



Congratulations to the graduating Class of 2019

Year 12 Graduation and Higher School Certificate

I would also like to take time to congratulate Year 12 who are graduating on Wednesday 25th September. Although, I have been at Mitchell High for 21 years and celebrated 20 graduation ceremonies, this one is particularly special. In 2014, I started my Principal ship when these young students started their journey into high school. How quickly has the time gone? This week they have reached such an important milestone. Completing one chapter and about to embark on the next most exciting time of their life as young adults.

We hope all year 12 students enjoy their last week at school as they farewell the school and make the transition to work or tertiary studies. I wish you all well in the upcoming examinations, continue to do your best, work to the best of your ability and I sincerely hope that you all gain the marks that you deserve. Remember Year 12, in the words of William Ernest Henley; ***"You can navigate your way with determination, with persistence and above all the will to conquer any storm that you may encounter"***.

School Leaders

Under the leadership of our School Captains Crstye Degollacion and Suliat Wuraola Olayiwola, Vice Captains, Lachlan Bryan and Yee Mon Khin the outgoing School Leaders have demonstrated the qualities of dedication, commitment and leadership.

The incoming School Captains Elvan Uzal and Daniel Bailey will also demonstrate the values that we as a community hold to be true. They include integrity, respect, care and compassion, excellence, responsibility,

Important dates to remember

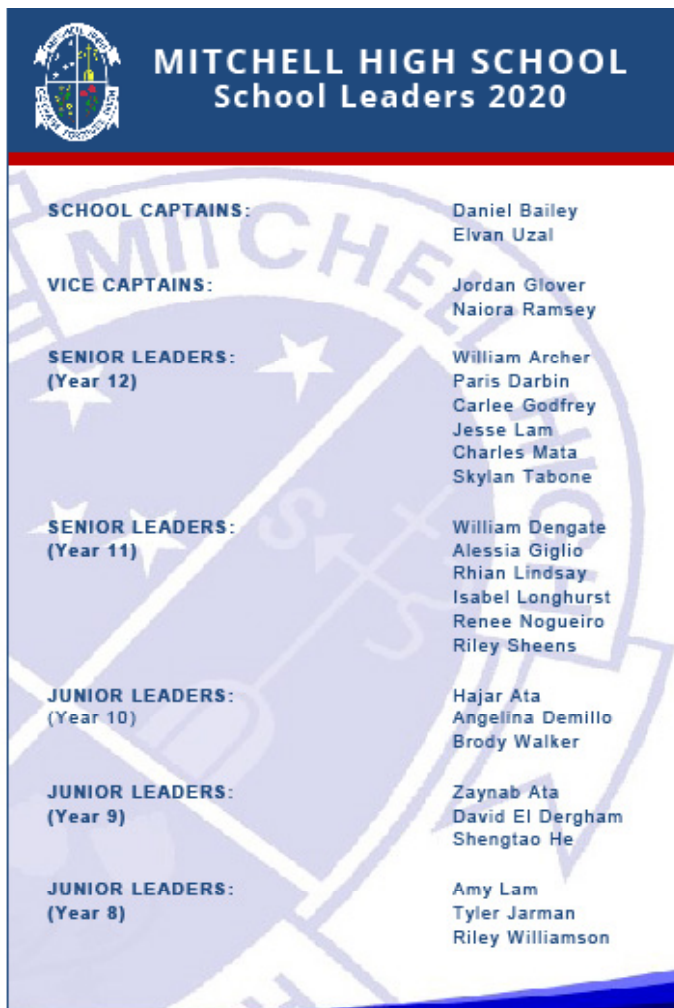
P&C and Parent Citizen Forum	Wednesday 13 November @ 6.30pm
First day of Term 4	Monday 14 October
Year 12 HSC Exams	Thursday 17 October - Monday 11 November
Year 7 & 8 Yearly Exams	Monday 28 October - Friday 1 November
Year 9 & 10 Yearly Exams	Monday 4 November - Friday 15 November
Year 12 Formal	Thursday 21 November
Year 12 Clearance Day	Friday 22 November



cooperation, participation, fairness and democracy.

One of the key aspects of these roles is leadership. Leadership can be defined as one's ability to get others to willingly follow.

The following students have been selected to lead the Mitchell High School Student Leadership Body in 2020, Congratulations.



