

Term 4 Week 1A 13 October 2017

# **DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**



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A big welcome back to the entire school community for the final term of 2017! Term 4 is always an extremely busy time with assessments being completed by students and the preparation of reports by staff.

With the onset of warmer weather and the change to summer uniform, it is timely to remind everyone of the correct uniform, which can be found on the school's website <a href="http://cths.nsw.edu.au/information/uniforms-and-backpacks/">http://cths.nsw.edu.au/information/uniforms-and-backpacks/</a>. Students are also reminded black leather business shoes **must** be worn as part of the summer uniform, particularly for practical classes, in order to comply with WH&S requirements. If students have a genuine reason not to be in the correct school uniform, they must provide a note from their parents or guardians, otherwise they will receive a lunchtime detention.

#### **International Day**

A magnificent celebration was enjoyed by all on Wednesday with our annual International Day celebrations. The day started with an assembly, celebrating our multicultural backgrounds, which was chaired by the new Multicultural Leaders, Nadee Manchanayaka and Harry Swanepoel. There was a variety of enjoyable and entertaining performances including vocal and musical items, as well as traditional and modern dance numbers. A thought provoking moment within the assembly was Ms Somasundaram's recount of her family's attempt to flee their country of Sri Lanka, when she herself was only aged one year old. Her story, whilst quite raw, hit a nerve with the audience with her message of calling out the racist views of others.

Following on from the formal assemblies, staff and students enjoyed the food fair, which boasted a range of culinary delights. Popular favourites included the Japanese and Indian stalls where you could feast on traditional fare from these countries.

It was fantastic to see so many students embrace or even adopt traditional costume and embrace the theme of the day. A huge thank you is to be extended to Mr Ibarra, Ms La and Mrs Arkins for their organisation of what has become one of the annual highlights of the CTHS school calendar.

#### Year 12 Activities, Final Week of Term 3

The last week of school in Term 3 was memorable for our Year 12 students for a number of reasons:

#### Year 12 High Achievers' Morning Tea

On Tuesday 19 September, Year 12 High Achievers assembled for a Morning Tea with the Senior Executive, Year Advisers and Stage Head Teacher, in recognition and celebration of their outstanding results from the AP4 examinations. It was a chance to reflect on the strategies and hard work completed by these students in the lead-up to their HSC exams in Term 4.

The students appreciated the recognition, particularly those enjoying their first High Achievers' Morning Tea! Whilst happy with their achievements and willing to celebrate this in the last week of Term 3, all present were acutely aware of the end game, the HSC, being still very much in the picture. Congratulations are extended to, not only the 28 students listed below, but also the countless others whose reports indicated they were working extremely hard and achieving at a very high level.

Manash Roy Chowdhury, Victoria Davidov, Sanjeev Desai, Olivia Gupta, Laura Heinrichson, Candice Jackson, Julian Jee, Rachel Kua, Brinda Kumar, Hyun Kwak, Myung Kwak, Kate-Lynn Law, Mai Le, Dillon McGrath, Hansika Muthukuda, Amelia Norris, Lisa Ostman, Yasheeka Patel, Ziyun Qiu, Andrew Quattrocchi, Jay Sanghvi, Tiernan Thorne, Danielle Visser, Zheng Wang, Carlotta Wills, Natalie Windsor, Terrence Wong and Haimeng Zheng.











#### Year 12 Picnic Day at Fagan Park

The Picnic Day at Fagan Park on Wednesday 20 September was a great opportunity for students to celebrate their schooling and unwind prior to the commencement of the HSC. Students looked fantastic in their 'Children's TV show' themed costumes.

#### **Year 12 Charity Concert**

The charity concert on Thursday 21 September was well received and showcased the talents of our outgoing Year 12 students. An impromptu appearance on stage by the Year 12 Year Advisers in the Year 12 Dance class performance received much applause from the audience. A donation of just under \$600 from the proceeds of the day, was gifted to Mahboba's Promise.

