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UPCOMING EVENTS

26.10.2020	VET training Cert 1 White card
26.10.2020	Year 10 Assessment week
26.10.2020	EDGE Workshop Year 10 Students
27.10.2020	WSU Fast forward Year 9
28.10.2020	NRL School to Work
28.10.2020	Football United - 30 Students
28.10.2020	Peer Support Sessions
28.10.2020	Year 11 Work Studies
29.10.2020	KARI mentoring
29.10.2020	MTC Youth frontiers
29.10.2020	Links to learning - Year 7
29.10.2020	Year 7 Surf Education
30.10.2020	Self Defence - IEC Students
30.10.2020	Year 8 Surf Education
4.11.2020	NRL School to Work



Wishing our Year 12 students good luck in their HSC Exams. You can do this!



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

As we settle into the final term of the 2020 academic year, I would like to extend a warm welcome to the Intensive English Centre students and their families who have chosen to continue their education in the high school. I am certain the students will make many new friends and have countless enjoyable and rewarding learning experiences.

As a school we have an inspirational School Administrative and Support team who take pride in their vocation to ensure the best learning outcomes possible for all Miller students. At the end of last term, we farewelled an inspirational team member, our Science Faculty laboratory assistant and valued member of the school's WHS team, Ms. Tracy Noble. I know we all wish Tracy all the best in her new school and future career endeavours.

Student Leadership

Leadership has been described as a process of social influence in which a person can enlist the aid and support of others in the accomplishment of a common task to make a difference. It is also a commonly held belief that everyone has the potential to be a leader. In fact, everyone will be a leader in some way at some point in their life, be it in the family, in the workplace or in one's social circles.

With this simple and straightforward understanding that leadership is within everyone's reach, a new Prefect Body was elected last term for their ability to lead student voice and potential to build positive relationships across the student body. In keeping with our school's democratic values, in week one of this term interviews were conducted with those Prefects aspiring to be School Captains and Senior Prefects. Each student was well prepared, and I would like to acknowledge and thank Ms Atkins, Mr Nugent and Ms Northcott for their efforts in supporting the students.

Student leadership is a significant part of school life and the important event of the Prefect's investiture took place during a whole assembly. It is with great pleasure that I announce our School Captains, Senior Prefects and a newly created position of School Ambassador for 2020-21.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT CONTINUED

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School Ambassadors: Tony Dang, Joy Kim and Duaa Shanoot.

I am confident, that our new Prefect Body will rise to the challenge and build on the strong legacy of the student leaders that have come before them.

Again, congratulations, and I am looking forward to working with you over the next 12 months.

To our outgoing Prefect Body, thank you for your wonderful service to our school and to the wider community over the past twelve months. As a team, you have modelled the way with a strong sense of integrity, inspired a shared vision of possibility, and searched for opportunities by seeking innovative ways to grow and improve. But above all, you made a conscious effort in a year of unprecedented change and challenge to build a strong sense of collective identity and community spirit to our school.

Again, thank you for your work in facilitating a vision of student leadership within our school.

Year 12 Celebrations & HSC

Creating a 'sense of belonging' within our school is essential in 'Promoting Growth and Development' - our vision. This vision was very evident during the Year 12 Celebration Day held last Friday. It was a fun day with the amazing race, team trivia and the dunking machine event on the quad a fitting ending to the school life for the students.

A big thank you to Ms Burtucci, Ms Vukic, Mr Yacoub, Mr Nugent, Mr Brunton, Mr Wood, the Entertainment course students and all the staff involved who invested so much of themselves, and time to make the day such a memorable event. I would also like to congratulate the student body on how well you conducted yourselves throughout the day.

The HSC examinations commenced this week and I would like to thank all of the Year 12 teachers for their resolute dedication in giving up their time during the recent vacation period to conduct study workshops to support students to achieve the very best possible outcomes in the examinations. A big thank also to those teachers who gave-up their time during the holidays to prepare lessons for the new term.

All students are well prepared to take on the challenge of the HSC examinations and I expect that all will be successful in their chosen career pathway or tertiary options.

