



MILLER MESSENGER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

TERM 4

12 October, 2020	Students Return to School
15 October, 2020	MTC Youth Frontiers
15 October, 2020	KARI mentoring
16 October, 2020	Year 12 Celebrations
19 October, 2020	Year 12 LAST day of School
20 October, 2020	HSC exams Start
21 October, 2020	NRL School to Work
22 October, 2020	MTC Youth Frontiers
22 October, 2020	KARI mentoring
22 October, 2020	Year 9 Surf Education
23 October, 2020	Year 10 Surf Education

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Volume 23

Term 3 in Review

As a school, our ultimate goal is to provide a holistic, relevant and significant education not only through developing new knowledge in the classroom, but also through extra-curricular activities. However, while extra-curricular activities are considered to be an integral part of school life it has not been possible, due to health and safety restrictions, for many activities to take place on site during last semester and this term.

Nonetheless, with our teachers very much aware of the benefits of student involvement in these activities they have worked creatively with many of our community partners to deliver learning through on - line platforms.

With the emergence of the "new normal", the Australian Business and Community Network or ABCN adopted on - line learning to deliver the Focus Program and Digital Focus Pilot Program. These programs are about building on existing leadership skills to engage young women in successful and meaningful career pathways. In talking to Ms Porter, the Girls Education Co-ordinator, she said "it was fantastic and wonderful to watch the girls develop in confidence and willingly offer their opinions to gain a better understanding of their leadership potential and to build on their creative and problem-solving skills during the on-line discussions with their Microsoft mentors".

In developing public speaking skills, Mr Nugent was very happy to announce this term the re-launch of the school's Debating Club and the participation of year 7/8 in this year's Premier's Debating Challenge consisting of three on-line round-robin debates. In the first two rounds against East Hills Boys and Prairiewood High Schools the students displayed well-honed public speaking skills and are growing in confidence.

On-line workshops delivered by Elevate Education also assisted Year 11 students improve their study techniques to build confidence and increase motivation to lift their performance in the end of preliminary course examinations they are currently undertaking.

In unlocking the potential in every student, the ULTIMO Vocational Education and Training Awards streamed live in week 9 was a celebration of the dedication of students, parents, teachers, schools and community partners who have contributed to vocational education and training. With over 10,000 students enrolled in VET courses across Sydney South West, I would like to congratulate Ghabriel Arbash of Year 12 as an award winner who demonstrated excellence, commitment and passion in his VET area of study – Retail .

TAFE's youth engagement strategy has also helped Miller students realise post school career options. Congratulations and well done to the following Year 10 students on successfully completing this terms program - Abed Alajia, Mena Alsalihi, Rishithan Arulselvam, Kaizar Hamoo, Cedra Ali, Carlos Khieophiu and Malachi Mumblor.

Over the past term, other programs including SPARC, Peer Support, MTC's Youth Frontiers and Links to Learning, Full Steam Ahead and the Western Sydney University's Fast Forward Program have definitely placed students at the centre of their learning by empowering them with the practical skills and strategies to positively navigate life and relations to achieve more than they thought possible.



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Additionally, the inspirational Game Plan program, supported by Mr Critcher, has allowed students to explore and develop their musical talents and identities to create a better future for themselves. Student talents in the Creative Arts were further highlighted in the Year 12 Visual Arts Showcase. It was fabulous for all of the staff that attended to gain, through the student talks, an understanding of the building blocks and the meanings behind the complex and busy designs of the student's art works.

Year 12 Festival of the Boot

Traditionally, the last week of this term 3 is a special time for Year 12, because as a school and community we come together to celebrate their achievements and to share their memories of their time at Miller through several events including an informal farewell assembly, Festival of the Boot, followed by the graduation ceremony and formal.

However, due to on-going public health requirements to keep everybody safe, including social distancing, the informal, farewell assembly had to be cancelled. The good news is that the Festival of the Boot, albeit in a modified format did take place in week 9. Student involvement activities including table tennis, the bench press competition, the students Vs teachers 100 metre sprint, VR – beat saber, connect-4 and 6 square handball were enjoyable for all, and fitting a way for the school to celebrate the school days of Year 12.

In the true Miller spirit, I would like to thank Ms Bertuoci and all students and staff involved for their passion and commitment in building positive relationships through inclusiveness. Congratulations to Year 12 as the 2020 winners of the Festival of the Boot.

