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Principal's Report

Year 7 Scholarships for 2015

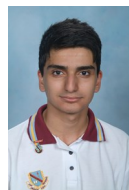
Applications are now open for Yr.7 scholarships for academic excellence. There are ten scholarships on offer and each is worth \$800 which covers the cost of school contributions, excursion costs, High Achievers camp and book pack. Every scholarship winner is granted automatic entry into the High Achievers class in 2015. The application must include the Year 5 NAPLAN results, Yrs. 5 and 6 School Reports, the Primary school Principal's endorsement and a statement from the student. Application forms can be downloaded from the CHHS website under the menu option of "Curriculum". **Applications close on Friday 10th October** and successful applicants will be notified through their nominating school.

Year 12, 2014

It is with some regret that we say farewell to our exiting senior students. As a year group they have distinguished themselves by carrying on the fine CHHS traditions such as acting as exemplary role models in terms of involvement in school life, uniform, positive attitudes and Flag Day. There are many fine



leaders in the cohort and I would like to extend my congratulations to the senior leadership team of **Jessie Huynh, Delian Kotevski,**



Phoebe Percy and Mustafa Allawi who have contributed significantly to the school's success during



their term in office. I would also like to thank **Ms Mateus** as their DP, **Ms Arnold** as their Year Adviser and **Ms Chakarovski** as their Assistant Year Adviser for the dedicated work with Year 12. We are proud of all of our students and wish them well in their forthcoming exams and their future thereafter.

School Plan for 2015

At the time of writing, we are finalising our School Plan for 2015-17. As part of DEC requirements we must have measureable targets in the School Plan and report on progress towards these targets. We have four main areas which we will be working on over the next three years. The first area is Assessment which will include HSC and NAPLAN results. The second area is teaching students from non-English speaking backgrounds more effectively. The third area is technology where the school has made

large investments in terms of time, money and personnel. The fourth area is sustainability of the environment where we will be looking to develop curriculum material and invest in power and water saving schemes. Each of these areas has been discussed in detail with staff and at parent forums. When the new School Plan is endorsed by our Director, Ms Jan Green it will be placed on the school website later this year.

Visit to CHHS by International Teachers in Term 4

In October this year, 30 Chinese High School teachers, covering a number of subject areas, will be visiting CHHS. They have been hand-picked by the Bureau of Education in Ningbo



(a sub-province in southern China) to learn contemporary English teaching techniques. The city of Ningbo has a population of 7.6 million and therefore these teachers represent the best that Ningbo has to offer. It is a great honour for CHHS to be chosen to be the host school out of all the public secondary schools in NSW and reflects the high regard that CHHS is held by the wider educational community.



Mr B. Miller

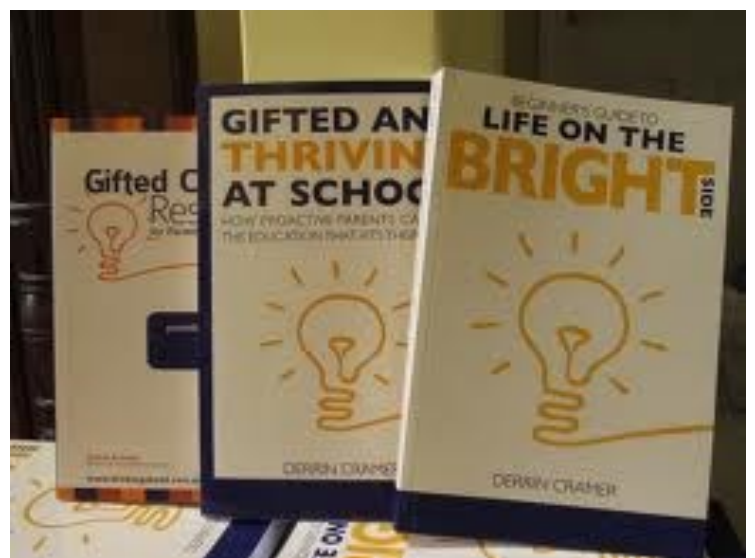


School Costs

All eligible families would have received their School Kids Bonus in January and July.