School Operational Changes - TERM 4

As we begin an exciting and productive term of learning and innovation there has been an easing of the COVID-19 operational restrictions by the Department of Education. From the beginning of this term, we can recommence inter-school activities.

This means that all inter-school sport and physical activities, curriculum activities, arts activities and extra-curricular activities outside of our local community and organised by the school can now take place, with a covid-19 safety plan in place.

However, while restrictions are starting to ease, I would like to remind all students of the need to still follow good hygiene practices:

- Regularly washing your hands with soap and use the hand sanitisers when entering and leaving the classroom.
- Avoid sharing drinks or food.
- Coughing or sneezing into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately.
- Filling water bottles from bubblers rather than using the bubbler directly

With a new school term we would normally be talking to our friends we have not seen for a few weeks about the fun times and adventures had over the spring vacation. However, as a school and community we are coming to grips with the sad news of the passing of a former student, Joe Qolivi, during the holidays - after losing his battle with bone cancer.

This is a difficult and emotional time, and our thoughts are with family and friends as they mourn their loss.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT CONTINUED

Joe was fun-loving, well respected within the community and by his teachers and peers. It is true that there is much sadness in his passing and our times with Joe are special. His memory will live on, enriching, guiding, and blessing all our lives.

Everyone reacts in different ways, with some finding this news very difficult to understand or in same way a reminder of another sad event in our life. While we should not hesitate to seek help for ourselves, if there are concerns about the wellbeing of a family member, colleague or friend, counsellor support is available anytime and anonymously by contacting Head Space (headspace.org.au) or the Kids Helpline (1800 55 1800).

In a final comment, I would like to thank our staff and our entire community for settling into another 'new normal' so quickly. With Term 4 always an enjoyable term and with our classes well settled and working hard I would like to leave you with this thought:

Every day is a new beginning. Treat it that way.

Stay away from what might have been and look at what it can be.

Be kind and respectful of everyone.

Sometimes you need to be nice to others, not because they are nice to you but because you are!

Take care,

**Dr Ken Edge
(Principal)**

24/7 Support Lines

If you or someone close to you is experiencing distress or is in immediate danger dial 000

lifeline 13 11 14	beyondblue 1300 22 4636
mensline 1300 78 99 78	kids helpline 1800 55 1800
suicide call back service 1300 659 467	qlife 3pm-midnight 1800 184 527

YEAR 12 - 2020 CELEBRATION DAY



On Friday the 16th October Year 12 celebrated their schooling in style. Students participated in an Amazing Race where in groups they cracked codes and participated in some good old school fun such as 3 legged races, egg and spoon races, finding hidden immunities and different games involving water balloons.

During recess and lunch, we had a teacher and student dunking machine which saw the likes of Miss Bertucci, Ms Gulic, Miss Vukic, Mr Yacoub, Mr Wood, Mr Patana and Mr Nugent get dunked. We were able to fundraise over \$300 for this event which will go towards year 12 fundraising.

After recess it was Year 12's time to shine. They started off with a celebration walk in to the hall led by Roseanna Puruto. They danced and celebrated what has been such a momentous year. After Miss Bertucci MC'd their celebration assembly. We can't forget the amazing performance from Miss Bertucci, Miss Vukic and Mr Yacoub to start the festivities.

We then participated in a round of minute-to-win-it games where students had to participate on stage representing their table. It started off with teachers winning the first two points but students slowly crept up to take the win.

This huge day of fun could not have been done without the support of many teachers including Miss Vukic, Mr Yacoub, Mr Brunton, Miss Alessi and Mr Nugent.

What a memorable day for all!

