

**MHS Debating Team**

Term 2 has certainly commenced in full flight with numerous extra-curricular activities and programs. The Annual School Report for 2016 is now available and reflects on the many successes of our school over the past 12 months. Please make some time to take a detailed look at our school.

We are now beginning the next cycle of planning for our School Plan 2018 – 2020. We have been gathering ideas “dreams” from the staff and students and we invite the community to be part of the process and share their vision with us.

On Thursday 18th May we had an afternoon Tea for our African Parents organised by our African Community Liaison Officer Mayor Chagai. We discussed what have been the positives and what they would like to see implemented. We will be having these afternoon teas each term and invite other parents and carers to join us. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 16th August at 4.00pm in the Common Room located in the Administration building.

Students in Years 7 and 8 have been participating in Literacy and Numeracy classes which are aimed at supporting the development of their literacy and numeracy skills. We are very proud of the work done by Mrs Starink, Mrs Best, Mrs Sequeira, Mrs Prasad, Mrs Brown, Mr Szumyn, Mrs Vignes, Mr Allam and Ms Barber to develop and implement this program. This program has been developed for Mitchell High students and is based on the very latest research and data. It is just the beginning of what we envisage to be a full focus of our school to improve students’ ability to

Important Dates to Remember

P & C and Parent Forum	Wednesday 24th May @ 6.30
Year 7 & 8 Half Yearly Exams	Monday 29th May - Friday 9th June
Public Holiday	Monday 12th June
Subject Selection Year 8 into 9 (2018)	Tuesday 20th June
Year 10 into 11 (2018)	
Year 12 Dance Showcase	Wednesday 28th June
Last Day of Term 2	Friday 30th June



engage with literacy and numeracy skills. Additional teaching staff have been employed at the school for 2017 to work collaboratively with the existing staff in the core Key Learning Areas to develop and enhance literacy and Numeracy and ALARM – A Learning and Response Matrix in the senior classes.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Mrs Starink and her team, for their hard work in co-ordinating and administering the NAPLAN Examination to all students in Years 7 and 9. I would also like to congratulate the students who conducted themselves with respect and diligence throughout the whole process.

On Wednesday 17th May we held our Parent/Carer Teacher Interviews for Year 7, 11 and 12. It was wonderful to see so many parents attend to discuss their child's progress. Parent/Carer Teacher Interviews for Years 8, 9 and 10 has been scheduled for Wednesday 26th July. You will be receiving correspondence with login details to be able to book interview times. If you have had a change in your contact and correspondence details please contact the front office to inform of any change.



Ms Marinis
Principal

Students with Court Orders

Sadly sometimes relationships break down and the court makes orders that change the contact parents can have with their children or the role they play in making decisions about their children's education. These can be Family Court Orders or Apprehended Violence Orders. Parents can also reach agreement about issues such as contact in a parenting plan.

If this happens it is important that you provide the school with a copy of any court orders or plan that could impact on your child's education.

In the absence of any notification to the contrary, the school will assume that both parents continue to retain a shared and equal parental responsibility for their children and should be involved in making any decisions regarding their children's education. This means that the school will recognise that each parent has equal duties, obligations, responsibilities and opportunities in relation to matters involving the school.

If any changes occur in your family relationships which have the potential to impact on the relationship between the school and your family, please advise the school immediately and provide a copy of any court orders that may be obtained.

These orders will be stored securely and only accessed by staff who need to see them in order to plan for your children's learning and support and related issues.



Mrs Pares
Deputy Principal Year 8, 10 & 12

LABSCENE @ MHS

Science Encouragement Award - Term 1 2017

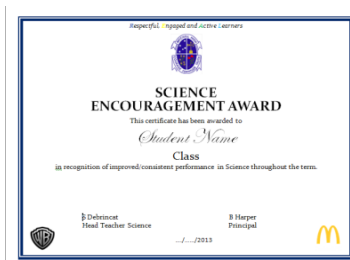
For the first time this year at MHS, the Science Faculty will be presenting Science students with an award called the "Science Encouragement Award".

