



MILLER MESSENGER

NEWSLETTER 27 MAY, 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS

30 May	National Reconciliation Week
30 May	Rugby League Training
30 May	RAS Program
30 May	University Transition Program
30 May	U15 Basketball
31 May	Community Access Program
31 May	Womans Group
31 May	Homework Centre
31 May	Macquarie Mentoring Program
31 May	WSU Fast Forward Year 10
1 June	IEC Settling In
1 June	Depth Study Excursion
	Museum of Human Disease
2 June	Love Bites Workshop-Wellbeing
2 June	Managing the Bull-Wellbeing
2 June	Australian Literacy and Numeracy Foundation
2 June	Parents English Class
2 June	RAS Program
2 June	Girls Volleyball Training
2 June	Rage Workshop
2 June	HSC & Careers Expo
3 June	NRL in League in Harmony Workshops
3 June	Souths Cares Visit
3 June	Pacific Islander Students Program
6 June	RAS Program
6 June	University Transition Program
6 June	Rugby League Program
6 June	Love Bites Workshop
7 June	Homework Centre
7 June	Community Access Program
7 June	Women's Group
7 June	Macquarie Mentoring Program
7 June	Love Bites Workshop
8 June	IEC Settling In
8 June	Australian History Competition
8 June	Year 11 Biology Excursion
	Minnamurra Rainforest
9 June	Managing the Bull
9 June	Australian Literacy & Numeracy
9 June	Parents English Class

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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As we approach mid-term, our students continue to demonstrate that they are thoughtful learners. As principal, I firmly believe we provide quality education with our staff passionate about the work they do each day focused on the needs of students regardless of gender, race, or ethnicity.

Term 2 Principal's Network Meeting

Further, Miller school pride is alive and well. This was communicated in a recent email from a principal colleague who attended, along with over 70 other primary and high school principals, the Term 2 combined Liverpool, Cowpastures, and Fairfield principal network meeting, which we recently hosted. The principal wrote:

"Thank you for hosting the Combined Network meeting today.

The students at your school were outstanding. The student helpers at the gates were polite and helpful, and all the students involved in the catering were efficient and friendly. The student performers were highly talented and performed brilliantly, and the student leadership team spoke with purpose and pride. When we left, a group of students and staff wished all those exiting to have a nice day."

Congratulations on your great school. Congratulations to the outstanding students and their committed teachers who shone today.

Clearly, the Miller experience left lasting memories for all those in attendance.

Ms Deb Summerhayes, Executive Director, School Performance Metropolitan South and West School Performance Directorate, attended the network meeting and provided updates on Department of Education policy directions. Ms Summerhayes also acknowledged the great work of our school and other schools in keeping communities safe, and well and in providing the best possible learning during the COVID pandemic. This work was recognised by presenting a Certificate of Excellence that is now proudly displayed in the high school office foyer.

As I have said many times to many people, there is something very special about our educational setting that only those that walk through the front gates can appreciate. I would like to acknowledge the dedicated staff and students who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make the network meeting such a meaningful event.

A big thank you to Dakota Collis for her passionate delivery of Acknowledgement of Country. Mr Kumar, Mr Wood, and the Year 11/12 Entertainment Industry course students for your technical expertise. Ms Kaur, Ms Singh, Ms Northcott, Ms Dinapoli, Year 11/12 Hospitality and Year 9/10 Food Technology students for the gastronomic delights so carefully prepared.

Thank you to our outstanding General Assistants, Mr Whitlock and Ms Boyle, for the hall set-up and SASS, Ms Dickerson, and Ms Siczak for keeping everybody COVID safe.

Student leaders at Miller are uniquely positioned to make a difference as they search for opportunities to innovate and grow. Congratulations to Ms Atkins, Mr Yacoub, Prefects, School Captains and SRC students who demonstrated responsible citizenship to foster positive community relationships.

FROM THE PRINCIPALS DESK CONTINUED

School Uniform

A gauge of school pride is how well students accept the importance of wearing school uniforms. I want to acknowledge and congratulate all the students, in terms of attitude, discipline and respect, who wear our school uniform with pride to build a good reputation within our community.

Undeniably, all students benefit in many ways by wearing school uniform each day. However, for some students conforming with our uniform code is not a priority, especially as we are entering the cooler months of the year. If any family requires uniform assistance, forms are available from the student kiosk in the main school office or the Miller High School website.

What does it mean to strive for excellence?

This answer is simple. It means that each student is always looking at where they are and how to get a little bit better. Striving for excellence also increases confidence and self-esteem through praise and academic success.

Our Recognition of Student Excellence (ROSE) assembly was a time to acknowledge students striving for excellence, and I would like to congratulate all the award recipients on their achievements.

Sorry Day and National Recognition Week

As we prepare each student for life's journey at Miller, our assemblies are a time to take pride in our inclusiveness and cultural diversity and the example and inspiration provided to others.

Our National Sorry Day assembly was a time to raise awareness of the history and continued effect of the forced removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from their families, communities, and culture.