Miss Bertucci - Year 12 Adviser

SCHOOL CAPTAINS - VICE CAPTAINS & PREFECTS



On Thursday the 15th of October, Miller Technology High School held one of the most important events in the annual school calendar – the farewell of the outgoing Prefect Body and the inauguration of newly elected school leaders. The outgoing Prefect Body Dylan Gutierrez, Shaedaa Hadi, Ali Shanoot, Majida Alajia, Erdawan Mensi and Razan Bahnam, Garabet Tomas, Roseanna Puruto, Steven Nguyen, Navorleak Seng, Andrew AlHakim, and Ornina Shiba excelled themselves as leaders of our school during an unprecedented year of change and challenge. At Thursday's assembly, the school said a heartfelt thank you to this group that has represented the best of Miller Technology High School. The outgoing Prefects have led school events, modelled respectful, inspirational, safe and excellent behaviour, mentored younger students, and represented their school with pride. This group has contributed significantly to student life at Miller Technology High School and will leave a lasting legacy of student leadership and service that will continue to be felt at Miller long after they have gone.

Thursday's assembly was a testament to the profound contribution of the outgoing Prefect Body, but it was also a recognition of the passing of the torch to a new generation of student leaders. Over the last several months, Miller Technology High School has been working at electing a new group of student leaders for the 2020-2021 academic year.

At Miller, the Prefect Body is elected through a democratic process, where members of the school community, including both students and teachers, participate in electing fifteen students to serve as senior student leaders. These leaders, once elected, are then invited to participate in an interview process to determine which of the fifteen prefects will fill the roles of School Captain, Vice-Captain and Senior Prefect. At Thursday's assembly, the school bore witness as the incoming prefect body took their oath of office, were presented with their Prefect badges, and officially commenced their term as Prefects of Miller Technology High School.

Congratulations to the Prefects and Ambassadors for 2020-2021

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Mr Sean Nugent

NAIDOC WEEK

8 NOVEMBER - 15 NOVEMBER



**Always Was,
Always Will Be.**

8-15 NOV 2020

NAIDOC WEEK Sunday 8 November - Sunday 15 November.

The theme this year is *Always Was, Always Will Be.*

Applications are now open for the 2021 intake of the Indigenous Apprenticeships Program (IAP) on Monday 12th October for a six week period to Friday 20th November 2020.

This program is an exciting opportunity for people new to the Australian Public Service who want to:

- learn new skills
- gain valuable workplace experience
- Complete a formal qualification.

It doesn't matter where you're from or what age you are, you just need to meet the eligibility criteria which is outlined on our website. Please share this opportunity!

Western Sydney University Pathways to Dreaming Online Yarning Sessions are commencing this week for students in Years 8-12.

NRL School to Work - Session recordings of the Yarning Circles can be found at <https://www.nrl.com/community/school-to-work/yarning-circles/>

The most recent Yarning Circle featured AFL legend Eddie Betts.

The Indigenous Literacy Foundation is looking for video submissions for their NAIDOC celebration video.

TAFE Keep Up - Free workshops to help parents/carers keep up with the latest digital tools, learning practices and ways to support your child at school. TAFE Macquarie Fields. Four workshops to choose from.

Reminder: applications for 2021 TAFE NSW Degrees are now open.

Listening to Country, Talking to Each Other

Are you a young person interested to share the story of your cultural journey? Join us for a unique project in Western Sydney! The project Listening to Country, Talking to Each Other will bring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people together with others to share stories, show empathy and build cross-cultural.

FREE TAFE NSW "KEEP UP" WORKSHOPS

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'KEEP UP' WORKSHOPS

Workshops to help parents/carers keep up with the latest digital tools, learning practices and ways to support your child at school.



Find out how to apply for a Working With Children Check

WORKSHOP DETAILS

Location:
Room: HG16 (H block, ground floor, room 16)
TAFE NSW Macquarie Fields
32 Victoria Road
Macquarie Fields NSW 2564

Time and days:
All workshops run from **9.30 am – 2.30 pm**
Workshop 1 Technology – Thursday 29th October, 2020
Workshop 2 Reading, Writing and Maths – Thursday 5th November, 2020
Workshop 3 Starting at a new school – Thursday 12th November, 2020
Workshop 4 Children who need extra help – Thursday 19th November, 2020

Register online at <https://bit.ly/34vG8yn> or go to Customer Service, B Block, TAFE NSW Macquarie Fields to complete the expression of interest.

