

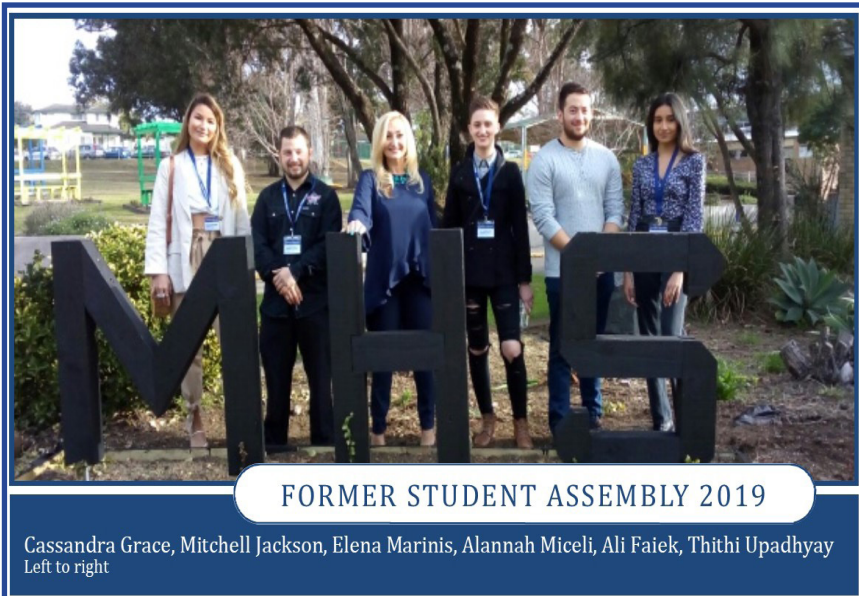
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RESPECTFUL, ENGAGED AND ACTIVE LEARNERS

August 21, 2019



Thankyou to the ex students who took time out of their busy schedules to come back to school and discuss with Year 10, 11 and 12 their journey since leaving Mitchell High School.

A major theme this year has been about the impacts of mobile phones. Often, we have focused on asking parents to help the school to teach responsible digital citizenship. The NSW Department of Education provides research-based recommendations on how parents may engage with their students and help them to be responsible digital citizens. The following article is from the Department of Education website:

<https://www.digitalcitizenship.nsw.edu.au/articles/what-are-the-benefits-of-watching-videos-together>

Watch and talk together

The way we are engaging with online content has changed quite a lot. Once you have finished watching a video, you might want to share it, leave a comment, start a conversation or create your own video in response. Now, online video content is as much about the ways people talk about the video, as it is the video itself. When many people are participating in discussions around videos, there can be many different perspectives. When you watch videos together with your child, you can model positive ways to engage with different people and you can guide your child in understanding the content, meaning and context of a video.

Watching videos with your child can prompt valuable discussions about behaviour, stereotypes and decisions that were being demonstrated in the video. You can talk to your child about how they might react in a similar situation or what they liked and disliked about the video

Research from the Child Mind Institute on the benefits of watching TV

Important dates to remember

P&C and Parent Citizen Forum	Wednesday 21 August @ 6.30pm
Year 12 Trial HSC Exams	Friday 16 August Friday 23 August
Year 7 (2020) Self Select Information Meeting	Tuesday 27 August @ 5pm
School Leaders Induction	Tuesday 3 September
Heritage Day	Friday 6 September
Year 8 Camp	Wednesday 11 September - Friday 13 September
Year 11 Yearly Exams	Thursday 12 September - Friday 27 September
Year 12 Graduation Assembly	Wednesday 25 September



with young children suggests that 'co-viewing' can help children learn about:

- managing emotions
- making informed choices
- when to get help

Share together

What are the types of videos that your child like to watch online? Do they have a favourite channel or celebrity that they like? Watching videos with your child gives you an idea about the kinds of videos that interest them.

Consider asking your child to find something for you two to watch, for example:

- tutorials about their hobbies or skills they want to learn
- young influencers who spread positive messages, like 'Kid President'
- family or kids' vlogs (video blogs) to learn about other people's lives
- programs or animations with a message or story you can discuss

Examples of young people being great digital citizens (see Inspiring Digital Citizens for some examples).

Learn together

Video content can be a great way to learn. There are videos that demonstrate skills and talk about topics in engaging ways. You might consider asking your child to help you find information that you both can learn from, whether this is something of personal interest or even something related to a topic being discussed in their classroom at school.

You can get involved in your child's learning by helping them choose video tutorials that can:

- create opportunities for discussion, ideas and questions
- demonstrate ways to perform skills
- talk about topics in engaging ways

Trial HSC Examinations and Term Three Attendance for Year 12

I would like to wish all of Year 12 the best in their Trial HSC examinations. I am sure all of you have been preparing for these most important exams. It is the school's expectation that all Year 12 students attend school regularly and punctually, attend all classes and complete all work up to and including Wednesday 26th September. The period

leading up to the HSC examinations is vital in maximising marks in these examinations. Please remember that the HSC examination marks constitute 50% of the overall HSC results and 50% of ATAR scores. These examination results also are used to scale the school assessment marks. Therefore students may dramatically increase their final results through sustained and focused revision and practice. A letter has been posted home to all parents of Year 12 outlining the important dates and events over term 3 and 4 for their son or daughter.

