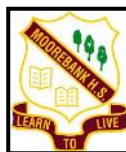


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Principal's Report - Ms Grego

HSC RESULTS 2017

People may forget what you said, people may forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel. All too often schools are measured on "how good they are" based on external assessments, yet when I asked the Year 12 students during their exit survey what was the best thing about learning at Moorebank High School, there was basically only one response. The teachers. Tonight is a celebration of academic achievement and celebrating student successes, yet I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the staff at Moorebank High School who I believe showcase the best in public education and who make your child feel valued and important.

Welcome to Moorebank High School's 2017 Presentation Evening.

Firstly, thank you to Faye Cazouris, Wendy Cooper, Lorena Fedele, Chloe Yazbeck, Sophie Zoras, Christine Zabakly, Penny Dunbar and Vincent Wang along with our SASS staff led by Joan Nicholls for organising this evening. Can I also thank our School Captains, Laura and Corey MCing this evening.

I would like to acknowledge our special guests for taking the time to celebrate this special event as well as the parents, the executive team and the year advisers who work collectively all year for the best outcomes for our students.

I would also like to offer my sincere thanks to Greg Horsley and Susan Griffin my Deputy Principals, for their invaluable contributions, hard work and commitment to the values and goals that shape our wonderful school.

The Moorebank High School Community Parent Focus Group have supported the development of the school vision statement and policies and procedures as they evolve. I would like to thank this group for their ongoing support and unwavering commitment to Moorebank High School.

So what happened in 2017 at MHS outside of traditional learning? The following is not conclusive, but as an overview...

Our student leadership teams embraced opportunities and coordinated and ran highly successful Harmony, R U OK and festival days; raised funds for numerous charities; worked closely with the senior executive to improve the overall learning environment for their fellow students. The cohesion of the leadership groups would not have been possible without the dedication shown by Samantha Pace.

In the ICAS Maths Competition we achieved - 2 High Distinctions 29 Distinctions 70 Credits.

Nick Fleming, Jeet Shah, Amy Wong, Abby Shearim, Faseeha Shakeel, Rafi Sayed were invited to the Talented Maths Day.

In the ICAS English Competition we achieved - 1 High Distinction, 5 Distinctions.

Our Senior Debating Team made the Regional semi-final round. Arthur Lim made the Plain English Speaking Semi Finals, and was a panellist for Q&A.

Year 10s participated in mock mediation scenarios.

Amy Wong, Angela Salazar, Jocelyn Pobert attained first place in the NSW Sunsprint.

Steven Otakilevuka and Mitchell Murphy were selected to exhibit their artwork at the Casula Powerhouse. Steven was also successful in gaining early entry into Wollongong University for Visual Arts. Sina Matautia gained early entry into the Australian Institute of Music. Mia Pihema-Colbran and Beatitude Ncube performed at the Liverpool festival. Kali Rowe attained the Aboriginal Student Achievement Award.

7 students obtained a full time apprenticeship; 13 girls completed the Cameron Jane Make-up Academy Health and Beauty Workshop; 12 students completed a Barista Course; 40 students completed and obtained the White card for Construction Safety; 27 students completed and obtained a RSA (Responsible Service of Alcohol) certificate; 3 girls participated in the Cummins Females in the Automotive Industry Seminar.

Our junior debating team made the Regional Semi-final round and Lina Amoor made the Junior Legacy Public Speaking Semi Finals.

Kristian Mizdrak attained 1st Place in the junior Fowler Electorate Public Speaking Competition; Students in Year 7 participated in the HTA mastermind.

Ryan Morgan participated in the Tuugia Showcase for outstanding NAPLAN results. Samuel Scutella performed at the cross network band competition.

Cassandra Jones, Kai Casas, James Hutchinson attained first place in the Minisprint.

Hayden La, Amelia Sullivan and Hamna Saleem participated in the bridge building competition organised by Aurecon, an Australian civil engineering company inspiring young minds.

Our construction students worked diligently in building another 5 picnic tables with shelters and are currently installing aluminium seating around the playing court to continue to improve the learning environment for their peers. And Hospitality continues to cater to school functions and for our primary schools.

