



MILLER MESSENGER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

8 November 2021 Years 7, 8 & 9
Assessment week

8 November 2021 NSW Schools
Constitutional Convention - SRC +
Legal Students

9 November 2021 HSC Examination
commences

11 November 2021 Remembrance
Day Ceremony



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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Dear parents/carers,

After 13 weeks of silent hallways and empty classrooms, I was delighted to welcome staff and students back to face-to-face learning last week.

For me, it was beautiful to see those shining eyes peeking over the tops of masks as students arrived in the morning. As one of our returning students said, "I am delighted that it is nearly all over. I am a very social person and looking forward to returning to school to catch up with my friends."

As announced by the Minister, from November 8th, all NSW schools will move to updated Level 3 settings that will bring our school operations more in line with what is allowed in the community. I want to update you on the key changes that will be in place at our school from Monday, November 8th, and the rest of Term 4.

From November 8th 2021

Our school will operate on updated Level 3 settings for the rest of Term 4 2021, with the following activities allowed in a COVID-safe manner:

- Assemblies and presentations are allowed outdoors, with cohorts separated and physical distancing in place. Fully vaccinated visitors (including parents and carers) are only allowed to attend if completing a specific role (such as presenting) and at the school's invitation.
- Community use is allowed outside of school hours (including P&C meetings) with COVID-safe plans in place – in line with public health requirements.
- Dancing, bands, ensembles, and music classes will be allowed within cohorts. However, everyone must wear masks while playing instruments indoors. Other devices that rely on breath or require a mask to be removed to be played and sing and chanting are not permitted in Term 4.
- Excursions are allowed outdoors (and indoors where sole use of the premises is available).
- Incursions are allowed indoors and outdoors where cohorts are kept separate.
- Graduations and formals are allowed within cohorts, either on school sites or at external venues – with COVID-safe plans in place and physical distancing adhered to.
- School sports are allowed, including inter-school sports and access to indoor and outdoor pools (from November 1st).
- Transitions and orientations are allowed in a COVID-safe way that minimises mingling between students.

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Keeping us all safe on school grounds

A combination of layered COVID-safe plans and measures will allow us to prioritise student and staff safety and keep our school open. To do this, the following guidelines will be in place:

- Students, staff, and visitors must not attend school if unwell, even with mild symptoms.
- All staff and adult visitors on the school site must be fully vaccinated and provide proof of vaccination.
- Masks are required indoors for all staff, adult visitors, and students in Year 7 students and above. Masks can be removed when eating or exercising.
- All staff and visitors must check-in when attending a school site or gathering.
- Adults should maintain 1.5 metres of physical distancing wherever practicable.
- Activities and events should be held outdoors where practical.
- Indoor spaces will be well ventilated and as large as possible for the number of attendees - following square metre guidelines.
- Students should avoid mingling with other class and year groups when moving around the school.
- Students and staff will maintain good hand hygiene, and schools will continue with enhanced cleaning, including high touchpoints.

Please feel free to share this information with other members of your community.

Parents and carers on-site to support school operations

Fully vaccinated parents and carers will be allowed on-site to support curriculum delivery, student wellbeing activities and school operations. Parents and carers must check-in using the school check-in and show proof of vaccination on entry to the school site.

School Safety Zone

School Zone signage helps to moderate traffic flows, with the safety for staff on supervision, students and their families a priority.

As communicated in previous updates, when dropping off and picking up your children by car, please use the side streets near the school, especially afternoons. Also, when dropping off or picking up, it is safest for your children to

get out of the car on the kerbside of the road to avoid passing traffic. Calling out to them from across the street is dangerous – they may run to you without checking for traffic first.

Please adhere to the 40km/h speed limit in the School Zone and look for buses pulling out, when parking adjacent to the school. Park legally to avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns and always give way to pedestrians, particularly when entering and leaving driveways.

Please note, Liverpool council traffic wardens regularly patrol the School Zone area with infringement notices issued for traffic offences (please refer to the attached Liverpool Council School Zone information).

Drop-offs and Pick-up

When dropping off and picking up children, parents and carers should:

- Stay in your car
- follow the physical distancing requirements and avoid gathering outside of the school gates
- remain outside school grounds (some exceptions exist for our Support Unit students.
- adhere to mask-wearing requirements in accordance with the Public Health Order
- sign in using the Service NSW QR code if entering the school.

