

MILLER MESSENGER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

7 Dec 20	IEC Homework Centre
8 Dec 20	End of Year Presentation Day
9 Dec 20	Football United
9 Dec 20	NRL School to work
9 Dec 20	Tree of Life dress rehearsal
9 Dec 20	ABCN Empower Program
10 Dec 20	KARI mentoring
10 Dec 20	Links to learning
10 Dec 20	Youth Frontiers Year 7
10 Dec 20	MTC Youth frontiers
11 Dec 20	Primary School Numeracy
11 Dec 20	Jamberoo Recreational Park
11 Dec 20	Tree of Life 2020 performance
11 Dec 20	IEC Welcome program
14 Dec 20	IEC Homework Centre
14 Dec 20	Tree of Life performance
14 Dec 20	IEC Sydney Zoo excursion
14 Dec 20	Game Programming in Unity 3D
15 Dec 20	IEC Presentation ceremony
16 Dec 20	NRL School to work
16 Dec 20	CAPA Night
17 Dec 20	Last day of Term 4

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Year 12 - The next road in your journey

Life is a journey filled with lessons, joys, celebrations and special moments that will ultimately lead us to our destination, our purpose in life. When looking back in life, it is the goals achieved that we remember most and the steps that it took to get there. This term, our Year 12 students completed goals that they set out to accomplish - the completion of the HSC and their senior years.

In a year of change and challenge, the road was not always smooth. Nevertheless, there were many memories along the way to cherish, including the graduation ceremony, held for the first time outside of school grounds at Liverpool Catholic Club, and the formal in Sydney, at Cockle Bay Wharf Function Centre. Both events were wonderful celebrations of achievement and fitting occasions for the students to look back on their educational journey thus far, and their time at Miller with pride!

Memories are priceless, and these celebrations would not have been possible without the hard work of a great team of Miller staff and students. A big thank you to Ms Bertucci, Ms Vukic, Mr Yacoub, Mr Brunton, Ms Atkins, Mr Nugent, Ms Northcott, Ms Dinapoli, Ms Dickerson and SAS staff, Mr Wood, Mr Critcher, Ms Nadan, SRC students, video support from Adam and Caitlyn from Curious Works, and our Year 9 media team – Christian Georgis, Zioa Al Khamess and Vy Nguyen, for your enthusiasm, resourcefulness, and earnestness in making the celebrations for Year 12 and their families such momentous events.

Year 7 Orientation Day

While Year 12 have now come to the end of their educational journey at Miller, this week we welcomed our 2021 Year 7 students to our family. However, there was an emptiness and strange, eerie feeling in the room as our families were unable to attend, due to Department of Education COVID-19 operational guidelines.

Effective communication between school and home is important in maintaining positive partnerships to support the wellbeing and development of the young people in our care. As such, an edited version of this year's Orientation Day program will be available on our school webpage and Facebook site, hopefully before the end of week 9.

This time of the year fills all of us with excitement and some nervous energy and no one can relate to these emotions more than our new Year 7 students, and of course their families. While starting secondary schooling is a new experience, with some wondering what to expect, I know that your primary school principals and teachers have prepared you well. Spend your final days of primary school in reflection and gratitude to your teachers and the wonderful friends you have made.

I sincerely hope that each of our 2021 Year 7 students and their families has an enjoyable start to their secondary education journey. I look forward to working in partnership with you to make this happen.

Do what is
RIGHT,
Not what is
EASY.

OFFICE HOURS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK CONTINUED

Parking illegally in school zones

Road safety is something important that needs to be followed at all times to ensure the safety of the operators of a vehicle, passengers, and pedestrians. In fact, road traffic injuries are the leading cause of death among people aged between 15 and 29 years.

Our students look to us to keep them safe, and I would like to remind parents/carers of the new parking restrictions outside of our school. (Principal)

Please pay close attention to the **NO STOPPING** signs and watch your **SPEED** when travelling through the school zone.

With the safety of students and staff of paramount importance, I would encourage all parents/carers to drop off/pick up their children in the side streets where there is ample parking. For further information, please refer to the Liverpool Council—Keeping Your Children Safe information.

Take care, Dr Ken Edge - Principal



Keeping your children safe when dropping off and picking up at school:

- Slow down to 40km/h in the school zone and stay aware of crossings.
- Always park legally around the school.
- Always keep your seatbelt buckled until the vehicle has stopped.
- It is safest for children to get in and out of the car through the footpath-side door.
- Manoeuvres such as U-turns and 3-point turns are dangerous during the busy school drop-off and pick-up times.
- Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child - they will learn from you.
- Always give way to pedestrians, particularly when entering and leaving driveways.
- Never double park - it puts children at risk.
- Never park in a 'No Stopping' or 'Bus Zone'.
- 'No Parking' is for drop-off and pick-up only.

Please park safely and legally, even if it means walking further to the school gate. Parking signs are planned with children's safety in mind.

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Liverpool City Council Road Safety Initiative

* Penalties apply for parking illegally in school zones.