We would encourage parents to use the educational allowance as a way of meeting school costs.

If you still have amounts outstanding please finalise by the end of term 3. Faculties need these funds to have the required resources for lessons.



Chester Hill High School

JOIN OUR HIGH ACHIEVERS IN 2015.

Chester Hill High School is offering ten scholarships for Year 7 students in 2015. The successful recipients of the *Academic Excellence Scholarships* will be granted automatic entry into the High Achievers' class in 2015. The scholarships are to the amount of \$800.00 and include school costs, excursion costs, the mandatory High Achievers' Camp cost and a book pack for Year 7. The following criteria will be used to select the successful applicants:

- ♦ NAPLAN Data Year 5
- ♦ Year 5 and Year 6 School Report
- ♦ Student leadership in primary school context
- ♦ Primary School Principal endorsement
- ♦ Student application

Please go to the following link for more information:-

www.chesourl.com/scholarship

Applications close: Friday 10th October 2014



Chester Hill High School

Strength in Unity, Excellence in Education

SASS Recognition Week

SASS Recognition Week is an annual opportunity for everyone in the school community in NSW to acknowledge the vital work performed by School Administrative and Support (SAS) Staff in the public education system.

This year SASS Recognition Week ran from Monday 1 to Friday 5 September 2014 with the theme “School Administrative and Support Staff: Stepping up to the Challenge.”

Every day of the school year SAS Staff face new challenges in the delivery of quality public education.

Recognition Week provides the whole school with an opportunity to demonstrate to SAS Staff that their hard work and dedication is appreciated.

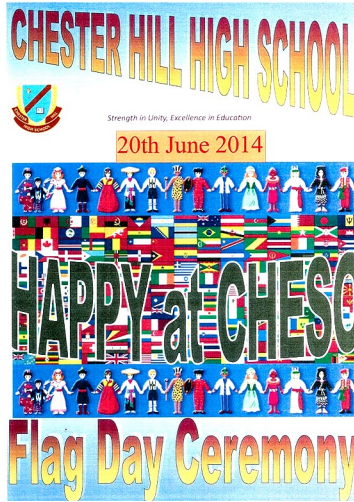
Here at Chester Hill High School the Principal, Mr Miller, provided an excellent lunch for the SAS Staff including some of the finest cakes to be found.

Thank you Mr Miller and thank you to all SAS Staff for your diligence and support for students through the years.



Flag Day Photos and DVDs

Thank you to Ms Manion, the Video Production Crew and all the photographers on Flag Day (students and teachers!). We now have the Flag Day DVD ready for sale, and as well you can buy a disk with the still



photos. The DVD can be bought from the Library for \$5.

It is a wonderful memento of the best day of the year and all participants in Flag Day as well as all other interested

people are encouraged to get one. Why not give one as a gift for your parents or grandparents? They can see you at your very, very best.

The photos from Flag Day are flagtastic! The decisions about which ones to hang in the big frames in the Foyer have never been so hard. You can buy a disk with the best photos for \$1. It will be the best dollar you have ever spent. The foyer will soon be updated with this year's photos. When they go up, please make a point to come into D Block and have a look. You never know - you might see yourself in one of them!

Mrs Fields



Peter Pan and Wendy

Rehearsals have begun! The pirates and lost boys are busy rehearsing their fight scene. You'll be able to check out this production in Week 8 Term 4



Author Visits for Book Week



As part of the Book Week celebrations, Chester Hill High School was visited by Sydney author, Kylie Fornasier. Over 80 students elected to attend the event where Ms Fornasier talked about her new Young Adult novel 'Masquerade'. In addition, Ms Fornasier discussed the opportunities and challenges of being a writer.

Students enjoyed the session, which also had book recommendations from their peers.

The Writers Group also were lucky enough to enjoy lunch with Ms Fornasier where she answered a multitude of questions from our budding authors.

The event was a big success and we are very grateful to Ms Fornasier for visiting our school.



