



School holiday dates:

Term 3

Last day of term Fri 19 Sep

Term 4

Students start Tue 7 Oct

Last day of term Wed 17 Dec

Calendar

August

- 14 Year 8 Medieval Day
- 15 Year 12 Visual Arts Incursion
- 18-22 Year 11 Hospitality work placement
- 18-22 Year 11 VET Construction work placement
- 18 Year 10 Poets visit
- 20 MaPLES
- 21 Vaccinations all Year 7 and Year 9 boys
- 25 Year 12 Visual Arts completion date for BOW
- 26 P&C Meeting
- 27-29 Lithgow Trip

September

- 1 Year 7 Jump Rope for Heart
- 5 Year 11 SLR & PDHPE First Aid course
- 8-16 Year 11 Yearly Exams
- 11 Year 7 Gala Day
- 12 Year 12 Work Studies – Ultimo TAFE
- 18 Year 12 Graduation
- 19 Red Cross Blood donors

October

- 8 Robotics Team Incursion
- 9 Yr 7 to Macquarie Uni Robotics excursion
- 13 to 7 Nov HSC Exams
- 28 P&C meeting

P&C Meeting

Tuesday 26th August
7.30pm Library

In the past 20 years the nature of the world has changed significantly. Consider the impact of technology on daily life, the impact and significance of the world economy, especially events such as the GFC, and the emergence of asian nations on the world stage, both politically and economically. This, in turn, has had an effect on the nature of work and social change. From an educational perspective, the question arises as to how best to prepare young people for the future, which in some senses has already arrived. So, what do young people need to learn and why is it important?

Some of the most desirable attributes that today's students will need for their future include:

- a strong work ethic
- a positive attitude
- good communication skills
- time management skills
- problem solving skills
- capacity to work as a team player
- self confidence
- resilience
- ability to learn from mistakes and criticism
- flexibility and adaptability.

One of the key learning skills will be the ability to learn and unlearn as knowledge and technology expands at a rapid pace. Clearly there is and will continue to be a need for strong basic skills in literacy and numeracy, and a well developed set of skills in studying a body of knowledge. There are, however, a range of other literacies that are increasingly becoming more prominent, including cyber literacy, financial literacy, eco literacy and personal health and wellbeing literacy.

An important part of our task as educators at Marsden is to prepare young Australians for the future. Learning for Marsden students should be holistic and flexible, and encompass a commitment to learning for both work and life. We need to provide opportunities to engage in learning that has meaning for young people and in which they can exercise active participation and decision making. At the same time learning should also encompass standards and achievements that maximise choices for the future.

Gus Vrolyk
Principal

Visual Arts has a record number of masterpieces chosen to be exhibited in the Sustainable Waste to Art Project (S.W.A.P); a Ryde City Council initiative. Artworks raise awareness about recycling and the environment via creating artworks from refuse. You are all invited to the grand opening, 6pm Thursday 21st August at See St Gallery, Meadowbank Tafe. A FREE event for all, come and show your support !

Congratulations to the following students who can officially add "Professional Artist" to their resumes: Sasha Avvali, Cameron Baikie, Nicolas Hose, Paul Ji, Angelique Johnson, Madeline Low, Lucca Markham, Cassidy Mc Crory, Angelina Min, Nathan Ottawa, Tianna Rotunno, Sepehr Shafazand, Angela Singh, David Sohn, Selina Sosa, Cameron Vaccarella, Azar Yaser, Xian Change Wu, Kellen Wilkinson and Kay Kingphetrunwiset (graduated 2013)

Great teachers inspiring learning

Great teaching is very much about the relationships that teachers form with their students. Last night at the Performing Arts Night we were all witness to the outstanding trust and admiration that has formed between Milena Idrus our sensational music teacher and all her musicians. Milena constantly tells the staff how wonderful all her musicians are. She is so proud of each and every student who makes it on to the stage and is genuinely heartbroken when her Year 12 students leave each year. The amount of work and energy required to put on a Performing Arts night is massive. Milena doesn't think twice about organising these nights and is always on such a high afterwards when her students have performed so beautifully. Well done Milena and all the musicians!