With our diversity acknowledged in what we do each day, I would like to congratulate Aboriginal Team students Dakota Collis, Kiara Sulkowski, Carter Duffin and Rozesonda Riley on how they worked together during our National Sorry Day assembly. It raised awareness and reminded us that reconciliation is everybody's business. A big thank you to Ms Lawrence, Mr Scott and Ms Northcott for supporting the students in their journey and embracing the rich dimensions of culture within our school.

National Sorry Day also marks the beginning of National Reconciliation Week (27 May-3 June) with the 2022 theme, "Be Brave. Make Change." A theme to challenge all Australians to tackle the unfinished business of reconciliation so we can "make change" and build on the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians.

Year 12 UniReady Program

The UniReady Program (University Transition Program) supports Year 12 students with the application processes for university admission, early offers and scholarships, including application for the Educational Access Scheme. The program also focuses on being 'university ready' by examining academic text types and referencing techniques. Please contact Mr Yacoub in the HSIE faculty or Ms Benitez - Careers Advisor for further information.

Reminder - the cancellation of the school Athletics Carnival

Over recent months the inclement weather has caused disruptions and cancellation of many community activities, including sporting events. After several inspections in recent weeks, the school oval remains waterlogged, and with safety concern, we have regrettably had to cancel our annual Athletics Carnival.

In providing opportunities to excel in areas of interest and talent, students will still have an opportunity to participate in Athletics Carnival events during their PD/H/PE or sport (INS) classes. Over four weeks, results will be recorded, with the top four students for each event, in each age group to represent the school at the Zone Athletics Carnival to be held at Campbelltown Stadium between 14-15 June.

If you have any questions regarding this year's Athletics Carnival organisation, please contact the high school main office, Ms Bertucci or Ms McLaren in the PD/H/PE faculty.

At Miller, our team approach ensures that each child in our care is supported, with parents/carers actively encouraged to be involved in their children's education. We aim to provide learning experiences through which young people discover who they are, cultivate abilities to shape their own lives, and learn how to engage with and contribute to the world around them.

FROM THE PRINCIPALS DESK CONTINUED

I want to leave you with this question to ponder with this vision in mind. How can we, collectively as adults in their lives, create the empowered relationships that will achieve these aims?

Please spend some time reviewing this information and continue to check our various online communications, including the High School (<https://miller-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/>) and Intensive English Centre (<https://milleriec.schools.nsw.gov.au/>) websites, Miller Technology High School Facebook page and School Stream for updates.

If you have any questions or needs, please contact the main school office. Our staff are always more than happy to help.

Dr K Edge

Principal

ROSE ASSEMBLY



Every Semester, our school holds an assembly for the Recognition Of Student Excellence (ROSE). Our first ROSE assembly for 2022 was held on Tuesday, 24 May. It was Live Streamed to all classes. Ninety-two students were recognised for their outstanding achievements.

This included students from Years 7-12, the Intensive English Centre (IEC) and Support. Students were nominated by their teachers due to their application across our four School Core Values; Respect, Inspire, Safe, and Excel (RISE). Twelve students received silver certificates, and two students received gold certificates. Special awards were also presented. Eleven students received Work Placement certificates, and five students received the Public Education Foundation Award with a laptop.

Tina Nguyen, our 2021 Vice-Captain, delivered the Occasional address. Tina spoke about the challenges during the COVID-19 lockdown period, school support during online learning, and dealing with constant changes. I want to thank the big team involved in organising a successful ROSE assembly.

Ms Abu Swireh

Deputy Principal



Congratulations!

SORRY DAY AND RECONCILIATION WEEK ASSEMBLY

Today, the Aboriginal Education Team at Miller Technology High School conducted a special assembly commemorating Sorry Day and marking the beginning of Reconciliation Week for 2022.

Five outstanding Aboriginal students (Dakota Collis, Kiara Sulkowski, Rozesonda Riley, Carter Duffin and Steven McPherson) conducted the ceremony, and they did a fantastic job of honouring their culture and the significance of these special occasions on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander calendar.

Another proud day for Miller Technology High School!

Ms Lawrence
Deputy Principal
Aboriginal Education Coordinator



YOUTH RECONNECTION & CULTURAL CONNECTION PROGRAM

Miller Technology High School, in conjunction with the Australian Museum, coordinated a wonderful day last Friday celebrating the culture of our Pasifika students. It was a fantastic afternoon of learning, dancing and tradition enjoyed by all our students from various parts of the Pacific Islands and New Zealand. We were joined by Reverend Jacob, Melissa Malu, Mary-Jane, Moana and Fred Schwenke from the Australian Museum.

It was wonderful to watch our students immersed in their culture, displaying pride in where they are from and honouring their homelands. As a result of the fantastic display of skill and commitment, we have now been offered the opportunity to perform at the Australian Museum on the 23 of June. We are very much looking forward to this exciting event.

A huge thank you goes out to Ms Nickel for coordinating and planning this wonderful opportunity for our students.