International Links

In recent week we have hosted Daimon High from Japan. Ms Beadmore and Mr Zahara coordinated the cultural trip and provided an opportunity for our visitors to immerse themselves in Australian culture. I would like to thank all the students who were buddies and the staff who were involved in providing specialist lessons for our visitors.



At the end of this term we have two separate international trips. Mrs Edwards and Mr Grozdan will be accompanying a group to Europe and part of their trip will include a homestay with a family from our sister school, Dietrich Bonhoeffer Gymnasium in Wertheim, Germany.

The second group will be the dance students traveling to Korea with Ms Sands, Mrs Pares and myself. The Dance students will be performing at our sister city 25th Anniversary festival. They will be on stage in front of 15,000 people.

I know that these students are going to come back changed. It is often said that travel broadens the mind; however with a closed mind to new experiences and new people it may simply reinforce prejudice and a view that nowhere can be better than home. Cultural exchanges when you live in each others homes, attend school, visit friends and family take us all to a much greater understanding of each other. It shows us how much we are alike and at the same time how different from each other we can be. It is not about comparisons, but trying to break down barriers and cultural stereotypes.

USA Trip in 2020

Mitchell High School will be organizing an international excursion to the United States in 2020. The trip will be from 27th September (end of term 3) through to the end of the October vacation period. We are calling for interested students who will be in Years 9-11 in 2020 who may be interested in going on this trip. If you are interested, please see Mrs Edwards or Mr Turner for an expression of interest form.

Quirindi Visit 2019

Our School leaders for 2020 have been invited by Blacktown City Council to travel up the New England Highway 350 km to Quirindi. The visit is sponsored by the Blacktown City Council as part of the sister city relationship between Blacktown Council and the Liverpool Plains Council .Ms Larrea and Mr Chung will chaperone our students from Friday 25th October through to Sunday 27th October,2019. Our school leaders will take part in a youth forum to discuss topical issues affecting our youth.

Ms Marinis
Principal

Labscene @ MHS

Science Encouragement Award - Term 2 2019

For the second 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 **R**espectful, **E**ngaged, **A**ctive, **L**earner 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
- 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 2 2019 are:

Year 7 Students		
Class	Surname	First Name
M	Griffiths	Ethan
H	Pathania	Aarya
S	Salim	Zuhaira
R	Patil	Aahan
E	Flindt	Chelsey
A	Darbin	Hayden
L	Bhandari	Kamana

Year 8 Students		
Class	Surname	First Name
M	Maheswaran	Parthiban
H	Fonseka	Diyon
S	Annechhini	Nadena
R	Fahy	Connor
E	Pasiona III	Rodrigo
A	Deliso	Phoebe
L	Stopp	Angus
V	Butler	Brandon

Year 9 Students		
Class	Surname	First Name
M	Guma	Muhumuza
H	Bhandari	Shamikcha
S	Sabanal	Jondi
R	Alt	Brandon
E	Younan	Cavouta
A	Baig	Ayeshah
L	Ghale	Loukit

Year 10 Students		
Class	Surname	First Name
M	Flynn	Bailey
H	Song	Hai Ling
S	Shah	Parth
R	May	Tyler
E	Cicek	Esra
A	Johnson	Tyler
L	Redward	Abby May

Just to add a little more excitement to this award – Ms Pares (Deputy Principal) selected one recipient from each year group by placing all of the Term 2 recipients into a hat and drawing a winner to receive a \$10 Officeworks gift card.

The Recipients for the Officeworks gift card are:

Year 7 Student		
Class	Surname	First Name
M	Griffiths	Ethan

Year 8 Student		
Class	Surname	First Name
V	Butler	Brandon

Year 9 Student		
Class	Surname	First Name
S	Sabanal	Jondi

Year 10 Student		
Class	Surname	First Name
E	Cicek	Esra

Congratulations to all recipients - from the Science Faculty.

International Links

Mitchell high school is always busy and filled with educational and fun activities all year round, however, this term many things have already started to happen. From international students visiting us to activities around the school, this is what you need to know about the busy term at Mitchell High School.

Mitchell High School has a very good reputation throughout the local community and even globally.

This term we had Japanese students who travelled all the way from their home country of Japan to Australia and we were lucky enough to give a very big warm welcome into the Australian community. Students from Japan studied English, travelled throughout the city, and visit important Australian landmarks. Making their experience very memorable. Not only did they get to participate in fun activities outside school, the teachers and students made the most of their school visit. Keeping them well occupied with fun activities and tasks. Students got to say hello to the new visitors in the playground and ask them questions about them and their culture. It was not only educational for the Japanese students, many of our students got to learn much more about the traditions and culture in Japan and how it is different. Another thing all students participated in was playing sports together. Some lucky Japanese students also go to create their own print using the dark room. Not only were students having fun but so were teachers, Mr Weston was lucky enough to teach the Japanese students and show them how to play a few beats.

Written by Lily Laverty

PBL news

Mitchell High School's Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) roll call team has been striving and working hard all year around. The PBL roll call work together to create presentations and activities. Not only giving out important, fun, and memorable facts and presentations but also showing the school why it is important to be a REAL student.