One student from every Science Class in Yr 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 1 2017 are:

Year 7

Student		
Class	Surname	First Name
7A	Chiong	Allexis
7O	Skinner	Abbey
7Q	Gray	Callie
7G	Akalu	Blinda
7E	Sumares	Eli
7J	McDonald	Michael
7C	Simic	Lea

Year 8

Student		
Class	Surname	First Name
8A	Scheerhoorn-Davies	Samuel
8B	Norman	Jade
8C	McElroy	Michael
8D	Giglio	Alessia
8E	Gwilliam	Brayden
8F	Andres	Justin
8G	Rogers	Harrison

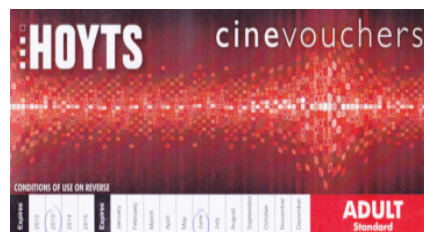
Year 9

Student		
Class	Surname	First Name
9A	Hall	Chelsea
9B	Salicioglu	Cenk
9C	Lasalo	Olivia
9D	Raad	Chloe
9E	Cruz	Rebekah
9F	McDonald Lalic	Janaia

Year 10

Student		
Class	Surname	First Name
10A	Hamilton	Maddison
10B	Black-Toogood	Courtney
10C	Rea	Jade
10D	Abdelrahman	Muna
10E	Senthil Kumar	Sruthy
10F	Dragic	Tamara
10G	Lee	Marie

Just to add a little more excitement to this award – Mr Campbell selected one recipient from each year group by placing all of the Term 1 recipients into a hat and drawing a winner to receive a Hoyts Movie Ticket.



The Recipients for the Movie Ticket are:

Student		
Class	Surname	First Name
7Q	Gray	Callie

Student		
Class	Surname	First Name
8C	McElroy	Michael

Student		
Class	Surname	First Name
9C	Lasalo	Olivia

Student		
Class	Surname	First Name
10D	Abdelrahman	Muna

Congratulations to all recipients - from the Science Faculty.

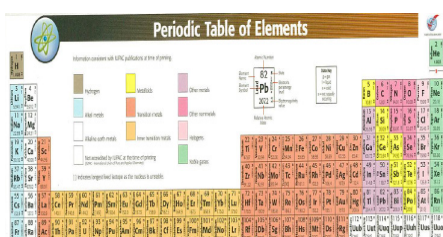
Science Teachers at MHS are now looking for new recipients in Term 2 – so keep on trying and good luck!

Best Year 8 Science Student Research Project

Year 8 this year, as part of their assessment had to conduct a Scientific Investigation – called the 'SRP' – Student Research Project.

For the first time at MHS, we are rewarding and recognising the 'Best Yr8 Science SRP'; from each Science class. Students will receive a Certificate of Achievement, a McDonald's voucher and a coloured Periodic Table of Elements.





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

Class	Given name	Surname
8A	Tara	Milivojcevic
8B	Christina	Piukala
8C	Navneet	Singh
8D	Anika	Sale
8E	Alliyah	Chiong
8F	Noura	Elsahili
8G	Amela	Asanovic

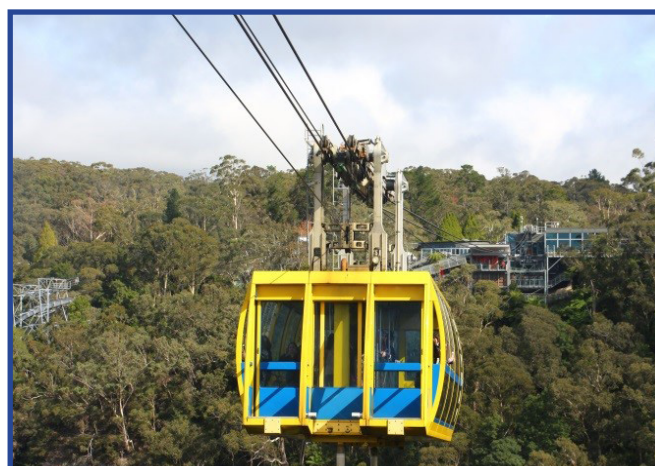
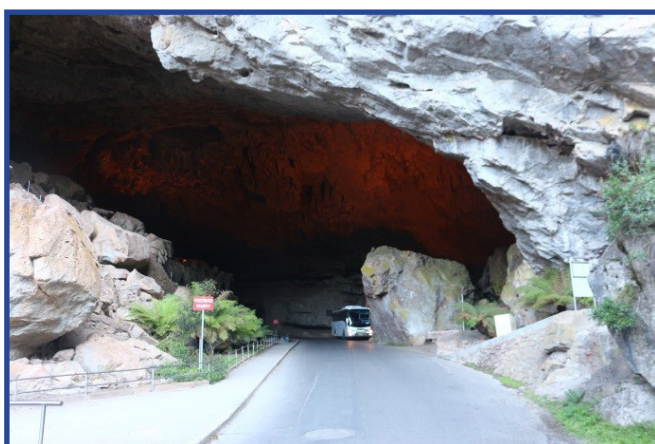


