

2018
YEAR 12 Issue



GREYSTANES HIGH SCHOOL

Mercury

Dear Year 12,

Good afternoon Year 12 and welcome to your graduation. This is a time for celebration and reflection as you bring to an end 13 years of education, half of which for many of you was spent at Greystanes High School.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends of Year 12 along with the teaching and support staff of Greystanes High School. I am delighted that you are here this afternoon and join with us in celebrating the graduation of Year 12.

In a few short hours your time at Greystanes will come to an end, but you leave behind an indelible mark on the history of the school. Your contributions have been diverse, strong and with much character. So just think about which of these you might have been involved in. Playing grade sport and representing the school in knockout teams, using your talents to ensure Greystanes has been the champion school in regional athletics, swimming and cross country; building projects including the deck, garage and mini golf greens. Or were you part of the SRC, a Peer leader, a House Captain, Student Voices, a library monitor or peer mediator? Some of you have performed at Night of Stars, Drama Night and Music Night. Others of you have done a magnificent job preparing and serving food at school functions, whilst others have ensured the lighting and sound at our events has been first rate. Some of you have focused on academic excellence and accepting the many learning challenges and opportunities that have been presented. I think each and everyone of you in your own way, both big and small have contributed to the rich fabric of school life at Greystanes. And as you pass the baton to the next generation, I thank you for this. You leave a valuable legacy for those that will follow.

In watching you grow into the fine young men and women I see before me today, I am quietly impressed by the qualities you take with you. I have seen the care and compassion that you have shown to each other and those around you. I have seen the absolute effort some of you have made to punch above your weight and achieve at your absolute best. I have seen many of you look around and step up to those responsibilities that come with being a member of your family, being a friend, being part of a sporting team and being part of Greystanes High School. Dare I say for the very last time that you live the values of Respect, Responsibility and Active Learning. These are the values that will hold you in good stead not just for now, but throughout life.

The one final hurdle you have before you is the HSC. I know that you will strive to achieve your personal best and achieve the goal that you have set for yourself. I look forward to you continuing to work with your teachers in the following weeks



and to your attendance at the workshops that are being run on the first Tuesday and Thursday of the holidays. In saying this though, it is important to remember that the HSC results and the ATAR are not the measure of your worth as a person. Your family, friends and teachers will still love and respect you whatever the results. Go forward being proud of yourself, your individuality and your achievements.

As a Year Group I have enjoyed your individuality and your character. Without a doubt there are things I am going to miss. There is Ziv who has tried to convince me that I should employ him as the school photographer and that the rate of \$300 per pic is an absolute bargain. I will miss the lose unit Chester, who one minute is out with the boys building a deck and the next is bouncing around on stage in a dramatic production. Watch out for him on Home Away next year. The other man of contrast is Josh, who can serve a triple shot latte with the mandatory love heart in the froth and is an absolute legend on the footy field.

Throughout the past year, I have worked closely with the school Captains and Vice Captains. They have served as an impressive leadership team and I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the great work of Alyssa, Cameron, Teannie and Reich,. They have been outstanding role models and great ambassadors for our school. Each of our captains have worked with dignity and respect, serving to further improve our school community.

Working toward the HSC is a partnership and at this point I would like to thank a number of people. Year 12 can I ask you to stand.

Turn and face your family. It is their support encouragement, patience and love that has played a critical role in getting you this far. I know from experience that the HSC presents challenges not only for the student but the family they live with as well. Give them a big round of applause. Stay standing for me.

All around the hall are your teachers. Can I ask you to face in their direction? I know I say this every year and this year is no exception. I am inspired by the teachers I work with. Their commitment, their passion, their creativity and the care they bring to the classroom and afford you as students. It is this incredible team of teachers that have ensured Greystanes High School offers an educational experience equal to any catholic, independent or selective high school. This is a team of which I am very proud. I do work with some of the best teachers in NSW – without a doubt.

I would also at this time like to pay thanks to Ms Lawton who as the supervising Deputy Principal of Year 12, has done a fantastic job, in supporting, motivating, pushing, coaxing each of you to achieve your very best. Like a shepherd, she has always been close at hand and shared the joy laughter and tears along the way. A big round of applause. Stay standing for me and face the front.

Finally, I would ask Mr Matas to come forward. Mr Brown set the bar very high when he was your Year Adviser and Ms Matas continued that same philosophy when she took over in Year 9. I don't think you could find a more dedicated Year Adviser. The consummate professional, Ms Matas makes sure that things get done. And with this her qualities of being hardworking, funny, committed, patient and caring always shine through. Without doubt Ms Matas has strived to be there for you, encourage and nurture you, to go in to bat for you. She is someone that makes a difference. In the last few weeks particularly, she has invested a huge amount of time in seeing to all of those things required by Year 12, graduation, formal, reports, academic review, special provisions. An exceptional achievement in anyone's language. Let's give her a big round of applause.

Year 12, I hope as you walk down the school path to the gate one last time, that you take with you those skills, experiences and attitudes that will hold you in good stead throughout your life. That you also take with you good memories that you will share with your children and your children's children. I leave you with the words of Steve Jobs 'Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't let the noise of others' opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most importantly, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition.'

All the best.

Grant Sparke

A note from your Deputy.....

To the Graduating Class of 2018,

Congratulations Year 12 on all you have achieved to reach this point. For some of you it was a breeze, for others you had to face both personal and school challenges. But you have made it!!!!

You are about to journey into uncharted territory, away from the safety blanket of GHS. For some this will involve life at university or TAFE, for others it may be full time work or travel. Whichever pathway you follow you are now in control of what lies ahead. I hope each of you realise you have different skills and traits to achieve success in your lives whatever that may be.

I have been fortunate enough to have been involved in your education since you arrived in Year 7. It has been interesting and rewarding to see each one of you grow from children into young adults. I have taught a number of you and I always enjoyed my time in the classroom with you. I also enjoyed those who would come in for the casual chat or letting me know how they were going. I will miss that from many of you.

As you are all aware there has been an emphasis on academic achievement at our school. The reason being we believe your best HSC result will open many doors for you in the future. Your teachers and I would like to wish you success, health and happiness in the future. Over the coming weeks, months and years please remember to be safe and watch out for the safety of others. Your health is your most vital asset.

Greystanes High School has provided each of you with memories that will remain with you for the rest of your lives. I hope your fondness for the school and the friendships you have made will be with you for a long, long time.

Good luck and best wishes in the journey ahead.