Behaviour in the community

One of the many things the PBL roll call team has been working towards is to encourage students to act REAL (Respectful, Engaged Active Learners) within the local community. Mitchell High school is a local public school which take pride in uniform, student, and actions. We want to be viewed by locals as a school producing hard working and moral driven students who are respectful to other citizens. This is why being safe, respectful, and responsible

is extremely important to not only the school but, as well as other areas like at home or outside. Within the community everyone has a certain reputation. Especially when seen wearing a uniform. Not because there simply wearing a uniform but, because they're choosing to not only represent themselves but the reputation of the school. Other ways students can show how they're REAL is by being considerate about others around you. Such as giving people in need our seats on the bus. This not only shows you being confident but it might even make someone else's day slightly better. Tapping on and off the bus is extremely important as we don't wish for the buses be cancelled. Think about others around you. Not only does acting respectful makes people view you better but it also shows your school in a good way. Doing these simple things proves you to be a real student.

School Environment

The PBL team has played a major role in the schools look and design this term. Have you noticed the interior for the girl's school bathroom? The doors with the quotes was one of the PBL major projects. We also brought up bringing new locks and new mirrors into the Mitchell High School bathrooms. The results look outstanding and really do make the school feel like a more positive and caring environment. Redesigning the bathrooms have not stopped here as we are eagerly excited for the boy's bathroom door quotes to be established. The main reason we went ahead with this project was because of the anticipation and push students felt and how they wanted their school bathrooms to have a more modern and positive look into it. Many of the PBL team went home and researched a quote they deemed inspiring and were passionate about. We chose quotes which we believed the students at Mitchell high school we'd be inspired and driven by. Take the time out of your day and read a few to see which one inspires you the most. We would also like to give Mrs Karabetsos (Supervisor for Girls) for being a big help with this and for being a fantastic leader for all of those who were involved.

PBL Lessons

Everyone in the PBL team has been eagerly working very hard with creating PBL lessons which are not only educational and informing but are also fun and interactive. For example, we like to add gifs and memes into our presentations so it adds to the encouragement of engaging and keeping students interested. We have all worked hard on creating presentations like Out of Bounds, Uniform and Public behaviour. We spend weeks discussing, planning and writing the lessons and the hard work definitely pays off when we can visually see the positive changes happening in and out of school. We are eager to keep creating the presentations and love

hearing feedback from the people viewing them. We are also in the process of updating our lessons by adding mini games and quizzes to keep students and teachers more intrigued. Be sure to keep your eyes open for our coming lessons as they will be much more fun and informative.

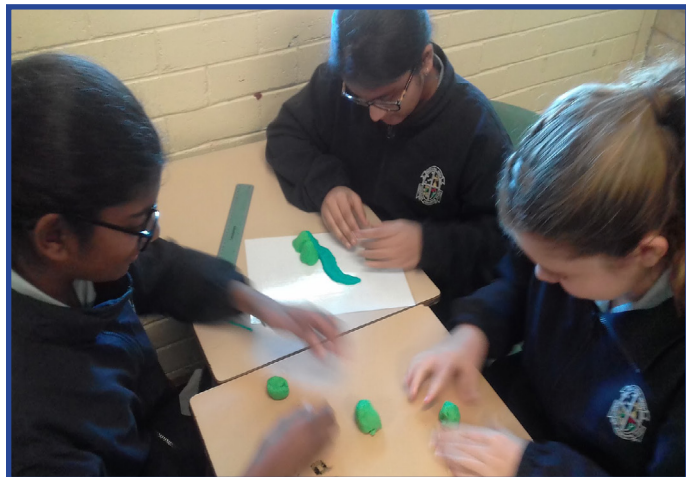
Thank you for your ongoing support. We love Mitchell High School.

By Lily Laverty (Year 9 student)



Year 8 Geography

Year 8 Geography classes have been busy learning about the water cycle and water catchments this term as part of their topic 'Water in the World'. Some classes used playdough to build their own 3D water catchments. Students had a great time working collaboratively to apply their classroom learning to their models.



Enviro Club

Roll up, roll up, all houses roll up. Who will win The Toss? Keep Australia Beautiful Week is coming up and The Toss will be held in week 6.

Keep Australia Beautiful Week is held to raise awareness about the simple things we can all do in our daily lives to reduce our impact on the environment and encourage action.

Enviro Club has organised an event at lunchtime on Friday during Week 6 - keep an eye and an ear out for more details!

Let's make every week Keep Mitchell Beautiful week!



Maths

Mathematics Department is promoting the importance of ICT in Mathematics. All classes from Year 7 to 10 are working on their Mathematics Assignment whereby Technology is an integral part. The Assignments were given out during week 4 and are due in week 6. Students are provided assistance during their normal computer lessons as well as they can use the Library and Homework Centre to complete them. They have also been provided with extra time during lunch to access computers to assist them with their assignments.

- Year 7 students are learning the Microsoft Excel program to complete their assignment. They are learning to use different formulae to complete a variety of tasks.
- Year 8 students are using the Internet as a tool to complete their Quadrilaterals Assignment. They are researching and learning properties of different quadrilaterals.
- Year 9 students are learning Geogebra skills to construct right-angled triangles, and their angles, measure the lengths and sizes of different sides and angles. They will also be using a given website to collect data and construct histograms and polygons from there.
- Year 10 students are also using the Internet to get to a dice simulator website to collect data to find probabilities.