Year 10 Science Camp Katoomba and Jenolan Caves

On Thursday the 30/3/17, 95 Yr10 Science Students left MHS at 7.30 am for a 2 day Camp to Katoomba – Echo Point and Jenolan Caves. Students:

- walked around the lookout at Echo Point and saw the Three Sisters
- walked to the Skyway and rode across to Scenic World
- went on the Scenic Railway
- walked around the Coal Mine exhibits
- investigated the Scenic walkway - boardwalk
- went on the Cable Way
- caught the bus to Jenolan Caves
- did the Lucas Cave night tour
- had the option to do the Nettle Cave and Blue Lake Self-Guided Tour, and
- walked through Mt Tomah Botanic Gardens

A big “thank you” goes to Mrs Shaw who organised the logistics of the Camp and Mrs Pares, Ms Larrea, Ms Christensen, Mr Chung and Mr Shaw for attending the camp and Mrs Davey and Ms Duffell for looking after things at school in our absence. The Camp was a great success, both the students and staff enjoyed themselves and we will definitely be running it again next year.





Mr Debrincat
Head Teacher Science



Dance

Bring It On

Mitchell High's Hip-Hop Dance Group will be competing in the Bring It On competition on Saturday 24th June 2017, in the 7:30pm heat. Tickets are on sale at the front office for a discounted price of \$15.00. Please get your tickets and come along to support the MHS Hip-Hop Team!!

Synergy Dance Festival

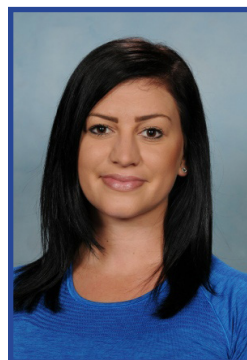
The Mitchell High Dance Ensemble was successful yet again in being accepted into the Synergy Dance Festival. This will be held at Penrith Panthers and tickets can be purchased online at Ticketek or through Panthers. MHS students will be performing at the two shows held on Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th June, 2017. Both shows start at 7:30pm, please come along and support our talented dance students.

Year 12 Dance Showcase

Year 12 Dance Students will be showcasing all their practical works on Wednesday 28th June. This showcase will be held in the MHS hall and start at 6:30pm until approximately 8:30pm. If you have family or friends in this dance class or are a younger student interested in studying Dance please come along. Tickets are \$5.00 and can be purchased from Miss Sands in the PE staffroom.

Dance Workshop

On Tuesday 16th May, thirty dance students participated in a Dance Workshop held here at Mitchell High School and ran by Emma Jarman and Jay Johns, the directors of JEM Entertainment. The students had a wonderful time learning dances in the styles of contemporary and hip-hop. All who participated left feeling inspired and all students are to be commended for their enthusiasm and efforts shown on the day. We look forward to having Emma and Jay back again.



Ms Sands
Dance Co-ordinator

English

NESA has released the new HSC English syllabi. The HSC Prescriptions List and HSC Draft Exam Specifications have also been released. The English Faculty is currently assessing and evaluating these documents so that our implementation in 2018 may be as thorough and effective as possible. Teachers will be attending professional development and programme-writing teams have been formed. We look forward to developing quality resources that will support our students as they embark on their HSC journey.