Congratulations go to Mona Basha who won the lucky draw for a copy of Ms Fornasier's latest novel
"Masquerade"

Medieval Knight Attends Chester Hill

This term, students in History have been studying the topic Medieval Europe. To bring the medieval world to life, students in Year 8 History were invited to attend a Medieval Show held at the school hall. Medieval shields, swords and carefully crafted armours greeted the students upon their arrival.

The dream to become a knight was no longer out of reach.

Year 8's excitement to relive the medieval days was obvious. With no hesitation, students jumped at the opportunity to examine the weapons, dress up as knights and experience the harsh punishments people endured in medieval times.

As the show came to an end, many little knights at Chester Hill High School, now left the room to continue their journeys to conquer their lifelong dreams.



Japanese Students Visit Chester Hill

During week 6, the school was lucky enough to have a week long visit by students from Japan. Eight students from 4 different schools in Nagoya came to experience Australian lifestyle and school. They were hosted by Years 10, 11 and 12 Chester Hill High students.

On the first day the Japanese students came, everyone was really excited, anticipating the event. I think that everyone, the Japanese students and Chester hill students were nervous but all the same open and curious. After the exchange students arrived, we gathered in L.Lab and presented a speech, introducing our school. The Japanese students were partnered with their hosts and spent fourth period doing a tour. Since sport was cancelled, many hosts went home.

Going home with an exchange student was quite strange, after all she was a complete stranger and this was my first time hosting a person from a foreign country. But gradually, as we got to know each other our relationship grew friendlier. My family also liked her. Over the week, the Japanese students came to school with us and experienced the normal lessons we had, and after school we hung out. I took my student Yuka shopping on Thursday, she was so amazed by everything. We met up with Timon, Kelly, Jimmy and their exchange students Shun, Haruna and Daisei. We took photo's. Keepsakes! I also took her to the Fish market on the Saturday, the food was awesome, though most of the time it rained.

On Friday at lunch, the hosts took pictures with their Japanese students, lots and lots of pictures were taken! Being the Japanese students last day at our school many people took photos and group selfies with them. It was really fun.

On the Sunday, at 2.45 we said our farewells, and at around 3pm they left. It was an emotional time, all the hosts received letters from our newly acquired friends. Of course, we took a lot of photos!

We plan to keep in contact and one day I hope to go to Japan and visit Yuka as well as the other students I got to know. It was an enjoyable experience and I would want to do it again! I would like to thank Mrs Byrne for organising the whole program! It was such a memorable and fun experience!

Anh - thu Chung Yr 11



40-hour Famine

This year for the 40-hour famine, I decided to give up food. It was a difficult and challenging experience. I was only allowed to have water and barley sugar. With my stomach rumbling, continuous headaches and the urge to vomit out nothing accompanied by feelings of dizziness and tiredness, it was enough to make me want to give up, yet I continued to strive and persevere until the clock on Sunday struck 12pm. My energy was literally drained from my body and it was even difficult to breathe. Then the realisation hit me that those suffering from poverty go through this every single day than just a mere 40 hours, and what I have just been through is nothing compared to their never-ending hunger and pain. Throughout the 40 hours all I could think about was all the food I am about to eat at 12pm which pushed me to keep going. However, I realised these families in poorer communities do not have the luxury of knowing when their next meal is, yet I did. This is the reality of those suffering from poverty. Hunger is prevalent and is the enemy of suffering families. Thus, I urge everyone to donate generously to this great cause, as \$40 can help provide food and nutrition for a family of six for a month. Thank you for supporting the 40-hour famine!

Kristina Tato

**WE MAKE
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Year 11 Sport Coaching

On the 29th of August the SFR class experienced their first PSSA Athletics carnival as officials.

Students gained 6

hours of simulation at the Crest track at Bass Hill. The students worked extremely well at the long jump, high jump, as marshalls, discus, shot put and relay events. All students completed all tasks set by the carnival organiser with interest and enthusiasm. The students learnt some basic skills in officiating athletics, in preparation for the athletics unit next year. They were all excellent role models and representatives of Chester Hill High School.