Graduation and Formal Update

Much to the cheers of Year 12, on Friday 11 September, NSW Health released COVID-19 Safety Plans which permit Year 12 formals and graduations at the conclusion of the HSC exams, Thursday 12 November 2020. Given the current advice, our Year 12 graduation ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday 18 November and the formal for Friday 20 November. Further information will be provided early next term about family attendance once our COVID - 19 Safety Plans are finalised.

2020 HSC Examinations - Parent Advice

We know our students and staff have worked hard for the HSC. The safety of our students and staff remains of utmost importance.

This year extra arrangements are in place to ensure that any disruption due to COVID-19 will have minimal impact on HSC exams.

Our school has put in place a number of contingencies to help ensure exams run as smoothly as possible. The exams have been scheduled and our school has arrangements in place for exams to proceed as planned.

It is important that students review their timetable and plan well so they turn up for their exams on time, healthy and rested. Any student with a pre-existing condition, that presents similarly to flu-like symptoms, should be planning now and speak to their doctor/GP. The GP can provide a medical certificate ahead of the exams to ensure they are not sent home.

If on the day of the exam your child feels unwell with flu-like symptoms, they should stay home and get tested. HSC students are prioritised for COVID-19 test results.

It's important to note that all students will be asked if they are well before entering exam rooms. We want all our students to sit their exams, but sometimes things happen. If your child is unwell and misses their exam, contact the school. Students who are unwell will be eligible for the illness and misadventure provision with NESAs.

If there are any changes to exam arrangements we will communicate with HSC students through the School and Year 12 Facebook sites and the school webpage. These will be the only source of communication for these types of notifications. If in doubt, please call the school. We wish all our students well in the upcoming exams.

In a closing comment, I firmly believe that during this term the quality of classroom practice observed, and the many extra - curricular opportunities provided, have certainly focused our school's vision of 'Promoting Growth and Development' of students in many ways.

With the spring vacation upon us, I would like to wish staff, students and their families a safe and relaxing break and leave you with a thought to reflect upon by Dr Meredith Grey from the Iconic United States Medical Drama, Grey's Anatomy about 'change'. She said:

**"Change; we don't like it, we fear it, but we can't stop it from coming.
We either adapt to change, or we will be left behind."**

Again, a reminder to all students that school returns – Monday 12 October, 2020.

Regards,

Dr Ken Edge - Principal

YEAR 11 ELEVATES TO EXCELLENCE

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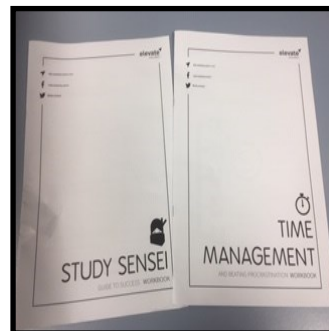
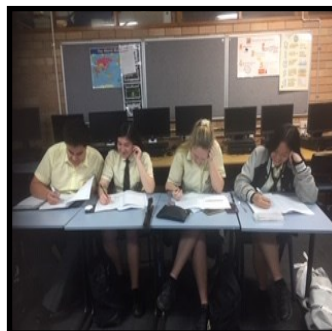
On Thursday 10th September all Year 11 students attended an online study skills session delivered by Elevate Education. Elevate Education is an award-winning organisation that delivers programs to assist students in becoming more effective and independent learners.

With all the disruptions that have occurred throughout 2020, the staff at MTHS understands these are uncertain times and students may be increasingly working independently at home. How effectively students revise and prepare is key to their success in the next 12 months. This program was fully funded by MTHS at no cost to students which ensured all students could access this opportunity to develop their individual study skills.

The online facilitator Polly was highly interesting and motivating, effectively managing and engaging over 100 students via multiple zoom links. The workshops **Time Management** and **Study Sensei** specifically focused on developing student time management and independent study skills. Students were provided with individual workbooks that allowed them to identify, understand and implement a variety of study strategies during the seminar and beyond.

At the completion of the session many students commented how useful they found the information. I am hopeful that we are able to offer additional follow up sessions to build further on the quality teaching and learning that exists at Miller Technology High School.

Ms Tanya Porter
Year 11 Advisor



YEAR 12 HOSPITALITY

Year 12 Hospitality (Kitchen Operations) have completed their last cooking practical of the course. The students cooked a Mediterranean feast and, had the chance to show case their knife and cooking skills they have perfected over the 2 years.

Well done to the Hospitality class of 2020.

