

# Blues News



## Gosford High School & Community News

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### Gosford High P&C News

Next P&C Meeting:  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 6:30 pm  
Common Room- Everyone welcome

## PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

### The Language of Success

No doubt we have all heard, read and been spoken to about the importance of building resilience in developing a culture of success. Resilience is often referred to as the ability to bounce back from setbacks, rather than giving up. Statements like *'When the going gets tough, the tough get going'* have been attributed to resilience. I too have been an advocate of students (and staff and parents) developing skills that will enhance their resilience to the myriad of tasks and pressures that our school, and life in general, places on each of us. But is resilience truly the key?

I recently read a brief article that made me think further about resilience and what it really means. Even from the simple definition above, *to bounce back from setbacks*, is that really enough to build success? Do we simply want to 'bounce back', or do we want to go further?

In the article that I read, it referred to the fact that determination is probably a more important attribute than resilience. Resilience ensures that we 'bounce back', but determination guarantees that we can move further forward after bouncing back. Determination ensures that we have a "fixed direction towards a goal" and no matter what boundaries are placed in front of us, we can 'bounce back' with resilience and move forward towards our goal with determination.

In our last newsletter I wrote about Dr Carol Dweck's 'Growth Mindset'. This accord between resilience and determination fits perfectly with Dr Dweck's work; to bounce back from adversity and use that growth mindset, and determination, to achieve one's goals. It assumes of course that we have set goals for ourselves, something that I know is very strong among our student population.

With our new Year 12 students about to work through their first HSC course assessment week, I hope that they too have set goals for the coming weeks and use that growth mindset and determination to work towards success.

### Year 8 Debaters

Congratulations to our Year 8 debating team who have won through to the State Championship rounds of the Year 7/8 Premier's Debating Challenge. This team will now compete in a three day Gala Challenge held at Sydney University against regional champions from across the state to determine who takes out the Premier's Debating Challenge for 2017.

In the time that they are at USyd, the team will stay on campus at the historic Women's College, no doubt another wonderful experience for our students. Thanks must go to our P&C Association for their very much appreciated donation to fully fund the expenses of this team in representing our school at the highest level.

We wish our team the very best for this competition, but know already that they have achieved a great deal in being recognised as one of the best 10 teams in NSW.



### NSW Festival of Instrumental Music

Recently, Concert Band 1 were selected through an audition process and performed at the highly acclaimed NSW Festival of Instrumental Music at the Opera House. Very few individual schools are invited to perform at this Festival, held annually at the Opera House. The vast majority of ensembles selected for the program come from the Department of Education Arts Unit or from the specialist Performing Arts High Schools.

By all accounts, our band performed with great poise and style, moving away from the traditional Concert Band protocols, adding some 'marching band' style to their repertoire. It is certainly a credit to our band members, the band directors, and Mrs Partridge and Mr

Kelly our Music teachers, that our band can continually be considered for these festivals.



Concert Band 1 Opera House



Concert Band 1 Performance at the Opera House

### **Futures Learning Team**

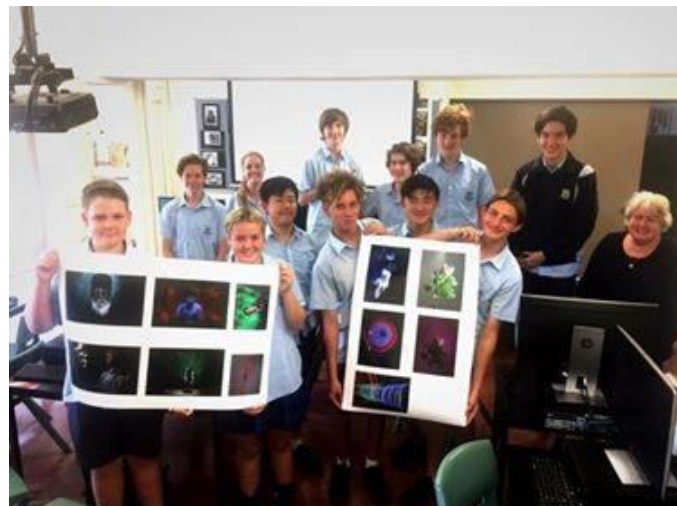
This year, our school has been fortunate to have been selected to participate in the Department of Education, *Future Schools* project. Through this project, and in collaboration with two other NSW High Schools, a team of our staff led by Ms Cooper are developing contemporary learning experiences for our 2018, Year 7 classes across the curriculum. One key aspect of this program will be an increased emphasis on investigative learning practices that will enhance student's skills in areas such as collaboration, communication, critical and creative thinking, and presentation skills.