Ms Wendy Lawton



From Your Year Advisor...

It's a sad state of affairs growing up. It reminds me of that Joe Cocker song from the Wonder Years. Do you know it? A slow church organ builds intensity before a brilliant opening guitar riff erupts forth plunging us into the grips of despair and then a high pitch wailing draws out much angst before again the music plummets into the soothing thrum of a lone guitar string. Music as a masterpiece.

As the sounds clear, we are confronted by an opening question... 'What would you do if I sang out of tune... would you stand up and walk out on me?'. Now as an English teacher, please analyse and dissect this line. Discoveries encompass... ERRRK- okay, okay, no more, I promise. But it is an interesting question because it expresses a fundamental and extremely dark fear we all will experience. A fear must face. It is the fear of exposing ourselves to the world.

"But what if I do I strike the wrong note? What will others think when they see I am not perfect? That I am flawed."

Get ready for it Year 12. The truth is you are not perfect. You never will be. You are flawed and defective and largely imperfect. Ripe idiocrasies and peccadillos are juicy bits that make us flavoursome and the sooner you learn this, the better. But alas, fear not. Joe Cocker gives us the simple remedy. 'I'll get by with a little help from my friends'. Just a 'little help'. A little nudge. A little kind word. A little reminder to be on time. A little suggestion to complete your work. To revise your notes. Perhaps your parents or your teachers are more than just those who tell you what to do. Perhaps today is about appreciating those relationships that have served to 'get you by'.

Mr Brown helped you to 'get by' in the past. I help you now to 'get by' in your present. The future, well that's all about the friendships you make. So choose wisely.

Love always,

Mumma Matas



Blurred Lines for Year 12, 2018

Everybody get up
Hey, hey, hey (x3)

When you started here, it was Brownie's way
And can you believe, you're about to graduate?
Maybe you'll go to uni?
Maybe you'll get a job?
Maybe you'll sit on your, hind?
(Everybody get up)

OK now Lawto ruled, and maybe Sparkey too
You had to study hard, and try to pass your classes
Learning that formula
Hey, hey, hey
You don't wear no black socks
Hey, hey, hey
Senior school is over

And that's why I'm gon' take you all through
I know you want it (x3)

You're the best year
I know it was torture,
But you finally got past it.
Time to do all the fun stuff

So choose it wisely
I know you want it (x3)

But you're the best year
No more probation
Forget the syllabus
Go ahead, have some fun
Everybody get up

What they make exams for
When you're surely done now!

What do we need pens for?
You the smartest kids in this place!

I feel so lucky
Hey, hey, hey
As your Year Advisor
Hey, hey, hey
Be safe and use your brains

Hey, hey, hey

OK now it's time to GO, no standing in your way!
You're all exceptional, go and live out your future

Just let me say once more
Hey, hey, hey
You don't need no papers
Hey, hey, hey
HSC is not your marker
Hey, hey, hey

And now it's time to have a new start
I know you want it (x3)

You're the best year
I'll never forget you
You're in my heart now
I'll always remember
Everybody in here!

Lots of Love,

Mumma Matas

YEAR 12 STUDENT RECOGNITION – 2018

Congratulations to the following students who have been acknowledged for their outstanding performance and effort during 2018. These awards were presented at their house group assembly in the hall or Rose Breakfast in the Library.



Bradman

Kevin Abood

Alyssa-Lee Harris

David Heys

Chelsea Kumala

Akshayan Puvichandran

Ebonie Williams

Nabil Yaghi



Gilmore

Kristen Abalos

Cameron Cole

Samantha Grinyer

Teannie Makdessi

Shivani Narayan

Abbey Sheather

Millijoy Villanueva

Noah Vinod



Monash

Jacquelyn Davie



Parkes

Bhaskar Chamarthy

Todd Cummings

Rebekah Deeth

Harriet Goodfellow

Joshua Haworth

Rachel Salvaggio



Greystanes High School

Year Advisor: Mrs Hayley Matas

Deputy Principal: Mr Mark Green

School Captains 2018

L to R: Teannie Makedessi, Reich Mose, Alyssa-Lee Harris, Cameron Cole



Bradman



Gilmore



Monash



Parkes

English - EALD - Mr Brown

Wow. Where did this year go?

I am proud that I had a small part to play in the development of 4 amazing students. Each of you are going to do amazing things. Believe it, because I certainly do.

Reich or shall I say, Harvey Specter. I love when you stand up for your convictions. Moments where you stared down all 6 foot 4 inches of me with heartfelt integrity, laying it all out in a staunch manner. It was very Harvey Specter, until you admitted that you didn't do the homework.

Ishan, the man who'd get away with murder. The polite, well-mannered, softly spoken boy. But I know your secret. Remember when you told me that you got away with knocking out another student? Why? Because no one would ever think it was Ishan. The secrets out now!

Millijoy. I really loved it when we came to a creative task because it meant that I would read something amazing. That one, beautifully discursive article about learning being something that must be intrinsic and not about satisfying everyone else's desires, especially the strict expectations of traditional Asian parents. It was raw and it was heartfelt.

Noah, the kid who carried a 300 kg school bag on a 3 km walk to school every single day since he started in Year 7. The kid who only had eyes for Harvard. The kid who developed a program (in his spare time) to elect the next captain. The kid who, in my humble opinion will become The Man. (move over Mundine).

All humour aside, I sincerely hope that your future is as bright as your present. I'll leave you now with a quote from Benjamin Franklin-

'Keep your eyes on the stars but your feet on the ground.'

Mr Brown



English Standard—Ms Hoogewerf

So this is it Year 12. All that whinging has paid off. School is over. (Look on the bright side. No more HSC English). If there ever was a cliché ... its this ! Its time to take your place in the big, wide world out there. I could say that things will get easier from now on but I have never sugar-coated anything for you.

But there is absolutely no reason why you can't ace it. How do I know this??? The new grey hairs on my head tell me that. One is even called HSC Standard English. And I know where to look for my sanity ...under the chairs. Here's a thesis for all of you (– after 13 years you may well and truly be over school but I am sure you wouldn't want your memories to be regrets so) push yourself a little harder and read that text once (again...) And don't take Excel Guide's interpretation of it

Success is 99% hardwork 1% brains ... you are already successful..... and remember the real world is visible the minute you take your eyes off of your phone (Earth to Y 12) Its not as confusing as you might think. Don't give up and don't give in. As I am a great believer of Eastern wisdom (though I haven't quite mastered the Zen of being completely still while my brain ran at 100 km per hour like some of you) here is a pearl...