Ms Jessica Elvidge



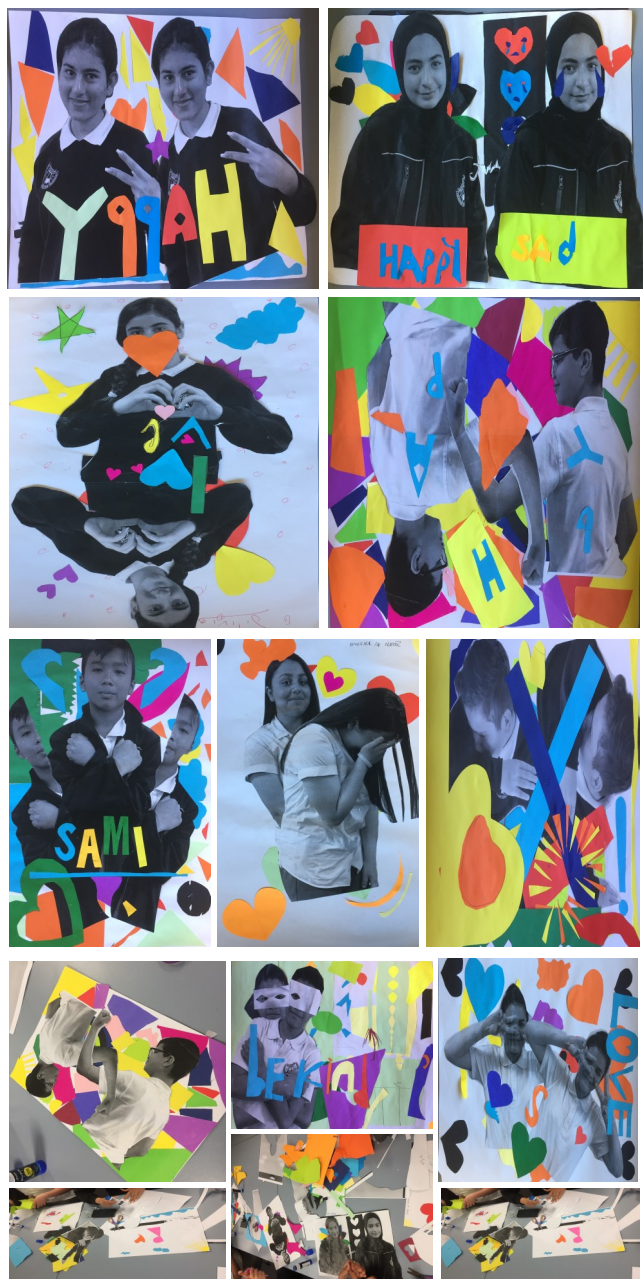
What does it look like, sound like and feel like at Miller Technology High School.

Respect is the Miller Technology High School community working in harmony to improve each other's lives. It sounds like people talking in conversational tones and not yelling at each other. It looks like students playing peacefully in the playground. It sounds like people expressing their point of view without being judged and people listening without being opinionated. It looks like students working with their teachers to achieve their goals and not working against them. It looks like students wearing their school uniform with pride, and arriving to school and classes on time. It feels like everyone accepting and celebrating that we are all different and unique and using that to build a stronger community. **Mr J Brunton - Deputy Principal**

**THE AUSTRALIAN & NUMERACY
FOUNDATION ARTS PROGRAM - IEC**

This term 2J and 2J1 had the opportunity to be part of an arts program which was provided by the Australian and Numeracy Foundation. This program offered our students with an opportunity to explore and develop a thorough understanding of portraiture in art. Students were mentor by Artist Mike Freedom which guided and inspired 2J and 2J1 to tap into their creative side and produced artworks that were at a high standard. These students should be proud on the incredible work that was created with the guidance of artist Mike Freedom.