HSC Examinations Update

As our Year 12 students and their families would be aware the HSC examinations will commence on Tuesday November 9th. As our students prepare for their HSC exams, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each student for their hard work and dedication to their studies.

I would also like to acknowledge that the past couple of years has had their challenges with interruptions to your face-to-face learning patterns due to the pandemic. You have done very well in making it to this milestone – congratulations!

On each exam day

- Students need to make certain that they are familiar with their personal exam timetable with an alternate venue listed.
- Arrive no more than 30 minutes prior (except for English and Mathematics when students need to arrive 50 minutes

FROM THE PRINCIPALS DESK CONTINUED

before exam time) to the exam and report directly to the designated screening and sign-in area.

• Students will be asked some screening questions to make sure they are well and do not have any flu-like or COVID-19 symptoms.

Please refer to the attached Miller THS COVID-Safe HSC Package – Procedures & Protocols to review more detailed information about HSC expectations and Illness Misadventure information.

Ms Porter or Mr Shea is always available if students need additional support and guidance in preparation for their exams. The COVID-safe HSC exam advice for students page (click on the link) also has up-to-date information. Once again, congratulations on reaching this important milestone.

Year 12 Graduation and Formal for mainstream and Support Unit Students

The Year 12 Graduation will take place on the evening of Thursday, December 9th, at Liverpool Catholic Club. Full details about rehearsals and arrival times will be communicated to families and students before the event.

Please note that to comply with NSW Health guidelines, only fully vaccinated people, including students, will be able to attend the ceremony. External visitors will not be able to access the Graduation Ceremony.

The Year 12 Formal will take place on Friday, December 17th at Le Montage Function Centre, Lillyfield, from 6.00 to 10:30 pm. Although it is envisaged that a bus will be available, parents are kindly requested to make travel arrangements to ensure the safety of their child to the formal and at the conclusion.

The cost for each student is \$100 that has been subsidised by the school. Payments can be made from November 8th. The Parent online Payment (POP) facility located on our school website is the preferred method of payment (refer to POP payment information attached).

To access this facility, you must have an email address. The payment page is accessed from the front page of our school website using the "Make a Payment" tab.

Please be aware that this information is subject to change based on advice from NSW Health and the Department of Education. Any changes will be communicated to parents.


The Term 4 Road Map provided the Department of Education with summaries of the changes announced (refer to the attachment). Please feel free to share this information with other members of our community.

Again, I would like to thank all of the parents and carers for your understanding and support. If you have any immediate needs or questions, please do not hesitate to contact the main High School office (Office Hours 8.30 am-3.00 pm).

If you need an interpreter to assist with an enquiry outside of school hours, please call the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. Give the operator your call back phone number, and an interpreter will assist with your conversation. This is a free service.

Again, I would like to thank all of the parents and carers for your understanding and support.

Dr K Edge - Principal



Don't DOUBLE PARK

Penalty: \$344* and 2 demerit points

LIVERPOOL CITY COUNCIL
Liverpool City Council Road Safety Initiative *Penalty applies in school zones. Minimum fine, subject to change



Don't stop in a BUS ZONE

Penalty: \$344* and 2 demerit points

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NO PARKING/ KISS & RIDE AREAS:

YOU MAY ONLY STAY 2 MINUTES & DRIVER MUST REMAIN WITHIN 3 METRES OF THE VEHICLE

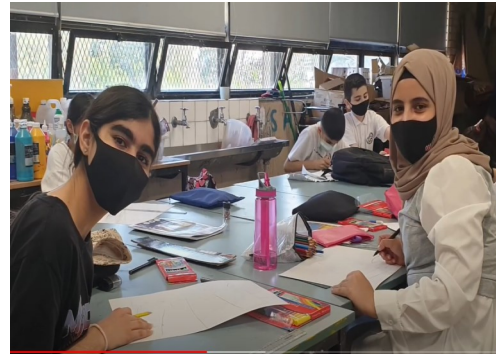
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WELCOME BACK



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A very warm welcome back to all our students. The last few weeks of *learning from home* have been challenging for everyone. We have adjusted to new ways of learning, teaching, and parenting during this period. Now that we are back in face-to-face learning, staff have found that students have quickly adjusted. We have seen our students excited to see their teachers and engage in classroom learning. I would like to remind students to be in full school uniform.

Last week, Year 11 students received their reports for the end of Preliminary Course. Year 11 students are now in the process of deciding on which subject to drop. During this term, our Year 7-10 students will have their assessments. I wish the students all the best in their semester 2 assessments.