Student name	Year Group	Achievement
Rachael Dimond	11	International dance competition School spectacular State Dance Ensemble SSW Regional Cross Country 16yrs Girls Age Champion of Bankstown Zone SSW Regional Swimming SSW Waterpolo representative
Joshua Pearl	9	Australian Baseball Team – travelling to Japan to at the end of November this year to compete as a representative player of the Australian team
Alicia Van Den Braak	9	Competed in the Australian National OzTag Championships SSW Regional Athletics
Jordan Britten	10	Canterbury Bulldogs Development Squad
Daniel Thomas	11	Greater Western Sydney AFL Team Representative
Laith Ayari	11	Representative in the Bankstown Zone Basketball Team NSW CHSSA Boys Basketball Championships
Jamie Valois	9	SSW Regional Swimming
Mitchell Heaslip	12	SSW Regional Athletics State Athletics
Patrick Hoang	8	SSW Regional Swimming
Matthew Dimond	9	SSW Regional Swimming
Sebastian Lee	10	SSW Regional Swimming
Thomas Hamilton	8	SSW Regional Swimming SSW Regional Cross Country SSW Regional Athletics State Athletics
Mia Nikolic	7	SSW Regional Swimming
Mia Benvie	7	SSW Regional Swimming
Bianca Onuoha	9	SSW Regional Cross Country
Jessica Brodar	9	SSW Regional Cross Country
Paula Diaz	9	SSW Regional Cross Country
Hannah Pollard	11	SSW Regional Cross Country
Lara Britten	8	SSW Regional Cross Country
Nina Cvijanovic	7	SSW Regional Cross Country
Janine Fedda	10	SSW Regional Gymnastics
Babara Garipoli	9	SSW Tennis
Kailenn Harvey	7	SSW Regional Athletics
Sara Downie	10	SSW Regional Athletics
Jocelyn Pobert	10	SSW Regional Athletics

Daniel Russell	10	SSW Regional Cross Country SSW Regional Athletics
Mitchell Russell	10	SSW Regional Cross Country SSW Regional Athletics
Kye Truman	7	SSW Regional Swimming
Clinton Pham	7	SSW Regional Cross Country
Damian Cvijanovic	9	SSW Regional Cross Country
Victor Tabilo	9	SSW Regional Cross Country
Nathan Mudie	9	SSW Regional Cross Country
Jed Murphy	9	SSW Athletics
Joel Furner	9	SSW Athletics
Sean Julius	9	SSW Athletics
Steven Otakilevuka	12	SSW Athletics
Ethan Lam	12	SSW Regional Swimming
Brendon Wood	11	Representative in the Bankstown Zone Basketball Team
Flynn Taylor	9	Representative in the Bankstown Zone Touch Team
Kalvyn Pera	9	Representative in the Bankstown Zone Touch Team
Taya Truman	9	Representative in the Bankstown Zone Touch Team Representative in the Bankstown Zone Netball Team (Opens) State Touch Football (Under 15s) CHS Touch Football (Opens) CHS Touch Football (15s)
Anne Donaire	7	Zone 13yrs+ Age Champion - Swimming SSW Regional Swimming State Swimming for 5 events SSW Regional Cross Country State Cross Country SSW Regional Athletics
Aleisha Thackray	12	Zone 17yrs+ Age Champion - Swimming SSW Regional Swimming
Yenny Sun	8	SSW Regional Swimming SSW Regional Cross Country
Cassandra Jones	8	SSW Regional Swimming
Jessica Li	7	SSW Regional Swimming
Jorgie Luxon	7	SSW Regional Swimming
Julie El-Hammad	7	SSW Regional Swimming

There is much of which we can be proud. We earned the right to hold our heads high, applaud our successes and celebrate all the innovative occurrences at Moorebank. We are aspiring and striving to move from good to great. We believe that we give you our best and each year provide the best education and the best preparation for life. We constantly seek feedback. We expect our students to be their best and they noticeably are. They are positive ambassadors, living by our values.

Congratulations to all our Presentation Evening recipients.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and joyous holiday and hope the new year brings prosperity to you all.

Kind regards,

Vally Grego
Principal

CAPA

In 2017, the Creative & Performance Arts (CAPA) faculty celebrated many achievements.