Mr A Basso - IEC



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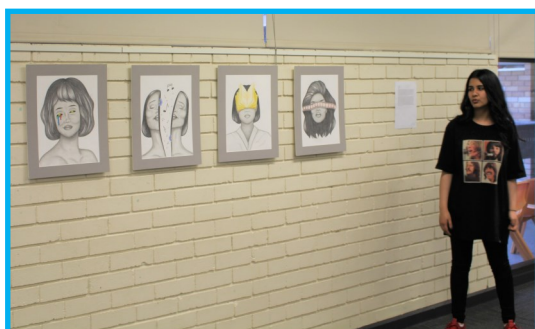
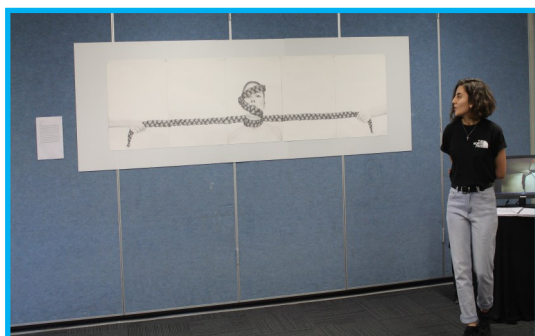
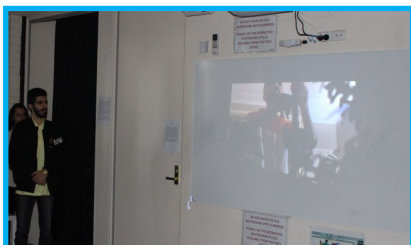
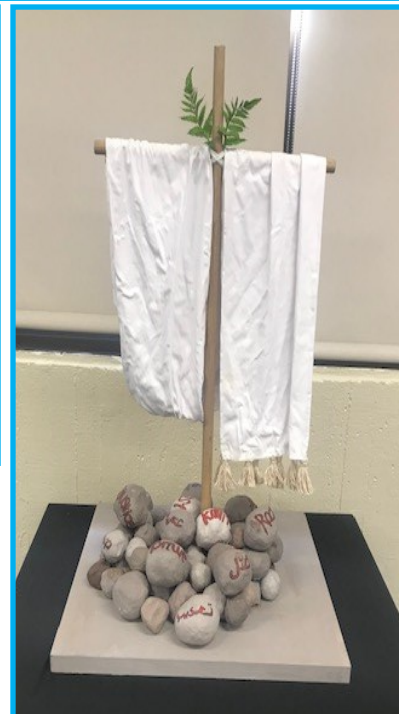
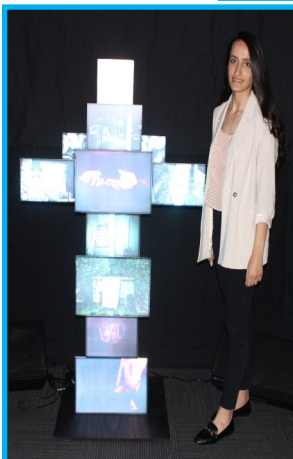
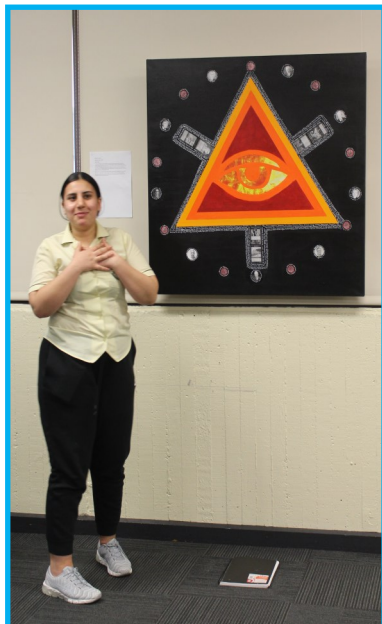
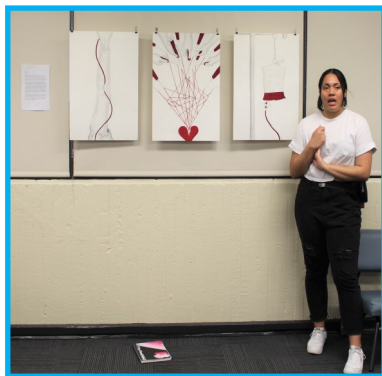
3S1 created beautiful advertisements for the newsletter. Students worked hard during these few weeks and created amazing advertisements using our own words and ideas. It was such a unique task because we got to advertise different products, services and events. The exiters of this term presented their advertisements to Ms Romic from high school to show her our skills and what we learnt from this subject. Students learnt how to communicate with others and work as a team to create their advertisements and get experience from this task. Also, we learnt to help each other when the task became difficult.

Thank you all.

Written by Maryan J (IEC)



YEAR 12 VISUAL ART EXHIBITION - HSC MAJOR WORKS



Year 12 Visual Arts students celebrated the completion of their Body of Work with an exhibition in the MPC. This was the culmination of a year of planning, experimenting and refining the ideas for their major project. The quality of work this year was exceptional, with students creating work across a range of artmaking forms including drawing, filmmaking, painting and photo media. All students gave talks about their work to a captive audience who were amazed at some of the stories behind the artworks. With 2020 presenting significant challenges for Year 12, it is worth noting the extra stress for students completing major projects this year. Year 12 Visual Arts are commended for their exceptional efforts in completing their body of Work under such difficult conditions. A huge thank you to all the staff and students who attended the exhibition and supported Year 12. There will also be a video of the exhibition for friends and family who couldn't attend.