Cost
FREE These workshops are subsidised by the NSW Government and there is **no charge**.

Note
FREE Morning tea and lunch are provided.



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TAFE NSW

KEEP UP WORKSHOPS

You can put your name down for one, two, three or all four workshops. Choose from the following:

WORKSHOP 1

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT TECHNOLOGY TO HELP MY CHILD?

This workshop will introduce the tools used by schools to connect with students and parents to support learning in the classroom. Find out about programs like:

- Google Classroom
- Schoolbag
- See Saw
- Zoom

You will learn about to help your child when using technology, how to be safe when accessing the internet and what type of equipment you might need at home.

WORKSHOP 2

HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD AT HOME WITH READING, WRITING AND MATHS?

This workshop will focus on helping children and young people develop their reading, writing and maths skills.

- How can I get my child interested in reading?
- What does writing look like now that most schools use computers?
- Are there everyday activities that will help my child develop numeracy skills?
- How do they teach children to add, subtract, multiply and divide now?

Find out the answer to these questions and more!

WORKSHOP 3

DOES MY CHILD NEED EXTRA HELP?

In this workshop you will find out helpful information to support your child at different stages.

- I've noticed that my child who is under 5 is not developing in the same way as other children. What should I do?
- How do I know if my child is struggling at school?
- Who should I talk to if I think my child needs extra help?
- Who are the professionals that can help my child?

WORKSHOP 4 STARTING AT A NEW SCHOOL AND EDUCATIONAL PATHWAYS

HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD WHO IS:

- starting primary school?
- starting high school?
- choosing subjects and courses?
- leaving school?

Do you have a child that is starting school next year, or moving from primary school to high school?

What about a teenager/young adult that's just about to finish school, how can I help them?

These are not easy stages for children or parents. Find out more about these transitions and some ways that you can support your child through these tricky times and come out the other side okay.

Each workshop participant will be given a TAFE NSW course guide and the opportunity to find out about TAFE course options and how to access career advice for a young adult or themselves.

CAREERS

Use the Miller Technology High School careers website to locate information about the HSC, search for job vacancies and much more. <https://www.millertechnologyhighcareers.com/>

Girls in Engineering Club

You can connect and share ideas with fellow high school girls who are also discovering the possibilities of a career in engineering. You will hear from inspiring role models, from UNSW engineering students to female engineers already making their mark on the world. They can't wait to share their stories with you and answer your questions!

By joining the club you will receive:

- Exclusive invitations to Girls in Engineering Club events
- Monthly inspo delivered to your email, featuring profiles of amazing female engineers, study tips and tricks, blogs from our current engineering students, and loads of info to help you explore your career options in engineering
- Opportunities to be mentored by current female engineering students at UNSW
- The chance to win prizes through participating in fun STEM activities!
- Access to a closed Facebook community to connect with likeminded girls

<https://www.engineering.unsw.edu.au/study-with-us/girls-in-engineering-club-gie>

Western Sydney University - Campus Tours

Come and explore all Western has to offer. Prospective students, their family and the general public can take one of the guided Campus Tours and see what life at Western is really like. Tour lecture theatres, teaching spaces, stroll through libraries, and visit world-class facilities where students gain hands-on, practical experience. Register for a tour:

westernsydney.edu.au/campustours

Reminder - Discover Western - Preparing for Year 12 2021: Let's get started.

Thursday 29 October at 5pm

For Year 11 students going into Year 12 in 2021

In Year 11 and thinking about what to do when you finish school? Want help with how to get through Year 12? This session includes advice on choosing the right subjects for the your dream Uni course and career.

We will also provide tips on study skills and stress management to help you through Year 12.

<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/student-life/events/western-webinars.html>

Register here:

https://wsustudents.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0IGbPXACbj1wTDT

Assistants in Nursing - Their Important and Growing Role

Anyone who relishes the idea of caring for people as a living may decide that a career in the medical world is a good choice. However, not everyone is suited to becoming a medical professional such as a doctor, nurse or physiotherapist. For people who want to help, without having one of these roles, there is the option of becoming an assistant. For instance, there are Allied Health Courses which people can take in order to qualify for a role in assistance. Allied health assistants provide assistance to health practitioners including physiotherapists, occupational therapists, podiatrists, speech pathologists and dietitians. Another option in Health is to become an assistant in nursing.

