

# MITCHELL HIGH SCHOOL

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November 8th



Although final exams have now wrapped up for most academic year groups, there is still much learning going on in our school! Year 11 have started their HSC courses, all other year groups are preparing to undertake their final modules of the year, and Year 10 will be completing "All My Own Work" in the coming weeks. We are looking forward to our Year 6 Orientation day. We will also have many celebrations of excellence, including our Annual Presentation Day for 2017.

We embarked on the rigorous and at times, arduous task of meshing ideas, identifying strategies and consolidating processes, finally constructing a three year plan to bring our vision for Mitchell High School to reality. Now at the end of 2017, we are approaching the final year of the three year plan that was devised to primarily focus on innovative teaching practices, build contemporary educational infrastructure and enhance strong community relationships. This could not occur without a commitment of the whole school community. The work of our teaching and SASS staff is endless and I thank them for their dedication and expertise.

The 27th of October was World Teachers Day. I am amazed on a daily basis by the professionalism and dedication of the teachers here at Mitchell High School. Teaching your children is a joy, however it also carries a great responsibility. I would like to acknowledge the contribution of two staff in particular, Mrs Andrea Edwards and Mrs Jennifer Starink who received the prestigious award of "World Teachers' Day 2017 Certificate of Recognition" from the Australian College of Educators, for their ongoing dedication and commitment to the profession and their students.

## Important Dates to Remember

P & C and Parent Forum	Wednesday 8th November
Year 9 & 10 Yearly Exams	Monday 30th October - Friday 10th November
Year 12 Formal	Thursday 16th November
Year 12 Clearance	Friday 17th November
Year 10 Crossroads Camp	Wednesday 29th November - Friday 1st December
Year 7 (2018) Orientation Day	Tuesday 5th December
Presentation Day	Wednesday 6th December
Year 10 Clearance	Monday 11th December
Last day of Term 4	Friday 15th December





**Ms Marinis**  
**Principal**

## Deputy Report

### Year 12 Update

Congratulations to our Year 12 students who have now successfully completed their formal years of education. It was pleasing to see the students get through the HSC exams with minimal problems. It's now time to look forward to the formal next week and then eagerly await their HSC results. A reminder that sign out day for Year 12's is the 17th November.

### Year 10 Update

All Year 10 students were provided with a letter with important dates with the lead up to the end of the year. The final year examinations are currently taking place and should be completed by the end of this week. Any student who is sick and misses an exam must come to school the next day ready to complete the exam and must supply a doctor's certificate.

Other important dates:

- 29th November-1st December- Crossroads Camp. Any student not going to camp **must** be at school to complete the compulsory component of the Crossroads Program so that they can begin their Preliminary HSC in 2018
- 6th December - School Presentation Day
- 8th December – Rewards Excursion
- 11th December – Clearance and reports available

As the name suggests it is a clearance day and not a sign out. All students are expected to attend school until Friday 15th December. If your child has not completed work experience or would like to do a second week then this can be organised for this week. Otherwise the expectation is that students are here at school.

If you no longer have siblings in the junior years then the school would appreciate any donations of uniforms in good condition. These can be handed in to the Administration Office.

Year 10 students will need to purchase their Senior Uniforms either before the end of the year, at the Superstore in Liverpool or in the last 2 weeks of the school

holidays ready to start their senior schooling.

### Leavers

Any Year 10 student who is considering leaving school at the end of year 10 needs to make sure they have had a discussion with myself or Mr. Turner so that we can assist with any transition opportunities.

### Year 11 EDROLO Login

All Year 11 students now have access to online resources for a number of their subjects through Edrolo. Please encourage them to use this as a form of revision and study.

### Bookpacks 2018

The School Locker has put together a book pack for students in Years 7-10 for next year that can be ordered online through <http://theschoollocker.com.au/schools/k-m/mitchell-high-school-landing/mitchell-high-school-booklists>

If you order before 24th November they are guaranteeing free delivery to your house before school goes back. This is a new initiative of the School Locker (Uniform providers) and we are hoping it might make your life a bit easier with preparing for 2018.

If you do not order through this method then we will be sending home a list of requirements with your child's reports.

As this is the last correspondence for this year can I wish you all a very safe and happy Christmas time. May you get some rest and lots of good quality family time. We look forward to welcoming your children back next year.