These assignments can be accessed on Millennium as well as Google Classrooms for which students have been provided with a classroom code by their teachers.

from the Maths Faculty

EAL/D NEWS

Over six days during Term 3, many of our EAL/D students in Years 9-12 participated in the Ready Arrive Work Program. RAW is a targeted vocational program that supports students to develop their employment-related skills and participate in work experience and industry visits.

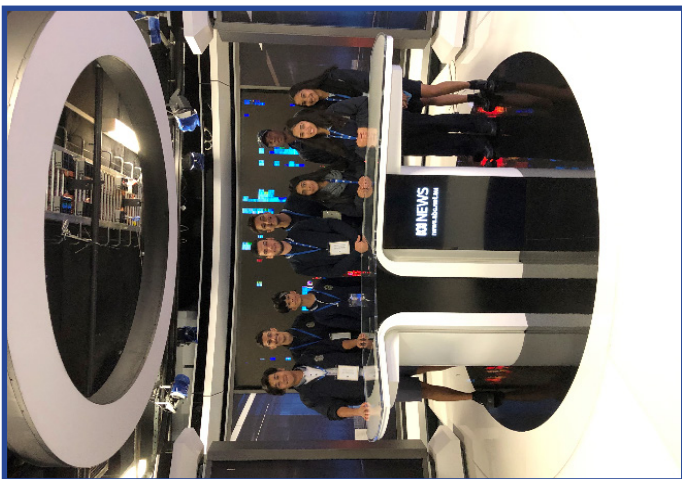
Our students took part in a 3-day intensive workshop which introduced them to the world of work and employability skills in the Australian workforce. Working in teams, the students were encouraged to draw on their knowledge and creativity as they joined in quizzes, team-building exercises and challenges.

Our students travelled to the Department of Education Head Office in Parramatta where they joined a number of other schools for a Fun, Realistic, Unbiased Industry Teaching (FRUIT) Day. The students were able to gain information about vocational and educational pathways through presentations representing a range of industries. A highlight for the students was hearing about Chef Adam Moore's inspirational career and meeting with him later for selfies.

For the cultural component of the program, our students visited Taronga Zoo. For many of our students, it was their first time to visit the zoo, and their reactions upon seeing our beautiful harbour for the first time ranged from delight to awe. The students learnt about various professional roles available within the zoo and even had the opportunity to get close to some Australian native animals. Much to the students' excitement, they were also able visit the zoo at their own pace.





During the industry visits day, our students were able to interact with real-life employees of major companies such as Doltone House at Jones Bay Wharf and the ABC Studios in Ultimo. By being given 'behind the scenes' access to the kitchens, event rooms and studios, our students were able to gain practical and insightful information about the hospitality and entertainment industries.

The RAW Program provided our EAL/D students with wonderful social, educational and vocational opportunities. Our students were able to forge, build and strengthen friendships. They were given a little taste of Sydney and inspired to explore it further. The students were able to practice and extend their language skills by expressing themselves and communicating ideas within a fun and safe learning environment. They learnt about careers and professions that they did not realise even existed, and were informed about possible pathways to access them. Overall, it was an enriching experience for our students.





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YEAR 7 (2020) SELF SELECT CLASS

Information Meeting will be held on Tuesday 27 August 2019

Dear Parent/Carer(s),

This is an invitation to parent/carer(s) and Year 7 (2020) students who have been offered and accepted a Year 7 placement at Mitchell High School in 2020.

A Self Select Class information meeting will be held on **Tuesday 27 August 2019 from 5.00pm to 6.00pm** in the **Mitchell High School Hall**.

Mitchell High School recognises the needs of students who desire to make a commitment to study and assume responsibility for their own learning in order to achieve their best educational outcomes.

One way that students can do this is by nominating themselves members for the Mitchell High School's Self Select Class for Year 7 (2020).

Self Select students are distinguished by their positive attitude and motivation, good behaviour and excellent class work and homework. The Self Select Class caters for the needs of students who are self starters, highly motivated with the desire to achieve the best possible educational outcomes for themselves. Self Select students will be expected to complete all work as set for all Year 7 students as well as actively participating in extension work in each subject.

Mitchell High School and its teachers will develop a positive learning environment by providing extension opportunities that strengthen the learning of Self Select students. This will involve participation in additional activities by the student.

If the student is unsuccessful for the Self Select Class in 2020, the student has an opportunity to re-apply for the class the following year in Year 8.

Nomination forms for the Year 7 (2020) Self Select Class will be handed out at the meeting.

Regards

Ms E. Marinis
Principal



IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND DATES FOR YEAR 12 (2019) AND THEIR PARENT/CARERS

YEAR 12 TERM 3 ATTENDANCE

It is the school's expectation that all Year 12 students attend school regularly and punctually, attend all classes and complete all work up to and including Wednesday 24 September 2019. The period leading up to the HSC examinations is vital in maximising marks in these examinations. Please remember that the HSC examination marks constitute 50% of the overall HSC results and 50% of ATAR scores. These examination results also are used to scale the school assessment marks. Therefore students may dramatically increase their final results through sustained and focused revision and practice.

YEAR 12 SCHOOL REFERENCE

Application form due Wednesday 28 August 2019

Attached is an application form to request for a school reference. Application forms must be completed by the student and returned to Miss S. Maricic, Year 12 Adviser, in the Technologies - IA Staffroom, no later than Wednesday 28 August 2019. Only students who submit their application form will receive a school reference. The references will be handed out to students on clearance day on Friday 22 November 2019.