Ms Lawrence
Deputy Principal



PDHPE - RUGBY LEAGUE

Ms Bertucci runs Rugby League training sessions each Monday morning at 7:30 am on Miller Technology High School playing fields. Students have developed fitness, strategy, and tactical gameplay during these sessions. Students have been working closely with Ms Bertucci and Mr Scott to develop their skills and prepare for their upcoming games in the City Cup League.

Ms Golightly
PDHPE Teacher
Relieving Head
Teacher PDHPE



PDHPE - OPEN GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

The Miller Technology High School open girls volleyball team competed in the preliminary rounds of the Bernera Zone Volleyball knock-out competition on Monday 9 May at Minto Sports Stadium. The team fought extremely hard and successfully beat Cecil Hills High School 3 sets to 1.

Now the girls volleyball team will progress to the next round on the 9th of June 2022.

Ms Golightly
PDHPE Teacher
Relieving Head Teacher
PDHPE



RUGBY LEAGUE BUCKLEY SHIELD WRAP UP

Thursday 5th May, the under 14 boys played the Buckley Shield Tournament at The Crest, Bass Hill. It was a competitive day, and we went to two games and won. Student behaviour was outstanding, and we were invited back to participate in another tournament at the end of the term.

Students and the coaching staff gave points throughout the day based on who they thought was outstanding on the field. Congratulations to Exodus Toleofa, who was named captain and took away MVP of the tournament.



Kind Regards,

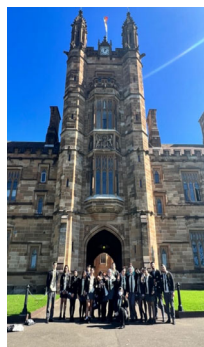
Ms Bertucci
PDHPE Teacher

YEAR 12 - UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY FUTURE FOCUS

On the 6th of May 2022, eighteen of our Year 12 students participated in the University of Sydney Future Focus. On the day, students participated in several workshops to help plan for their future studies after they finish school, focusing on interests, motivation, and career goals.

Students were also able to explore many university faculties and were treated to lunch and a study gift bag. Students were also able to begin applying for the university's early offers and scholarships.

Ms Benitez & Mr Yacoub



CAREERS

Western Sydney University - Explore Western Information Sessions

Find the right course for you! Join the Explore Western activities going live from 16–26 May!

Explore your options, explore a range of courses, and explore our campuses.

Details and Registration: <https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/student-life/events/explore-western>

UAC Digital - Let's Chat – Teaching

This session will give HSC students and their parents information about applying for a Teaching degree. UAC and an expert panel from various universities will discuss:

- which HSC courses are recommended for Teaching
- different types of teaching you can apply for
- entry requirements
- application statements
- available pathways if you don't meet the selection criteria
- high-demand teaching areas.

Time: 6.00pm

Location: Online

Details and Registration: <https://uacdigital.easywebinar.live/registration-lets-chat-teaching>

University of Sydney - Business Webinar

Join this session to hear about how the Bachelor of Commerce at the University of Sydney will prepare you for a future in business. Find out about the wide range of areas of study or 'majors' on offer, such as Finance, Innovation & Entrepreneurship, Human Resource Management, Management & Leadership, and more.

Gain insights into the variety of hands-on industry experience, study tours, exchange programs and other real-world opportunities available to Business School students.

Time: 4pm - 4.45pm

Location: Online

Details and Registration: <https://www.sydney.edu.au/study/events-for-prospective-students/undergraduate.html>

UCAT Late Booking Deadline

Late UCAT bookings close.

See: <https://www.ucat.edu.au/>

Cost: \$390 (includes a late fee of \$85)

UAC Digital - Let's Chat - Mental Health and the HSC

UAC is bringing together a panel of experts to chat about mental health and the HSC. It'll discuss:

- healthy stress vs unhealthy stress
- strategies to minimise stress
- how to recognise when your stress has turned into a more serious mental health concern
- strategies to manage mental health leading up to, during and after exams
- how to tell your parents and school if you're feeling overwhelmed
- how to study effectively to avoid burnout.

Time: 6.00pm

Location: Online

Details and Registration: <https://uacdigital.easywebinar.live/registration-lets-chat-mental-health-and-the-hsc>

University of Sydney - Careers in Architecture Webinar

Discover the myriad of careers available to you in architecture, design, urban planning, heritage conservation, property development, sustainability, construction and more!

Find out how a degree at the Sydney School of Architecture can help you prepare for an exciting career in the field.

Time: 4pm - 4.30pm

Location: Online

Details and Registration: https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_N_DO0IZiThyPp1RNvX_7-Q

UAC Digital - Let's Chat – Veterinary students, For the love of animals

If you are interested in veterinary studies then this session is for you. Current students from a range of uni's share their experiences of student life. Topics covered include:

- how they decided on the course they are studying
- what they found easy about the process of applying and enrolling, and what they found hard
- what they thought uni would be like
- the best thing about being at uni
- their hopes and dreams for when they finish

Time: 6.00pm

Location: Online

Details and Registration: <https://uacdigital.easywebinar.live/registration-let-s-chat-veterinary-students-for-the-love-of-animals>