Knock Knock!

Who's there?

Zeke.

Zeke who?

Zeke and you shall find

Good Luck. Be Successful. Be Happy. And Most Of All – Be Kind To Yourself So You Can Be Kind To Others.

Ms Hoogewerf

English



English Studies - Mr Dolz

Year 12,

Congratulations on completing thirteen long years of study. I can honestly say that over the past two years you have exceeded my expectations time and time again. You have consistently been a pleasure to both teach and learn from.

Over the past two years I am proud to say that we have forged a number of memories that will definitely last a lifetime. I would like to take this opportunity to reminisce about a few moments I will never forget.

- Being greeted by the boys with a handshake every single lesson.
- Brayden presenting an interpretive dance for his Zimbabwe Travel Presentation.
- Liam and Ethan beginning most answers with 'Yeah, nah, yeah'.
- Aimee beginning every question with 'Oi Sir'.
- Having my birthday celebrated at least once per week.

My advice to you is to approach life's challenges with same enthusiasm you have brought to my classroom for the past two years.

Lastly, a special message to my OG's (you know who you are), I am extremely proud of each one of you for your perseverance and work ethic.

Mr Dolz



English Standard—Ms Youhanna

It has been such a rollercoaster of a journey with you. I knew from the start that you would be a special group, but of course, I could never let you know about that. You were all still so green and had no idea of the challenges you were going to face in your final years of schooling. As a group, you grew stronger and as individuals you gained clarity of your way (both for the HSC and as individuals). Now, almost two years later, you have grown into able, confident and caring young adults who I can now admit to saying that, I was **always** proud of.

Lord Tennyson (a poet you do NOT need to know for your HSC) said, "I am a part of all that I have met." I hope this quote brings you comfort and happiness as you move on in life, knowing that even though a new chapter awaits, this one will always be with you.

I wish you all the best of luck with your future and hope that life is everything you want it to be. I love my class. Best Year 12 class evaaa!

Yours Truly,
Miss Youhanna



English Standard—Ms MackKay

Congratulations on finishing high school! The past 13 years have seen you grow through childhood and adolescence and into the early years of your adult life. Remember that HSC is not the end, but instead it is the beginning of a fulfilling, challenging and rewarding life that YOU get to take control of.

During our time together, we have welcomed a number of new faces into our little 'English fam', and we have waved off a few faces as they moved on. Through all the changes, challenges and cheerful moments have formed a wonderful bank of memories which I am sure will stay with each of us in our futures. Part of the fun of this Mercury article though is being able to publicly reflect on some of these!

The countless limericks and short poems written on scrap paper for display on the bookshelf
The never failing murmur of 'very nice' from Samim whenever someone said the word 'discovery'
Entering the classroom to music (almost) every lesson and listening to Tiana belt out 'Footloose'
like it was no one's business!

That time Kristen looked after Severus for 4 weeks

As you TRANSITION into this next phase of life, may you enjoy the process of DISCOVERY you are about to undertake. I know you will all find success in your endeavours, and remember that even though your impact may not be DISTINCTIVELY VISUAL to everyone's eyes, it will be seen by those who you work most CLOSELY with.

Just like our protagonists, be determined like Lola, resilient like Tom, accepting like Gwen (eventually), and brave enough to speak your mind like Owen.

For the last time,

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English



Extension English 1 & 2—Ms Badman

Dear Cameron, Ebonie & Leanne,

Working with you has been a genuinely satisfying challenge. Teaching Extension is honestly one of my favourite parts of my job. We have spent countless hours in each other's company laughing and eating and hopefully learning. We have shared so many memories that I will treasure throughout my career. Here are just a few of the Mercury appropriate ones.

- Watching you perform the Murder Mystery script while I served you mocktails and canapés
- Our excursion to the Power House Museum and then dinner at Pancakes on the Rocks
- Taking you to an abandoned building on a 40 degree day in search of my old uni library
- All of the abbreviations for our texts and the weird names of files in our shared drive
- All of the contextually relevant nickname changes in our group chat
- Watching you develop your ideas into articulate pieces of imaginative and analytical work

And of course I'd be remiss not to mention our fallen comrade, Alyssa, and our regular special guests - the ever quiet Jack and the never quiet Todd. Thanks for being part of the memories guys.

I will not miss the way my phone blows up in the days and late nights and early mornings before an assessment task is due, but I will miss the feeling of being needed, whether it's for a last minute edit of your fourth draft or a late night pep talk to reassure you that you know your stuff and you got this.

Thank you for allowing me to be just a smart part of your high school experience. You will be missed.

Best wishes, Miss Badman

English Advanced—Ms Badman

Teaching you has been a ~~pleasure~~ fun okay, at times, in small doses. As I am sure you know by now, I have never been one to sugar coat things. We've had our struggles, there's been some personality clashes and some loud eye rolling, but there's also been a lot of laughs. Sadly, I won't remember all of the stupid things we've said and done, but I will remember how it felt. And to me, it felt a bit like an extended family. Some of you I will enjoy following your lives on Facebook, others I will ignore your friend requests, and some I will actively avoid if I ever see you in public. All jokes aside, it's time to be serious.

The HSC is the culmination of thirteen long years of schooling so please don't waste these next few weeks. Take time off work, away from your busy social calendar, and focus all of your energy on giving yourselves the best opportunity to succeed. Re-read your texts, watch YouTube tutorials and practice some timed responses. Go into these final exams knowing you gave it your all. No regrets.

That said, please keep in mind your best is the only benchmark by which you should measure your success and, whilst the HSC should be super important right now, it is just one way to skin a cat. On that note, it's time to pass on some valuable life lessons.

- 1 - Our experiences can only shape us if we allow them to.
- 2 - Comparison leads to greater understanding.
- 3 - Procrastination only exacerbates existential crises.
- 4 - Don't be a sheep.

Best wishes, Miss Badman



Chemistry—Ms Pillay

It has been a pleasure teaching all of you. I am *not* going to miss chasing up homework but I will miss all the jokes, trying to get others into trouble, and trying to avoid doing experiments! I know you are going to miss my lectures to you!!! Hopefully, you will take some fond memories with you as I will. A new door is opening and you are stepping into a different world. It is going to be a great adventure. Respect life, enjoy life and I wish you all the best for the future.