Ms M.Abu Swireh

Relieving Deputy Principal

WOMENS'S GROUP

Miller women's Group this week activity online Zumba via zoom. We had 10 women participated from our students' parents and from the community. Women had fun with the session also useful time.



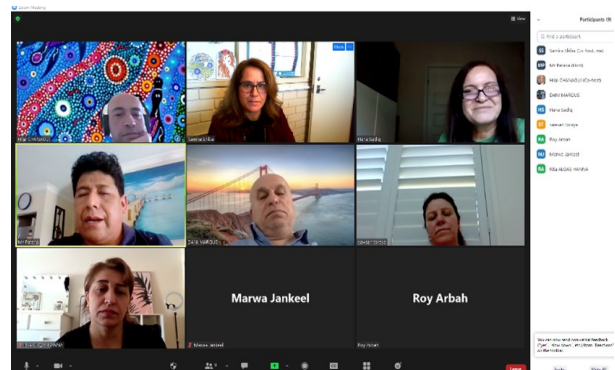
Ms S Shiba

Community Liaison Officer



ONLINE PARENT MEETINGS

As part of our commitment to ensuring that our parents are kept up to date and informed of what is happening at school, we have continued to hold our online meetings this week. The topics that were discussed were mainly countered with students returning to face-to-face learning and some of the changes involved in this process. Parents were assured that the safety and wellbeing of students and staff remain a priority. Many thanks on behalf of our parents to the Refugee support team for coordinating these invaluable meetings during the lockdown and beyond.



Ms S Shiba - Community Liaison Officer

WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

Students at Miller Technology High School celebrated World Teachers' Day on October 29th. Students expressed their respect and admiration towards teachers at our school for their devotion and determination to always support them and their families, especially during the lockdown period.

All students showed their appreciation and gratitude for the efforts Miller Technology High School teachers made to ensure students continued learning. "All our teachers made online lessons fun for us," said a student. "Thank you to all the teachers, and Miller teachers are just amazing," another added.

I hope all teachers had a fantastic day on their day!!

You can see the Miller Technology High School video with particular messages for our teachers from our students.

Video link - https://youtu.be/CSRE_8pILuE

Mr P Patana

Teacher

Miller Intensive

English Centre



CAREERS

UAC NEWS

UAC - Offer rounds for Year 12 students

Release of ATAR-based offers rescheduled to 26 January 2022

The NSW Government has announced that HSC written exams will now start on 9 November 2021 and HSC results will be released on 24 January 2022. As a consequence, the following UAC dates have been set:

20 January: NSW and ACT ATARs released

21 January: Deadline for changing preferences for January Round 2

26 January: January Round 2 offers released (first offers based on ATARs)

UAC Simple Steps to Follow:

1. If you're a 2021 Year 12 student, enter your Year 12 student number (issued through your school) and UAC PIN. (2021 NSW HSC applicants and ACT Year 12 applicants: Your UAC PIN will be emailed to the address you registered with NESA. All other Year 12 applicants: Your UAC PIN is the first four digits of your date of birth – eg if your birthday is 3 October, your UAC PIN is 0310.)
2. Enter your personal details (including a personal email address - don't use a school address as it will expire). The name on your application must match the name on your official ID, otherwise you'll have problems when you enrol.
3. Provide details of your studies and qualifications (including completed secondary studies and complete or incomplete certificate, diploma and degree studies).
4. Select up to five course preferences.
5. Accept the applicant declaration.
6. Pay for your application with a credit card (Mastercard or Visa) or PayPal account. 2021 Year 12 students can also pay using BPAY or Post Billpay (in Australia only). Your application is not complete until you have paid.
7. Check your email regularly for updates on your application.

Once you've applied, you can change the order of your preferences – or even the courses you've selected – as often as you like before the closing dates for each offer round. (Some courses have early application closing dates so check for these as well.) Simply log in to your application using your UAC application number and UAC PIN. You can't change your preferences by phone, letter or email.

[Click here for full details.](#)

UAC Live Q&A Careers Q&A: Instagram

Schools Recommendation Scheme Q&A: Facebook + Instagram

11 Nov 2021. 5pm

What is SRS, when should you expect to receive an offer, and what should you do when you receive one? Kim Paino, UAC General Manager, Marketing and Engagement will explain all! Our team will be in the comments to answer Parent and Carer Update and Q&A: Facebook

25 Nov 2021. 5pm

Kim Paino, UAC General Manager, Marketing and Engagement, will provide an update on UAC applications for 2022 study. Head to the comments to ask us a question or all your SRS questions.

