

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

We have come to the end of another great term. Congratulations to all students who have worked hard at their studies over the term to achieve their goals and to the teachers who have supported them in achieving these goals.

Year 12 Graduation

The end of Term 3 is a particularly significant time for our Year



12 students. Course work and school-based assessments have been completed and the next few weeks leading up to the commencement of the HSC examination period on 17 October, is the time for revising the year's work and preparing for the exams. Every faculty has a plan to support their

students during the first few days of Term 4, prior to their HSC Examinations.

In the upcoming holiday period, encourage your child to use the time well, to study, but also encourage them to engage in other positive activities.

I wish all our Year 12 students well and every success in their endeavours beyond Chester Hill High School. It has been a pleasure to know them and to work with them in leading key initiatives across the school. I am confident they will make appropriate choices for themselves and their future. I also take the opportunity to thank all their teachers for their continuous mentoring and guidance and a special thanks goes out to **Mr Criniti** their Year Adviser.

Year 11 Examinations

Week 10 saw the end of Year 11 examinations. It is important that all students seek quality feedback from their teachers, as this is vital for engaging in thoughtful reflection of their recent achievements. This feedback will also assist the students in setting themselves up for success in their HSC year, which

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starts in Term 4. If you are able to, spend time with your child and help them reflect on their school performance, including their Year 11 Examinations, and talk to them about their plans over this next period. They need to find a good balance between their leisure time and their study time. There are excellent life lessons to be learned here. When they return, they should place particular emphasis on the continued importance of attendance and punctuality in all classes, uniform and compliance to our core school values. These are extremely important for building cohesiveness and positive environments.

New Staff Members

Here at Chester Hill High School a major focus has been to employ permanent staff members to ensure stability and consistency for our students. For the start of Term 4 we will warmly welcome the following permanent staff members to our school:

Mr Eric Lieu: Head Teacher Science

Ms Vivian Messimeris: Head Teacher Visual Arts

Ms Dona Nguyen: Science Teacher

Mr Jonathan Adams: PE Teacher

I wish you all a wonderful Spring Break

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IEC UPDATE

Term 3 has seen the IEC grow to 16 classes and a total of 212 students. Throughout the term, new students from Iraq, Sierra Leone, Turkey, Lebanon, Vietnam and China have filled the classrooms. To accommodate our growing numbers, two new demountables have been constructed.

This term at the IEC saw the revival of Music and Art. **Ms Downey, Mr Toms, Mr Ingram** and **Ms Kim** have been instrumental in the implementation of these KLA's. The students have been working on self portraits in art, focusing on the use of symbolism to create meaning. In music, students have been learning about time signatures and learning to play the ukulele.

Each term, different programs are run at the IEC to develop language proficiency, social skills and employment skills. This term students in Years 10 - 12 were selected to participate in the Creating Chances Coaching program. This program is engaging and provides students with skills and experiences that benefit them inside the classroom and out. Students learn about themselves through the facilitated workshops, setting goals, developing time management skills and improving communication skills. They pick up transferable skills from

the workshops that encourage leadership. The program culminates in coaching sessions with a local primary school. Sport is a medium well suited in an EAL/D context as lots of the learning is hands-on. Students who are usually shy about using their language have been very vocal and highly engaged in all activities. Thank you to Mr Ingram for co-ordinating the program this term.

On Thursday, 12 October, the IEC celebrated R U OK? **Ms Zhong** and **Mr Mani** prepared a presentation delivered at a special assembly dedicated to wellbeing and mental health. The speeches were translated into four different languages with the help of our SLSOs.

Many thanks,

Mr Ocampo



AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE ACADEMY EXCURSION

On Friday, 23 August, five Chester Hill High School boys ventured down to the Australian Defence Force Academy, Canberra. Over the two days they engaged with an Open Day on the military base where they learnt the career possibilities within the ADFA. During this Open Day they also completed a tour the base and had the opportunity to use a number of plane and helicopter flight simulators.



The group also endured a tough obstacle course which was extremely physically challenging. The boys made the most of the two day experience by asking a lot of questions and getting heavily involved in all activities.

Mr J Bullen

SYDNEY JEWISH MUSEUM EXCURSION

On Wednesday, 18 September, the Year 12 Modern History class went to the Sydney Jewish Museum. We were privileged to be able to have a conversation with a Jewish man who shared his story of survival in the Holocaust and his experience as a prisoner in Auschwitz. After this, we were given a tour of the Jewish Museum, where we saw various artefacts from the time of World War 2 in Europe. It was an experience that left a huge impact on us.