In other news, Ms Byrne's Year 12 Advanced English class attended a production of *The Tempest* and the symposium which followed. This was a rewarding, profitable experience, which will help students to consolidate their understanding of the Area of Study. And in Debating news, Ms. Davies' Year 9 team debated Ms. Beckett's Year 10 team on the proposition that NAPLAN testing should be banned – a debate with which all students engaged deeply. The teams are to be congratulated on their modesty and collegiality. While Year 10 ultimately won the debate, it was very close and Year 9 are to be commended on their efforts. Both teams now move into Round 2 of the Premier's Debating Challenge. Ms Beckett is also Scripture co-ordinator. Scripture will happen twice this term (Week 5 and Week 8). As always, students are reminded to be in the right place at the right time, and to treat their teachers and colleagues with the utmost respect.



Ms Beckett
Relieving HT English

Maths

Australian Mathematics Competition

The Maths Faculty run the Australian Mathematics competition (AMC) on 27th July. The cost is \$6.50 payable to the front office and show your teacher the receipt. The classes who will compete this year are 7C and top math classes and the Maths Olympiad for 7C, 8M1 and 8M2. Any other student who is interested in entering is also encouraged to enter. Money is due by the end of week 7 this term and practice papers are available from your math teacher.

Luna Park will run at the end of the year as a reward excursion for year 9 students. Make sure you are being REAL in the classroom to be eligible to attend.

Maths STAR Awards

The Maths STAR award morning teas will run again this term rewarding students recognised by their teachers to be having STAR qualities in the math classroom (doing homework, bringing equipment, working well with others, asking questions, doing your best).

Congratulations to last terms math stars:

Year 7: Luka, Summer, Jasmin, Kobie, Yun, Maria, Harsimran, Fatima, Jaidon, Brody, Charlene, Luanne, Wilson and Annabel.



Year 8: Tara, Gurkirat, Callahan, Abi, Sophie, Bonnie, Harrison, Christine, Paige, Arber, Tapaita, Elenoa, Blake and Shania.



Year 9: Carlee, Jayden, Maja, Shukran, Paris, Shukrana, Kyle, Lauren, Allira, Jacob, Olivia and Jackson.



??Tricky question??

I am a two digit even number. I am a square of a number, and also a cube of another number.

Who am I?



Ms Burness-Cowan
Mathematics Head Teacher

Year 10: Alyssa, Yee Mon, Mowada, Yilmaz, Saiesha, Tamara, Nicholas, Courtney, Kenya, Nahida, Shivendran, Adele, Helin and Gianna.



Mathletics

The school has purchased Mathletics for years 7-10. Students will be given their own login shortly by their teachers, which can be used at school and at home. Years 7 and 8 will have part of their assessment mark in terms 1 and 3 from completing set tasks in the Mathletics program.

Maths Tutoring

Maths Tutoring is available again in room 54 between 3:15pm and 4:15pm on Wednesday for senior students and Thursday for any student. Please feel free to come along and take advantage of the free help. In Term One 109 students from years 7 to 12 accessed the extra help.

Calculators

Calculators are available to purchase from the maths department for \$25. Pay the money at the front office and bring the receipt to the Maths Faculty.

Year 7 Year Adviser Report

Year 7 students will be having their Half-Yearly Examinations during Week 6 and Week 7 of Term 2. It is important that they develop the right habits, and prioritise and understand their own learning styles.

They also need to consider the 7 habits that highly effective students display.

1. Be Punctual — Punctuality applies to arriving in class on time. Teachers dislike interruptions because students shift their focus to the student arriving late. Punctuality applies also to handing in assignments on time. Teachers often deduct marks for assignments that are handed in late.

2. Ask Questions — Although students hear this in every class, few students heed the advice. Just remember, it's likely that many other students in class don't understand everything about the topic. Students should get into the habit of asking questions about the topic and related topics.

3. Review Material Every Day — This is one of the most constructive habits that a student can adopt because reviewing material reduces the pressure of surprise quizzes, classroom discussions and exams. The review need not take hours; simply reviewing material covered that day is beneficial.