Sheryn Symons
Deputy Principal



Punctuality - Arriving at School on time

Punctuality at school is very important to support your child's learning opportunities. There is a clear link between attendance and attainment; the more time a pupil spends in school the more likely they are to improve their opportunity to fulfil their full potential.

Being on time is a good thing!

Roll Call is held every morning at 8.55am. This is where announcements are made and opportunities for extra curricula activities eg university Open Days, excursions and SRC opportunities are offered to students

Helps your child make the most of their learning and sets positive patterns and a sense of responsibility for the future.

Being late is not good!

May lead to children being confused and missing instructions, information and opportunities.

Disrupts the learning for everyone in the classroom

Can create a bad habit that can be hard to break in the future.

Can lead to poor attendance – if a child is late for school they can start to stay away from school.

Some things that help

Help your child get everything ready the night before (e.g. homework, uniform)

Establish a good bedtime routine

Allow plenty of time to get ready (including breakfast) and get to school

Setting an alarm clock!

What should you do if you have a problem getting your child to school on time?

Talk to your child first.

Talk to your child's teacher.

Ask for help from someone you feel you can talk to in school.

Sheryn Symons

Deputy Principal

Robotics at Marsden meets in F15 on a Wednesday afternoon from 3:15-5pm. New students are welcome, please see Mrs Brennan in the Mathematics staffroom for an application form. We are currently looking for students interested in a media/marketing role to help promote Robotics and to look for sponsorship.

Uniform Shop News - Sports Caps are now in stock. Remember caps are compulsory for outdoor sport. Opening hours: Wednesday & Thursday 8.30am - 10.30am on school days.

From Careers

UWS Parent Information Evenings

Tuesday, August 12 from 6:30pm – 8:30pm at the Rooty Hill Novotel

Wednesday, August 13 from 6:30pm – 8:30pm at the Parramatta Leagues Club

The UWS Parent Information Evenings will provide families with information on a range of topics, including ATAR, Early Offer, courses, fees, campus life, scholarships, alternative pathways and UWS College. Refreshments will also be served. You will find all details regarding the event and registration on our website.

Sydney TAFE Open Day - Saturday 30 August 9am and 4pm Ultimo College located in Harris Street, Ultimo, near the ABC Ultimo Centre and the University of Technology, Sydney to see what courses and career paths are on offer in 2015. Ultimo College located in Harris Street, Ultimo, near the ABC Ultimo Centre and the University of Technology, Sydney. You can find the TVET booth in the Courtyard between building D & E, Harris Street entrance.

Community News

Invitation to audition for NAISDA Dance College. If you would like to audition, download the NAISDA Audition Pack from our website (www.naisda.com.au) and return the completed form to our Course Administrator – Elizabeth Bailey. This can either be returned by post or email. These contact details are included in the Audition Pack. Please submit application by the 1st September 2014.

Concord Comets Baseball Club - wanted female players ages 14 and up for Friday night games. Email: concord.baseball@gmail.com or Ph: 0402 892 280

Sydney Junior Oztag - Registration days - Homebush 19th & 26th August 4pm-6pm at Mason Park Ph: Jim 0433 070 754, Greenacre 20th & 27th August 4pm-6pm at Roberts Park Ph: Jim 0433 070 754, Meadowbank 20th & 27th Aug 4pm – 6pm Meadowbank Park Ph: Simone 0414 431 190 & Ultimo 22nd & 29th Aug 4PM – 6PM Wentworth Park Ph: Candice 0466 237 800

Australian Hearing Hub Open House, Saturday 23rd August 12pm - 3pm. To register or find out more www.hearinghub.edu.au

Latest News on Bridge to Employment

On Monday 21st July the Bridge to Employment students took a trip to the Northern Sydney Institute of TAFE (Meadowbank Campus) to learn about a variety of jobs and training available within the healthcare industry including; nursing, massage and sport & recreation.