Planning for this project was prototyped with our current Year 7 students in their Enrichment Program classes recently and from this brief sampling, the staff involved drew further confidence in the fact that this will be an exciting new methodology to challenge and extend our students.

Thanks must go to Ms Cooper and her team for the work that they have put into this project to ensure that our students have the very best of opportunity in their learning.

### **Master Classes Enhance Student's Learning**

We have been very fortunate in recent weeks to be able to offer our students the opportunity to work with experts from outside of our school. Our Year 9 Photography and Digital Media students worked with professional photographer, Peter Solness and had a wonderful day creating some spectacular images and gaining great insight into the use of light to enhance their work.



In addition to this, our debating teams spent a morning working with expert coaches from Masters Academy, a debating coaching group involved with many of the Selective High Schools from Northern Sydney and The Hills areas. This was particularly useful for our Year 8 team who are heading off to the State Championship rounds of the Premier's Debating Challenge in the near future.



### **Flanno For A Farmer**

The school abounded with flannelette shirts and wide brimmed hats on Tuesday as we supported an initiative of our Agriculture students and Ms Henry in what was dubbed 'Flanno For A Farmer'. Money was raised by way of students and staff being dressed in 'mufti' for the day, as well as supporting a lunchtime sausage sizzle. All money raised will go to Rural Aid Charity – BUY A BALE. Round bales will be delivered to Australian farmers affected by drought.

### **Broadway Night**

Congratulations to our Year 10 Drama students who recently presented 'Broadway Night' to parents and members of our community as their final showcase of work for Semester 2. By all accounts, this performance was exceptionally well received by a very appreciative audience. With such magnificent talent in our Year 10 class, all bodes well for a strong Drama class in Stage 6 next year working towards the 2019 Higher School Certificate.

Thanks must be extended to Ms Gatland for her tireless commitment to our Drama program, as well as to the students and their parents for the dedication demonstrated.





### GATS Enrichment Day – Year 5

In recent times we have held two very well received GATS Enrichment Days for Year 5 students from schools across the Central Coast. Students visit our school and participate in lessons presented by Gosford High teachers and students designed to both challenge and excite them across a range of subjects and contexts.

Lessons presented were in the areas of Food Technology, Science, History and Mathematics. In the Food Technology area students investigated the chemical reactions that occur during the baking process when making biscuits; in Science they investigated flame spectra, wind turbines, electric circuits and vortex cannon amongst other things; Mathematics required students to 'draw' a Ferris Wheel using Geogebra software and graphing skills; while in History, students investigated artefacts from different ages and civilisations and were required to classify them through their own research on the day.

From the visits to classrooms and reports from teachers, this was a very well received program and provided great incentive for ongoing learning to the younger students.

Thank you to Mr Madden for his coordination of this program and to all teachers and students who presented the 'courses'.

### Thank You

Finally, with this being our final newsletter for the year, I would like to pass on my personal thanks to all in our community for a wonderful year. The welcome that I have received as your new Principal and the support that has been afforded to me throughout the year has been very much appreciated. Gosford High is a tremendous school and I very much look forward to working with you all into the future.