Always remember: ***"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."*** John Quincy Adams – 6th President of the United States

Student Medical Forms

During Term 4 we will be updating our medical records systems to ensure we have the most up-to-date information on your child's health.

If you have a child with a medical condition currently known to us or should your child have been diagnosed with a medical condition since enrolling at school, a medical condition previously not noted, please contact the school. Help us collect your child's important medical information and be able to better manage the daily and

emergency health needs of your child.

We appreciate your support as we start collecting the information, and if you have any questions please call.

e-Mail Addresses

A big thank you to all of those families that have provided their e-mail details to the school so that we can provide information about the school to you electronically. If you change your e-mail address in the future please advise the administrative staff of such changes either electronically or in writing.

It is hoped that in the future once we have set up systems and procedures correctly that correspondence thus being more environmentally friendly.

International Links

We have two international trips going to two very different places. Mr Grozdan and Mrs Edwards are taking 15 students to Europe. Ms Sands, Mrs Pares and I are accompanying 12 students to South Korea to perform in front of 15-20,000 at the Suseong-gu Festival to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Sister City relationship between Blacktown and Suseong-gu. We wish all our Mitchell High ambassadors a safe and exciting journey.

Ms Marinis
Principal

DP Report

It is difficult to believe that we are in our final week of Term 3. It has been a huge term for MHS with so many programs and whole school events that have been enjoyed by the school community. From the CAPA Variety night to our yearly Heritage Day, it has been wonderful to see so many of our students involved and embrace the fantastic school culture that we have at our school.

N Awards

A reminder to all students as we approach the end of term that it is imperative that students who have outstanding N Awards are endeavouring to make every effort to clear them. We have a number of support structures in place to support students in their learning and it is vital that assistance is sought, if required, to complete any outstanding work.

School Uniform

Mitchell High School is a school that strongly believes in the wearing of correct school uniform. It is an expectation that students will adhere to the uniform policy and procedures. If you need assistance with the school uniform please contact the school.

Pedestrian Safety

The school has had a number of calls recently from concerned members of the community that have witnessed our students demonstrating unsafe road safety when travelling to and from school. It is imperative for the safety of all students that they adhere to the road rules and be courteous and respectful to others on our roads. Below I have included some tips and reminders for how all students should be behaving when travelling to and from school.

- At intersections, check for turning vehicles before you leave the kerb, and while you are crossing the road
- Avoid crossing between parked cars or at the front or back of buses
- Avoid using a mobile phone or portable media player (so you can hear vehicles and concentrate on crossing the road)
- At traffic lights, make sure that vehicles stop before you start to cross, and don't enter the road if vehicles are moving through the crossing

Skateboards, Foot Scooters and Rollerblades

- A pedestrian includes "a person in or on a wheeled recreational device or wheeled toy". This includes rollerblades, a skateboard, scooter, unicycle or similar wheeled device:
- Foot scooters, skateboards and rollerblades may be ridden on footpaths unless signs specifically prohibit them, however, riders must keep to the left and give way to other pedestrians
- On separated bicycle and pedestrian paths, foot scooter, skateboard and rollerblade riders must use the section designated for bicycles, but must keep out of the path of any bicycle
- Foot scooters, skateboards and rollerblades can only be used on the road during daylight hours
- They cannot be used on roads with a dividing line or median strip or a speed limit greater than 50km/h, or a one-way road with more than one marked lane

Safety advice

- On the footpath, riders of foot scooters, skateboards or rollerblades should not threaten pedestrians, especially the elderly – they may need to slow down or dismount in

busy areas

- To improve safety and enjoyment, foot scooters, skateboards and rollerblades are best ridden in recreational areas designated for their use
- Foot scooter, skateboard and rollerblade riders should wear helmets and protective gear such as knee and elbow pads
- The use of foot scooters, skateboards and rollerblades on the road is not recommended for school-aged or younger children

Cyclists – Safe Riding

- Always wear an approved bicycle helmet, properly fitted and fastened
- Always obey the road rules, including traffic lights, stop signs and give way signs
- Ride in a predictable manner so that other road users do not have to react suddenly to your movements
- Give hand signals when changing lanes or turning left or right
- Make yourself visible by wearing bright, light or reflective clothing
- Plan your route using quieter streets, bicycle paths or shared paths
- Always be in control of your bike. It is an offence to ride with both hands off the handlebars, feet off the pedals or to carry anything that prevents you from having control.