YEAR 12 GRADUATION ASSEMBLY

Wednesday 25 September 2019

The Year 12 (2019) Graduation Assembly will be held in the Mitchell High School hall on Wednesday 25 September 2019. Year 12 students are to meet at the school hall by 9.00am in full school uniform, where they will be given their graduation garment, cap with a tassel and stole. Year 12 graduation garments, caps and tassel are borrowed from the school, so Year 12 students must return them straight after the Graduation Assembly. Any graduation gown, cap or tassel is not returned or is damaged in any way, an invoice of payment will be sent to the parent/carer. This payment will need to be paid on or before clearance day, Friday 22 November 2019.

Unfortunately, a limit of 4 guests per student can only attend the Year 12 Graduation Assembly. Please RSVP and nominate your 4 guests on the invitation slip enclosed. You must return this slip to Miss S. Maricic, Year 12 Adviser, in the Technologies - IA Staffroom, no later than Wednesday 28 August 2019. For security purposes a list of RSVP names will be checked at the Mitchell High School front gate on the day of the farewell assembly. Family and guests need to be seated by 10.15am in the hall for a 10.30am start. Following the Graduation Assembly, students and their guests are invited for refreshments with staff in the school library. At the conclusion of the refreshments Year 12 are dismissed from school.

We have organised Advancedlife Photographers to take photographs during the Year 12 Graduation Assembly. If you would like to view or purchase any of the photographs taken on the day, you will need to visit Advancedlife's Website: www.advancedlife.com.au, using the **school code F2P BMF D6K**.

STUDY VACATION (STUVAC)

Thursday 26 September – Wednesday 16 October 2019

Following the Year 12 Graduation Assembly your son/daughter will commence their study vacation. Year 12 students can download and print a copy of their HSC Examination timetable from the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) Website using their unique pin number. We recommend you place your HSC timetable in a prominent position at home to remind you of exams dates and times.

It is important during this time to remember that the best preparation for the Higher School Certificate Examinations is balance. Students must pace themselves by adopting a well thought through and structured approach to their study. Regular exercise, adequate sleep and a good diet are essential components to proper examination preparation.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND DATES FOR YEAR 12 (2019) AND THEIR PARENT/CARERS



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HSC EXAMINATION MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDING OFFICER

Mitchell High School's Presiding officer, Ms Serra, requests that the following instructions, regulations and tips be followed. Drink bottles must be clear, calculators must have their covers off and be non-programmable (see your Head Teacher Mathematics or the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) website for permitted calculators), mathematics instruments need to be separated from your stationary. Both your stationary and mathematics instruments should be placed in a clear plastic zip lock style bags. All students must use a black biro during exams and no liquid paper or correction tape is permitted. Mobile phones cannot be brought into the examination room. Please arrive at least 20 minutes before examinations and 30 minutes for exams with big candidature (English and General Mathematics). You must stay for the entire duration of the examination; you will not be allowed to leave early.

YEAR 12 FORMAL

Oatlands House – Thursday 21 November 2019

The Year 12 Formal will be held at Oatlands House, 42 Bettington Road, Oatlands. The function, which is for current Year 12 students only, commences at 6.30pm for pre-dinner drinks and will conclude approximately 11.00pm. Full payment of \$125.00 must be paid by Friday 13th September 2019 to the MHS Administration Office in order to secure your ticket. All outstanding school fees need to be paid prior to purchasing your Year 12 Formal ticket. Dress is formal; the cost of the tickets includes non-alcoholic mocktails on arrival, three course meal, juice and soft drinks, DJ and a photo booth. No alcohol will be served to the students. MHS staff will be attending this celebration with the students; however, it is not their responsibility to act as a disciplinary or policing presence. It is expected that your son/daughter will enjoy the formal in a manner that is in keeping with the standards regarding behaviour and with appropriate self-discipline. There are no school endorsed activities after the Formal.

YEAR 12 CLEARANCE FROM MITCHELL HIGH SCHOOL

Friday 22 November 2019 in the MHS Learning Hub

On clearance day, Year 12 students need to meet Miss S. Maricic in the MHS Learning Hub during your allocated time slot (see below table), Friday 22 November 2019. To ensure that all Year 12 receive maximum benefit from their school textbook(s), these textbooks will not need to be returned until clearance day. All textbooks must be returned on this day or an invoice of the cost(s) of the textbook(s) will be sent home for payment. If there are any outstanding school fees and/or subject contributions, please ensure that these are paid prior to or on clearance day. If the parent/carer(s) have any queries relating to outstanding fees, please contact the MHS Administration Office on 9622 9944 to make an appointment with the Principal, to discuss this matter or the parent/carer can write a letter stating their request. The letter needs to include the parent/carer's name, request, contact telephone number and their signature. When all equipment, textbooks and fees are paid, your son/daughter will be able to proceed to clear out of the school and receive a school reference.

Surname	Period / Time
A – F	Period 1 (9.05am)
G – L	Period 2 (9.55am)
M – S	Period 3 (11.05am)
T – Z	Period 4 (11.55am)

Payments can be done through:

- Parents Online Payments (link on school's website: www.mitchell-h.schools.nsw.edu.au)
- EFTPOS (payment at the Administration Office or telephone your credit card details)
- Cheque (payment at the Administration Office)
- Cash (payment at the Administration Office).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Miss S. Maricic, Year 12 Adviser, in the Technologies IA Staffroom.