#### **Year 12 Graduation Ceremony**

Possibly the biggest highlight of the week was the Year 12 Graduation Ceremony on Thursday evening where staff, parents and students celebrated a major milestone in the lives of our students. The recognition of achievement and the significance of this event in a young person's life is always a rewarding and proud moment for everyone involved. We encourage you to visit the photo gallery of this evening, which is located on the school's website. A touching moment during the event was the Year 12 Adviser's speech where the emotion and feeling of finally completing six years of high school education was shared between Year 12 students and their committed Year Advisers, Mr Keating and Mr Sloan, who have supported them for the entire time. As always a huge thank you to the organisers of this event, including Mr Fisher and Mr Hartman, the P&C who cater for the event, and the School Administrative Support Staff (SASS), who work tirelessly to ensure programs and certificates are prepared. We also thank the performers on the night, Tsun Wing Lau, Danielle Visser and the CTHS Big Band, who always showcase some of the best talent from the performing arts.

#### Year 12 Formal

Finally the event many Year 12 students had been looking forward to and preparing for arrived on Friday evening in the form of the Year 12 Formal. Makeup artists and hair salons in the local area had obviously been busy during the day as the transformation many undertook was simply amazing! The event kicked off early in the evening at Curzon Hall and our young men and women arrived right on cue, dressed impeccably, for what was to be an amazing night. The event was well attended by staff, who were keen to celebrate, as is tradition with their Year 12 students. It was a great opportunity to unwind from what has been a busy time for our senior students and I know many photos and good memories were taken away from the night.

A special thanks to the Year Advisors, Mr Keating and Mr Sloan, and to Ms Adamou, Stage 6 Head Teacher, for the support, organisation and guidance they have tirelessly offered this cohort over their years at CTHS.

#### **China Study Tour 2017**

During the last week of Term 3 and the first week of the school holiday period I had the pleasure of travelling to China with Ms Wu and thirteen students on the inaugural China Study Trip to visit our sister school in Shanghai, Luwan High School. We had a fantastic time in China visiting the cities of Shanghai, Hangzhou, Suzhou and finally Beijing. Many of the students indicated the highlight of the trip was the time they spent with their buddies at school and in the family home stay arrangement. It gave them the opportunity to master their Mandarin in a real life setting and experience the culture of China first hand. On our travels we visited many of the major Chinese tourist attractions including: the Bund and Nan Jing Road shopping district in Shanghai, West Lake and the water towns around Hangzhou, the majestic Chinese gardens of Suzhou and finally Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden Palace and the Great Wall of China in Beijing, just to name a few. A big thank you goes to Ms Wu for her organisation of the trip and congratulations to our students who were fine ambassadors for our wonderful school. A more detailed report from the students will appear in next week's *Network*.



#### Staff Development Afternoon

All CTHS teaching staff were involved in professional development activities on Monday afternoon until 6.30pm, as part of our 2017 Staff Development Day program. Avid readers of *Network* would know we have introduced a range of measures to address student well-being over the last few years. Monday provided an opportunity to address the well-being of our staff. All teachers had the opportunity to select a well-being activity to start the afternoon off. Activities included: yoga, tai chi, meditation, drumming, indoor sports and archery tag, just to name a few. For many, it provided an opportunity to engage with other staff in team building activities, but for all it was a chance to take stock after what has been a busy three terms thus far. Anecdotally, the well-being sessions were very well received by all staff. To finish the afternoon, valuable KLA time was allocated to staff, enabling them to focus on a host of programming efforts in preparation for the introduction of a range of new courses next year.

In 2017 we have undertaken four afternoon Staff Development sessions throughout the year, meaning staff will finish the school year on Friday 15 December. A reminder to all parents that students will also finish their school year on Friday 15 December at approximately 12 noon, with a traditional whole school assembly send-off.



























**HSC Begins** 

Best wishes are extended to the Year 12 cohort as they began the Higher School Certificate on Monday next week. We hope Year 12 have spent their time during the student vacation wisely, revising and preparing for the exams. Please also note, staff are available to offer support and assistance to any student in need, with Ms Adamou, Stage 6 Head Teacher, being your first port of call.