4. Rest and Eat — Everyone needs a good night's sleep and to eat properly every day. A tired and hungry student does not concentrate on his or her studies. The key is to get adequate rest on a regular basis. (This varies according to the person, but it is generally agreed by health practitioners that a person needs seven to nine hours of sleep per night.) It is also unwise to sleep for 14 hours a night on weekends and then revert to six hours per night during the week—this throws a person's sleeping pattern out of whack while playing havoc with one's metabolism. Well-rested and well-fed students have less trouble getting out of bed in the morning, absorbing material and staying awake in class.

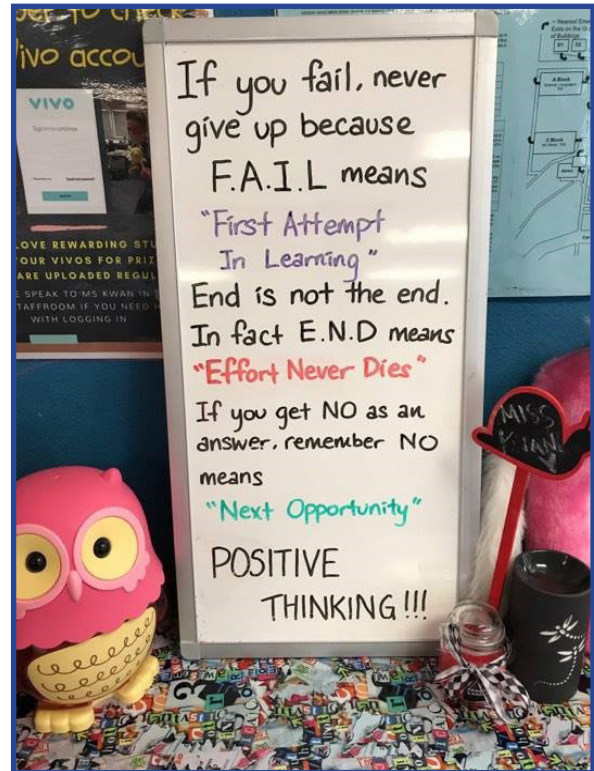
5. Organisation — This covers many things, but the important points are "naming everything" (with a date and appropriate title) and "remembering assignments". Your student diary if used properly is a great aide for being well organised (recording assignments and their due dates).

6. Prioritise — Now here's a challenge. This calls on students to review what is due and to gauge how much time will be needed to get the work done. It's wise to plan ahead. Students who have plans for the weekend should

do extra work during the week. Students need to learn to look at the big picture.

7. Develop a Positive Attitude — There is no one way to have a good attitude. Students don't have to be all smiles and cheer nor do they have to like all their teachers or fellow students, but they need to respect each other

Remember...



Ms Kwan
Year 7 Year Adviser

Volcano Models – Yr10 Science 2017 (10SB – Mr Debrincat)



Parents and Caregivers,

We have a group of Japanese students visiting Mitchell High School in July and they are in need of Homestay Families!

Host Families receive a payment of \$550 for hosting 1 student. Please see the Flyer below for more details

Please contact Nathan Evan from Global Student Institut (info@thegsi.com.au) OR TEXT "MHS" with your NAME and EMAIL address to 0414 702 402

Japanese students visiting Mitchell High School



HOST A JAPANESE STUDENT!

Payment to Host Families: **\$550**

- * 1 Student per Homestay
- * For **11 nights** from the 29th of July to August 9th.
- * Students aged 13 to 15 yrs.
- * Host Families with younger children are Welcome!!
- * The student can travel to and from school with your child.
- * 24/7 Support in English and Japanese just a phone call away
- * The students all speak basic English



Japanese students are a pleasure to host and it's a great opportunity for your family to experience another culture and make an international friend.

Please contact: Nathan Evans

Call or Text "**MHS**" and
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MITCHELL HS

SUBJECT SELECTION

INFORMATION NIGHT

Delivering excellence through innovative & unique learning opportunities for student success

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YEAR 8 & YEAR 10 STUDENTS

*This is an invitation to current **Year 8 (2017)** and **Year 10 (2017)** students of Mitchell High School and their parents/carers to attend the Subject Selection Information Night on Tuesday 20th June 2017.*

Come and see what elective subjects are on offer in 2018.