U/15 Boys Basketball

The boys travelled to Condell Park to play the first round of the CHHS Knockout. The boys were beaten in this game however they gave it their best and represented the school with dignity and pride. A very big thank you to Zach and Anthony who trained some of the boys after school and coached the team on the day. Both boys were fantastic role models to the younger boys demonstrating both knowledge of basketball and effective managing skills. Thank you for your time and effort.

Mrs Lykouras

Sushi

On the 5th of August, students from Year 8 and 9 Japanese classes had the opportunity to attend a sushi making workshop hosted by a renowned sushi master, Dekura. The first design we made was a beautiful pink flower roll. To make it we folded a nori (seaweed) sheet into 6 even pieces, 5 were rolled with pink rice then organised into a pyramid. In the centre we place a pickled radish, then rolled the whole thing together.

It was so pretty, I didn't want to eat it!

We also made a Tokyo styled sushi. We took half a piece of nori and evenly spread out the rice and flipped it with the help of cling wrap.

We then placed the filling in the centre and rolled it all together. We brought our roll to the front of the class and got Dekura and his assistant to carefully slice it. Then it was time to eat it all.

It was a really enjoyable experience! Thank you Mrs Byrne for organising this awesome opportunity. I hope we can do it again in the future!

By Queenie Bui Yr 9









BOOKWEEK 2014

YEAR 12 FOOD TECHNOLOGY OVERNIGHT EXCURSION TO MELBOURNE

On August 20, Year 12 students and supervising teachers flew to Melbourne to have a food and culture experience. On the first day, we walked around many enclaves, including the Greek and Chinatown areas. Investigating the laneways was interesting and we were left drooling over the cakes at Hopetoun tearooms in the Block Arcade. We finally settled for a late lunch in Degraeves Street.

*Walking through the
“graffiti” laneway.*



After some rest time in our hotel rooms, the Food Technology group walked to Lygon Street to experience the Italian culture and food restaurants. We ate at D.O.C. – an authentic pizza restaurant. The Italian-speaking waiters were attentive and our selection of pizzas (Pizza Salsiccia, Pizza ai Porcini, Pizza Soppressa to name a few) were amazing and very tasty.

The night did not end there! A visit to Brunetti was in order. On arrival, there was a universal WOW! Cakes in fridges lined the entrance and the choice was too great for some to fathom. The only answer was to eat two. With cake eaten, we needed sustenance for the walk back to our hotel. Gelati all round! A wonderful end to the day.





Thursday morning began with a tram ride to Richmond. Breakfast was at Richmond Hill Café and Larder. This restaurant uses organic and locally sourced ingredients. The attached larder was also nice for cheese lovers.



Baked eggs with sausage

Next stop was the Queen Victoria Markets. This was a massive hall that contained a variety of food stores. We walked past many deli's with their fantastic cold meats, antipasti and cheeses. The meat, poultry and seafood hall was interesting with a huge selection of cuts on offer. Our last stop was the fruit and vegetable area. Market stall operators calling out the specials added to the atmosphere. The choice of food for lunch was extensive - so stressful! We then made our way back to the airport for our departure flight a few kilos heavier than the day before.

I personally would like to thank the Food Technology students for their perfect behaviour during the two days in Melbourne. They were absolutely fantastic and I hope they enjoyed the trip as much as I had planning and supervising them. I would also like to thank Mrs Mateus and Mr Milne for attending and supervising this wonderful group of students.

Ms A Gianacas

Melbourne was one of the best things I have done in high school. It brought us all together as one family and the teachers were like our friends. We had so much fun. I will remember this experience forever.

Yusur

Melbourne excursion was a great experience – we went to a lot of restaurants and enjoyed every single meal. It was my best ever school trip.

Mohsin

I experienced lots of things but the most important one was the food from different cultures. The funniest part of the trip was taking selfies with the “stick”.

Da Bu

We have been on a wonderful excursion and can say that it was the best ever. We tasted a lot of different food cuisines. We became much closer to each other as well as our teachers. Our favourite time was when we did the “stick” – a selfie stick which contributed to saving some of our precious memories. There were some surprising differences – a train that is not underground – a tram, buildings and the architecture.