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Year 12 (2019) Graduation Assembly - photography purchase

Wednesday 25th September 2019

Mitchell High School will be having a professional photographer attend the **Year 12 (2019) Graduation Assembly on Wednesday 25th September 2019**. All images will be available online for purchase from Thursday 3rd October 2019.

To purchase photographs from *advancedlife*, you will need to follow these steps:

1. Visit advancedlife.com.au
2. Enter Mitchell High School's unique 9 digit online code, **F2P BMF D6K**, at the top of the page and hit submit
3. Once you are on the Mitchell High School Community Portal, click on Event Photos

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All Year 12 Graduation photography orders will be posted back to Mitchell High School for distribution, so if you change your address after you have placed your order, you need to contact the school.

All orders must be placed before **Tuesday 5th November 2019**, to ensure you receive your order on Year 12 Clearance Day on Friday 22nd November 2019.

Any queries regarding ordering graduation photographs, please email *advancedlife* on: enquiries@advancedlife.com.au

advancedlife
school photography & print specialists

Please Note: advancedlife will cease printing orders between Tuesday 17th December to Wednesday 29th January 2020



School Opal Card

As part of our campaign against fare evasion, and our on-going commitment to provide the level of service needed to transport students to and from your school, Busways conducts regular checks of School Opal card.

All students must be in possession of a valid Opal card or pay a fare.

Students in possession of an Opal card must also tap on/off with their card when boarding our buses.

This is important, because the Opal data collected determines the level of service we are able to provide to your school. If students don't tap on and off, the services will appear underutilised and may be considered for cancellation based on low passenger numbers.

To apply for a School Opal card or to report a lost or stolen card, go online to www.opal.com.au/en/about-opal/opal-for-school-students/





Students who are ineligible for School Opal will need to purchase a Child/Youth Opal card or pay a fare to travel on our buses.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and support.





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Dear Parent/Carer(s),

DONATE YOUR ANNUAL 2019-2020 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 annual 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 the email to Ms Lindsay.

These donated plants will be used for planting on school grounds and 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

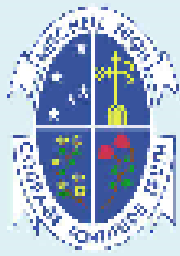
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have NOT collected my 2 free plants from Blacktown City Council this financial year (2019-2020) and would like to donate them to Mitchell High School for planting on school grounds.

Parent/Carer Signature

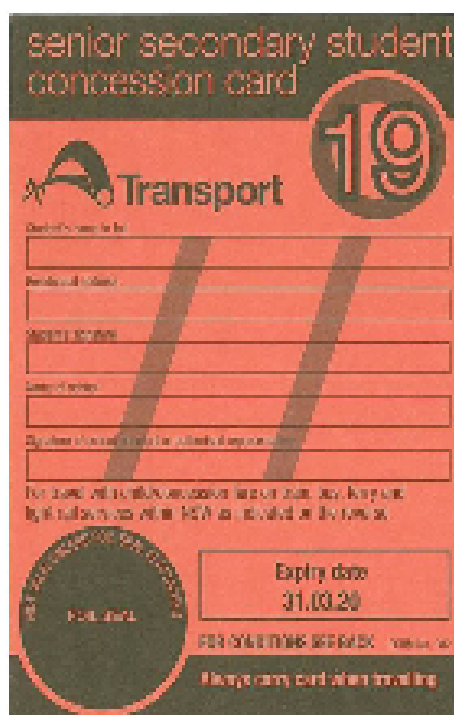
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STUDENT CONCESSION CARD PICK UP FOR 2019/2020

**ARE YOU 16 YEARS OF AGE OR OVER?
THEN COLLECT YOUR CONCESSION CARD**



Students who are 16 years of age or over are eligible to collect their new 2019/2020 'Student Concession Card' from the Mitchell High School Administration Office. These cards can only be collected before school, recess or lunch.

Students who misplace or lose their Student Concession Card during the year, will need to re-apply for a new one by collecting a form from the MHS Administration Office. This form will need to be lodged by the student at a railway station or emailed/faxed with a replacement cost of \$10.00. Information is provided on the replacement form.

Please contact the MHS Administration Office if you have any questions.

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INFORMATION ON MHS FEES

Resource/Printing Fee:

All monies received are directed through to whole school resources such as library books, reference material, periodicals and photocopying. This is a conscious effort to improve the quantity and quality of learning support materials for students.

Sport Levy Fee:

The Sport Levy Fee goes towards the entry and transport to the MHS Athletics and Swimming Carnivals. The Sport Levy Fee for Year 7 is higher as it includes Year 7 Water Activities.

Internet and Software Licences Fee:

Internet and Software Licences Fee received are directed towards whole school resources such as computers, internet, software licenses and other technologies. Monies received are used to supplement the school's base financial allocation. The level of payment has been negotiated with the Mitchell High School community and all attempts are made to keep these at a minimum.

Subject Fees:

Subject Fees are mandatory and go towards paying for materials consumed during the production of student work and projects e.g. food, wood, textiles, paints, canvas and so on. All subject fees are kept to a minimal rate and any fee changes are negotiated with the Principal and the MHS Parent & Citizens Association (P&C).