May I wish you the very best for the Christmas season and a safe and happy holiday

**Tony Rudd**  
Principal



## Coming Events

### November 2017

Mon 27/11	Year 10 Welfare Day 10.30am-1.30pm
Tues 28/11	Year 7 Taronga Zoo
Wed 29/11	Year 10 Safe Driving
Thurs 30/11	Year 7 Geography Enrichment Day

### December 2017

Fri 1/12	Year 11 Assessment Week (1-8/12) Religious Seminars
Mon 4/12	Year 7 Maths Fun Day Year 9G, 90, 9D Science Excursion
Tues 5/12	Year 6 Orientation Day Year 9S, 9F, 9R Science Excursion
Thurs 7/12	Presentation Evening. Rehearsal P2
Fri 8/12	Cabaret Night Year 9 Luna Park
Mon 11/12	Celebration Assemblies P3 Year 8, P4 Year 7
Tues 12/12	Celebration Assemblies P2 Year 9, P4 Year 10 Year 11 S&C Buddhist Temple (2 days)
Wed 13/12	Year 7 Peter Pan Performance during sport and Evening Show at 6.00 pm
Fri 15/12	Year 12 Breakfast Year 7 – 10 Reports handed out. Christmas on the Cola

## RUMBALARA YOUTH REFUGE PROJECT 2018

**We are calling all TILERS, PAINTERS, ELECTRICIANS AND HANDYMEN!** Gosford High School has developed an initiative for the benefit of Coast Shelter, to renovate the Rumbalara Youth Refuge, a home that provides a safe place for disadvantaged kids within the community. This project requires huge community support and if anyone can volunteer their services, or make a donation, it would go a long way towards positively impacting the lives of these young people.

If you can contribute, please contact us at [rumbalarastudentproject@gmail.com](mailto:rumbalarastudentproject@gmail.com) with your name, trade or contribution and contact details for more information. We sincerely hope you can offer your support!

## DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

It has been a busy and rewarding term so far as we move closer to completing 2017. Year 12 have successfully completed their HSC examinations and are to be congratulated on their studies and the way they conducted themselves throughout. The HSC supervisor, Mrs Ryan, noted that this Year 12 was an exceptional group and were to be commended. We eagerly await positive results next month. We look forward to the Year 12 formal, held at the Crowne Plaza at Terrigal, which promises to be an outstanding event. Staff are looking forward to sharing the occasion with this remarkable group of young men and women, as well as parents prior to the dinner. Special thanks must go to the Year 12 Adviser Mr Titheradge and the student organising team.

Year 11, or we should say our new Year 12, have their first formal HSC assessment period coming up and from all reports they have applied themselves well to the beginning of their HSC studies.

Next week we welcome our incoming Year 11s for 2018 with a morning tea and tour of the school and we thank Mr Sneddon for his work in providing this opportunity to make our new senior students feel welcome and begin to be a part of the school for their senior studies.

Welcome also to our new Year 7, 2018 and their families who will be coming for their Orientation Day on Tuesday 5th December. I hope this introduction provides the opportunity too for students and their parents to meet the key staff who will be working closely with Year 7 next year, including Mr Watson, Year 7 Year Adviser 2018 and begin to find their way around and ask any questions they may have.

To all the school community we wish you happy holidays and a happy and healthy New Year.

**Gary Bennett**  
**Deputy Principal (Years 8, 10 and 12)**

2017 is a year to celebrate and recognise the work of individuals that have helped the whole to achieve great success. The essence that makes our school special is what makes public education so vibrant. The people, their stories and connections on a local and global level. It has been wonderful to see GHS everyday preparing our students for the world beyond education. Staff have worked hard to create curriculum that is engaging and underpinned by supporting strategies that nurture the whole child's wellbeing while fostering lifelong learning. This year will be my last year at Gosford as I move to a Principal position at Brisbane Water Secondary College-Woy Woy Campus. I will miss the students, staff, parents and community greatly. I have loved every minute here and I know the next three-year plan will see Gosford continue to shine brightly as an exemplary educational institution.