Jenny, Katie and Emily

The experience was unforgettable!

Elvina

Food Technology excursion to Melbourne was extremely fun and enjoyable. We got to experience the new taste of Italian pizzas and the restaurants were fantastic.

Mui Eh

Had a great time!

Judy

Dance Concert

On Thursday 28th August the Year 11 Dance class put on a lunch time dance concert. The Year 11 Dance class organised and auditioned all the performances before the day and promoted the performance by advertising it around the school. The performances were very polished and there was a large audience eager to watch on the day. Gold coin donations were collected to go towards a new sound system for the new performance studio. Congratulations to the Year 11 Dance class for making it such a success!!



Year 9 'Mathematics Is Fun' Excursion to Luna Park

On Friday, the 8th of August, Year 9 went out to apply their mathematical skills at Luna Park and completed a booklet. Students were then rewarded with unlimited access to the rides at Luna Park. Here are what some students had to say about the day:

"The Luna Park excursion was adrenalin-packed, educational and a nice day to bond with our fellow Year 9 peers. Not only were we having fun but we were applying maths in practical situations. We had the chance to overcome our fears from the many rides which included the 'Hair-raiser', 'The Tango Train' and 'The Mouse Trap'. Overall, it was a day to remember and enjoy the sites Sydney has to offer."

Rhianna & Julie, 9V

"We had so much fun. We did a booklet...after that, we went on some rides that were scary, some were fun and entertaining"