All monies requested for specific subject fees are used solely for the purchase of consumable materials in those subjects. It is most important that students experience the use of a range of materials from fabrics to timbers to sheet music to provide a broad and solid foundation of learning in early secondary years. The payment of subject fees provides the school with the funds to purchase materials necessary for use by students in these subjects.

Junior Fees:

- Students who are not able to pay the subject fee in one instalment must negotiate a payment plan with the school by Term 1 Week 4, or they may be asked to select a non-fee paying subject in consultation with the Principal.
- Students in Year 9 will not be able to select a fee paying subject for the following year (Year 10) if their fees remain unpaid. In consideration of this it is important to note that there are many non-fee paying electives that students can choose.
- Students will be unable to attend non-curricular excursions and international visits etc. unless their subject fees are paid.

Preliminary and HSC Fees:

Some subjects attract additional fees as a result of their use of additional consumable materials. All costs are kept to a minimum but are necessary in order to provide the materials to meet the practical components of the subject.

- Students who elect to take these subjects are required to pay for the materials and uniforms that are required to meet the subject requirements.
- Students who have not paid their fees or negotiated a payment plan, will be required to bring in all of the necessary equipment and supplies for practical lessons.
- Students are unable to purchase the Year 12 jersey/jacket or attend non-curricular excursions such as international visits, Year 12 Big Day Out, Year 12 Formal etc. unless they have paid their subject fees.

If your child's fees are paid in full during Term 1 of each year, your fee will be reduced by \$10.00 to act as an incentive. We understand that the costs of living today are high, but your support in early payment would be greatly appreciated, and provides an immediate means for improving the quality of education provision for your child. If you have any difficulties with your payments, please contact the school to negotiate a payment plan.

Invoices with detailed information regarding payment of fees will be posted early in Term 1, then reminders throughout the year.

Ms E. Marinis
Principal

METHODS OF PAYMENT

Payments can be done in five ways:

Parents' Online Payment

Link on the school's website: www.mitchell-h.schools.nsw.edu.au. This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner and these details are not passed back to the school. Payments can be made using either a Visa, MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the school's website by selecting \$ Make a payment. Payment(s) for subject fees, school contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include band, drama and dance) can be made here. There is also a category called 'Other': this is to cover items not covered in the previous heading. 'Other' can be used to make a payment of miscellaneous items e.g. overseas tours, calculators, textbooks etc. Uniform items are **NOT** to be paid for through the online payments system as these must be bought from the uniform shop. Once your transaction is complete a receipt of payment will be emailed to you by Westpac. **Please note that the school will not re-issue you a receipt.**

When you access the \$ Make a payment you must enter:

- the student's name, and
- class and/or reference number **OR**
- the student's name, and
- date of birth.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed. For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office.

What types of payments are NOT to be paid on the Parents' Online Payment system

Weekly sport payments and MHS uniform shop items are **NOT to be paid for through the online payments system**. Weekly sport payments are to be paid to the sports organiser on sport day and any items brought from the MHS uniform shop need to be paid to The School Locker.

EFTPOS

Payment(s) at Mitchell High School's Administration Office

Cheque

Payment(s) at Mitchell High School's Administration Office
Cheques made payable to Mitchell High School

Cash

Payment(s) at Mitchell High School's Administration Office

Telephone

Payment(s) via telephone providing your credit card details



MITCHELL HS FEE SCHEDULE 2019

Please Note: *Prices subject to change

INTERNET & SOFTWARE LICENCES FEE	Year 7 \$	Year 8 \$	Year 9 \$	Year 10 \$	Year 11 \$	Year 12 \$
Internet & Software Licences Fee	50	50	50	50	70	70
Resource/Printing Fee	30	30	30	30	30	30
Sport Levy	60	20	20	20	20	20
P&C Contribution (1 per family)	15	15	15	15	15	15
SUBJECT FEES	Year 7 \$	Year 8 \$	Year 9 \$	Year 10 \$	Year 11 \$	Year 12 \$
Computing Subjects						
Information and Software Technology			20	20		
Information Processes and Technology					20	20
Software Design and Development					20	20
Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) Subjects						
Music		40	40	40		
Music 1					40	40
Photographic and Digital Media (includes a Visual Photography Journal)			70	70		
Photography, Video and Digital Imaging (includes a Visual Photography Journal)					80	80
Visual Arts (includes a Visual Arts Process Diary)	50		55	55	75	75
English Subjects						
Drama			10	10		
Mathematics Subjects						
Scientific Calculator (Casio fx82plus)	25	25	25	25	25	25
Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) Subjects						
Dance			50	50		
Science Subjects						
STEM Robotics			60	60		
Social Science Subjects						
Business Services (VET)					15	
Retail Services (VET)					15	
Technologies Subjects						
Child Studies			30	30		
Construction (VET)					60	60
Construction (VET) White Card					80*	
Exploring Early Childhood					30	20
Engineering Studies					20	20
Food Technology			80	80	40	40
Graphics Technology			20	20		
Hospitality (VET)					80	80
Hospitality (VET) Uniform (Purchased from the MHS uniform shop)					55*	
Industrial Technology – Electronics			60	60		
Industrial Technology – Engineering			60	60		
Industrial Technology – Graphics Technologies					20	20
Industrial Technology – Metal			70	70		
Industrial Technology – Multimedia			20	20		
Industrial Technology – Timber			60	60		
Metal and Engineering (VET)					80	80
Multimedia Technologies					20	20
Technology Mandatory	60	60				
Textiles and Design					40	30
Textiles Technology			50	50		
Timber Products & Furniture Technologies					60	30*
Year 12 Jersey/Jacket (refer to MHS uniform regulations/sanctions/dress code)					100* (approx.)	

