowledged our students for outstanding work, excellent participation in class and showing great team work with an additional 500 positive Sentral entries. This is an outstanding start to the year and is commensurate with the great students we have at our school.

As we progress into the Term, all year groups will start receiving assessments tasks for their various courses. It is important that students start these as soon as they receive them, let their teachers know if they need any assistance with them, and also submit drafts for teacher feedback. Being organised, taking a small step each day, and seeking help when needed, will help our students, not only as learners, but also to grow and succeed in their learning.

Should you have any concerns or queries regarding your child, their wellbeing or their learning, do not hesitate to contact the school.

Mrs N Isakov
Deputy Principal



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From the Principal's Desk



Tania Irons
Principal

Dear Parents and Carers I wish to commend our students, staff and parents for a very positive start to the year. Whilst the commencement of 2021 was not without its challenges (such as technology glitches and timetable gremlins) it has been a relatively settled start and I am proud of the way our students have engaged with their learning.

We already have much to celebrate: we have hosted 2 well-attended (COVID-Safe) parent information evenings, we've seen the re-emergence of student performances at our formal assemblies, and our student leaders have been visibly reinforcing our weekly Positive Behaviour for Learning themes (see Mrs Isakov's DP report for more detail). I also wish to acknowledge Lea S of Year 11, who was named as Blacktown Council's Young Citizen of the Year in January – congratulations Lea!

We were fortunate to have Mr Murat Dizdar (Deputy Secretary School Performance South) and Ms Deb Summerhayes (Executive Director School Performance Metropolitan South and West) visit us on Monday 15 February to discuss the progress of our focus on learning growth for all students at Nepean.

It was a privilege to showcase some of our amazing alumni from the 2020 HSC graduates alongside our current students, who were hard at work in the homework centre. I never cease to be amazed at the incredible talent and commitment so many of our students show each day at Nepean, and I am very excited by the year ahead.

I call upon all parents to support our consistent focus on high expectations in learning for all students. This starts with daily attendance, where **every minute matters**, and extends to supporting students to complete high quality work as evidence of their learning progress. I also ask that all students ensure they wear our uniform with pride each day, since the wearing of school uniform visibly supports our sense of belonging to Nepean CAPA HS.

In moving forward in 2021 we continue to manage the challenge of the COVID-19 pandemic. Please be mindful of the following advice from the Department of Education regarding supporting the health and wellbeing of



Above: Murat Dizdar (Deputy Secretary), Deb Summerhayes (Executive Director) and Tania Irons, (Principal) with School Captains, Ashley B, Elina R and Joshua C.



Above right: The abovementioned as well as Kay Rigas, our School Education Director Photographer Ethan F of Year 11



all members in our community, and I thank parents & carers for supporting us in keeping everyone safe:

Clarification for schools - identifying and responding to unwell students. Students and staff must not attend school or work if they are unwell, even with the mildness of symptoms including fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, loss of taste, and loss of smell. Students need to be symptom free and a negative COVID-19 test result must be received and sighted by the school prior to their return to school.

Students who do not undertake a COVID-19 test are not permitted to return to school for a 10 day period and they must be symptom free for at least 3 days prior to their return.

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend our first P&C Meeting of the year on Wednesday 10 February. At this meeting I shared important information about our progress in developing the next 4 year Strategic Improvement Plan 2021-2024. As staff we have been working to identify the next steps in our journey for continuous learning growth as a school, and I value community input in this process. Please stay tuned on our communication channels for an upcoming online Q&A event about the Strategic Improvement Plan 2021-2024.

Mrs T Irons, Principal



NEPEAN CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS HIGH SCHOOL

Aspiring the Heights through Care, Opportunity and Success

OPEN NIGHT

Tuesday 16th March

Arrive at 5:40pm for a 6:00pm start

Covid safe tour groups will be organised for this special event.

This event will comply with COVID-19 regulations as of 16/03/2021. It may be subject to alteration closer to the date.

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What's On

Please visit our updated website to view the new school calendar which is updated daily.

<https://nepean-h.schools.nsw.gov.au>



Meeting

The Nepean Creative and Performing Arts High School P&C would like to invite all parents and carers to our P&C Meetings. The next Meeting is:

Wednesday 24 March 2021
7.00pm in the Staff Common Room

Come along and:

- Listen to our guest speakers.
- Help make decisions on P&C Leadership.
- Hear the latest school news.
- Support the school and contribute your views.
- Ask questions.

Everyone is welcome
A light supper is provided

UNIFORM DONATIONS

- Should families have any items of school uniform which are no longer of any use to their children, could this clothing please be taken to the front office.
- There are a number of families who would appreciate the opportunity to access this clothing.



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| Principal | Mrs T Irons | |
| Deputy Principals | Ms F Wallis | (Years 7 & 10) |
| | Mrs N Isakov | (Years 8 & 11) |
| | Mr M Knowles | (Years 9 & 12) |
| School Captains | Monique & Ashley | |
| Vice Captains | Elina & Joshua | |
| Year | Year Advisers | Assistant Year Advisers |
| 7 | Mr B Green | Ms C Nguyen |
| 8 | Mr G Turner | Miss E Sutherland |
| 9 | Ms T Gambell | Mr K Bright |
| 10 | Mr M Hayes | Mrs E Castro & Ms L Parkhill |
| 11 | Ms K Stuart | Mr E Park |
| 12 | Mrs N Stoll | Miss L Sherry |

Head Teachers

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| Administration | Ms B Douglass, Mrs S Page |
| Creative Arts | Ms P Rowston |
| English | Ms C Reynolds |
| Human Society & Its Environment | Mrs K Finemore (Rel) |
| Mathematics | Ms R Young |
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| Performing Arts | Ms A Rudolf |
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| Technological & Applied Studies | Ms A Hay |
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| Careers Adviser | Ms V Jansen |
| Learning & Support Teachers | Mr S Oudkerkpool, Miss L Sherry & Mr J Gillespie |
| School Counsellors | Mr N Cucinotta, Ms F Maitre |
| Student Support Officer | Ms A Knight |
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| Teacher Librarian | Miss L Sherry |