Throughout the year, our students have participated in many opportunities and initiatives that have enriched their educational experience at Moorebank High School. The CAPA faculty has continued to offer extra-curricular opportunities within both the school and the wider community.



MCOS BAND & CERAMICS PROGRAM

During Terms 2 and 3 this year, the CAPA faculty continued the successful MCOS initiatives of the Ceramics and Music Band programs with Chipping Norton and Nuwarra Public Schools. Ms Suzy Edwards devised a new ceramics program that explored the skills and techniques in creating small ceramic sculptures. The primary schools students had freedom to make their own individually designed masterpieces, all with the assistance of Ms Edwards and our expert student leaders/facilitators. The Music Band program focused on instrumental skill development and during the final weeks, all students collaborated to perform the popular song "I'm a Believer". The MHS student leaders/mentors had an invaluable experience and benefitted from teaching the primary school students



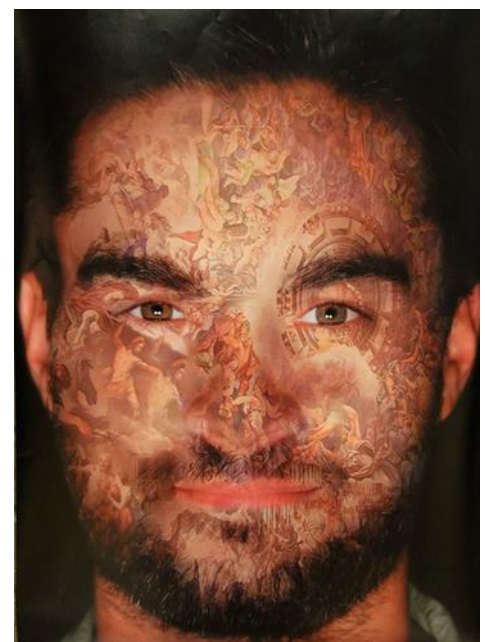
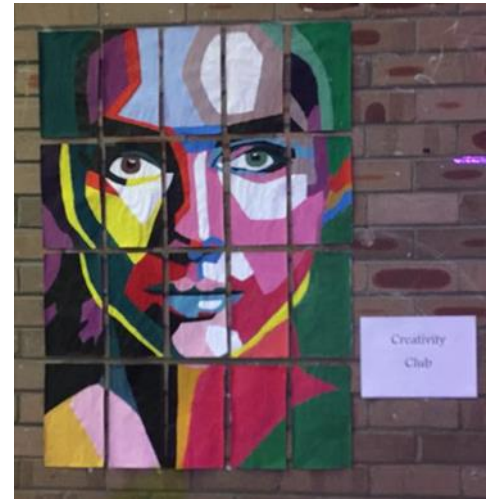
HSC SHOWCASE EVENING

The HSC Senior Showcase Night is a celebration of Year 12 student achievements through the major projects that they have worked on in the past 12 months. This event acknowledges the students' hard work and dedication and acknowledges the dedication and support given to them by their Year 12 teachers as well as the support of all parents and family members. Once again, our talented students have put on a fantastic show for our traditional annual HSC Showcase evening. This event included an exhibition of the major works from Visual Arts and Industrial Technology. This year we included major digital works from Software Design and Development and Major Wood projects from Industrial Technology. The night concluded with performances by the Year 12 Music students.



CAPA END OF YEAR SHOWCASE EVENING – EXHIBITION AND CONCERT

The end of year exhibition and music concert was a great success. The Creative and Performing Arts faculty displayed all the amazing talent of the students here at MHS. Included in the exhibition were works from the Creativity Club, Photography Club, Ceramic Works, Canvas portraits, Pencil drawings, Paintings and Sculptures to name a few.