CHEMISTRY CLASS 2018

*Alec, Hitesh, Ishan,
Jacquelyn, Henry, Re-
baz, Jarrod, George,
Chelsea, Shivani,
Akshayan, Dhruvik,
Manthan,
Lathukshan, Millijoy*

“Education is the key to unlocking the world, a passport to freedom.” - Oprah Winfrey

All the best, Ms K Pillay

Science



Senior Science—Ms Naiker

My dear Year 12 Senior Science students, despite some hard tasks and challenges that you have encountered in the course of your studies at Greystanes High School, at the end of it all, you completed this part of journey with great achievements and beautiful memories. Being tough with you at times does not mean that we hate you, but to prepare you for a greater challenge ahead, and to nurture you to build a strong foundation for your next level. Under our guidance, you have attained this impressive milestone in your life with great honor and integrity.



Science

“Believe in yourself and all that you are.

Know that there is something inside you that is greater than any obstacle.”

— Christian D. Larson

“If you can’t fly then run, if you can’t run then walk, if you can’t walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward.” — Martin Luther King Jr.

“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.” —

Eleanor Roosevelt



Whenever you feel sad, just remember that there are trillions of cells in your body and all they care about is YOU!!!

Goodluck and Best Wishes

Ms Naiker

Biology—Ms Lawton

Wishing all my students a happy and healthy future and all the best in your upcoming HSC. You may have kept me young at heart but my hairdresser thanks you for keeping them in business to hide the grey hairs I have accumulated over the last two years!!!!

On a more serious note - good luck with all life's adventures which will be full of challenges and successes. I believe your education at GHS and your time studying Bio will assist you in the future. I hope you all of you receive the results you deserve.

Love and best wishes Ms L

Science



Biology—Ms Lam

Congratulations on making it through high school- and more importantly, Biology. It has been an awesome two years. During our time together I have seen you grow as individuals and I hope all that what you have learnt in Biology will help you in years to come. Im sure that my diagrams will be a key part of that.

As I sit here typing away on the keyboard there are a few things that come to mind:

Anna, I will miss marking your detailed and well set out summaries.

Chloe, you need to have more confidence in yourself and the answers you give.

Freya, you started off so motivated- you just need to focus for another few months. You can do it!

Henry, (or Dr Fu..) I always have to focus extra hard when reading your handwriting and even then I cannot work out what you're trying to write.

Jack, our quiet achiever who always does well when it counts.

Jarrold, I am so proud that you came every Wednesday just for Biology! You proved me wrong.

Josh, you will always be the OG Star

Mikhaila, my group chat poster and encourager when people don't want to come to study sessions. I will miss looking across the table at your meticulously neat work.

Nathan, organised and ready to go at every study session!

Rachel, one of the most conscientious students I have ever taught.

Ryan, you are the one who always has the answers when asked verbally but never when asked to write them in an exam.

Ziv it took you a whole year but you finally worked out how to read the homework question sheet. And no- your deficient cones still cannot be blamed.

I will miss our Biology class that is so full of personality. Try your hardest in the HSC and I wish you every success in your various adventures in life after school.



Physics—Ms Zajkowska

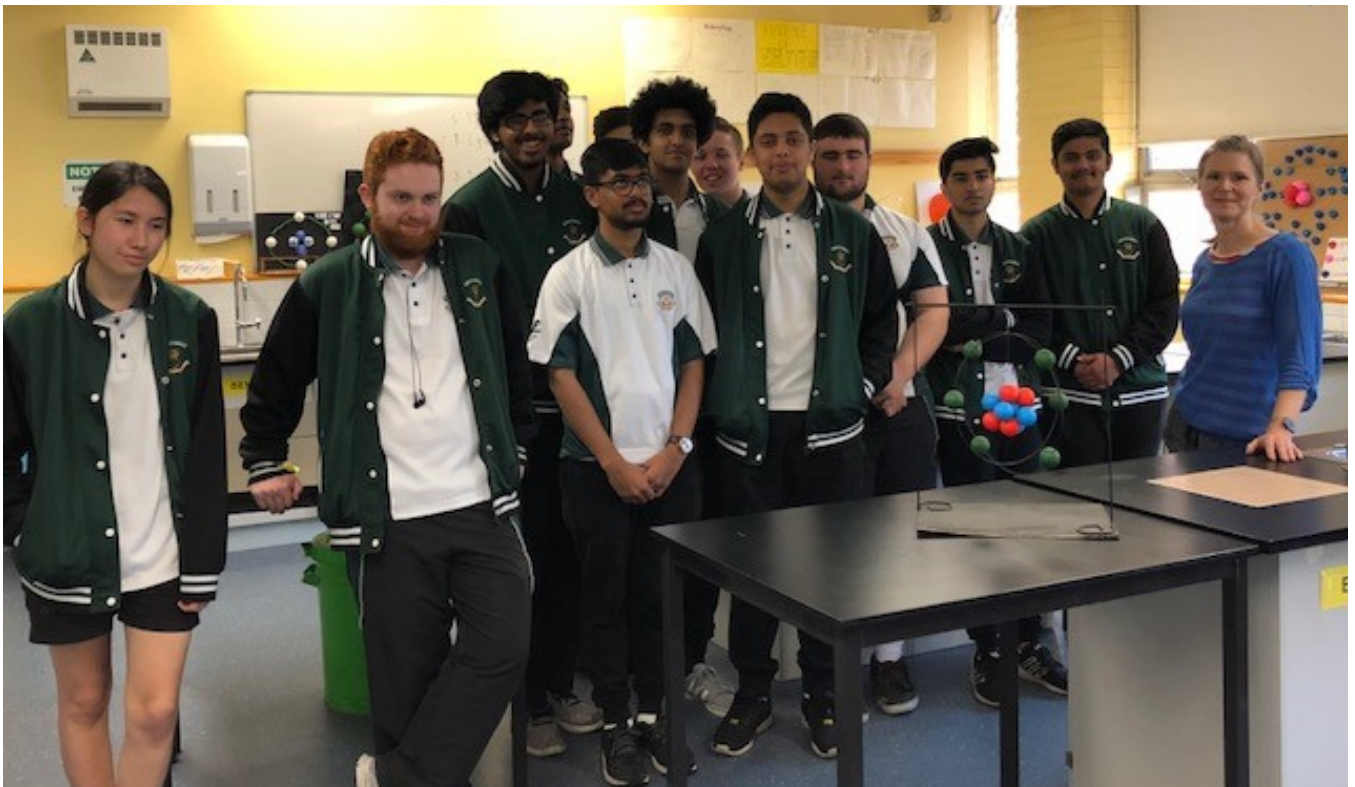
Seeing some of my Physics class through from year 7 at Greystanes High School to their final year here has been quite an experience. Pleasantly memorable at times but occasionally Bohring. From the start of the year 12 course there was also a little torque but some would argue that torque in a physics class is not a bad thing.