**Mrs Pares**  
**Deputy Principal 8, 10, 12**

## Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute Science Award 2017



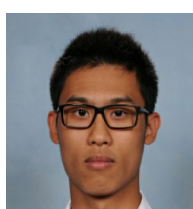
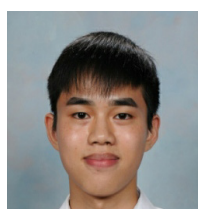
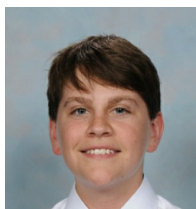
The Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute Science Award is one of Australia's pre-eminent research organisations with both a national and international reputation for excellence in biomedical research and training. To foster and encourage interest in science and a career in science, which requires the highest levels of educational achievement, innovation, creativity and hard work, the Institute has established a Science Award to recognise the efforts and achievements of Australian Secondary School Students.

Victor Chang was an outstanding cardiothoracic surgeon in Australia and South-East Asia, and one of the leading heart surgeons in the world. He pioneered the future of cardiothoracic surgery and research in Australia. He was responsible for developing Australia's National Heart Transplant Programme and, at the time of his death, was working on the development of an artificial heart valve, which would be used to support seriously ill patients who were awaiting heart transplants.

Victor Chang nurtured a vision to establish an internationally-recognised cardiac research centre at St Vincent's. With his tragic and untimely death in 1991 efforts to realise Victor's dream accelerated resulting in generous donations which enabled the establishment of The Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute (VCCRI).

It gives me great pleasure to announce that this year's recipients of the Victor Chang Award go to – **Logan Paske, Jackie Zhou and Zhihuan (Mike) Luo**. The presentation of the award will take place on Tuesday 14/11/17 at Blacktown City Council at 4pm.

Please join me in congratulating all three boys. Well done!



**Mr Debrincat**  
**Head Teacher Science**

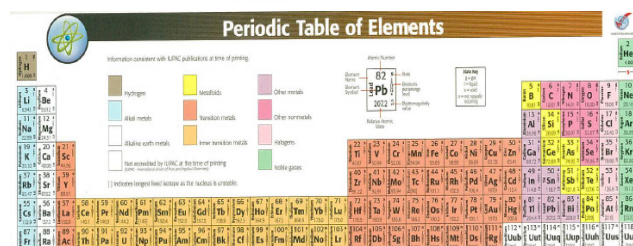
## Best Year 10 Science Student Individual Research Project 2017

Year 10 this year, as part of their assessment had to conduct a Scientific Investigation – called the 'SIRP' – Student Individual Research Project.



They had to choose a problem, design an experiment, perform an experiment and report on their findings. For example: 'Which battery brand lasts the longest' or 'which brand of paper towel absorbs the most amount of water' etc.

For the second time at MHS we are rewarding and recognising the 'Best Year 10 Science SIRP' from each Science class. Students will receive a Certificate, a McDonalds voucher and a coloured Periodic Table of Elements.



Congratulations to the students named below for producing fantastic SIRP's.

Class	Given name	Surname
A	Samantha	Faller
	Christine	Tint
B	Courtney	Black-Toogood
C	Hawraa	Farhat
D	Katerina	Sadek
	Kira	Gallardo
E	Sruthy	Senthil Kumar
F	Vanessa	Simone
G	Nicolas	Perez



## Labscene @ MHS

### Science Encouragement Award - Term 3 2017

For the third time this year at MHS, the Science Faculty will be presenting Science students with an award called the **"Science Encouragement Award"**.



One student from every Science Class in Year 7 - 10 is nominated for this award once a Term by their Science Teacher.

To become a recipient of this award – the student must be a Respectful, Engaged, Active, Learner in the classroom, show interest in the subject, has made a consistent effort with their learning, shown improvement and is willing to get involved in all activities.