Offers Q&A: Facebook + Instagram

16 Dec 2021. 5pm

Kim Paino, UAC General Manager, Marketing and Engagement, will answer the most commonly asked questions about offers for uni study in 2022, from offer dates and accepting offers to managing your preferences and deferring your study. Our team will be in the comments to answer all your questions.

Reminder– UAC webinar: The Schools Recommendation Scheme, Course Preferences and Offers

10 Nov 2021. 6pm

Have you applied for the Schools Recommendation Scheme?

The Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS) is one way institutions make early offers of undergraduate admission to Year 12 students. They do this by using criteria other than (or in addition to) the ATAR.

Learn about key dates, listing course preferences and what to do once you receive an offer.

<https://uacdigital.easywebinar.live/srsupdate>

Reminder - UAC webinar: ATAR Release, Preferences and Offers

1 Dec 2021. 6pm

We'll discuss how to manage course preferences to maximise your chances of an offer once you've received your ATAR, explain offer rounds and how to defer your offer, and give answers to the most commonly asked questions.

<https://uacdigital.easywebinar.live/atarrelease>

UNIVERSITY

Fees shouldn't be a barrier to achieving your dreams at ACU

ACU has worked hard to make fees simple and transparent, with a range of financial assistance options. You could be eligible for one of the hundreds of scholarships we award every year. Learn about scholarship types, payment methods and how to apply at our scholarships hub. Visit the scholarships hub:

<https://www.acu.edu.au/study-at-acu/fees-and-scholarships/scholarships>

Western Sydney University Senior high school students information

Students can visit the Year 12 Information Hub to find all the information they need to get started on their journey to university, including: course information, upcoming events, how uni works, and more all in one convenient place:

[https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/study/info-for-year-12-students?](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/study/info-for-year-12-students?cid=em:CAA-Yr12-info-hub-Page_Oct21)

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MedEntry UCAT Prep

Free UCAT Bootcamp For parents, aspiring Medical students and Careers Advisers.

Dr Ray, Gastroenterologist at Monash Health, offers UCAT mini test, discusses medical interviews, admission process, life as a medical student, and career as a doctor.

Watch this two hr Bootcamp from the comfort, convenience & security of your home at any time!

<https://www.medentry.edu.au/resources/ucat/free-bootcamp>

TAFE

TAFE NSW Degrees - Aspiring Early Educators

If you love working with children, this accredited four-year teaching degree is for you.

This degree has a strong applied learning focus so that when you graduate, you'll be prepared to work in a variety of settings such as day care, preschool, integrated child and family services. As well as practical core units, you will undertake a work placement each semester that allows you to apply what you've learned in a real setting.

<https://www.tafensw.edu.au/degrees/bachelor-of-early-childhood-education-and-care-birth-5>

40 free new career pathway brochures

TAFE NSW has recently published documents to help guide students who are looking for career options, new skills, and VET to support current and future employment trends. Developed in consultation with key industry partners, these brochures are perfect for students to find their pathway at TAFE NSW :

<https://www.tafensw.edu.au/schools/pathway-brochures>

TAFE NSW Start SBAT Conversations now!

School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships (SBAT) are more than just part time jobs. They are a great way for students to set themselves up for the career they want, while still completing their HSC. Now is the time to explore SBAT options:

<https://www.tafensw.edu.au/documents/60140/308644/School-based+Apprenticeships+and+Traineeships+%28SBAT%29+STUDENTS.pdf>

COLLEGES

Want to be a Nurse? UOW College - Nursing - Online Info Session

Wednesday, 10 November 2021. 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Thinking about studying the Diploma of Nursing at UOW College or already have an offer and still need answers? Don't worry we've got you covered. Please join us for our upcoming online info session to find out how to become an enrolled nurse or progress onto the Bachelor of Nursing at UOW in just 18 months. We will provide an overview of course structure, entry requirements, job outcomes, scholarships available, VET student loans and current remote online delivery mode for this course. Staff will be available on the night to answer any questions you may have. Applications are open now! Classes start in February 2022.

Once you register, we will send you an email with further information on how to join us on the night.

<https://studentservice.uow.edu.au/Portal/Events/EventDetails?eventId=598d6431-b819-ec11-818a-00224810b8e7>

Kind Regards,

Ms M Benitez

Careers Adviser & NESA Coordinator