#### **P&C Meeting**

A reminder to all parents, the P&C General Meeting will be held in the Staff Common Room at 8pm on Tuesday 17 October. The guest speakers for this meeting will be the school's Project Managers for the building program, Mr Fisher and Mr Townsend, who will be speaking about the progress with the Building Program and if light is sufficient a brief visit to the work site may be possible.

#### Year 9 Camp

Year 9 students will be attending The Great Aussie Bush Camp at Tea Gardens from Monday to Wednesday next week. Hopefully, the weather will be fine enabling everyone to participate fully and have a great time in what is traditionally a great camp. A sincere thank you to all staff who have offered to give up their time to make these three days a successful learning and welfare experience for our students.

#### **New Staff**

A very warm welcome to Mr Paul Wakelin, who was successful at interview and as such joins our Executive team in the position of Head Teacher TAS.

#### The Partners in Learning Parent Feedback Survey

A final reminder to all parents we are running the *Partners in Learning Parent Feedback Survey*. As a school, we run this survey each year to gain a better understanding of parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school.



Paul Wakelin Head Teacher TAS

The survey is conducted entirely online, will typically take fifteen minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey window has been extended and will now close definitely on Friday 20 October. Participation in the survey is entirely voluntary. However, your responses are very much appreciated. The link to access the survey is <a href="https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/grmxy">https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/grmxy</a>

**Building Project Update** 

The building project has made significant progress over the past three weeks. During the recent school holidays, the following took place:

- Temporary walkway, which was installed for staff and students to gain access from the rear oval, was removed and access to CTHS is now via John Purchase Public School
- Frame work for the first floor walls and roof, on the western side, were erected and the roof is due to be installed in the next week
- A new diesel hydrant booster tank was installed at the front of the school which will be used in the event of a fire in the new building
- First four of our demountable classrooms, K1-K4, were removed and on their way for refurbishment before being placed at other DoE Schools. The remainder of our demountable classrooms, which currently reside on the basketball courts, will be removed during the Christmas holidays.

This week saw the completion of the first floor slab with 40 trucks delivering 194.7m³ of concrete. This was the final 'Big Pour' for the new building and we thank you for your patience with the traffic disruption that was created during term 3.

Below is the link to a time-lapse video of the construction:

http://cths.nsw.edu.au/our-school/capital-works-project/time-lapse-videos/

Mr Clements



# Cherrybrook Technology High School App

Go to the App Store or Google Play and search for "Cherrybrook Technology High School" to download the free app. This will provide you with school information, dates of upcoming events and more. By enabling push notifications you will receive important messages instantly.







































































Inter-School Theatresports Competition

Pictured below (from left to right) is our CHTS Theatresports team comprising of Jason Teng, Adrian Ortega, Holly McRobb, Nathan Jenkins and Ben Murzsa. These Year 9 Drama students travelled to Normanhurst Boys High School yesterday to participate in an Inter-Schools Theatresports Competition.

Equipped with razor sharp wits and blisteringly electrifying physical theatre skills, our CTHS team withstood the pressure and came up with an array of excellently entertaining pieces of theatre which sprang forth via the various games they were given to respond to as part of the challenge.

It takes a certain type of boldness to throw yourself into the thick of a competition like this and I would like to thank our fearless five for plunging headlong into this event.

A big thank you to Mr Alistair Jenkins who kindly devoted his time to the task of assisting with transport to and from the venue as well as providing excellent supervision and stewardship of the team as they took on the other teams from Cheltenham Girls High School and Normanhurst Boys.

Ms Cannon



#### Stage 5 Drama Performance Night 2017

On the night of Tuesday 19 September, a very responsive group of family and friends provided our Stage 5 Drama students with an opportunity to further extend their performance skills as there is no substitute for the immediacy created by a live audience. All those great comic lines you've been practising suddenly get the laughs you were hoping for. Those moments of great pathos on stage are transmitted so as to create a palpable intimacy between actors and audience as the uniquely shared experience is realised.

