



ASHFIELD BOYS HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 4 WEEK 10 2021

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
13 - 17 Dec	• Reports Published		• Year 11 Multimedia Incursion	• Last day students	• School Development Day
24 - 28 Jan					• School Development Day
31 Jan 04 Feb					

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Presentation day

Current Covid restrictions require us to make some changes to the way we would normally conduct our annual presentation day. Restrictions remain limiting year cohorts gathering together and also having large groups of parents on the school site. We have been permitted to hold certain events such as the Year 12 graduation ceremony last Friday but unfortunately we are unable to hold a normal presentation day.

Because of this we have not sent out parent invitations to award winners. Instead, we will hold the usual presentation day over two days, Monday and Tuesday next week, in separate year groups. Effectively, this means that we will be holding five separate presentation assemblies.

Our intention is to film each of the assemblies and upload a video of this to Vimeo. If your son is due to get an award we will contact you and provide you with a link to the video of the assembly.

Year 12 graduation ceremony

Year 12 and their parents finally got to celebrate their final day at school on Friday with the completion of their exams. Despite rain, a storm, the threat of hail, and a bus strike the ceremony went to head in a socially distanced way in the gymnasium and outdoors. It was great to be able to mark this significant event with the guys and their parents.

Dwayne Hopwood
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CONGRATULATIONS CHARLIE

Congratulations to Charlie McQueen (Year 8) on his audition and acceptance into the State Drama program at the Arts Unit for 2021. Due to COVID and the subsequent lock down, the program did not run as usual. Instead, the students were given choices to participate in a number of online learning opportunities. Charlie chose to participate in the Digital Drama Monologue Ensemble. It is great to see, that in spite of the difficulties of lock down, Charlie's passion for The Arts continued.

Ms T Small - HT CAPA



ART EXPRESS AND ASHFIELD BOYS HIGH SCHOOL ART PRIZE 2021 WINNER

Congratulations to Year 12 Visual arts student Rui Kazato. His beautifully painted series of 4 artworks have been accepted into Art Express, an exhibition of the best HSC Bodies of Work in NSW. Additionally, he received the annual Ashfield Boys Art prize, presented to him at the Graduation ceremony. He wrote the following statement in support of his work:

Title: "Cathar-tic"

My diagnosis of Tourette's has impacted me both physically and emotionally, completely altering the way in which I perceive myself. My body of work cathartically portrays my perplexed and discorded perception of self as driven by my unwanted subconsciousness. Each canvas is a self-portrait that explores a different version of my distorted self within instantaneous shots of the tics I encounter, their portrayal against a black background representing the entrapment of my subconscious within a constant state of fear of how others may perceive me. I have explored this idea with oil paint as its ability to metaphorically capture the fluidity of movement reflects the simultaneously constricting and liberating nature of the tics that are within a part of my immovable self.