Our school has continued to focus on preparing our students for a rapidly changing world and workforce. A

focus on educational creativity and leadership of innovation in pedagogy. In addition, we have been preparing for new syllabi implementation. The new syllabi demands more skill development and becoming intellectually critical of content through investigation. The School Futures 2.0 project that Gosford is working on in 2018 will be an amazing opportunity and something I will miss terribly but know it will be a great success.

Last words from me for the students would be remember ambition is better than an ATAR and grit is better than a grade and friendship is far better than fame. For the parents it has been a pleasure to work with you and to be trusted with your children's education, for choosing us and for sharing your stories.

Have a safe and harmonious festive season. May 2018 bring love, light and harmony to you and yours.

**Rebecca Cooper**  
**Deputy Principal (Years 7, 9 and 11)**

## LIBRARY

Congratulations to the following prize winners in the GHS Stoyles Library BOOK WEEK writing competition:

- Lilliana Davis (7)
- Jess Degeling (8)
- Aleena Long (9)
- Emma Holburn (12)

We hope you enjoy your BOOKFACE voucher! The standard of entries around the CBC BOOK WEEK theme 'Escape to Everywhere' was fantastic. Congratulations to all participants.



## #8WordStory

Recently our school participated in the #8WordStory concept which was developed initially by the Queensland Writers Centre. This concept saw people submit eight word stories to the Centre and these stories were published on huge electronic billboards across Brisbane.

Our concept was slightly different, but followed the same vein. We decided to run a 'competition' between students from our school and Manly Selective Campus. Our students were asked to submit stories based on the theme of 'Dystopia'. Manly decided that their theme was 'Scary Story'. Entries for the competition closed on 31 October.

Initial judging was carried out by students from each school. These student judges were asked to select the best eight entries from each other's school. The final 16 entries are being judged by external judges. We have been very fortunate to use our link with Newcastle University, Ourimbah Campus and have Dr Julie Mundy-Taylor, Research Librarian, Research and Scholarly Resources of the University Library Academic Division as part of our judging panel, along with acclaimed local author Ms Adrienne Ferreira. The final judging process is underway and we look forward to the results being announced.

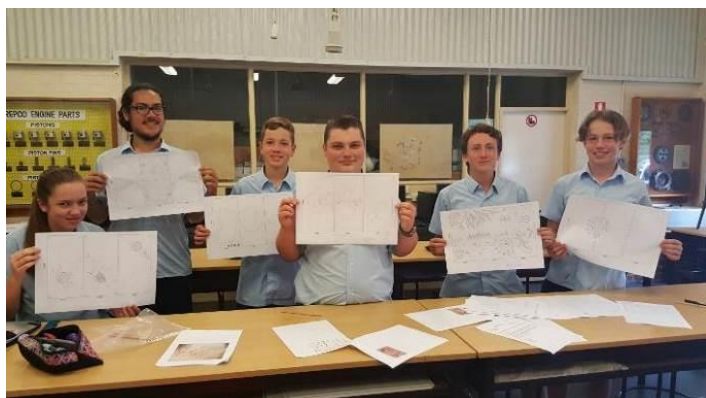
A sample of the Gosford High School entries can be read below:

- Time chokes youth. Youth challenges age. Age numberless. (Loren - Year 7)
- Loss lingers, trouble gains momentum. Sacrifice is made. (Eryn - Year 7)
- They gave me freedom and hid the keys. (Lilliana - Year 7)
- Life. It never existed. Death. It never came. (Nina - Year 8)
- Ironically, breathing the air outside would kill us. (Bella - Year 8)
- No fragrant breeze in this once beautiful valley. (Alexander - Year 8)
- Blocks of democracy crumbled away, revealing a dictatorship. (Sarah - Year 9)
- The world fell apart when peace slipped away. (Xaio - Year 9)
- Love dies where hope thrives for the government. (Sabrina - Year 10)
- Pandora closed the box before peace could escape. (Calvin Year - 8)

In total, we received close to 100 entries for this fun event which I hope we can build upon in the future. I look forward to seeing the publication of the winning entries. Congratulations to all who entered.