To see you on your way here are a couple inspiring quotes:

“Try not to become a man (or woman) of success, but rather try to become a man (or woman) of value.”; Albert Einstein
and

“What did the EMRs say to each other? Nothing. They just waved.” (my own quote, inspired by Physics students)

Best of luck for your exams and into the future and “may the force be with you”, Ms. J S Zajkowska



Mathematics General 1—Ms Drakos

To My Year 12 General Mathematics class of 2018,

It has been an absolute pleasure having you in my class for the past two years. I enjoyed teaching you, and we had some interesting times and great conversations together. You were a great bunch of Year 12.

I wish you all the best for your future and especially for the next chapter of your life. Good luck and remember to persevere with whatever you choose to do and enjoy every moment of it. Take care and I will miss you.

Ms Drakos



Maths

Mathematics General 2—Mr Job

Congratulations to all of you for persevering with 2 years of hard work - at times a struggle, but always with a bit of fun. Keep challenging yourself, keep learning and seek joy in whatever you do next.

To Gabe, Travis, Sandro, Samuel, Kelsie, Harriet, Samantha, Alias, Vefa, Mikhaila, Nathan, Shivani, Tino, Matthew, Aimee, Tiana, Hailey and Veronica, I wish you all the best.

Mr S Job

Maths



Year 12 Mathematics and Mathematics Extension 1—Mr Harris

Well it has been a great 2 years with you all. I have enjoyed teaching you, when I was able to get a word in. With Josh's quick comments showing up any and all of the groups little mistakes and the boys playing practical jokes on each other.

And who can forget training some of our quick thinkers the 30 second rule of responding, so that everyone had a chance to think and to wait for me to complete the point I was making.

Well, all the best in you HSC and life after the HSC. Let me know what you get up to, educationally that is.

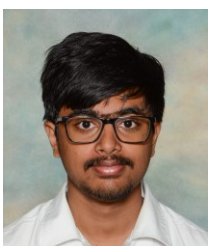
Warmest regards

Alex Harris



Mathematics Extension 2—Mr Tran

Noah, we're finally at the end of your high school journey. I've had the privilege of being your teacher only twice. Once in year 8 and once now. Over the years I have seen you develop and nurture your insatiable curiosity and thirst for knowledge. All those recesses and lunches that you've stood patiently at my door waiting to ask more questions and to learn and delve into further concepts has been a pleasure and a lot of fun. This continual passage has accumulated in your progress and prowess in Extension 2 Mathematics and beyond. Your next phase is beginning now. I am excited for what the future holds for you and can't wait to see what you do! Go for it Noah!

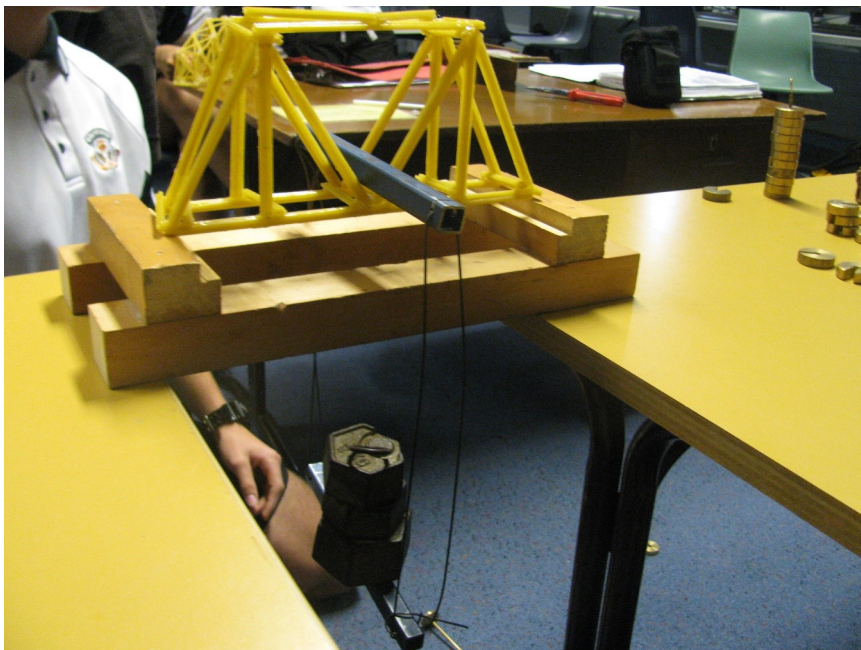


Engineering Studies—Mr Robinson

The Engineering Studies class has been together for 2 years now.

- Civil structures
- Personal and public transport
- Aeronautical engineering

Studying Civil structures, students designed and constructed their own pasta bridge and tested its strength by breaking them under loads.



The class also went on a 'Bridges of Sydney' field study excursion where we visited and analysed several iconic bridges along Parramatta River and Sydney Harbour.

I would like to wish every one of the students in this class all the best as they cross the BRIDGE from High School to BUILD a future, maybe related to Engineering.

Best of luck

Mr Robinson

Kristen Abalos	Alec Barton	Samir Bubimlic
Bhaskar Charmarthy	Jacquelyn Davie	Rebaz GoranAlia Hakimi
George Harvey	David Heys	Ishan Iyer Akshayan Puvichandran
Lathuksan Subakaran	Dhruvik Thakar	



VET Construction - Mr Parnis

The Construction class of 2018 was the fourth group of students to complete the course at Greystanes High.

The class included:

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| Kevin Abood | Brendan Neich |
| Gabe Alalakin | Kodie Ninness |
| Sean Brazier | Ethan Sweetman |
| Sam Burnett | Zac Tester |

Students developed a number of Construction skills completing projects such as a carpentry tool kit, new Basketball Backboards for the school, concreting projects including the next 2 holes of the school Putt-Putt course and the School Deck as you enter D Block.