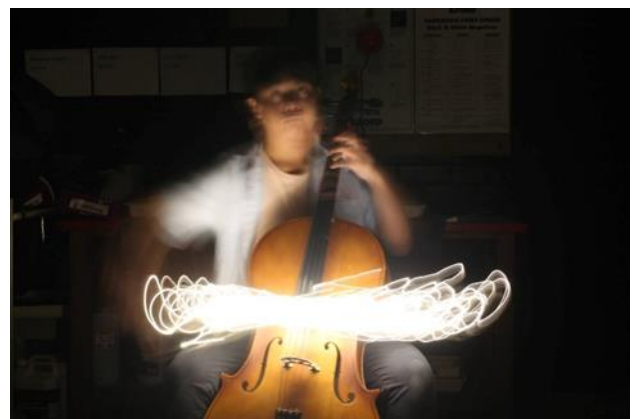
FILMMAKING CLUB

The CAPA faculty launched the Filmmaking Club this year that included a filming day incursion in Term 4. The incursion allowed students to take on different roles including actor, cinematographer, director and costume designer.



PHOTOGRAPHY INCURSION

This year the Photography students participated in a full day incursion...



FACULTY FOCUS—CAPA

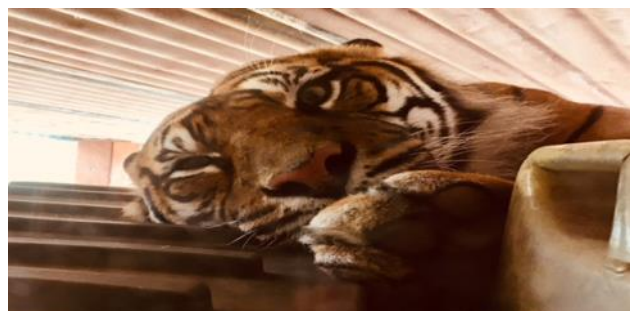
FORMER MHS STUDENTS VISIT TO SUPPORT 2017 HSC MUSIC STUDENTS

This year we had the pleasure of welcoming back former HSC Music students Will Thackray and Mitchell Wilkinson who gave up their time to support our HSC Music students as accompanists. Will also stayed back to chat with Year 11 guitarist Michael to share some tips and to discuss technical guitar techniques on the semi-acoustic guitar.



ZOO EXCURSION

During Term 4, **Year 10** Photography class enjoyed an excursion to Taronga Zoo. Students were studying wildlife photography in class and thoroughly enjoyed spending the day photographing the vast array of animal wildlife on display at the zoo.





ATSI – ART WORKSHOP

This year during term 2, Moorebank High School ATSI students and ATSI students from the MCOS program partook in an artmaking workshop with local Aboriginal artist Danielle Mate Sullivan for Reconciliation Week. Throughout the year Moorebank High School students have continued working on the sculptural work, which is to be installed at the front of the school in readiness for next year as a powerful symbol of Reconciliation.



Oscar Oudomvilay

Oscar enrolled in Year 11 at Moorebank High School at the beginning of 2017.

Hospitality is one of his favourite classes and he certainly looks the part in his chef's uniform. In Term 4, Oscar was presented with his Year 12 jacket which he enjoys wearing. Additionally, he was awarded a Bronze certificate and a school badge for school service.





HSIE



2017 has been a busy and productive year for our Historians, Geographers, Economists, Social Researchers, Business and Legal practitioners. Students dived right in this year, taking part in an array of rich learning tasks and extracurricular activities that have built their knowledge and developed their skills on their journey to becoming successful learners and active citizens of the world.

The HSIE staff have worked hard to provide a range of learning opportunities for our students, bringing learning to life across a range of subject areas. Some of our standout activities have included:

Year 10 Commerce students learned firsthand, how to run a business this year. With the support of Mr Wang and Ms Walters, students marketed a product of their choice which they sold at a lunch time market stall. Besides indulging in delicious milkshakes, gourmet international foods, cakes and other sweet treats, students gained valuable experience in teamwork, customer service, marketing, which will be valuable for their future lives and careers. All proceeds were kindly donated to a charity of the student's choice.

In May this year, Ms Moore and her Year 12 Economics class visited the Reserve Bank of Australia. They were given insight into how the central bank sets the cash rate (influencing interest rates) and helps to manage the economic stability of Australia. Students were also shown the security features of Australia's bank notes and passed around the new \$10 note, well before it was in circulation. It was a productive day as students reinforced their knowledge of the role the RBA plays in the Australian economy.