Extracts from absurdist plays executed deftly with immaculate comic timing, group devised performances exploring questions of gender, a whole class performance which saw the school yard replicating the conflicts and alliances of nations pitted against one another; all these and more provided the fare that was to prove most theatrically satisfying.

Here is what Hannah Wotton had to say about her involvement in the night's proceedings:

"The entire experience was amazing! Performances were confidently delivered by the Stage 5 Drama students. It's a feeling that will never go away for actors; the nervousness before the performance, the rush of adrenaline during the performance and the feeling of immense relief after the performance. To be acting in front of all those people and to make them laugh is a wonderful feeling that makes your day so much better.

All in all, the Stage 5 Drama Performance Night was a huge success and we students owe it all to the amazing Drama teachers, the beautifully talented Ms Cannon and Miss Holt who put the entire thing together."

It was indeed a magical night with truly stunningly inspirational performances. Thank you to all the family members, friends and staff members who were there on the night to support the kids as they realise their theatrical aspirations.

Ms Cannon

#### VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

A reminder to all visitors there are clear guidelines regarding visiting the school and seeing staff or your child during school hours:

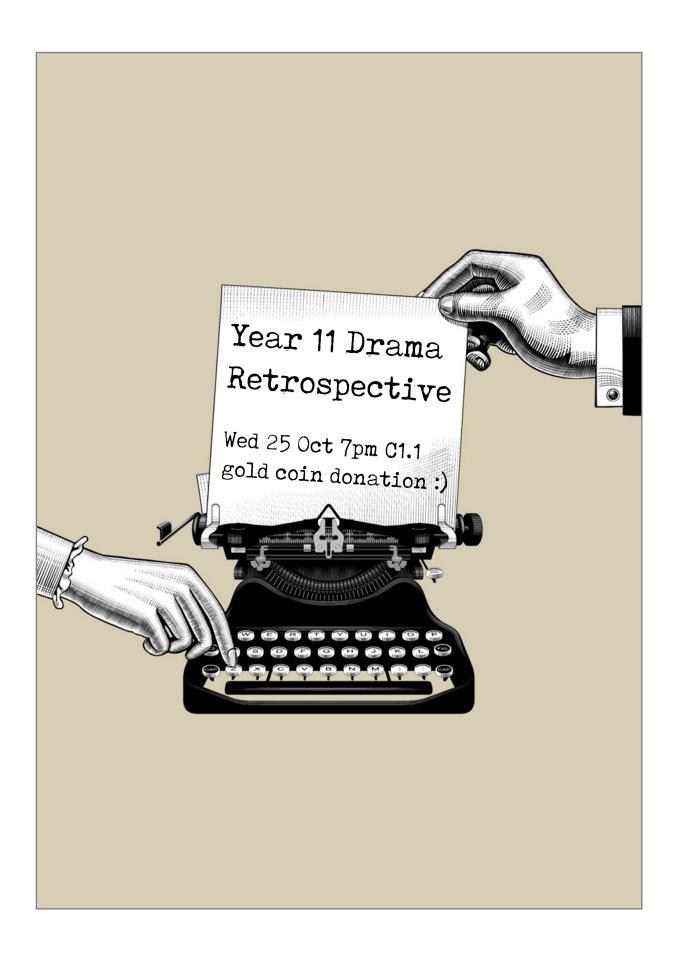
- · Appointments to see a member of staff must be made in advance, by phoning the school
- The first point of entry to the school is the Front Office which is located in A block
- To ensure the safety of all students, visitors are not permitted to enter beyond the Front Office without prior permission
- Official visitors are required to sign in at the Front Office.



















#### **CTHS Chess Success**

Late last term, Cherrybrook Technology High School invited two teams to participate in the NSW Schools Chess One-Day Schools Challenge, competing for the Terrey Shaw Shield at North Sydney Boys High School. All team members played well and were model representatives of our school on the day. Students involved included:

Team A: Reuben Soo (c) (Year 9), Andy Peng (Year 7), Chelsea Cheang (Year 7) Team B: Samarth Ganju (c) (Year 8), Kaylee Li (Year 8), Ethan Catts (Year 7)

These students competed in the Junior Division against 28 other schools.