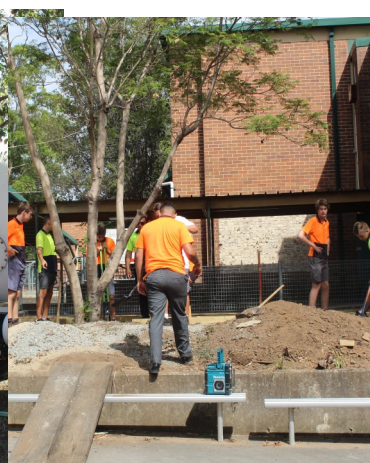
2 weeks work experience gave them hands on experience at what it is like to work in the construction industry. Students worked on large commercial building sites, home renovations and small factory settings.

The class all finish up with their Certificate II in Construction Pathways giving them a step ahead into the Construction Industry.

Good luck for the future and best wishes for a successful career in the Construction Industry.



TAS





Information Processes and Technology—Mr Zarkovic

In Year 12 students have enjoyed developing their own Projects; creating an individual information system on a topic of their choice and investigating emerging technologies like :Virtual Reality, Sphero, Coding etc.

Other topics studied in Year 12 were: Project Management, Information systems and Databases, Communications Systems, Multimedia and Transaction processing Systems.

Time has gone by so fast... we grew to know each other's strengths and weaknesses, sense of humour, sore points. Two years ago, I may have struggled, rather shamefully, to remember their names; now I feel I'll never forget them. I hope I've enriched their lives a little; they've certainly enriched mine.

Good luck to everyone and I hope you all achieve your best!

Mr Zarkovic



TAS

Food Technology—Ms Malhotra

It was a great opportunity and a challenge to teach Year 12 this year. Their organisational skills in the practical lessons were impressive. We have budding Masterchefs, Food Technologists and Nutritionists. We have had quite a few funny moments and situations in our classroom on various occasions, especially when..... too many to count!!

I wish you good health and best of luck for your Higher School Certificate Examination. May your dreams come true. I hope you have a successful career ahead and a bright future.

Congratulations on finishing High School!

BON VOYAGE.....

Best Wishes

P. Malhotra



Hospitality—Ms Kelly

This is my invariable advice to people: Learn how to cook- try new recipes, learn from your mistakes, be fearless, and above all have fun!” — Julia Child

Ms Kellys' Hospitality classes worked very hard to complete and gain competency in Certificate II in Hospitality. They completed and conducted various events and functions throughout the two years displaying their knowledge of the hospitality industry. Students worked hard to successfully run the Greystanes Café of a morning and demonstrated their ability to make and serve coffee to staff.

Students developed a range of skills in the kitchen as well as front of house as waiters and waitresses. Along with these skills students completed 2 weeks of work experience over the 2 year course. Greystanes students were given praise for the way they conducted and completed tasks whilst on work placement with numerous students being offered part-time jobs after completing these placements which demonstrates their ability to work in the industry at the required standard.

I wish you all the very best and hope you have successful a career in whatever you choose to do. All the best for the future.

Good luck and best wishes

- Ms Kelly



Business Studies—Mr Crowley and Ms Emirali

To the Class of 2018: Congratulations on completing the Business Studies course. It has been a memorable two years. There were days when you annoyed us with the talking and the phones, stressed us when we needed to push through and cover the content for an assessment or two and motivated us to continually strategise ways to inspire you to strive for success.

We have watched you gel together as a class, improve your knowledge, increase your confidence and develop a genuine liking for the subject or was that a liking for C-Dawgs and Emirali? We can honestly say we have enjoyed teaching you. You have taught us to turn away and keep a straight face in an attempt not to laugh at your jokes and comments.

Remember the HSC is not over yet, it's just the beginning. So study hard and achieve results that reflect your true capabilities.

Finally, no matter what life throws at you always remember that determination is the key to success. So, believe and you will succeed!

Best wishes,

Ms Emirali & Mr Crowley



HSIE

ANCIENT HISTORY—Ms Pearl

What can I say.....?

It's been great teaching you all this year. I hope you enjoyed exploring the soap opera that is Ancient History. I'll leave you with some words of wisdom from the ancient sources. So long and fare well, I wish you all you wish for yourselves.... Ms Pearl/Mrs Crowley

- * *"When in Rome, do as the Roman's do"*
- * *"Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end." Livy*
- * *"There is no such thing as pure pleasure; some anxiety always goes with it." Seneca*
- * *"Say not always what you know, but always know what you say." Ovid*
- * *"Hope is the pillar that holds up the world. Hope is the dream of a waking man." Claudius*
- * *"I have often wondered how it is that every man loves himself more than all the rest of men, but yet sets less value on his own opinions of himself than on the opinions of others."*

Marcus Aurelius

- * *"The beginnings of all things are small." Cicero*
- * *"Carpe Diem – Seize the day." Cicero*
- * *Nil Desperandum – Never despair!" Cicero*
- * *"I count him braver who overcomes his desires than him who conquers his enemies, for the hardest victory is over the self." Aristotle*
- * *"Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all." Aristotle*
- * *"It is the mark of an educated man to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it." Aristotle*
- * *"One of the most beautiful qualities of true friendship is to understand and to be understood." Seneca*
- * *"Anger is an acid that can do more harm to the vessel in which it is stored than to anything on which it is poured. Seneca*
- * *"A gift consists not of what is done or given, but in the intention of the giver or doer." Seneca*
- * *"True happiness is... to enjoy the present without anxious dependence on the future." Seneca*
- * *"Count each day as a separate life". Seneca*
- * *"The whole life of a man is but a point in time; let us enjoy it." Plutarch*
- * *"Painting is silent poetry, and poetry is painting that speaks." Plutarch*
- * *"Know how to listen and you will profit even from those who talk badly." Plutarch*
- * *"Know thyself." Phaedrus*
- * *The past is certain, the future obscure.*
- * *"We excuse our sloth under the pretext of difficulty." Phaedrus*
- * *"We must form our minds by reading deep rather than wide." Phaedrus*
- * *Vero – "Dedicate your life to truth."*
- * *Sano – "A healthy mind in a healthy body."*
- * *"Art is long, life is short" – Hippocrates.*
- * *Augustus – "The result justifies the deed."*

Heraclitus:

- * *"Day by day, what you choose, what you think and what you do is who you become."*
- * *"Everything flows and nothing abides, everything gives way and nothing stays fixed."*
- * *"No man ever steps in the same river twice, for it's not the same river and he's not the same man."*
- * *"What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others."*
- * *"The only true wisdom is in knowing you know nothing."*
- * *"Luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity." Seneca*
- * *"A good decision is based on knowledge and not numbers." Seneca*
- * *"Better a little which is well done, than a great deal imperfectly." Seneca*
- * *"The beginning is the most important part of the work." Seneca*
- * *"Apply yourself both now and in the next life. Without effort, you cannot be prosperous. Though the land be good, you cannot have an abundant crop without cultivation." Seneca*

- * *“All things will be produced in superior quantity and quality, and with greater ease, when each man works at a single occupation, in accordance with his natural gifts, and at the right moment, without meddling with anything else.” Seneca*
- * *“He who is not a good servant will not be a good master”. Seneca*
- * *“As the builders say, the larger stones do not lie well without the lesser.” Seneca*



Economics– Mr Panagiotakis

To my awesome 2018 Economics Crew.....