Ms D Jovicic - Visual Arts Teacher



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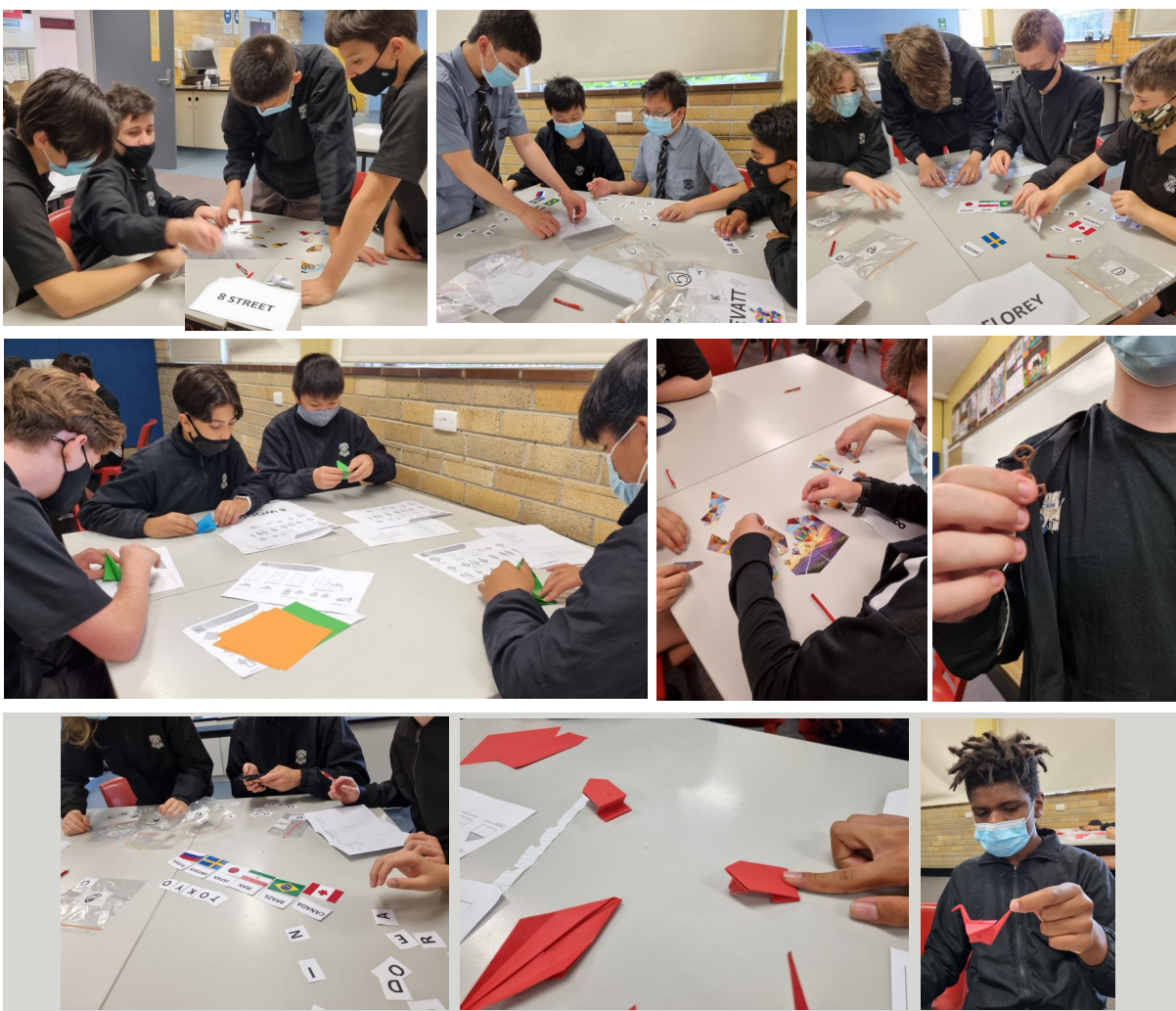


YEAR 8 ACTIVITY DAY

On Monday, Year 8 students participated in a fun day of activities in lieu of camp. They worked with their teams to complete an origami challenge, a Jenga contest, team sports games, team building and communication activities and even an escape room. The students gathered for a BBQ lunch and spent the afternoon playing sport. Students had a great time working together, building their teamwork skills and developing their peer relationships.



It was a fantastic way for Year 8 to end the year and I hope all Year 8 students and their families have a wonderful holiday. I look forward to embracing the adventures that lie ahead in 2022 as students enter Year 9.



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CAPA - FUN IN VISUAL ARTS TERM 4

Since returning to school we have hit the deck running in Visual Arts this term. The boys have really enjoyed getting busy in the art room creating some amazing work to end the year.

Year 7 has attempted a watercolour painting, trying to illustrate a story

Year 8 has had lots of fun getting their hands dirty, creating wonderful clay sculptures, based on their online study of artists Tim Burton and Shaun Tan

Year 9 has been working on Lino printing, creating wonderful designs based on “the home” as a theme.

And lastly, our **Seniors** are now entering their final year of high school and are exploring as much media as possible, to help them make some big decisions regarding their own practice for their HSC Bodies of Work.

It had been a rewarding time since returning to school and it is lovely to see the boys engaging with their art experiences.

Here are some of their fabulous works...