When: Tuesday 20th June 2017

Where: Mitchell High School Hall

Time: Year 8 into Year 9 (2018) at 6.00pm
Year 10 into Year 11 (2018) at 7.00pm

On the night you will receive:

- *Informative information about requirements for the Record of School Achievement (RoSA) and Higher School Certificate (HSC).*
- *Advice on how to make decisions and where to seek more detailed information.*
- *A Mitchell High School Year 8 into Year 9 (2018) and Year 10 into Year 11 (2018) subject selection information handbook, detailing information on courses available in 2018.*
- *A subject selection booklet and a selection form will be distributed to every student on the night. The subject selection form(s) must be completed and returned to the administration office by Friday 30th June 2017. These form(s) must be completed and placed in the allocated boxes at the administration office counter. Students who are not intending to return to Mitchell High School next year are still required to complete these form(s) to assist us with planning.*

We look forward to assisting students and their families to enable them to make important decisions about their future study.

For further information on subject selection please contact Mrs Pares or Mrs Starink on 9622 9944.

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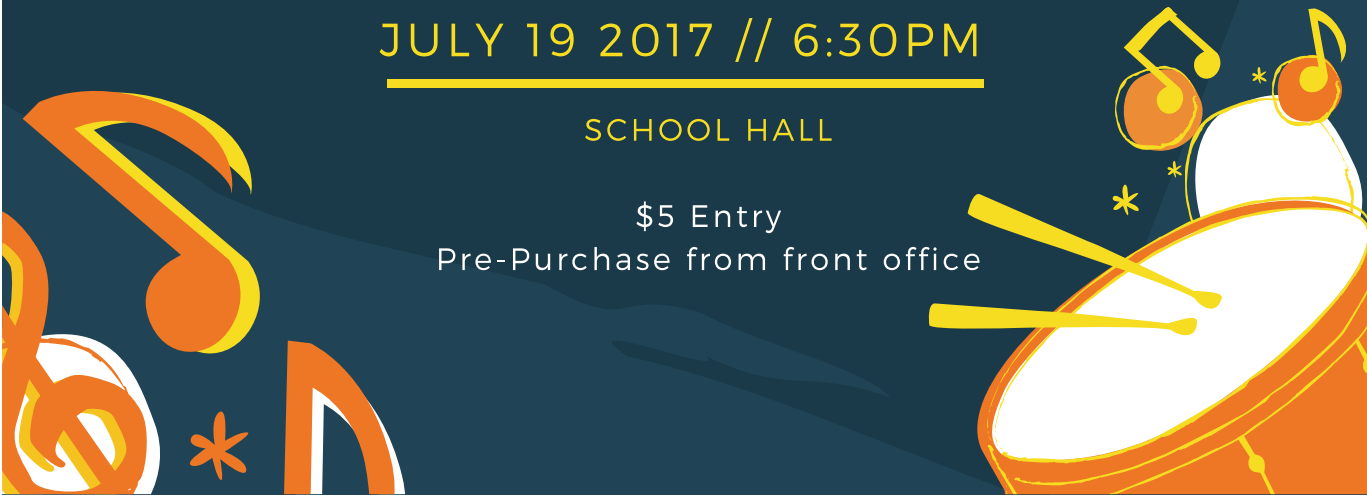
2017 CAPA VARIETY NIGHT

MUSIC DANCE DRAMA

JULY 19 2017 // 6:30PM

SCHOOL HALL

\$5 Entry
Pre-Purchase from front office





YR12 DANCE SHOWCASE

WEDNESDAY 28TH JUNE, 2017

6:30 - 8:30 PM

COST: \$5.00PP

MITCHELL HIGH SCHOOL HALL





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P.R.I.D.E. (Personal Responsibility In Daily Effort) CARD ***Applications Close 27th June 2017***

Dear students of Mitchell High School

All students are encouraged to apply for a P.R.I.D.E. (Personal Responsibility In Daily Effort) Card. To qualify for a P.R.I.D.E. Card, the student must demonstrate a consistently high standard of school community spirit through good attendance patterns, personal presentation (uniform), participation in school and local community events, behaviour and effort. The following application lists the criteria that students need to have demonstrated over the past 6 months. Student applications will be ranked and the cards awarded to those who best meet the criteria.