## INDIGENOUS

Some of our Indigenous students and their friends recently attended an art workshop to collaborate on a design for three new steel screens that will be mounted in our Indigenous Garden. Be sure to look out for this wonderful new feature coming soon.



Beau Smith, Jacob Inman and Marley Williams all attended the Central Coast Academy of Sport on the 19<sup>th</sup> October to participate in an exciting new sports program aimed at Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descents wishing to advance their opportunities in sport. They enjoyed participating in six sports trained by high level coaches.



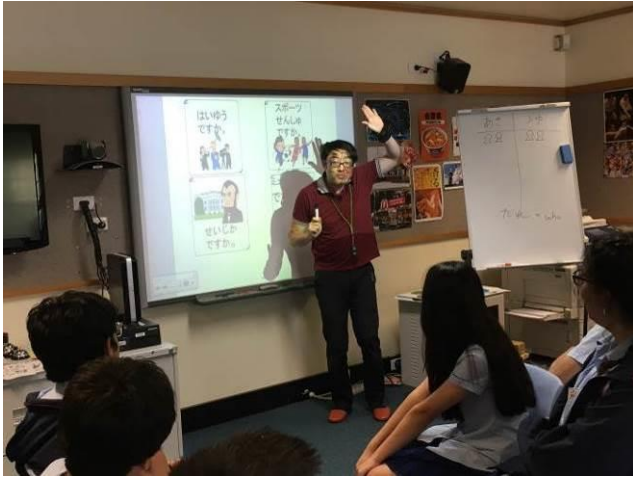
Congratulations to Beau, Jacob and Marley on being accepted to attend the 2017 UNSW Indigenous Science and Engineering Program on 29<sup>th</sup> November. As participants of the program, they will have the chance to take part in an all-round university experience through a range of faculty sessions and social activities. We look forward to hearing about your experience!

## LANGUAGES

This month 8O and 8R Japanese classes were fortunate enough to experience life "in Japan" for a day by visiting the Japanese Tanken (Experience) Centre on the grounds of Kirrawee High School. Students were immersed in Japanese language, food and culture for the whole day and successfully completed a range of games and activities that tested their proficiency in topics covered throughout the year. The native Japanese speaking staff at the centre were impressed at how well our students were able to synthesise and apply their skills and knowledge to new contexts, with some highly creative dramatic performances to rival those of the staff!







Finally, we wish everyone a safe holiday and a Merry Christmas. See you in 2018!

Joyeux Noël, frohe Weihnachten, メリークリスマス (merii kurisumasu), and felix dies Nativitatis!

from the Languages staff



## CAPA

### VISUAL ART:

Congratulations to Jade Jiang, Ryan Lee, Charmaine Liu and Ellora Srivastava whose Body of Works have been pre-selected for ArtExpress.



Charmaine Liu

Years 9, 10 and 11 Japanese students also had a chance to test out their Japanese language skills by attending the Japanese film festival at Event Cinemas in George Street. They viewed the film *Chihayafuru*, which showcased traditional Japanese culture (*karuta* – a poetry-based card game) in a modern setting. Chihaya has lost touch with her childhood friends but believes the *karuta* national championship will reunite them. Her dilemma? Classical poetry is not exactly cool! The students enjoyed the film's themes of friendship and competition, and were fascinated by the competitiveness of *karuta*.



Jade Jiang

We are thinking of the 2017 HSC students as they await their results and we hope that all their dreams and plans come to fruition.