Ms Lowe



DEGREES AT WORK

On Thursday 29 August, 20 lucky Year 10 students visited PayPal Head Office in the city. This experience is called Degrees At Work, which gave students the opportunity to meet staff members from PayPal and learn about their career path which lead them to that company.

They learnt about the various roles within a large business and that there is no single path, with all employees having a different story.



Students become aware of the wider choices for employment a university education can bring. They now understand the connection between subjects at school, further study and career prospects, and have gained a new perspectives on career pathways.

Mr J Bullen



RUN BEYOND UPDATE

The students involved in The Run Beyond Project have been continuing to develop their goal-setting, commitment and resilience capabilities as they work through the program each week.



The students are conquering ever-increasing distances and finding new levels of confidence as they work towards their goal events at the Central Coast Half Marathon and 10km festival on 24 November.

What is perhaps most impressive, however, is the developing camaraderie that is seeing students not only focus on their own goals, but supporting and encouraging their peers at the same time.



Mr Criniti



HEALTHY LIVING

Congratulations to **Dunya Deeb** and **Kaitlin Williamson** on successfully completing their Certificate III in Health Services Assistance, delivered by NSW Health. Dunya attended Bankstown Hospital and Kaitlin attended Liverpool Hospital on a weekly basis over the course of both Year 11 and 12, along with work placements in the school holidays. With very good attendance records and with visions for careers in this field, both students managed their time and responsibilities in order to achieve their positive outcomes.

The demands of this course are very challenging and confronting, both students are to be commended for their dedication and efforts. **Mrs Lai** and myself felt very privileged to attend the graduation on 2 September with Dunya and Kaitlin and their very proud families.

Mrs Patrizi

Careers Adviser



SANOFI WORK INSPIRATION

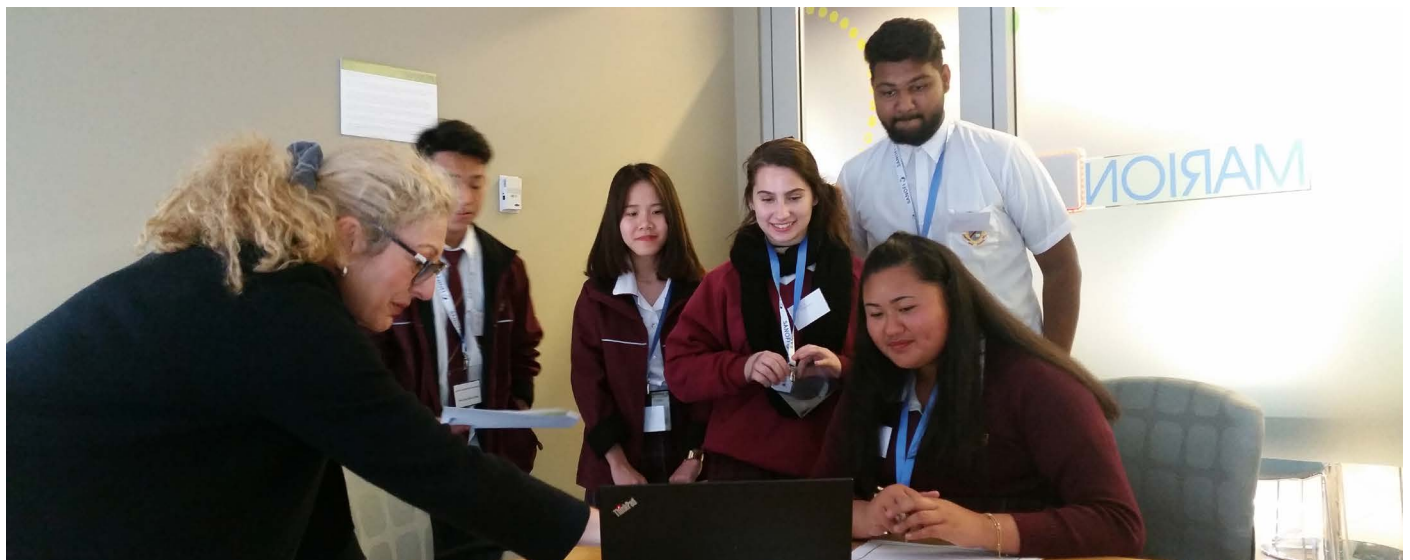
In partnership with The Smith Family we attended the SANOFI Work Inspiration Program at Macquarie Park over the course of two days - 15 and 16 August. Twenty Year 10 and 11 students learnt about the various roles linked to this industry and some of the activities in the day to day operations of the company.

We thank the friendly staff who took time out of their busy schedules to talk to students and give us a guided tour. It was a very profitable experience for all students and staff involved.

Our gratitude to The Smith Family for this opportunity.

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