The winner of such an award will receive:

- A Science Encouragement Award Certificate to add to their Portfolio
- 5 Vivo-points will go towards their Vivo account
- 5 points will go towards their House
- A McDonald's Food Voucher worth \$5
- As well as their names being announced at assembly and published in the Electronic School Newsletter

**The Recipients of the Science Encouragement Award for Term 3 2017 are:**

Year 7		
Class	Surname	First Name
7A	Asolelei	Serita
7O	McNeilage	Thai
7Q	Mokhtar	Hannah
7G	Siventhiran	Partheepan
7E	Kasozzi	Lauryn
7J	Moller	Axel
7C	Brown	Chloe

Year 8		
Class	Surname	First Name
8A	Dengate	William
8B	Dooley	Patrick
8C	Darji	Deep
8D	Hughes-Nelisi	Orlando
8E	Win	Brendan
8F	Tonga	Maile
8G	Delequeze	Kurt

Year 9		
Class	Surname	First Name
9A	Darbin	Paris
9B	Clavell	Taylah
9C	Dahal	Kerish
9D	El-Rassi	Christian
9E	Camilleri	James
9F	Brown	Alexis
9G	Darbin	Paris

Year 10		
Class	Surname	First Name
10A	Fraser	Jared
10B	Gilleland	Liam
10C	Zhang	Haiping
10D	Wilkinson	Alisha
10E	Kumar	Raksha
10F	Dafter	Daniel
10G	Kastrounis	Jordan

Just to add a little more excitement to this award – **Mr Campbell (DP)** selected one recipient from each year group by placing all of the **Term 3** recipients into a hat and drawing a winner to receive a **Hoyts Movie Ticket**.

The Recipients for the Movie Ticket are:

Year 7		
Class	Surname	First Name
7O	McNeilage	Thai

Year 8		
Class	Surname	First Name
8C	Darji	Deep

Year 9		
Class	Surname	First Name
9F	Brown	Alexis

Year 10		
Class	Surname	First Name
10C	Zhang	Haiping



Congratulations to all recipients - from the Science Faculty.

Science Teachers at MHS are now looking for new recipients in Term 4 – so keep on trying and good luck!

### Year 11 Science Achievers List 2017

Congratulations to the following Science students well done!

Subject	1st	2nd	3rd
Biology	Jackie Zhou	Jared McIlwain	Benjamin Bruzzese
Physics	Zhihuan (Mike) Luo	Aashir Mahmood	Sehaj Walia
Chemistry	Zhihuan (Mike) Luo	Saqib Mahmood	Aashir Mahmood
Senior Science	Logan Paske	Amy Kelleher	Tithi Upadhyay

### Year 11 Languages Achievers List 2017

Congratulations to the following Language students well done!

Subject	1st	2nd	3rd
2U French Beginners	Josephine Lado	Anna Guzman	Pauline Deliso



**Mr Debrincat**  
**Head Teacher Science**

## Careers @ Mitchell

### Year 10

#### Careers Digital Portfolio

Year 10 Careers classes have been busily working on their Careers Digital Portfolio; these include a resume, cover letter, information about 3 jobs and WHS Certificate. This is due week 7. Please make sure you send me 1 (one) email to [catherine.rumibadger@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:catherine.rumibadger@det.nsw.edu.au) with your name and Careers class in the subject line. Please only send me 1 email with all the relevant documents attached.

#### Compulsory Work Experience

The Year 10's have been given a fantastic opportunity to find out if their 'dream job' is really suited to them. The majority of students have now completed it, or are about to do it after the exam period. I'm happy to note that some students have actually gone beyond and have completed 3 separate weeks throughout the year. These students are gaining invaluable skills for their future and are better prepared for what they plan to study or work.

### Year 9

As you have read above, Work Experience is compulsory when you reach year 10, next year. Therefore, you need to start thinking about what you are interested in? What would you like to study? Where would you like to work? What is the first step you are going to be taking when you enter further study or work?

Some places need you to be applying the year ahead (that means right now!!!). You need to listen out for the daily messages during roll call, if your teacher doesn't read them, please encourage them to do so, or ask to see them yourself. Also, please check your school email address regularly. I also have a Facebook page for Careers "CareersatMitchellHighSchool". It is your responsibility to keep up to date with news. If parents/carers or students have a Careers question you can also send me an email to [catherine.rumibadger@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:catherine.rumibadger@det.nsw.edu.au) please, no private or inappropriate emails.

### Year 11/12

This is the time to start planning your next move. Where will you study? What course? What ATAR or requirements do you need? What scholarships are available? What is your goal? Research your possibilities, compare between TAFE/Universities/Private Colleges, an apprenticeship/traineeship/ cadetship. Make an appointment with me and let's sit down and talk about options and pathways to your future.