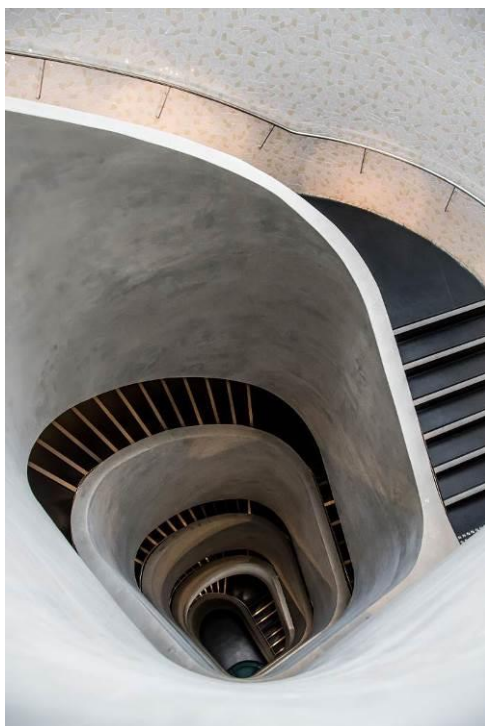
Ellora Srivastava

On Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> of November Year 9 Photography and Digital Media was lucky enough to have professional photographer, Peter Solness visit us. Peter ran a day long workshop, teaching us the different features and techniques of light painting. Light painting is the process of taking photos in darkness and using hand held light sources to expose certain areas of the image to light.

Once learning the basics of light painting, Peter took us down to school hall to begin taking our photos. We setup our cameras and turned the lights off. Once the lights were off Peter handed us various light sources to experiment with throughout the day. Some of these light sources included mini torches, fairy lights and neon wire. There were props set up for us to take photos of, these props included vegetables, flowers, an animal skull and a statue of a head. As well as still life we took some portrait photos experimenting with which part of the face we exposed to light.

This workshop exposed us to an area of photography that most of us had not encountered before. We are extremely thankful to Peter for dedicating his time to improve our skills in all areas of photography.

*By Darcy Van Wessel-Aldridge*



Ryan Lee



Rachel Corban



Darcy Johns





Ian Jeon



Year 9 Music Class



Don Cheung



Year 8 Music Class

## MUSIC:

### Upcoming Events – Music Ensembles

- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December – CB2 performance at Year 6 Orientation Day
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Chamber Ensemble performance at Broadwater Court
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December – CB1 perform at Presentation Night
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Cabaret Night. CB1, CB2 & Stage band
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December – CB2 perform at Celebration Assembly



Chamber Ensemble

## Drama:

In November...

Theatre Sports Australia ran a Playbuilding workshop for Year 9 and 10 Drama. This was a fantastic experience for our students to participate in improvisation activities and group devising workshops.

Year 10 Drama's Broadway Night performance was a showcase of their Musical Theatre pieces. This night was a huge success! Congratulations to all the students involved.

### Important dates for your diary:

On Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> of December, The Year 7 Enrichment Musical: *Peter Pan*

Honk the Musical, by Gosford Musical Society Juniors, in the January school holidays, starring our very talented Year 11 students again. Tom Kelly as the cat, Miranda Michalowski as a featured soloist and Sam Luxford as the Turkey. Be sure to get your tickets!

**Wendy Mortimer**  
Head Teacher CAPA



## SPORT

Well...what a year in sport it has been at Gosford High School!

Over the coming weeks, we have many sporting activities and events still occurring for students.

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November is the annual Brisbane Water Zone Gala Day at Adcock Park. This day is an event held for selected Year 7/8 students to participate in sports including Ultimate Frisbee, End Zone, Modified Netball and Kick Tennis, as a reward for being enthusiastic, valuing fair play and being consistently prepared for each PE lesson. Thank you to the Year 10 students volunteering their time to help referee the day.

Good luck to Indigo Ditterick who is competing for Sydney North in the Open Girls Water Polo championships. Excellent effort to be selected into the team, competing with girls who are four years older than her!