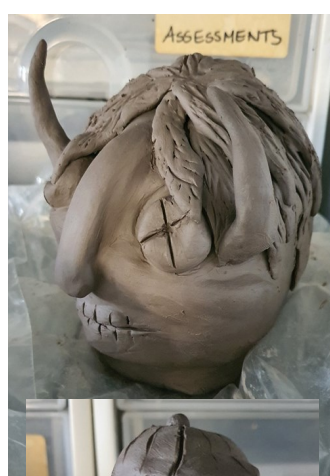
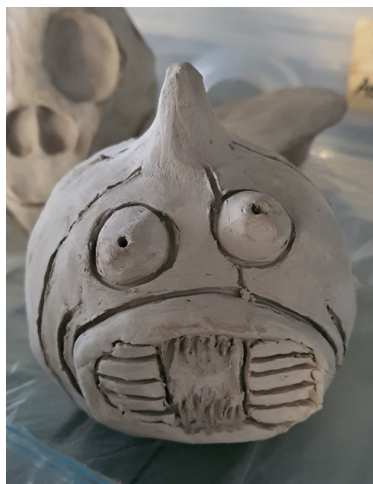


Year 7: Illustration

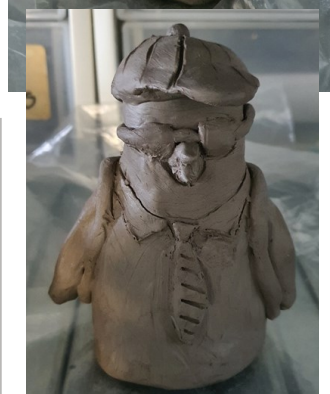


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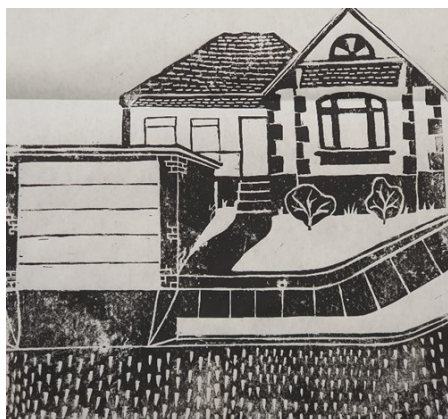




Year 8: Clay Sculptures



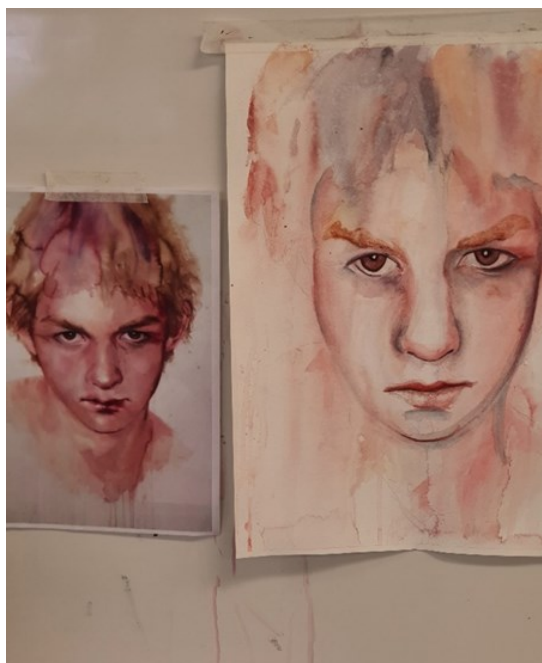
Year 9: Lino Printing



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Year 11: Exploration of New Media



Ms Morris (CAPA-Visual Arts)



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PARENT AND CARER SURVEY ON CONSENT EDUCATION

Students across NSW, both past and present, have called for improved consent education following a petition by former Sydney student Chanel Contos.

Consent is saying yes to something happening or agreeing to do something freely; without fear, force or pressure.

In response to the voices of young people, the heads of the three education sectors signed a [Statement of Intent](#). In this Statement, the NSW Department of Education committed to a number of actions – including partnering with parents and carers to improve consent education.

There is now an opportunity for parents and carers to **have their say by completing a [short survey](#)**. The anonymous survey will help the NSW Department of Education to understand the kinds of resources parents and carers would find helpful in having important conversations about consent with their children – so that we can continue to work together to make sure every student has the knowledge and skills they need to form respectful relationships.