Our year 11 Society and Culture students have begun their Personal Interest Projects this term, under the guidance of our newly appointed HSIE teacher, Mr Moscovis. Students have been working hard to research their chosen topics, which will comprise a large component of their HSC study. Students attended an excursion to the State Library to learn how to conduct academic research and worked with other students across the state at the Society and Culture Association PIP Day to develop a broader understanding of the project and learn from students who have undertaken the PIP journey. We wish our enthusiastic students the best of luck with their PIP research over the break and into semester one next year.

In November, Ms Pace escorted selected Year 7 students to St Clair High School to compete against schools across the Sydney region in a History Trivia style competition, sponsored by the NSW History Teachers Association. Our team answered a range of questions based on the Stage 4 History syllabus. Topics included Greek Gods, Japanese Warriors, Medieval Traditions and Australian History. The students enjoyed their day out, and only just missed out on the semi-finals.

History students Kristian Mizdrak (Yr 9) and Cathy Ngyuen (Yr 10) proudly represented Moorebank High School in the Fowler Electorate Public Speaking event where they prepared speeches on Australian experiences during World War One both abroad and on the Home Front to commemorate 100 years of ANZAC. Both students delivered a fantastic speech that captured the essence of Australians at War and the significance of these experiences today. Kristian achieved First Place in the Year 7 to 9 category, which is a fantastic achievement!

Earlier this term, the HSIE faculty staff and students began our Christmas festivities in the spirit of 'being generous', thinking of those less fortunate than ourselves. Year 8 and Year 10 Geography students took part in the 'Operation Christmas Child' donation program, filling a shoebox with gifts for a child in a developing nation, which will be sent to them for Christmas. The HSIE staff are so proud of the thoughtful gifts and empathy our students showed for others in need.

We hope all our students enjoy a well-deserved break and a wonderful holiday season!





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Technology 2017

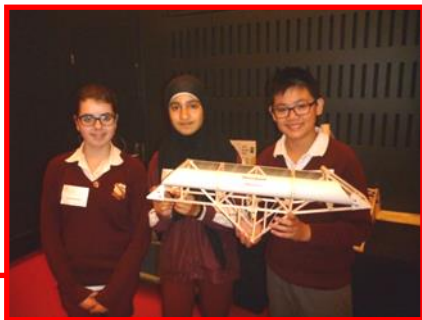
The Technology faculty in 2017 continues to provide a diverse range of learning experiences for the students of Moorebank High School. Despite the broad diversity of subjects made available to students in all years additional demands are being made of the faculty in the coming year. A new syllabus for years 7 and 8 will see students engaged in coding and programming and learning real world applications of this technology. Students have been enjoying seeing their ideas coming to life through the use of 3D printing.



A team of three year 8 students successfully competed in the annual Aurecon bridge building challenge again this year. This is an excellent example of STEM education at Moorebank High School.

Although we did not win again this year we competed admirably and the students pictured, Amelia, Hamna and Hayden really enjoyed the opportunity.

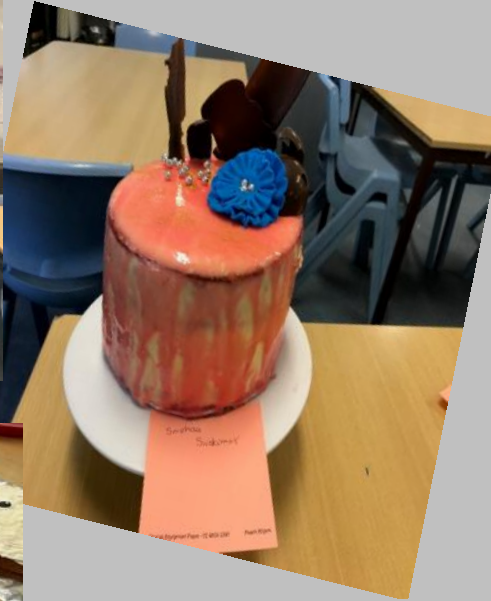
To enhance the project capabilities of the timber classes a new table saw with a tilting arbour has been installed this year. In addition a new mortising machine and portable Domino jointer will enhance students work in 2018.