Well done to all students who have been involved in the lunchtime multi-sports competition with Miss Oman. Everyone displayed great sportsmanship and had a lot of fun competing in a variety of sports.

Thank you to everyone involved with sport this year. Gosford High School has continued to represent at high levels in many sports and it could not be possible without the commitment of staff and students. As we wind down another year, we can start thinking about next year's sport. We will be kicking off our main events with the Swimming Carnival on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February.

**Miss Malone**  
**Sports Coordinator**



## TAS

Students in Technological and Applied Studies are busy adding the finishing touches to their final project work for the year. Year 10 Engineering students are about to test their water rockets and analyse the results. Year 9 Engineering students are finalising their mousetrap racers and ready for testing and racing. Year 10 Food Technology students have added the final fondant touches to their exploding cakes whilst Year 9 Food Technology students are creating a traditional ginger bread house complete with candy embellishments. Year 9 and 10 IST students are also busy coding and developing their independent projects that relate strongly to ICT application in wider society.

Congratulations extend to Charmaine Lui and Monet Potter from Year 12 Textiles and Design 2017. Their Major Textile HSC projects have been selected to be exhibited in 'Texstyle' and 'Shape'. Texstyle is the state-wide exhibition for exemplary project work selected from the 2017 HSC marking process. Both students created couture garments with a compilation of advanced construction techniques with the wow factor and their work will appear in the March 2018 Stitches and Craft show at Rosehill. This is a huge compliment for both talented students.



A close look at the exquisite textile work completed by both Charmaine and Monet

### First Lego League:

Last weekend, we participated in the First Lego League competition in Cranebrook at Samuel-Terry Primary School. The group competed against 22 other teams of keen robot builders, programmers and team coordinators. We learnt a tonne about the First Lego League, and plan to expand our team in the years to come, even creating more sub teams or hosting the event this year. If you're interested in joining us next year, whether you're good at programming, robot design or teamwork, come talk to us!

Team members: Daniel Greeff, Liam Davies, Stathis Tsriscopoulos, Tom Donaldson, Kyla McCallum, Sanjana Dinesh.



enriching and reinforcing the curriculum from the classroom.

82 TAS students will be travelling to Tasmania in 2018. This six day excursion is in its ninth year and is a cross curricular educational excursion visiting 24 venues focusing on food, textile and engineering industries from Launceston to Hobart.

All students who have indicated their intentions for this excursion need to collect an excursion pack from Mrs Johnson in TAS and return the enclosed paperwork to the TAS staffroom or to their TAS teacher during the month of November. Please organise the next payment also during the month of November with the final payment due one month before departure. Email any questions to [maxine.l.johnson@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:maxine.l.johnson@det.nsw.edu.au)

- Signed permission note
- Student healthcare plan - completed and signed by parent and Doctor
- Travel insurance - signed
- Code of Conduct contract – co signed



A memorable school experience for students

## Red Bus Services

In conjunction with TransportNSW New Train Timetable commencing 26 November 17, Red Bus will be commencing a New Bus Timetable 26 November 17 which will effect some Route & School Services.

Drivers will issue notices to students from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 17 if their service is changing. If you could also place a notice in your next School Newsletter and/ or School Assembly about the upcoming changes and advise Parents & Students to check the Red Bus Web Site for School Service Changes.

Our Web Site Address is <https://redbus.com.au/school-services/school-bus-timetables>

Alternatively Schools can contact our Office on 4332 8655 to inquire about the changes.

TASmania18 excursion – Monday March 19<sup>th</sup> to Saturday March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 - a valuable 'outside the classroom' and cross curricular experience extending,



## HISTORY

The History Department has been very busy this term with students engaged in a number of project based learning tasks and experiencing a variety of extra-curricular activities to enrich students' learning. Mr McCumstie has been on leave and has been replaced by Miss Genevieve Hickey this term. Mrs Robertson will be taking maternity leave as of Term one 2018 and Ms Scarr has been Relieving Head Teacher History.