***Choose a job you LOVE, and you will never have to work a day in your life- Confucius***



***Mrs Rumi-Badger***  
***Careers Adviser***

### **A Trip of a Lifetime ...**

During the end of term three and the September school holidays, Mr Debrincat and Mrs Depalo took 16 students, as well as their own families to the other side of the world for an amazing European Adventure. Our group landed in Rome and spent the first 8 days travelling our way through Italy, staying in Rome, Sorrento, Florence and Venice. We got to see and experience firsthand many historical monuments including the Colosseum, the Roman Forum, Pompeii and the statue of David. We spent the day at the beach in Positano and Amalfi, went to amazing art galleries and churches and also got to see the back canals of Venice on a gondola. We ate lots of pizza and the occasional gelato too. After Italy we made our way to Salzburg (Austria) where we travelled by a very fast night train where we spent two days here, visiting the Mozart's birthplace and singing numerous songs whilst on the Sound of Music tour. After Salzburg we hopped over the border into Wertheim, Germany and met our host families, with whom we spent 5 nights.



Our time in Germany included a day trip to Stuttgart where we spent the day at the Mercedes Benz museum which was awesome!!!! We all wanted to buy one. We spent a day at Dietrich-Bonhoeffer-Gymnasium and experienced various lessons in Visual Arts, English, Science and Engineering. Our students were not use to 1.5 hour lessons. Later we walked through Wertheim to their local council where we were greeted by the representative as the Mayor was unwell and were told of some of the history of Wertheim (is pronounced as you would pronounce the following word- Vertime) the "W" sounds like the letter "V".

Many of us from the group visited Heidelberg Castle where the view was great, however, the walk up was a little tiring. The students spent the weekend with their host families seeing the sites of Germany. Many long lasting friendships have been made and many of the students have organised to return back in two years' time.

We ended our time in Europe with three days in Singapore. It was extremely hot and humid. We visited the zoo, spent a day of fun at Universal Studios and Gardens by the Bay. The students came back lighter in weight from all the walking and sightseeing we did over the 21 days, but their luggage definitely came back a lot heavier thanks to all the souvenirs they bought as reminders of our amazing trip.

I just would like to add, what a wonderful group of students to travel with. We are so proud of them and it has been a fantastic experience. The students and staff have not only had a memorable experience touring as a group through Europe and Singapore but we also established a supportive and caring relationship that will be treasured and will never be forgotten. It was a life changing trip for all involved and I would recommend all students to consider going on one of the international trips MHS offers our students.

"We are Mitchell!"

Keep scrolling below to see a couple of photos from the trip. More photos from the trip can be seen on our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/MitchellHSBlacktown>

If you are interested in reading more on our experiences and adventures, feel free to check out the link below <https://www.offexploring.com/mhseuropetour2017>



***Mr Debrincat and Mrs Depalo***

## School Student Transport 2018

Applications for 2018 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) and Term Bus Pass (TBP) travel entitlements are now open.

In coming days students who hold an SSTS entitlement and are changing grade bands i.e. going from year 2 to 3 or year 6 to 7 and changing school, and students whose entitlement was approved under a medical condition, will receive notification by email or post informing them of the pending expiry of their entitlement. TBP holders will also receive notification.

Students enquiring about pending cancellation should be advised to go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails> to update details/make application for next year's entitlement.

Application needs to be made before 31 December 2017 to ensure their entitlement is updated and their current card is not cancelled. If application is made after the expiry of their entitlement (31 December) the system will automatically cancel their card and a new one will need to be issued.

*Please note:* Students who are changing grade band and are remaining at the same school will not receive notification and do not need to reapply (the system now automatically validates a student's on-going eligibility if at the same school and going from infants to primary or primary to secondary). Where a student meets the new eligibility the system will automatically update their entitlement and card.

Students in the Opal area applying for a SSTS or TBP entitlement for the first time will receive their card (posted to the nominated address) a week or two before the commencement of 2018 classes. Please let students know new cards for 2018 are not posted in 2017 or during the Christmas / New Year period.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas are expected to receive their new travel pass at the commencement of the New School Year. Note; not all R&R operators issue passes (often in smaller communities where the student is known a pass is not issued).