Both teams performed very well with Team A finishing sixteenth and Team B finishing twenty sixth on the day. Our students played several excellent games on the day, with Team B managing to draw a match against current state Girls' School champions Abbotsleigh.

Team A also performed very well on the day. In seven rounds of play their highlights included 2-1 match wins over eventual top ten finishers and traditional chess powerhouses Knox and Trinity Grammar. A 1-2 loss to Scots College in the final round still saw them pip near neighbours Oakhill College and Regional Champions Marist Eastwood in the final standings.

The students involved deserve particular congratulations as several of their opponents had received professional chess coaching for a number of years. The youth of both our teams means that most players will be eligible to return to the Junior Division next year. As a result of their fine performances the school has now also been invited to field a team in the Sydney Chess Challenge at Knox Grammar at the end of the month. Well done to all involved.

#### Mr Fernandez





#### Library

Hopefully all Year 7 students have finalised their payments/permission forms for the upcoming Literary Festival. On 13 November, CTHS will welcome nine Australian children's authors/illustrators/performers to inspire students with poetry, illustrations, graphics and the beauty, in its many forms, of both the spoken and written word.

Elevate Education presents a range of workshops to our Year 10 and 12 students. Year 10 has just completed the 'Study Sensei' sessions, which should be providing structure and efficiency to their studies. Our participation allows students to access the Elevate webpage and obtain further guidance in developing efficient, stress-reducing study skills.

https://austudent.elevateeducation.com/ Password: rondo

#### You will find:

- Science of Student Success best-selling book written by the company founder, Doug Barton, retail \$20, free for premium users!
- Mindfulness techniques
- · Practice papers for each subject
- Subject-specific video tutorials for Year 12 a video series for Legal Studies, Biology and English
- Printable study timetables and planners.

Students can tailor their experience and save their preferences by creating a profile on the website. They can achieve this by signing in with Facebook or by providing their own email and password.

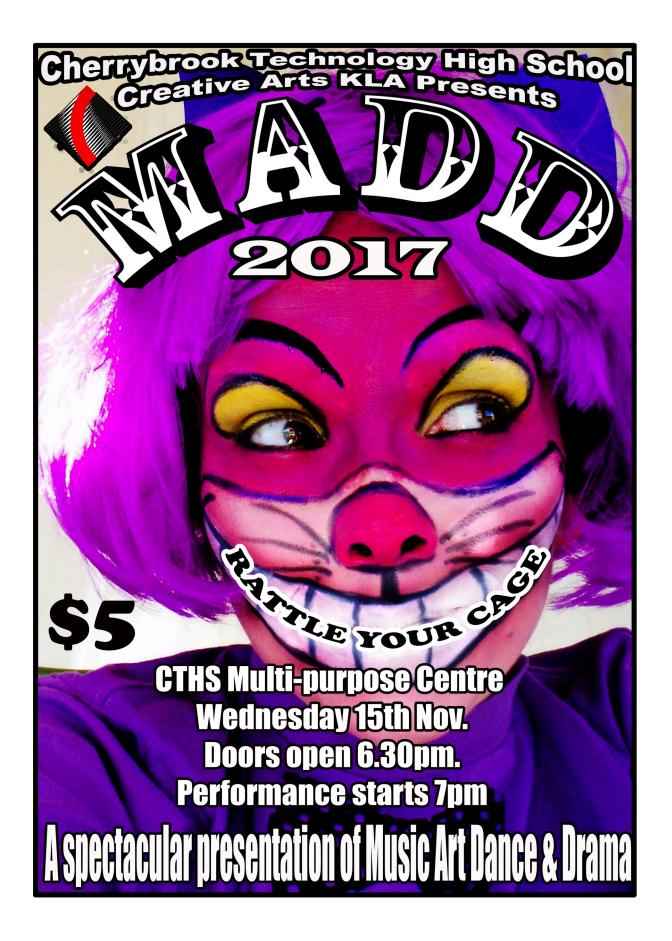
Ms Halder



















Lego Party

The Lego Party was held on the last day of Term 3. Students divided into groups and had ten minutes to build the most interesting creation. Some very interesting designs were constructed and Mrs Bevan judged the winners. Winners were also announced for the colouring contest, the Lego man contest and the biscuit design.