In the Nursing section students were given insight into the sort of training a nurse would need to complete. They learnt the correct technique for hand washing (which also included examining their hands under a UV light to ensure they hadn't missed anything!) along with basic CPR and how to test your own pulse with a stethoscope.



In the Sport & Recreation section students learnt about the variety of jobs and courses available and then participated in some vigorous group training run by current TAFE students.



In the Massage section students were able to learn

about massage for health purposes, the importance of knowing the muscles in our body and how they work, and were then taught how to give a relaxing hand massage.

The students were very excited when the TAFE organised a surprise mechanical bull for lunchtime entertainment! An amazing day was had by all!



To find out more [click here](#)

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

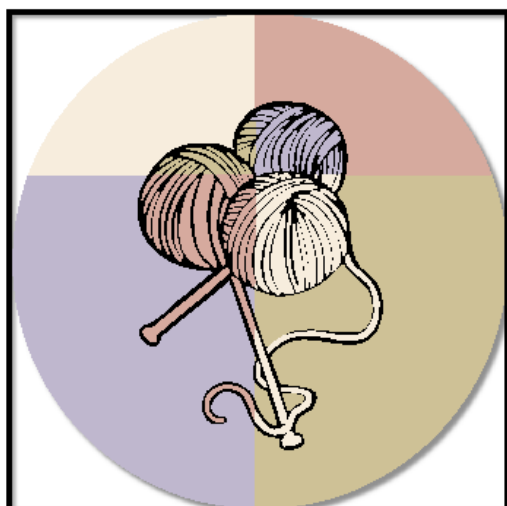
1st September 2014 - Mentors will be visiting the students at school and discussing goal setting.

University Open Days 2014 New South Wales

Australian Catholic University (ACU)	September 6th 2014 (Saturday) (North Sydney Campus) September 13th 2014 (Saturday) (Strathfield campus)
Southern Cross University (SCU)	December 8th 2014 (Monday) (Coffs Harbour campus) December 10th 2014 (Wednesday) (Lismore campus) December 11th 2014 (Thursday) (Gold Coast)
University of Newcastle (NEWCASTLE)	August 7th 2014 (Thursday) (Port Macquarie campus) August 16th 2014 (Saturday) (Central Coast campus) August 23rd 2014 (Saturday) (Newcastle campus)
University of New England (UNE)	May 2nd 2014 (Friday) Open Day
University of New South Wales (UNSW)	September 6th 2014 (Saturday) (Kensington campus)
University of Notre Dame (UNDA)	August 30th 2014 (Saturday) Sydney 9am-3pm
University of Sydney (SYDNEY)	August 30th 2014 (Saturday)
University of Technology, Sydney (UTS)	August 30th 2014 (Saturday) City Campus September 6th 2014 (Saturday) Kuring-Gai (Lindfield)
University of Western Sydney (UWS)	August 31st 2014 (Sunday) Parramatta Campus
University of Wollongong (UOW)	August 16th 2014 (Saturday) UOW Open Day August 30th 2014 (Saturday) Sydney Business School (CBD Campus)
NSW TAFE & Colleges	
ACPE Academy	September 8th 2014 (Monday) Olympic Park Sydney: 10am - Midday
AFTRS Australian Film Television and Radio School	September 6th 2014 (Saturday)
Blue Mountains International Hotel Management School	August 30th 2014 (Saturday) Leura - 10am-1pm
ICMS International College of Management, Sydney	August 17th 2014 (Sunday)
Sydney Film School	May 10th 2014 (Saturday)
William Angliss Institute	September 13th 2014 (Saturday) Surry Hills 10am-2pm

WRAP WITH LOVE - KNIT IN!

You are invited to Marsden High School for an afternoon of great company and laughs while helping those in need across Australia and the world.



EVENT DETAILS

DATE: 26 AUGUST 2014

TIME: 12pm – 3pm

PLACE: Meet in the school front office at 11:45am

RSVP

To ensure the comfort of all, afternoon tea will be provided for those attending. Please RSVP either by phone or email whether you intend on joining this exciting event!

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