<https://www.myhealthcareer.com.au/career-and-university/the-important-and-growing-role-of-assistants-in-nursing/>

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Master Painters Group Training Company (MPGTC) run a 3 Day Bootcamp at our specifically designed training facility – this is a wonderful opportunity for those wanting to become an Apprentice Painter & Decorator.

Who Should Attend? Anyone with an interest in pursuing a career in the Painting & Decorating Industry and looking for a practical training program with the opportunity to secure an apprenticeship and work with Host Trainer at the completion of the program. Take the first step to a successful and colourful career and contact us.

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How to Apply for a Job At Woolworths

We have developed the following 'how to' guides to support external job seekers through our application process. All current Woolworths employees are asked to apply for positions through the WOW Careers internal website only.

Don't forget to visit our [questions and answers](#) page should you have any further queries about working with us.

https://www.wowcareers.com.au/page/Careers/Come_and_work_for_us/How_to_apply_for_a_job

Career Pathways with Coles

At Coles Group, we're committed to attracting and employing people that represent the communities we work in. We're building a safe and supportive working environment for all team members, regardless of age, disability, race, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, religion, ethnicity, family responsibilities or cultural background.

Throughout the recruitment process, we provide support for candidates to make sure nobody is disadvantaged.

If you're interested in a great career with Coles Group, across any of our brands or functions, we'd love you to apply.

<https://www.colescareers.com.au/why-work-with-us>

SOUTHERN DISTRICTS FOOTBALL ASSOC.

Miller Technology High School has a student body of approximately 600 pupils which also includes an IEC for recently arrived migrant students. SDSFA Technical Director Rod Galic visited the school as part of our Football In Schools program to donate footballs, bibs and cones, which were supplied by our great friends Errea Australia.

The school has a high proportion of students who play football in our Association and also the summer Futsal competition. Teachers Mr D Bourke and Mr J Gutierrez were very grateful for the donated gear, as the school participates in the NSW Puma Cup competitions as well as local school sport.

They also said football is a very important part of helping the newly arrived migrant kids integrate into their new surroundings by playing football at lunchtimes, which increases their interaction with other kids at the school. We wish Miller High School all the best in the future. May the football gear assist the kids in growing both in a footballing sense and academically to help all students reach their full potential. **Southern Districts Football Assoc**



IEC - VISUAL ARTS

Last term in Visual Arts the students of 2S learnt about the Great Barrier Reef. As part of their studies they were taught about clay and how to use the correct joining techniques for a successful artwork. They created these beautiful ceramic sculptures of coral and none of them broke in the kiln!! Well done to the students of 2S, Term 3.

Ms Steph Steele-Smith



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR ATSI STUDENTS



Kari scholarships are now open for students entering years 10, 11 and 12 in 2021. Applications close at 4.30PM on MONDAY 30th NOVEMBER 2020. Please see Shane Scott or Ms Hughes for your application form.



Walanga Muru- Macquarie University provides Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander year 11 students the opportunity to enrol in a university unit while still in high school.

- This Critical Thinking Unit (PHIL1037) covers the fundamentals of critical thinking and reasoning.
- Students will study by correspondence from Feb to June 2021.
- **If the student successfully completes the unit and receives an overall mark of a credit (65) or above, Walanga Muru can award them with an EARLY OFFER STRAIGHT INTO MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY INTO A VARIETY OF DEGREES.**
- Each student will be aligned with a personal Walanga Muru tutor that will be able to assist with academic support whether it is face-to-face, online, or over the phone throughout the entire unit.
- Students will also have access to Walanga Muru staff for mentoring as well as Studiosity, an online tutoring system to assist with their final assessment.
- This ticks off for free a subject done and dusted on your transcript and one less unit you have to do when you commence university at Macquarie University.

For more information please see Ms Hughes.