EXCURSIONS/INCURSIONS/CAMPS WORKSHOPS/COMPETITIONS ETC.	Year 7 \$	Year 8 \$	Year 9 \$	Year 10 \$	Year 11 \$	Year 12 \$
Years 7 – 12 Science Competition	8	8	8	8	8	8
Year 7 – 12 Chemistry Competition	6	6	6	6	6	6
Year 7 Geography Excursion	45					
Year 7 Water Activities (PDHPE) Included in Year 7 Sport Levy Fee	40					
Year 7 Zoo Excursion (Science)	30					
Year 8 Medieval Day Incursion (History)		15				
Year 9 Fashion Parade Excursion (Textiles and Design)			20			
Year 9 Luna Park Excursion (Mathematics)			45			
Years 9/10 Elective History Excursion			50	50		
Years 9/10 Surfing Excursion (Physical Activity & Sports Studies)			50	50		
Year 10 Canberra Excursion – Day (History)				70		
Year 10 Canberra Excursion – Overnight (History)				180		
Year 10 CSI Incursion (Science)			15	15		
Year 10 Fashion Parade Excursion (Textiles)			20	20	30	
Year 10 Retreat Camp (3 Days) (PDHPE)					30**	
Year 10 Western Sydney Careers Expo				20*		
Year 11 Ansto-Nuclear Reactor Excursion (Physics)					30**	
Year 11 Field Study Excursion (Biology)					50**	
Year 11 First Aid Certification (PDHPE)					100**	
Year 11 First Aid Certification (SLR)					100**	
Year 11 Legal Studies Excursion					40	
Year 11 Outdoor Education Excursion (PDHPE)					50	
Year 11 Outdoor Education Excursion (SLR)					50	
Year 12 Study Day (Ancient History)						35
Year 12 Ansto-Nuclear Reactor Excursion (Chemistry)						30**
Year 12 Ansto-Nuclear Reactor Excursion (Physics)						30**
Year 12 Human Disease Excursion (Biology)						30
Year 12 Geography Excursion						40**
Year 12 Marketing Excursion (Business Studies)						40**
Year 12 Study Day (Modern History)						35
Year 12 Study Day (Society & Culture)						35
Year 12 UWS Workshops x 2 (Chemistry)						20 each

Please Note:

The above excursion price list is in the planning stages. This is an approximate guide for parent/carer(s).

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** These excursions are limited to Assessment Courses.

*** Part of the Mandatory 25 hour Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) Course.



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MHS UNIFORM INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS

Dear Parent/Carer(s) and MHS students,

All students are expected to be aware of uniform requirements and to wear the correct uniform every day to follow the Mitchell High School Code of Dress as ratified by the Mitchell High School (MHS) P&C and MHS Uniform Committee.

The School Locker is our official uniform supplier and students are only allowed to wear items purchased from this supplier at school. The only items exempt from this are socks, tights and shoes. The school pants and shorts for boys and girls have an embroidered MHS on the side pocket for identification. Please remember that these styles have been decided upon by the MHS P&C, student representatives and staff.

In relation to the wearing of the uniform please note the following:

- School shoes **MUST** be black hard leather lace-up (including a leather tongue) for Work Health & Safety reasons. No soft leather or canvas shoes are acceptable. School shoes can be purchased from the School Locker at very reasonable prices.
- Socks may be black, grey or white for boys and girls but **MUST NOT** have any logos on them. Our uniform shop, The School Locker, sells socks and tights.
- Ties may be worn with the white business shirt by senior boys or the appropriate shirt by senior girls.
- No sleeves or shorts are to be rolled up or taken up. As a general guide the shorts for both boys and girls should be no more than 5cm above the knee.
- Girls' winter skirts are also to be no more than 5cm above the knee.
- Only plain white undershirts (short or long sleeved) may be worn for additional warmth. These must be worn under the polo shirt and tucked in. These will be available through the School Locker.
- If you have any problems with purchasing school uniform items because of sizing, please discuss this with the ladies in the uniform shop as they are able to provide special sized items.
- The school has a clothing pool of items available for purchases from the school administration office.
- If you are experiencing financial difficulty the school does have a Student Assistance Scheme. Please ring and discuss this with the Deputy Principal of your child's year. Not all items are available through this scheme.
- There is an option for a warmer zip up jacket with fleecy lining available from the School Locker now. These are slightly more expensive than the other one, but definitely warmer for those students who feel the cold.

For more information, please visit our school website: www.mitchell-h.schools.nsw.edu.au



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

When riding a push-bike / skateboard or scooter to MHS – you need to wear a helmet!

Reasons for wearing a helmet:

- To protect you from a head injury in an accident that could lead to a permanent disability or even death.
- Avoid an on the spot fine of **\$319** by the police, regardless of your age.