YEAR 7 ORIENTATION

This Tuesday the 1st of December we had the absolute pleasure of hosting a fantastic group of year 6 students for their Orientation Day. The students were welcomed by Dr Edge, Mr Brunton, Ms Gulic, Mr Gutierrez, Ms Attiwill and the Prefects. After an information session in the school hall, the year 6 students were excited to get into the classrooms for some exciting and engaging high school taster lessons.

In the Science labs Mrs Talfah and Mr Caddy conducted a "Mad Scientist" workshop where students learned how to make their own honeycomb.

Mr Mai led the students through an interesting English lesson where they used their imagination to create their own superheroes.

Mr Thompson supported the students to develop their 21st century technology skills in a computer coding lesson.

Mr Podolsak led the students in a HSIE adventure exploring ancient remains in E Block.

The students also enjoyed a yummy lunch and had the chance to get to know each other and their year advisor.

Staff and students had a wonderful Orientation Day 2020 and we are so looking forward to welcoming our new year 7 students next year.



Ms Gulic - Head Teacher Wellbeing

YEAR 12 GRADUATION

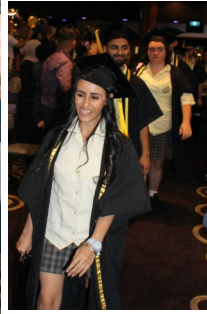
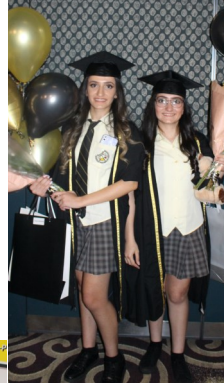
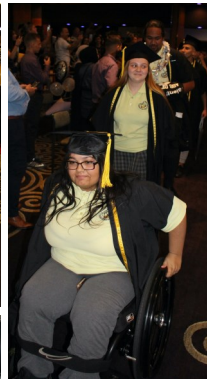
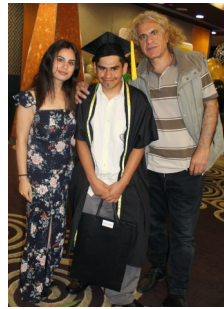
The graduation of year 12 students across our country is a momentous occasion. It is no secret that year 12 students have experienced a number of adversities this year, partnered with the added stress and emotion of having reduced time with their teachers in what is already usually a very busy year.

The staff at Miller Technology High School, have understood the importance of ensuring year 12 has the send off and receive the accolades they deserve. As a school we modified what we do, in-line with COVID guidelines and for the first time, held the Graduation off site at Liverpool Catholic Club. This evening was filled with many students receiving special awards, first in class, silver, gold and platinum certificates.

We congratulate our year 12's on graduating. Without their perseverance, hard work and dedication we would not have been able to celebrate such a wonderful achievement.

Congratulations year 12.

Miss Bertucci -
Year 12 Adviser



YEAR 12 FORMAL

After what was a long task of back and forth, changing regulations and guidelines for schools and venues, we were finally able to celebrate in style. Friday, the 20th November, 2020. The date that held one of the largest celebrations for our year 12 students. This night saw our year 12 students and teachers looking fabulous celebrating what has been a wonderful achievement for our teachers and students combined.

The formal was held on Cockle Bay Wharf Darling Harbour, where students were able to celebrate with a DJ professional photographer, photo booth, amazing food and a night filled with laughter and dancing with some lifelong friends they have made throughout their high school journey.

As the year 12 adviser I am so pleased that year 12 students were able to finally let their hair down, relax and dance away what has been one hell of a year.

They say every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end. We wish our year 12 students well wishes for the next chapter of their story.

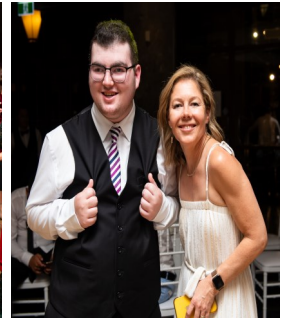
Regards,

Miss Bertucci

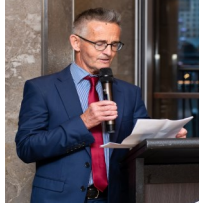
Year 12 Adviser



YEAR 12 FORMAL



CONGRATULATIONS



2020 CLASS OF



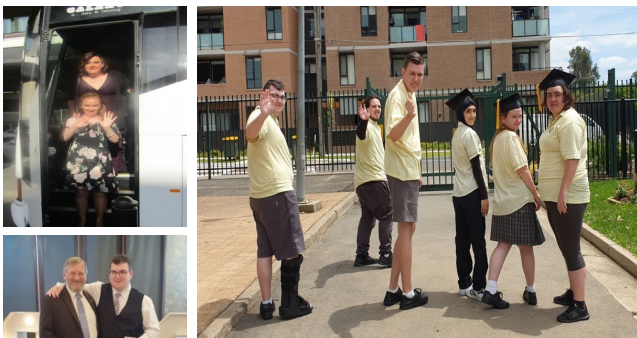
YEAR 12 - SUPPORT UNIT

Wishing you much joy and happiness as you begin a new chapter in your lives.