Mr D Critcher - Head Teacher

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/>

UAC - Be an undergraduate early bird

If you want to apply for undergraduate study in 2021, complete and pay for your application before midnight on **Wednesday 30 September**, when the processing charge increases. Once you've applied, you can change your preferences as many times as you like, for free!

If you're considering undergraduate study, find out more about:

[Educational Access Schemes](#) for applicants who have experienced long-term educational disadvantage, including those effected by natural disasters such as drought or bushfire, or those whose parents or guardians are receiving JobKeeper or JobSeeker

[Equity Scholarships](#) for financially disadvantaged applicants

[Schools Recommendation Schemes](#) for Year 12 applicants (closing soon).

Applying is quick and easy.

Take a look at our short video guides for [Year 12 students](#) and [post-school applicants](#).

- You can apply or log in between 7.30am and midnight (Sydney time) and we'll automatically log you out if you're inactive for 30 minutes.
- There is a non-refundable processing charge of \$70.00 AUD. You can pay using Mastercard, Visa or PayPal. Your application is **not complete** until you have paid. Offers are made on specific dates throughout the year. There are application deadlines for each [offer round](#).

<https://www5.uac.edu.au/uacug/>

Reminder - Game/Film Industry Experience Day at Academy of Interactive Entertainment

Wednesday 30 September. 10am-3pm

Learn about the local and international game dev, 3D animation and VFX industries from experts. Free practical workshops in 3D Art, Animation, Programming and Game Design for Years 12 students. Rego required. RSVP.

<https://aie.edu.au/ied>

Deadline extended - Harding Miller Scholarship for Girls

Closes 16 October

The Harding Miller Education Foundation Scholarship Program provides practical support to lift the educational and career aspirations of high potential Australian girls who are facing socio-economic hardship. New scholarships are valued at approximately \$20,000 over the course of 4 years.

<https://www.hardingmillereducationfoundation.org.au/apply-for-a-scholarship/>

[Apply here:](#)

<https://hmef.grantplatform.com/>

The Career Expo – HSC, VCE, QCE & Beyond

28 - 30 September

InspirationED has spoken to students, universities, colleges and industry leaders to come up with a virtual world where you can access all of the information to kick start a student's career path. With over 40 universities and higher education exhibitors, live guest Presenters, resources, promotions and more. Register Now at <https://inspired.edu.au/thecareerexpo/>

Free High School Workshops in Acting, Film, Theatre Production

These school holidays, 7, 8, 9 October

If you are a high school student in grades 9 through to 12, we invite you to join us during the 7th - 9th of October 2020 for a FREE immersive workshop experience. Check out what workshops are available and hit that **Register** Button to join in on the fun.

<https://www.aftt.edu.au/events/high-school-workshops/high-school-workshops>

Apprentice Traineeship Literacy and Numeracy Quiz Questions

Select your favourite apprenticeship or traineeship and do the fun quiz. Put your skills to the test and check you have what it takes to have the main qualities to begin an apprenticeship or traineeship. Having the main skills will allow you to settle in to the training and work for your chosen apprenticeship or traineeship position. Answers are at the end for you to check your effort.

<https://www.aapathways.com.au/practice-aptitude-quizzes>

The University of Sydney Faculty of Science - Kickstart HSC revision in the holidays

Available for Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics Extension 1 and Physics

These 90-minute online workshops will be hosted live by our experienced science communicators. Workshops include theory overview; videos demonstrations and experiments; and interactive activities where students can ask

VET Explained for Students

Fee-free apprenticeships and financial support from the NSW Government. Apprenticeships are now [fee-free in NSW](#), and there's a heap of VET traineeships and courses subsidised under our Smart and Skilled program.

Health, horticulture, education, engineering... VET can provide a pathway to almost every career. In fact, VET courses, apprenticeships and traineeships can lead to over 500 careers – and in most cases, you don't even need an ATAR to get in. Vocational education and training give you the skills you need to get the job you want, now and in the future.

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<https://vet.nsw.gov.au/student>

SummerJobs.com.au

All the Christmas casual jobs in Australia in one place!

It also has a really useful blog designed specifically for first-job seekers. See here:

<https://summerjobs.com.au/blog>

Ms M Benitez - Careers Advisor