### Year 10 History Vietnam Veteran talk

On the 6<sup>th</sup> November, Doug Lawrence from the Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia visited Gosford High to talk to Year 10 students about his experiences of the Vietnam War. Classes 10F, 10D and 10O had been studying Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War as part of their History course.

Doug was enthralling and captivated the students with his personal and authentic accounts of life as a conscript on his Tour of Duty to Vietnam in 1969-70. His frankness and honesty about how the war had impacted his own life, helped to consolidate the students understanding and empathy.

Doug was impressed by the calibre of students' questions and the depth of their knowledge. We are indebted to Doug and his generosity of spirit in donating his time to further enrich our students learning experiences. A big thank you to Miss Hickey for her organisation of this activity.

### Student reflections on the day



"Doug helped me understand and gain an insight into the trauma of Vietnam Veterans" – Liam

"It really helped us to reinforce things we were taught like guerrilla warfare" – Adam

"Doug's talk was really engaging his descriptions were funny and even though he joked about certain things, he made us understand that war benefits nobody" – Emily

"Doug's theory of the army intentionally making you angry in order to kill was deeply eye opening" – Sally

"The most interesting part was discovering the correlation between exposure to Agent Orange and cancer" – Jason



### Year 8 History

At the end of Term 3, students in Year 8 participated in a Medieval Day as part of their study of the Middle Ages. Students engaged in a range of activities such as dancing, archery, learning about food, medicine and warfare.

Great costumes (as you can see in the photos below) were worn by the students to really 'get into the medieval spirit' of the day. An excellent learning experience was had by all. Thank you to Ms Gray, Mr Wright, Mrs Morgan and Mrs Smith for their efforts in organisation and smooth running of the day. Unfortunately Ms Scarr broke her foot on the day and couldn't attend.





Year 8 classes have recently decorated the corridor outside the History rooms in A block with a scintillating array of museum displays on The Black Death. Students have been studying the spread of the plague and the impact on medieval societies. Their findings have been recreated in models, posters, newspaper articles and even a rap song. Well done Year 8 on applying your investigative skills in a showcase worthy of the National Museum in Canberra! Thanks to all Year 8 teachers, Mrs Morgan, Mrs Robertson, Mr Wright, Miss Hickey and Ms Scarr.







### Year 9 Elective History

Students have been employing ICT skills in their recent study of Ancient Persia and Middle Eastern History with Mr Sneddon. In groups, students have collaborated to recreate the ancient city of Persepolis using the computer game technology 'Minecraft'.

"Minecraft provides a medium for an abstract way of learning in History that can recreate historically accurate elements from the past as well as cloning modern elements to give an idea of alteration over time" - *Misha*



### Year 11 Studies of Religion

Recently Studies of Religion students in Year 11 benefitted from the expert insights of local minister Father Rod Bower who visited Gosford High School to support their learning. As part of the unit on Interfaith Dialogue, Father Rod delivered valuable perspectives on the role of religion in a diverse society. Students were able to engage in a question and answer segment which

allowed them to further develop their understanding. A special thank you to Father Rod for giving up his very valuable time and to Mr Sneddon.



### Year 11 Ancient History

Mrs Morgan and Mrs Robertson's Ancient History class recently consolidated their unit on the study by bringing the foods and culture of Pompeii and Herculaneum into their classroom. Students brought in authentic foods to taste such as figs, dates, olives, cheeses, breads, pomegranates. What a wonderful way to reinforce their understanding. Thank you to Mrs Morgan.



**Sue Scarr**  
Relieving Head Teacher History



FRIDAY • 8 DECEMBER 2017 • 6:30PM

# GOSFORD HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT BANDS

• **CABARET NIGHT** •

IN THE SCHOOL HALL



TICKET SALES @  
THE DOOR

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BBQ, TEA, COFFEE,  
CAKES & DRINKS

A GREAT FAMILY NIGHT WITH A CHRISTMAS THEME