Abir, Iman & Bridget 9M3



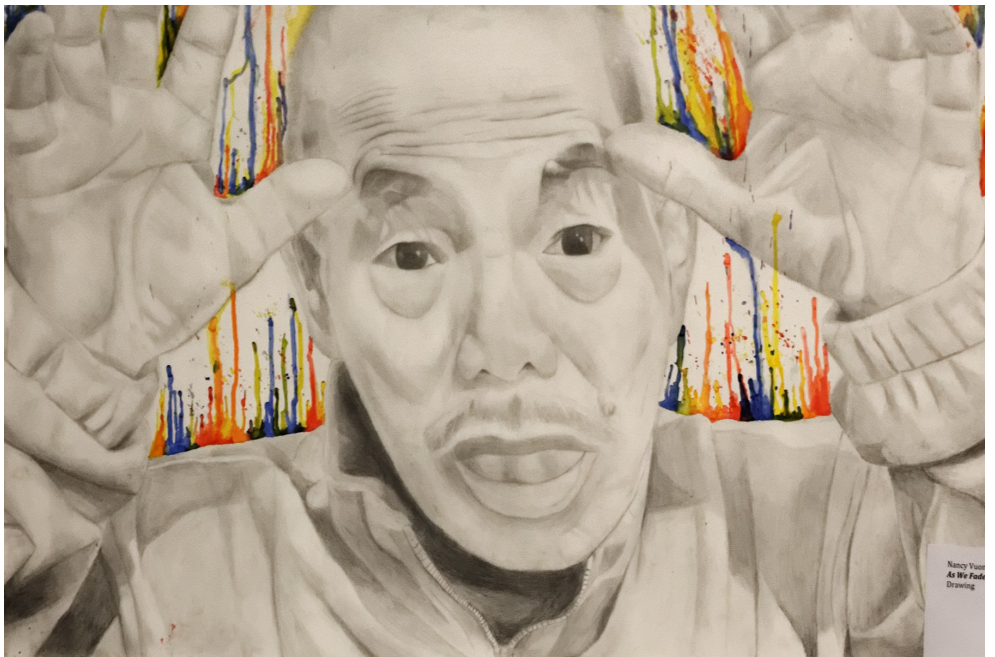
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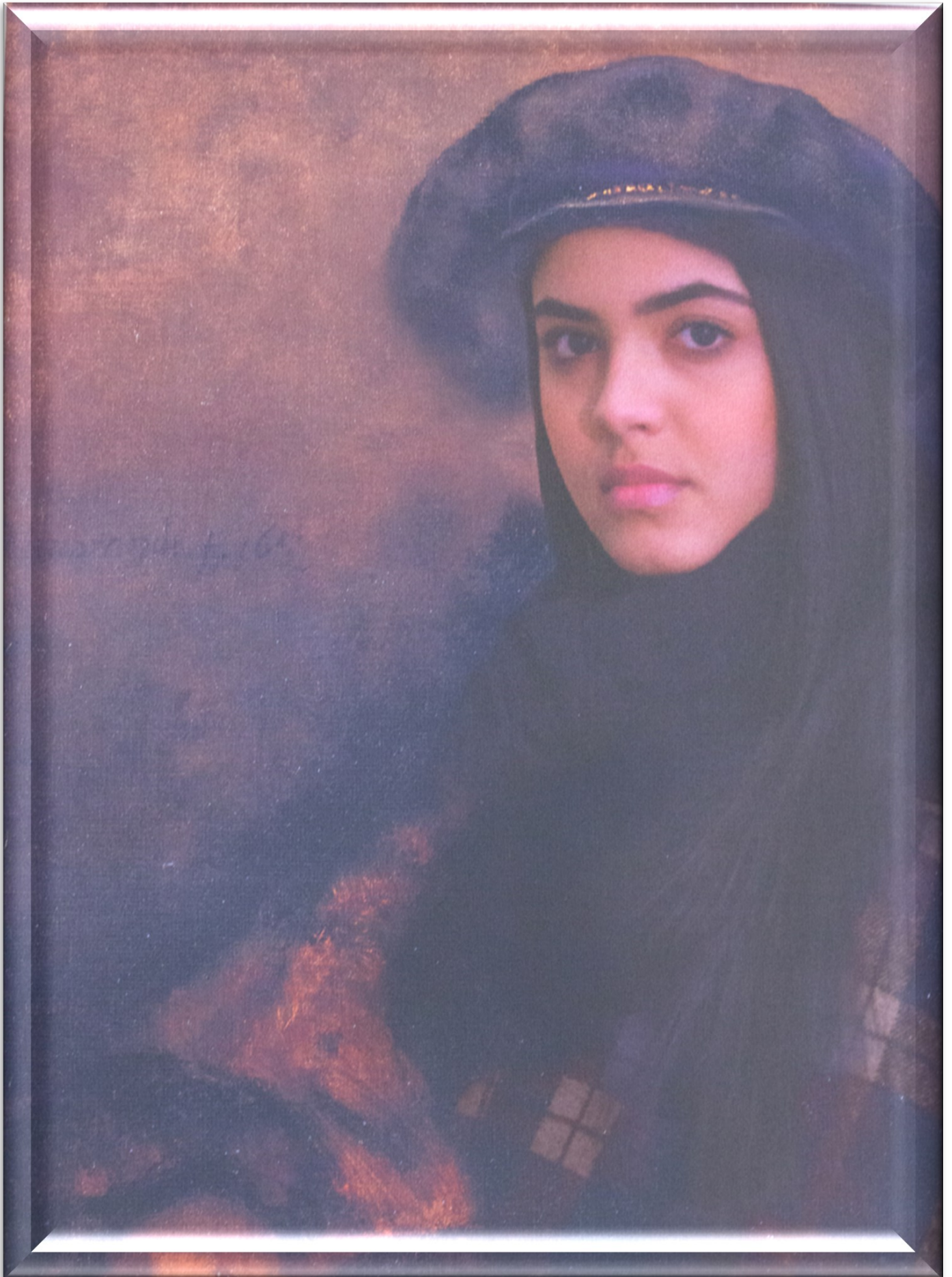
Year 12 Visual Arts Exhibition:

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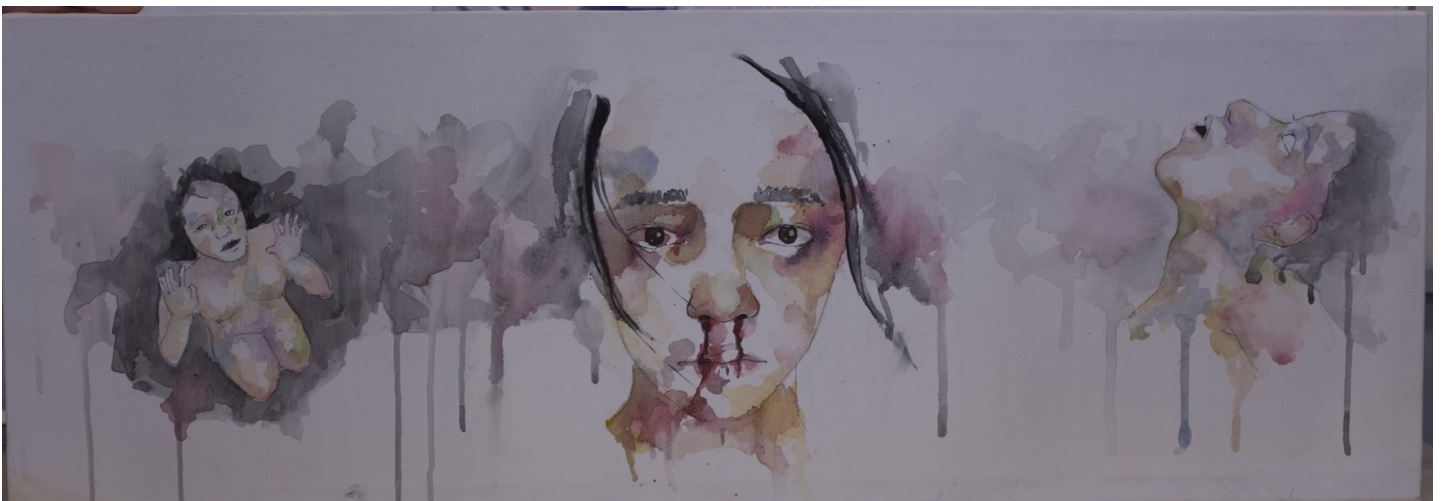
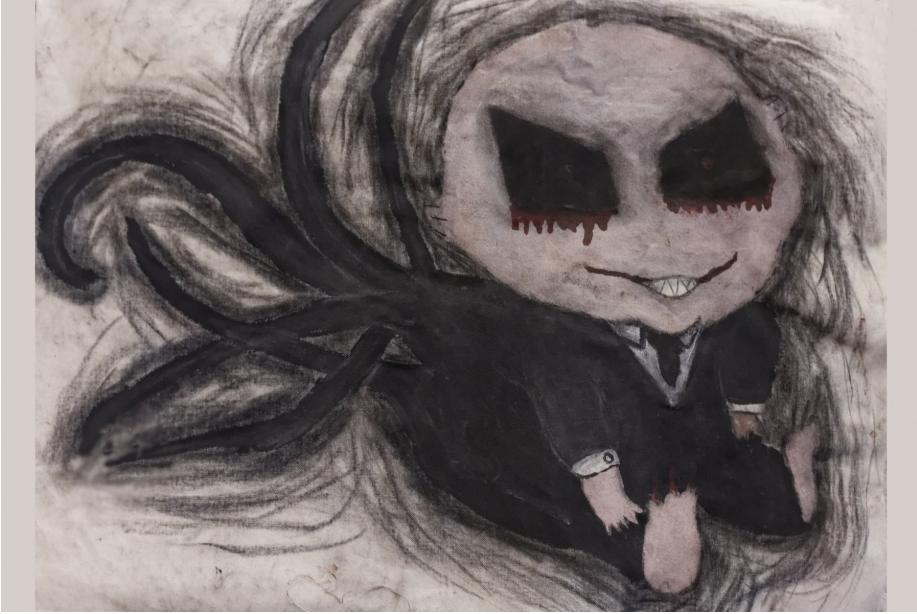


Students and staff swarmed to the art rooms to see the exhibition of Year 12 major artworks on Wednesday 27th August. Viewers were amazed by the paintings, sculptures, videos, photomedia and drawing works of our exceptionally talented students, some of whom already plan to follow creative paths in their future. Congratulations to our outstanding Visual Arts graduates; you have made your teachers very proud and truly impressed your peers.