This survey is available in 10 languages other than English and will take less than 10 minutes to complete.

The results will be shared on NSW [Department of Education website](#) later this year. More information, including answers to frequently asked questions, is also available on [the website](#).

The survey will close on 15 December 2021. Parents and carers of NSW Public School students of all ages, from all communities, are encouraged to participate in [the survey](#).

2. Closing soon reminder – publish before 15 December 2021

Survey closing soon! Parent and carer survey on consent education

A reminder that the [parent and carer survey](#) on consent education is still open, and will close on 15 December 2021.

This [anonymous survey](#) is available in 10 languages other than English and will take less than 10 minutes to complete.

It will help the NSW Department of Education plan how it can best support consent education in school communities: including supporting parents and carers to talk about consent with their children and young people at home.

This is your last chance to complete the survey and have your say.

Parents and carers of NSW Public School students of all ages, from all communities, are encouraged to participate in [the survey](#).

The results will be shared on NSW [Department of Education website](#) later this year. For more information about the Department's work on consent education, please [click here](#).



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Vaccinations

Updated Information

NSW Schools Vaccination Program – Year 7 and Year 10 Students

I can confirm that the school vaccination program clinics in Term 4 will not be running. The HPV, dTpa, and meningococcal vaccination program will recommence in 2022 for both Year 7 and Year 10 students.

Below is advice from NSW Health

“In the interim, parents may choose to take their eligible children to their GP for a free HPV or dTpa vaccine (Year 7) or Meningococcal ACWY vaccine (Year 10), noting that GPs may charge a consultation fee. In these circumstances, parents should contact the school to withdraw their consent for vaccination at school to ensure that a child is not vaccinated twice”.

“NSW Health have updated their website to reflect these last minute changes, further information can be found here www.health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination”.

For any Year 10 student to be caught up for vaccination next year (when the student is in Year 11) they need a parent/caregiver to sign a consent card this year when they are eligible for government funded vaccines.

Your son would have received their 2021 Year 10 cards this week and are required to return them to school prior to the 1st December 2021. These cards will be picked up by a representative from the NSW School Vaccination Program and kept until 2022. A date will be arranged in 2022 for your son to receive their vaccination.

If you wish for your Year 10 son to receive their vaccinations at school in 2022, you must complete the 2022 form and ask them to return it to their Year Adviser who will collect them during Roll Call.

Vaccine	Who is eligible?	Number of doses?
Human Papillomavirus - HPV *	All Year 7 students	2
Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (Whooping cough) – dTpa *	All year 7 students	1
Meningococcal ACWY *	All year 10 students	1

If you have any questions, please call Ms Brown during school hours on 9798 6620 (Extension 120).

Regards

Ms Brown
Head Teacher Welfare



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School Travel for 2022



2022 school travel applications are now open

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2022 can [apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for a school travel pass for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, or who have repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [renew or update](#) their details before **the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications and current entitlements are updated and remain valid. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2022.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.



School Student Transport Scheme site change

On 1 October 2021 the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) information and application portal was moved to transportnsw.info. This will assist families to find all their travel information in the one place.

Travel from Term 1 2022

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) open at the start of Term 4 2021 for travel in 2022, so parents/students can [apply](#) or [update](#) details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a difficult period for local bus operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations increasingly difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel on a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Please also remember that students using Opal cards must tap on and tap off in line with the [Student code of conduct](#) and [Opal terms of use](#).



Further information can be found at transportnsw.info/travel-info/using-public-transport/school-travel
Enquiries can be submitted at transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback



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STUDENT ADMINISTRATION UPDATES

Dear Families,

Please keep your contact details with the school current.

If you believe that your contact details need updating, please use the "Change of Address" form on our website to update and return the form to the school via email or post.

Reminder

Change of Address and or details
Late or Absent Forms
Travel Exemption Forms

Are available on our website to download, hard copies are available at the Student Service Desk.

Emails

If you are not receiving emails from the school, please check your SPAM/JUNK mail folder as emails maybe going into this folder.

Thank you for your understanding.

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

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