The P.R.I.D.E. Card would contain the following information:

- *Student's full name*
- *Student's date of birth*
- *Student photograph*
- *Expiry date*
- *School emblem*
- *P.R.I.D.E. insignia*
- *Discounts offered (listed on back of card)*

The student whose photo appears on the P.R.I.D.E. Card is the only person who can receive these discounts. The P.R.I.D.E. Card lasts 12 months from date of issue.

A Bronze Award will be given on return of the P.R.I.D.E. Card in 12 months' time to the Deputy Principal, pending there are no major breaches of the school code of conduct.

The P.R.I.D.E. Card application form needs to be completed fully, with all signatures and placed in the box at the Administration Office marked 'P.R.I.D.E. Card Application Forms', by no later than Tuesday 27 June 2017. No application forms will be accepted after this date.

Successful recipients will be sent a confirmation letter via mail addressed to your parent/carer(s). This letter will invite your parent/carer(s) to attend the P.R.I.D.E. Card ceremony which will be held on Thursday 3rd August at 9.00am in our school hall.

Regards

*Ms E. Marinis
Principal
14th March 2017*

MITCHELL HIGH SCHOOL SKOOLBAG APP

The Mitchell High School Skoolbag App communicates with parent/carer(s). It is currently available to download on Androids, iPhones and Windows Phones by searching Mitchell High School. The aim of this app is to increase our school's communication with parent/carer(s) and present them with new information in the form of notifications. This app will include our school newsletters, daily notices, a calendar of upcoming events which can be added to the user's phone calendar, and eForms which parent/carer(s) can fill out from their phones. For example: excursion permission notes and absentee forms which can be automatically emailed to nominated email addresses.



HOW TO INSTALL SKOOLBAG APP ON YOUR SMARTPHONE

For iPhone and iPad users:

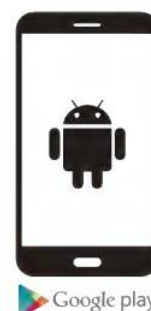
1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "Install"
4. The App is FREE to download
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notification, when asked
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
8. Toggle on the "Push Categories" that are applicable for you by tapping the "On/Off Switch".



For Android users:

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the App

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search
4. Click the "Install" button
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device)
6. Click "Open" when installed
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
8. Toggle on the "Push Categories" that are applicable for you by tapping the "On/Off Switch".



Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the App.

For Windows 8.1 phone and Windows 8.1 or 10 device users:

1. Go to the "Windows Store" on your 8.1 Windows Phone or Windows 8.1/10 device
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword App search
3. Install the Skoolbag App
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school title to your Windows Phone home screen
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
9. Toggle the "Push Categories" that are applicable to you by tapping the the "On/Off Switch".



Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 8.1 version Window phones or Windows 8.1 and 10 devices.

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18 May 2017

Dear Parent/Carer(s)

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

We are seeking parent/carer(s) and community support to donate their Blacktown City Council plant allocation to our school. These plants will be planted on school grounds. So 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 and attention it to Ms Lindsay. These donated plants will be used for planting on school grounds.

Your donation will 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.

_____/____/____ 2017
Parent/Carer Signature Date



HOMework CENTRE

ON EVERY WEDNESDAY,
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY
IN THE LIBRARY

- TEACHERS AND SENIOR PREFECTS
ASSIST WITH HOMEWORK AND
ASSIGNMENT ENQUIRIES
- USEFUL STUDY TIPS PROVIDED
- COMPUTERS AND BOOKS AVAILABLE

FROM 3:10 - 4:10 PM



BYOD Security Update

Critical Windows Security Update
for WannaCrypt/WCry Ransomware Threat

WannaCrypt/WCry Ransomware:

As you would have seen in the media over the past weekend, a **major malware outbreak has spread across the world** affecting many Windows computers **running versions XP, 7, 8 and 10**. The WannaCrypt Ransomware can spread via computer networks and **does not rely** on a user opening an email attachment or visiting an affected website, making it particularly destructive. Once activated on a PC, it will **automatically encrypt every user-created file and document it finds** including Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Adobe PDF and JPG format as well as dozens of other file types, rendering them inaccessible.