During the party students marvelled at the tower built entirely of wafers and icing whilst eating and drinking a range of food while being entertained by Tyler's fantastic slide-show. We are in overdrive in Term 4, with both a Halloween Party on Friday in Week 5 and a Christmas Party on Friday in Week 10. Come to D1.3 on Thursday lunchtime to help prepare and watch out for other notices about upcoming events. Hope to see you all there.

#### Ms Deadman



















# Student Attendance in Government Schools ABSENTEE NOTICE

Dear Parents / Guardians

When your child is away from school it is important parents comply with the guidelines set out in the Student Attendance Policy, the *Student Attendance in Government Schools - Procedures* as well as established school procedures.

Please note the following requirements:

#### Absence from School

Parents are required to provide an explanation of absence to the school **within seven days** from the first day of any period of absence.

Periodically the school sends home an 'Absentee Notice' when an explanation for absence has not been received.

If you receive an 'Absentee Notice' please provide an explanation of absence in the 'Reason for Absence' tear off slip located at the bottom of the notice. Return this slip to the school immediately.

If you have reason to query the absence, please note this on the 'Reason for Absence' tear off slip. Your query will be investigated and dealt with in due course.

If you would like further information you can find the School Attendance in Government Schools - Procedures at

https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/policies/student\_admin/attendance/sch\_polproc/att\_proc.pdf

Mrs Navarro, Head Teacher Student Programs









#### **CAREERS UPDATE**

#### Western Sydney University's HSC True Reward Early Offer Program

Attention Year 12 students! Students who apply for WSU HSC True Reward early offer program, will receive an early offer for entry to a degree, based on corresponding HSC subject band outcomes and not their ATAR. Not only do we believe this is fairer, but we know that students who do well in their subjects at school can go on to do well at University. Offers will be made on 14 December, the same day HSC results are released and a full-day before ATARs are released. It's also earlier than any UAC offer rounds based on HSC outcomes.



Visit: westernsydney.edu.au/earlyoffer

Call: 1300 897 669 Live chat with us

Email: <a href="mailto:study@westernsydney.edu.au">study@westernsydney.edu.au</a>

#### **UTS Law Discovery Days for Year 11s**

Thursday 16 November and Thursday 23 November, 9am - 2.30pm. UTS Faculty of Law invites Year 11 students and their teachers on-campus to one of two full-day interactive law workshops.

Find the draft program here https://www.uts.edu.au/sites/default/files/2017-09/Law-Discovery-Day-2017-draftprogram.pdf Register online https://www.uts.edu.au/about/faculty-law/events/law-discovery-day-year-11s-thurs-16-nov-2017

#### **ADFA Applications Open Now**

Applying for ADFA is a competitive, dual application process which can take up to twelve months. It's preferable you apply in Year 11, but you can still apply in Year 12. Applications for 2018 Year 12 Students (for 2019 entry) close at the end of February 2018.

https://www.defencejobs.gov.au/students-and-education/australian-defence-force-academy/how-to-apply

#### Medical Schools and programs in Australia

Australia has nineteen medical schools. The majority of schools offer the MBBS (Doctor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery) degree though some may offer the BMed or Bachelor of Medicine instead <a href="https://www.gapmedics.com/aus/blog/2016/09/28/guide-to-becoming-a-doctor-in-australia/">https://www.gapmedics.com/aus/blog/2016/09/28/guide-to-becoming-a-doctor-in-australia/</a>



#### **Australian Institute of Architects NSW**

The Australian Institute of Architects NSW provides a range of resources for students interested in the industry. Information about events, studying architecture at university and more can be found on the website <a href="http://www.architecture.com.au/events/state-territory/nsw-chapter">http://www.architecture.com.au/events/state-territory/nsw-chapter</a>