# Europe and Singapore Trip 2017







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## MHS 53RD ANNUAL PRESENTATION DAY ASSEMBLY

Dear Parent/Carer,

Mitchell High School's Annual Presentation Day Assembly will be held on **Wednesday 6 December 2017 at 9.05am** in our **School Hall**. Parent/Carer(s) who wish to attend the Presentation Day Assembly will need to be at the school and seated in the hall by 9.00am.

All students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 are required to be at school for normal roll call in **full school uniform**. Year 12 (2017) students, who have finished their HSC, will need to sign in at the Administration Office by 9.00am in **full school uniform**, then meet Mrs Ford-Davis near the school hall.

At the conclusion of the assembly, approximately 12.45pm, students will be dismissed provided they have returned their permission note (attached) to their roll call teacher before the day. Arrangements will be made for supervision of those students who will be remaining at school until 3.05pm. A light luncheon will also be provided for the recipients and their parent/carers.

There will be a **full rehearsal** for students who will be receiving an award on **Monday 4 December during Periods 1 & 2**. All award recipients and performers are required to attend this rehearsal and meet Mrs Ford-Davis near the hall. If students are **not able to attend** the Presentation Day Assembly to collect their award(s), please contact Mrs Ford-Davis or Ms Lindsay on 9622 9944 before Friday 1 December 2017.

### School commencement dates for 2018:

Years 7, 11 and new students commence school on Tuesday 30 January 2018

Years 8, 9, 10 & 12 commence school on Wednesday 31 January 2018

The staff of Mitchell High School would like to take this opportunity to wish you a happy and safe Christmas break.

Regards

Ms E. Marinis  
Principal  
22nd November 2017

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### EARLY DISMISSAL AFTER PRESENTATION DAY ASSEMBLY PERMISSION NOTE Wednesday 6 December 2017

If you would like your son/daughter to be dismissed after Presentation Day Assembly, please fill in the details below, tear off the permission slip and ask your son/daughter to return it to their **roll call teacher before Wednesday 6 December 2017**.

I give permission for my son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_  
(Student's full name)

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Roll Class \_\_\_\_\_ to go home at the conclusion of the Presentation Day Assembly.

Parent/Carer Name

Contact Number

Parent/Carer Signature

Date



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PART A - Thursday, 2 NOVEMBER

PART B - Thursday, 9 NOVEMBER

#### Maxwebber Library Function Centre, Blacktown

6.30 pm - 8.30 pm

PART A - Monday, 6 NOVEMBER

PART B - Monday, 13 NOVEMBER

#### Dennis Johnson Library, Stanhope Gardens

6.30 pm - 8.30 pm

PART A - Wednesday, 8 NOVEMBER

PART B - Wednesday, 15 NOVEMBER

#### BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

☎ 9839 6014 or Book online

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14 February 2017

Dear Parent/Carer(s)

## DONATE YOUR FREE 2017-2018 BLACKTOWN CITY COUNCIL PLANT ALLOCATION TO MITCHELL HIGH SCHOOL

If you pay Blacktown City Council rates and would like to donate your free allocation of 2 plants to our school, please fill in the below and return this form back to the Mitchell High School Administration Office as soon as possible. Alternatively, you can email your signed form to: [mitchell-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:mitchell-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au) and attention it to Ms Lindsay. These donated plants will be used for planting on school grounds.

Your donation will be appreciated by students and staff of Mitchell High School.

Regards

Ms E. Marinis  
Principal

I/We \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carer(s) Full Name on Blacktown City Council Rate Notice

reside at \_\_\_\_\_

House Number / Street Name on Blacktown City Council Rate Notice

Suburb

Postcode

have NOT collected my 2 free plants from Blacktown City Council this financial year and would like to donate them to Mitchell High School for planting on school grounds.

Parent/Carer Signature

Date





# HOMework CENTRE

ON EVERY WEDNESDAY,  
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## STUDENT CONCESSION CARDS 2017 / 2018

### Are you 16 years of age or over?

#### You need to collect your Student Concession Card

Students who are 16 years of age or over are now eligible to collect their **2017/2018 Student Concession Cards** from the Mitchell High School Administration Office. These cards can only be collected **during lunch**.

Any student, who misplaces their Student Concession Card during the year, will need to re-apply for a new one by collecting a form from the Administration Office. This form is lodged by the student at their nearest railway station, emailed or faxed, with a replacement cost of \$28.00.

Please contact the Administration Office on the above number if you have any queries. Thank you.

Ms Halls

School Administration Officer