VET Construction remains a very popular course for **year 11 and 12 students**. The faculty endeavours to provide as realistic as possible practical experiences for students. Picnic tables were constructed by the year 11 Construction students and will be installed with a covering roof early in the new year. They are arranged so as to also provide an outdoor classroom facility for the PDHPE faculty when the weather permits. They have proved to be very popular with students providing them a comfortable and covered area at recess and lunch. The class is also currently installing long aluminium seats between the playing courts.

Year 12 Industrial Technology students finished their Major Independent Projects and the next group have already begun theirs. Mr Akkoui and Ms Patel led the year 12 classes through the process of project completion extremely well. These projects were all well received at the HSC Showcase night.

Year 10 Cake decorating



Best wishes to all families for the holiday break and the Technology faculty looks forward to an exciting 2018.



ENGLISH

The Wonderful World of English

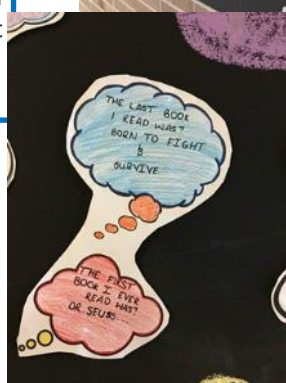
While Amina Baghdadi was been away on maternity leave it has been an honour to lead the English Faculty in 2017. Throughout this year our students have had many opportunities to immerse themselves in the wonderful world of English both inside and outside the classroom. Students competed in Debating Tournaments, Public Speaking Competitions and attended Shakespearean productions of *Richard III* and *Macbeth* at the Opera House. Students were also given the opportunity to participate in the Rumble Slam Poetry Workshop run by the National Slam Poetry Winner. Students also watched a performance at school of actors who brought to life various scenes from a variety of Shakespearian plays.



This year students from Year 10 had the opportunity to attend the Western Sydney University Young Writer's Day. They had the chance to work one on one with acclaimed authors in order to further develop and strengthen their writing skills.

Literacy Week

During Literacy week students were encouraged to participate in the Literacy Project which focused on "Escape to Everywhere". Students were asked where they like to escape to when they read, the last book they read, their favourite character from a story and many more. Thanks to the students for their contributions and thank you to the Children's Book Council of Australia for the great theme for Book Week 2017!



Debating and Public Speaking



Throughout the year Moorebank High School hosted two Speaking Competitions. In the Junior Legacy Public Speaking students from 5 local schools competed with our very own Lina Amoor, and Shazneen Oowise in year 8. Students presented their ideas ranging from beauty standards to spam mail. In the NSW Plain English Speaking Award Competition Arthur Lim and Thomas Siharath competed against six other local schools. Both Arthur and Lina reached the State Semi-Finals in their respective competitions.

Both our Junior and Senior debating teams worked very hard and made it to the quarter finals. The English faculty look forward to another successful competition in 2018



MHS HSC Results 2017

Congratulations to Year 12 on your outstanding HSC results! This year were the best results ever achieved at Moorebank High School. Some highlights include:

101 Band 6

230 Band 5

19 subjects where the school exam mean mark was higher than the state mean.

4 students on the all-round achiever list for attaining the highest band in at least 10 units.

6 students with an ATAR above 98.

These results are a testament to the wonderful efforts of our students and the quality of teaching and support they received throughout their studies.

Greg Horsley

Deputy Principal

LANGUAGES



YEAR 12 MODERN GREEK RESTAURANT EXCURSION

Towards the end of Term 3, Year 12 Modern Greek students experienced Greek cuisine, language and culture by attending a day at Hyde Park where they spoke only in the target language with their teacher. They enjoyed traditional Greek cuisine at Diethnes Restaurant in Pitt Street, and mastered playing skaki (chess) while conversing in Greek! As students come from various cultural backgrounds or speak limited Greek at home, this was a wonderful opportunity to practise their language skills. This was a memorable and rewarding experience for all who attended!



Apologies to French Students

The Language teachers apologise to Year 8, 9 & 10 French students for cancelling the French Restaurant Excursion, as the restaurant was unable to cater to the school's needs. The student participated in fun, cultural activities to compensate for this during their timetabled lessons with their Language teacher. The Languages Faculty will continue organising future extra-curricular activities for students in 2018. We wish all families a Happy and Blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with joy, good health and prosperity.