#### Prospects for Law Grads in Australia

https://beyondlaw.com.au/15-frontpage/24-featured-article

#### Reasons why Engineering is a Great Degree

https://careerswithstem.com/best-degree/

### Graphic Arts Prepress Apprentice - Where are they now?

https://www.worldskills.org.au/now-printer-andrew-rajcany/

#### Macquarie University Lecture - How to Deal with the Stress of the HSC

18 October 6pm - 8pm @ The Australian Hearing Hub, Level 1 Lecture Theatre, Macquarie Uni. Learn how to look after yourself and keep your stress levels in check in the lead up to the HSC <a href="http://www.mq.edu.au/about/events/view/how-to-deal-with-the-stress-of-the-hsc/">http://www.mq.edu.au/about/events/view/how-to-deal-with-the-stress-of-the-hsc/</a>

#### Macquarie University Headstart to History Extension Day

21 October, 9am. This will be an excellent opportunity to learn from leading historians about core areas in the new syllabus, including historiography and a selection of case studies. Your students will have the opportunity to take part in focused discussions about their extension projects and get top tips and resources to boost their academic performance, <a href="http://www.mq.edu.au/about/events/view/headstart-to-history-extension-day/">http://www.mq.edu.au/about/events/view/headstart-to-history-extension-day/</a>

Mrs Ferguson and Mrs Bower













\$20 ADULTS

\$15 CONCESSION

\$40 FAMILY

#### PROCEDURE FOR EARLY LEAVERS

If a student needs to leave school early, they *must* provide a note from their parent/guardian giving reasons for their partial absence. The student must hand the note into the student window before 8.30am where they will be issued with a leave pass. They can then present this pass to their teacher and leave school at the appropriate time.

On Thursdays (sport days) all students in Years 9-11 must have their early leave notes signed by a member of the PE staff before presenting to the office.

Hornsby Child and Youth Mental Health Service (CYMHS)



# Parenting Through the Ups and Downs of Adolescence

TERM FOUR: Thursday November 16th 2017 6pm-7.30pm

A seminar for parents of high school students discussing:

- Ways that adolescents may behave when experiencing intense emotions
- Responding to self-harm behaviour
- Parent strategies and tips to help parents remain calm and be a resource for their adolescent



- To register please call CYMHS on 9485 6155
- VENUE: Hillview Community Health Centre 1334 Pacific Highway Turramurra.

  Entry via Boyd Ave. Please allow enough time for parking and arrive 10 minutes before the registered start time.
- Unfortunately, we cannot provide childcare facilities and are unable to have infants/children attend with their parents.
- The seminar is available to families who live in the Hornsby Ku-Ring-Gai local government area.
- The cost of the seminar is \$10. There will be no charge for concession card holders.
- Registration is essential as groups fill quickly.
- Participants will be asked to complete feedback forms.
- The service reserves the right to postpone or cancel seminars in the case of insufficient registrations.

## PROCEDURE FOR SICK STUDENTS

Students who are sick during class should see a teacher for written permission to go to sick bay. They must present themselves promptly to the front office and politely follow instructions from the office staff, who will then contact a parent/guardian when necessary. Sick bay is used for a short time only. Students should not call their parents in the first instance. Please be advised the school does not supply any medication, including pain killers, medicated creams, eye drops etc.











#### **FIRST AID**

Please note Cherrybrook Technology High School does not have any medical practitioners on the premises. We provide first aid assistance to students who are unwell or injured. *Please be advised the school does not supply any medication, including pain killers, medicated creams, eye drops etc.* 

CALENDAR - Term 4 Week 2B	
Monday 16 October	• Year 9 camp
	HSC Written Exams Commence
	Year 7 Maths Assessment Task
Tuesday 17 October	Year 9 Camp
	• Year 11 Boys' Talk - P1 & 2, C2.1
	P&C Executive Meeting - 6.30pm, Conference Room
	P&C General Meeting - 8pm, Staff Common Room
Wednesday 18 October	• Year 9 Camp
19 October	Year 8 Mathematics Assessment Task
	Year 8 Yearly Examination - Science
Friday 20 October	Year 10 Mathematics Assessment Task