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SRC DAY OUT



On the first of September, Ms Poon and Ms Mateaus took the SRC to Stanwell Tops Centre. There, everyone in the SRC participated in two main activities; the Giant Swing, and Go-Karting. We did the Giant Swing first, taking turns to pull each other up, and encouraging others to enjoy the challenge. This activity allowed for us to develop our teamwork and leadership skills, which we could use back at school.

The Giant Swing was an incredible experience. It was placed on the edge of the cliff and made the experience extremely challenging for many of us. Many of the school leaders, found the experience frightening, but by encouraging each other, we were able overcome the challenge of heights, and develop a stronger sense of teamwork as an SRC.

The second activity, Go-Karting, was really enjoyable as well. It involved the SRC splitting into groups of four, where we raced each other around a track. The activity involved everyone and allowed for us to further build our teamwork, strengthening



our leadership skills. Overall, the excursion was enjoyable. We used this opportunity to farewell the Year 12 leaders and developed our leadership skills. On behalf of the SRC body, I would like to thank both Ms Poon and Ms Mateaus for organising this special day for us and for taking us to this wonderful place.



Chester Hill High School

Calendar of Events - Term 3 - 2014



1A	Monday	14.7.14	* School Development Day
2B	Monday	21.7.14	* PARENT/TEACHER NIGHT Years 7-11 3.00pm - 7.00pm - Hall
	Friday	25.7.14	* High Achievers' Morning Tea - Years 11 & 12 (11.15am)
3A	Monday	28.7.14	* Year 12 – TRIAL HSC Examinations (all week)
	Tuesday	29.7.14	* Regional Athletics - Campbelltown Athletics Centre
	Wednesday	30.7.14	* Regional Athletics - Campbelltown Athletics Centre
	Friday	1.8.14	* High Achievers' Morning Tea (Yr 7/8 - 9.45am) (Yr 9/10 - 12.00pm)
4B	Monday	4.8.14	* Year 12 – Trial HSC Examinations continue to 8/8
			* VIETNAMESE PARENT MEETING - (6.30pm – 8.00pm)
	Wednesday	6.8.14	* Newsletter Distributed
	Friday	8.8.14	* Year 9 Mathematics Excursion
5A	Monday	11.8.14	* DECISION TIME (Yrs 8, 10, 11 Bridging Subject Selection) (Year 8 - 4.00pm-5.00pm) (Year 10 & 11 Bridging 5.30pm-6.45pm)
	Tuesday	12.8.14	* Year 10 Formal Interviews with parents - School Hall
	Wednesday	13.8.14	* Year Meetings
6B	Monday	18.8.14	* COMMUNITY FORUM MEETING (4.30pm)
	Tuesday	19.8.14	* PACIFIC COMMUNITY PARENT MEETING (10.00am - 12.00pm)
8B	Monday	1.9.14	* ARABIC PARENT MEETING (6.00pm - 7.30pm)
	Thursday	4.9.14	* Year Meetings
			* Newsletter Distributed
9A	Monday	8.9.14	* YEAR 11 PRELIMINARY EXAMS commence
			* COMMUNITY FORUM MEETING (4.30pm)
	Wednesday	10.9.14	* KAREN PARENT MEETING (6.30pm - 8.00pm)
			* Year 10 Work Experience - all week
10B	Monday	15.9.14	* YEAR 11 PRELIMINARY EXAMS continue to 19/9
			* Year 10 Work Experience - all week 15/9 to 19/9
	Wednesday	17.9.14	* YEAR 12 FAREWELL ASSEMBLY – Hall (10.00am – 11.00am) * Year 12 Formal (Evening)

Last Day Term 3 – Friday 19.9.14 First Day Term 4 – Tuesday 7.10.14

Please Note: Dates/Times correct at time of publication