We will miss you.

Best wishes from all your friends and staff in the Miller Technology High School Support Faculty.

Ms S Tyler - School Learning Support Officer



Congratulations!



LINKS TO LEARNING



Miller Technology High School has fostered an amazing partnership with MTC who support the school by delivering a variety of engaging programs and opportunities for our students. This year 12 year seven students had the opportunity to engage with the "Links to Learning" program to build their capacity in areas of organisation, goal setting, time management, study and social skills.

On Thursday the 3rd of December 2020, these students completed the program and were issued with their graduation certificates. A huge congratulations to those students for their hardwork and thank you to staff at MTC for their continued support.

N Gulic - Head Teacher Wellbeing

IEC - CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE CLASSROOMS

Over the past few weeks, three junior classes from the IEC have participated in a program called Culturally Responsive Classrooms. Through class discussions of culture and diversity, students have been able to share parts of their own culture as well as learn more about their classmates and teachers.

They have also had the chance to brainstorm ways to respect different cultures and diversity, both inside and outside the classroom. The term 'diversity' was something that they hadn't come across before, but we were pleasantly surprised that from the class discussions, they were able to contribute insightful ideas! This included asking people respectfully about their culture, accepting differences, and valuing kindness. It was great to see students being reflective and inclusive!

Students wrote about an aspect of their culture that they love and this was pinned on a world map around their home countries. These countries were connected by string, showing that while we're all from different cultures, we can all work together and build strong relationships.

Students also worked in groups to create posters promoting diversity and were able to demonstrate their understanding of its concepts. Through collaborative efforts, they embodied inclusivity and cultural awareness. From Miller IEC, we hope to continue these messages of respecting culture and diversity, as the junior classes have shown through these wonderful posters!

Ms A Thompson

Miller Intensive English Centre



CAREERS

Macquarie University Explore Your Options Week

Wednesday 16 December to Wednesday 23 December 2020

MQU will be available from 10am to 4pm for one-on-one consultations, enrolment support and campus tours. Please book in advance to confirm your preferred date and time. You may book ahead or call our friendly team on [\(02\) 9850 6767](tel:0298506767).

<https://page.mq.edu.au/Explore-your-options-week-2020.html>

UOW Starts Here

18 December. 2pm to 8pm

'UOW Starts Here' is your chance to visit our Wollongong campus, take a tour, get course info and ATAR advice, and speak with UOW study area experts. Our staff will be available to make sure you get the info you need to start at UOW in 2021.

Campus tours: 2.30 pm, 4.30 pm and 6.30 pm

<http://mkto.uow.edu.au/UOWStartsHere-Wollongong2020.html>

Discover Western: Your HSC True Reward Early Offer

Friday 18 December at 9am-11am & 1pm-3pm
Year 12 students, teachers, parents

Have you received an early offer from Western's HSC True Reward Program? Do you want to know about what Western Sydney University can offer you? Our live information session will take you through the unlimited possibilities available at Western, including university life, the admissions and acceptance process and what you should do next to ensure future success!

https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/student-life/events/western-webinars.html?cid=af1:uac-newsletter-western-webinar_sep20

UTS Info Days

18-19 December

Join UTS on campus and online over two days to learn more about your undergraduate study options, alternate admission pathways and get your last-minute questions answered before close of UAC preferences. Register:

<https://uts.ac/utsinfodays>

free UCAT Webinars for Year 11 & 10 Students

29 November, 6 December, 13 December

This free webinar will cover an 8-week plan to help students start and finish UCAT prep during summer break so they can focus on ATAR once school resumes. Register now:

<https://www.icanmed.com.au/webinars>

Get Set for InfoFest – Discover the Job You Want

7-11 December & 18-22 January

Discover the skills you need, for the job you want at TAFE NSW InfoFest. Whether you're joining us online or on campus, you'll have the opportunity to connect with industry-expert teachers, join interactive workshops, explore state-of-the-art facilities and get the help you need to finalise your enrolment. **Registrations are mandatory** so get in quick to secure your seat at your nearest participating campus. If you need further information, drop into your local TAFE NSW campus or call us on [131 601](tel:131601) to speak to one of our friendly staff. **Ensure you keep checking back as new sessions will be regularly added.**

<https://www.tafensw.edu.au/infofest>

70,000 Reasons Why Students Can Opt for Fee-Free Traineeships

With the NSW Government committing to paying the course cost for 70,000 new traineeships, there's never been a better time to enrol at TAFE NSW in a government funded traineeship course. Traineeships combine on-the-job training with formal study to give you the skills and experience employers are looking for. Generally taking around 1-2 years to complete, traineeships offer you the opportunity to earn a salary while you learn.

[TAFE NSW offers a range of traineeship courses](#) covering many industries including early childhood, health and allied services, business, IT, hospitality and warehouse operations. Traineeships are a proven pathway to well-paid jobs in a diverse range of careers. In NSW, traineeships are also fee-free*

<https://www.tafensw.edu.au/fee-free-traineeships>

Ms Mariane Benitez

Careers Adviser & NESAs Coordinator