I never thought I would find another class worthy of placing their photo on my mug..... and then you came along! My job can be stressful at times but you always managed to put a smile on my face. I have watched you grow from excited little seniors wanting a shot at stardom to young adults ready to take the world by storm.

A wise man once told me that teaching keeps you young. This is because students keep you grounded by giving you greater perspective in life. I thank you for keeping me young (in the head at least) and for laughing at my dad jokes.

So one last shout out to my 'best ever' Eco Class of 2018 – *Jemma Attard, Cameron Cole, Chloe Coroneo, Sarah McCall, Reich Mose, Shivani Narayan, Manthan Tripathi, John Maynard Keynes and of course the great Ross Gittins.*

I truly believe that each of you have individual talents that will take you to the top. Go show them what you've got!

Your Eco teacher forever,

Mr P



Music — Ms D'Costa

I would like to congratulate you all. It has been a pleasure to teach such a talented group of musicians.

You all shine in your own way, some with your sarcastic wit, others with your mature attitude, but all through your musical prowess. It's made all our lessons and group chats interesting!

As the graduating class you've faced the turbulence of Year 12 and you conquered it, so be proud.

I hope you all go on to do great things. Continue your journey through life with the same passion, drive and determination you've shown me and you can achieve anything -- this is just the beginning of your story..

Let the music play

CAPA



VET Entertainment—Ms Popovic

CAPA



PDHPE—Ms Farnham & Mr Williams

Some of you have said that there are too many acronyms in PDHPE – there’s an acronym as a memory tool for everything – DRABCD, RICER, MR PIES!!!!...So here’s one more for you to remember. This one describes you - “YEAR TWELVE”.

Year 12 PDHPE - the Class of 2018.

Enthusiastic. The most enthusiastic students ever (sarcasm), both classes raced to A-block (not really!) 3 times a week eager and ready to learn.

Awesome teachers – Ms Farnham and Mr Williams ...How good were they! How were they good?

Random. Random work, Random attendance, Random dummy spits from the teachers (Mr Williams after marking summaries, exams or just about any time), Random disappearance of homework, Random moments of brilliance, Random lateness and answering Random options (there were a few!)

Talented. You were a talented bunch. There were some great class discussions and stories shared. We had the silent achievers, as well as the confident few. Many of the girls multi- tasking facebook, snapchat, sms and personal grooming all at once (no more split ends or long nails). Then there were a few...talking and laughing, talking and laughing, talking and laughing, it could go on forever And they did. Some sleeping with their eyes open and sometimes even closed.

What was the point in writing summaries?

Excuses. Excuses.... any excuse to get out of working, using no excuse, just not working (and that’s just the teachers!!)

Learning. You all learnt many things over the two years. May you never ever forget the five action areas of the Ottawa Charter. Are you sure there’s five? Mr Williams and Ms Farnham would feel VERY confident to one day need your First Aid assistance...

Variety. There was a lot of variety in personalities and behaviours among the two classes ...people listening diligently, people firing juggling balls at each other, as well as those doing their homework for other subjects (just answer every question with “I don’t know”)

Excellent students who worked diligently and consistently – It’s been an enjoyable two years spending time with you and sharing laughs and learning. We look forward to hearing from you in the future. All the best in whatever you choose to pursue and we hope you will have great memories of PDHPE at Greystanes High.

Best of luck!

Ms Farnham & Mr Williams



CAFS—Mr Williams and Ms Gay

Congratulations and well done to CAFS class of 2018

Thank you for an enjoyable (and at times a somewhat frustrating) 2 years. Your participation in class made it interesting and fun, and your dedication to learn and achieve was worthy.....MOSTLY J J

Remember always the highlight of the week - cup cake day Friday, how nice we were (well Mr Williams was) in giving you muffins and cake.....bet your future bosses don't do that for you!

For years to come you will hear the words "needs" or wellbeing, and think of CAFS Ms Gay's most specific needs – coffee and red wine

You might watch the news or a TV show, or see an aged or homeless person and think CAFS!

All the best in your HSC and future in whatever endeavours you take! Good Luck and may you all work towards satisfying all your SHE SEAs needs!

Good luck with your future career path and remember what you have learnt from CAFS – you will most likely be employed in a job that doesn't exist yet.

Forever the Motto – CAFS is LIFE and Life is CAFS!!!!

PDHPE



Sport, Lifestyle & Recreation—Mr Trueman

Dear,

Sandro, Liam, Kaitlin, Braydon, Brendan, Lauren, Ethan, Zac and Chester.

Thank you for coping with me for the past 2 years and my, at times, slightly odd but well meaning ways. Every day is a learning experience not just for students but for teachers as well. I have appreciated your honesty and sometimes your candor over the time in class together. I know whatever you set your mind on doing after you leave school, will be successful and I wish you all the best of luck.

Rob Trueman

PDHPE



LIFE SKILLS

September 2018 will see the end of six long years of high school here at Greystanes for the Year 12 students of the Support Unit:



Nabil Yaghi

Biarnca Ginesi - Tame

Support

These students have been with us for the whole six years of high school and have become responsible young adults who are ready to take on the world! We are sad to see them go, but happy and very proud to know that they are heading off into bright and promising futures.

We are certain that our graduating students will always remember the friendships they made at Greystanes, the camps and excursions, the amazing artworks they created at the MCA, the fantastic sporting results at the AWD carnivals, the years of Work Experience, Workcrew and TAFE, the jokes shared along the way and the help and care that the staff gave them whenever it was needed.

We will miss Biarnca's constant happy banter and stories and Nabil's cheeky sense of humour!

Most of all we will miss their friendship and their contributions to their classes and to the Support Unit family.