The WannaCrypt ransomware **spreads via a security exploit that Microsoft released a security patch for in March of this year**. All department-managed Windows computers (including eT4L and corporate) are protected via centrally-delivered patching and update services which have already deployed the necessary patch. However, **there are concerns about Windows computers** that are in schools and corporate offices that are **unmanaged or are personally owned**. (eg. BYODs).

Microsoft Critical Security Update MS17-010

It is critical that **all unmanaged Windows PCs and user-managed Windows BYODs** immediately ensure that [critical security update MS17-010](#) has been installed on their device(s). The **easiest way to achieve this** is to open Windows Update to determine if there are any outstanding updates and to apply them. On your unmanaged Windows device, complete these steps:

- **Click the Windows button** to open the Windows menu and in the box, type **Check for updates** then press Enter.
- The **Windows Update screen** will appear. If it states "Your device is up to date" with a recent last checked date, nothing needs to be done with that PC.
- If the device has not been checked or updated for some time, click **Check for Updates** and apply any and all security updates that appear as available.
- To ensure all security updates are installed completely, it is **essential that the device be restarted** from the shutdown menu option.

Important note for school staff and student devices

The above steps to check for Windows updates is **not possible at school during school hours** (9am - 3pm). It is strongly recommended that as per the department's [Communication Devices and Associated Services Guidelines](#), staff and students are required to:

- **ensure that BYO devices are running up to date anti-malware software, application software versions and patched operating systems.**

Student and staff owned BYODs should either have their **Windows security updates installed at home prior to bringing them to school**, or check for and install updates before 9am or after 3pm on school days.

**Please pass this information onto all staff and students with unmanaged and BYOD Windows devices.
Thank you for your assistance with this important matter.**



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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

HSC MINIMUM STANDARD

ADVICE FOR PARENTS OF YEAR 9 STUDENTS 2017

March 2017

In 2020, your child will need to meet a minimum standard of literacy and numeracy to qualify for a Higher School Certificate (HSC).



PRACTICAL LITERACY AND NUMERACY SKILLS



The minimum standard will ensure that your child is ready for further education and training, employment and life after school.

The standard is set at Level 3 of the Australian Core Skills Framework (ACSF), a nationally agreed standard of functional literacy and numeracy.

It means students can do things like:

Find the time and date of a music concert on an online ticket website

Calculate the quantity of paint required to paint a room

Estimate distance. Travel time and costs for a transport route

Take notes from a lecture or training session

Create a personal weekly budget in a spreadsheet

Write a job application letter

Measure quantities to follow a recipe

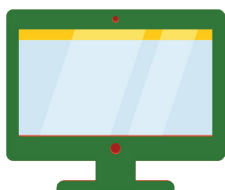
Follow safety instructions in an equipment manual

Enter data in a computer-based management system

MULTIPLE OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET THE STANDARD

Your child will show that they have met the standard by passing new online reading, writing and numeracy tests.

They will take the online tests at school. Your child can take the tests up to twice a year in:



- ✓ Year 10
- ✓ Year 11
- ✓ Year 12
- ✓ for up to five years after they start their first HSC course.

Students can take the tests from next year when they are in Year 10.

Visit the demonstration site to see sample test questions:

<https://hscliteracynumeracy.nesa.nsw.edu.au>

YEAR 9 NAPLAN: A CHANCE TO PREQUALIFY FOR THE STANDARD

Your child can prequalify for the standard by achieving Band 8 or above in their Year 9 NAPLAN reading, writing and numeracy tests this year. This means that they won't have to take the online tests.

It is important for you to know that not all students are expected to achieve Band 8 in their Year 9 NAPLAN tests this year.

Your child will not be stopped from getting the HSC on the basis of their Year 9 NAPLAN results.



Your child's literacy and numeracy skills will continue to develop and it is expected that they will meet the standard either by the end of Year 10, Year 11 or Year 12.

Your child's school will provide support for them to meet the standard to get the HSC.

MORE INFORMATION

Contact your school principal for more detailed information about the minimum standard, or visit the NESA website:

<http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au>

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