We hope that our students will cherish their memories of school and the friendships they have made here, and feel confident that they have the skills, maturity and determination to succeed beyond high school.

All the best from the Support Unit students and staff

Ms Geoghegan

Mrs Fardouly

Ms Gilmore

Ms Brislee

Ms Rotos

Ms Ebenezer

Mr Klein

Mrs Micallef

Mrs Muscat

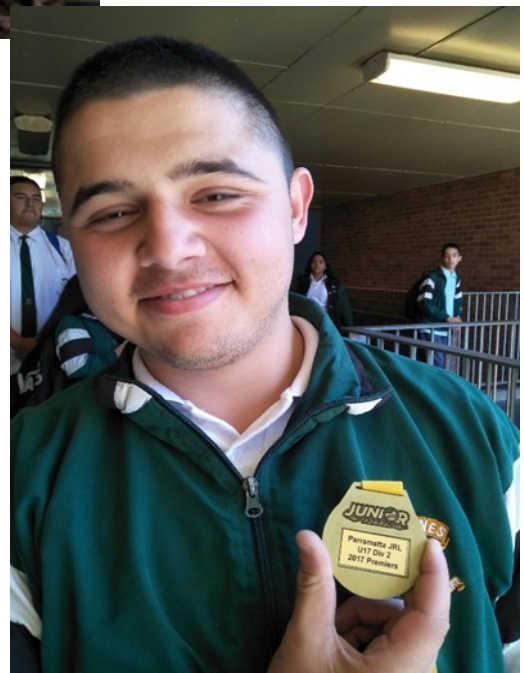
Mrs Graff

Mrs Crommelin

Mrs Bates



Support



YEAR 12 SPORT AWARDS 2018

Thanks to all of Year 12 for their participation and commitment to sport throughout their time at Greystanes High School, whether it be at a carnival, or within a knockout or grade sport team. Without your positive contribution we would not be the current Zone champion school in Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics and one of the best sporting schools in the Sydney West Region.



Year 12 Sport Awards 2018

School Best and Fairest			
Summer	Basketball Open A	Ziv Zapata	Best & Fairest
Summer	Cricket Open	Connor Olsen	Best & fairest
Summer	Touch Football Open B	Samuel Burnett	Best & Fairest
Knockout	Boys Open Basketball	Ziv Zapata	Best & Fairest
Knockout	Boys Open Volleyball	Tian Niu	Best & Fairest
Knockout	Girls Open Water Polo	Natalie Farrugia	Best & Fairest
Knockout	Boys Open Soccer	Samuel Burnett	Best & Fairest
Gala Day	Prospect Zone Rugby League (Opens)	Liam Castell-Brown	Best & Fairest

Sport

Prospect Zone Representatives	
Alyssa Lee Harris	Softball
Brianna Maliu	Softball
Todd Cummings	Volleyball
Tian Niu	Volleyball
Ziv Zapata	Volleyball
Ethan Sweetman	League
Liam Castell-Brown	League
Ziv Zapata	Basketball
Teannie Makdessi	Soccer
Natalie Farrugia	Soccer
Ecem Ozuperk	Touch Football
Teannie Makdessi	Touch Football
Lauren Sonter	Touch Football
Joshua Hey	Touch Football
Chantel Adams-Ayoub	Netball
Teannie Makdessi	Cross Country
Jemma Attard	Cross Country
Brendon Neich	Athletics
Taylor Jobson	Athletics
Teannie Makdessi	Athletics

Sydney West Representatives	
Joshua Hey	Rugby League
Liam Castell-Brown	Rugby League
Teannie Makdessie	Cross Country
Jemma Attard	Cross Country
Brendon Neich	Athletics
Teannie Makdessi	Athletics
Tayla Jobson	Athletics
School Age Champions: Swimming	
Natalie Farrugia	17 yrs girls
Todd Cummings	17 yrs boys
Runner up age champion: Swimming	
Gabe Alalikin	17 yrs boy
School Age Champions: Cross Country	
Teannie Makdessi	17 yrs girls
Jemma Attard	18 yrs girls
Ziv Zapata	18 yrs boys
Runner up age champion: Cross Country	
Natalie Farrugia	17 yrs girls
Nathan Moffit	17 yrs boys
Todd Cummings	18 yrs boys

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Ziv Zapata	18 yrs boys
Runner up Age Champion: Cross Country	
Natalie Farrugia	17 yrs girls
Nathan Moffit	17 yrs boys
Todd Cummings	18 yrs boys
School Age Champions: Athletics	
Joshua Hey	17 yrs boys
Tayla Jobson	17 yrs girls

Zone Age Champions: Swimming	
Natalie Farrugia	17 yrs girls
Todd Cummings	Runner Up
Jemma Attard	3rd place
Zone Age Champions: Cross Country	
Teannie Makdessi	17 yrs girls
Jemma Attard	18 yrs girls
Nathan Moffit	Runner up 17 yrs
Natalie Farrugia	Runner up 17yrs
Zone Age Champions: Athletics	
Tayla Jobson	17 yrs girls
Joshua Hey	17 yrs boys
Brendon Neich	Runner up
Krystal Ruhr	Runner up
Teannie Makdessi	3rd place
Sean Brazier	3rd place













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Year 12 Important Dates 2017

Tutorial Study Days	Tuesday October 2 AND Thursday October 4 2018 (K. Barton) Refer to handout on subjects & times.
Start of HSC	Thursday October 18
End of HSC	Friday November 9
Sign out dates	Monday November 12 <u>OR</u> Thursday November 22 - Period 1 & 2
HSC results released	Thursday December 13
ATAR released	Friday December 14
Year 12 Morning Tea	Wednesday December 19 - 10.30-11.30am (don't forget to RSVP for this when you sign out)

HSC Misadventure Forms

If you are late or sick on the day of your HSC Examination you must contact the school immediately.

Misadventure Forms can be picked up from Ms Popovic CAPA

Sign Out Days

Sign out days will be held this year from

- ♦ **Monday November 12 OR Thursday November 22.**
- ♦ **Students can only sign out during Periods 1 and 2 in the Library.**

Please organise all textbooks, novels, laptops and any other equipment that you have borrowed from school to be returned on one of these dates.

If you have lost any items you will be expected to pay for them.

Pick up your sign out form from D Block office, get it signed by your teachers in the library and return it to D Block office to receive your school reference.

Remember to RSVP for the Morning Tea

Held on Wednesday 19 December 16 at 10.30 - 11.30 C Block new concrete area or in the Library if raining