Behaviour at Local Feeder Primary Schools

I would like to remind all students to be very mindful of their behaviour in the local community and particularly when picking younger siblings up at the local feeder Public Schools. It is imperative that students are engaging in appropriate behaviours and are aware that they are representing MHS when in the school community.

I would like to wish all students a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Mr Campbell
Deputy Principal

Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute Science Award 2019



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 Year 11 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 – Minh Chau Diep. The presentation of the award will take place on Tuesday 12/11/19 at Blacktown City Council at 4pm.



Please join me in congratulating Minh Chau Diep. Well done!!!

Year 11 Science Achievers List 2019

Subject	1st	2nd	3rd
Biology	Minh Chau Diep	Ahsan Baig	Elizabeth Grogan-Fsadni
Physics	Minh Chau Diep	Jesse Lam	Natalie Kwok
Chemistry	Minh Chau Diep	Dipica Singh	Natalie Kwok
Investigating Science	Jordan Glover	Skytan Tabone	Daniel Rivers

Congratulations to the following Science students Well done!!!

Mr Debrincat
Head Teacher Science

Enviro Club

Keep Australia Beautiful Week was held in August. The purpose of this week is 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.

The Enviro Club promoted this week at Mitchell during week 6 with a PBL Roll Call presentation on using Return and Earn at school and culminated in a house competition 'Trash Toss'.

The competition, held at lunch encouraged students from all grades to recycle and throw away their rubbish into their allocated house bins and the green Return and Earn bins. In highlighting Keep Australia Beautiful Week, the activity's purpose was to not only promote teamwork between students and to keep our school environment clean but also raise awareness about the importance of recycling items and reducing rubbish.



Our PBL presentation communicated different environmental issues and statistics about waste, and also consisted of much information about ways everyone is able to do their part in helping sustain an environmentally beautiful world.

Remember small actions by many = big changes for our planet!

from the Enviro Club

Tournament of Minds

On Saturday 31st August, six teams from Mitchell High participated in the annual Tournament of Minds academic competition at Western Sydney University. Teams comprised groups of students across years 7-10. Our teams competed in the disciplines of STEM, Social Sciences, Language Literature, and The Arts. All six teams represented the school with immense skill and gracious professionalism, demonstrating the diverse capabilities of students at our school.

Two of the six teams were successful in achieving recognition for their work. We received Tournament Honours in Social Sciences (Team #2) and in The Arts (Team #1). We are proud to have facilitated this result and all teams conducted themselves as strong competitors, devoting many hours during sport and after school to complete their challenges.

Tournament of Minds is a problem-solving programme for teams of students from both primary and secondary years. TOM is one of the fastest growing international school programmes with the involvement of thousands of participants. TOM aims to enhance the potential of our youth by developing diverse skills, enterprise, time management, and the discipline to work collaboratively within a competitive environment.

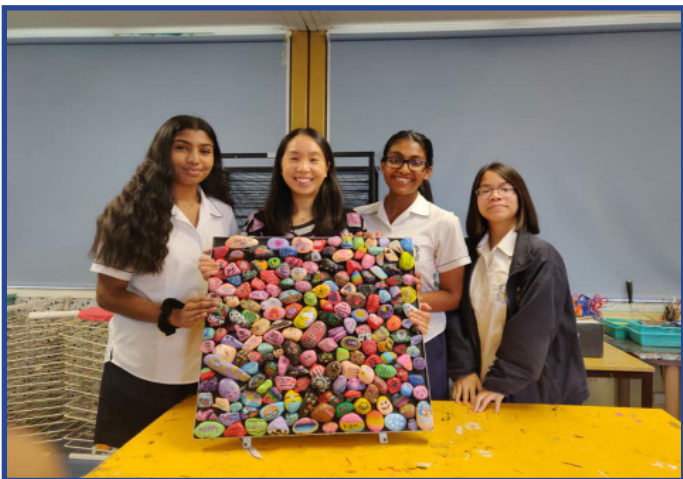
Mrs Mahony, Ms Bell and Mrs Lukas have worked with teams to develop their collaborative, critical & lateral thinking, and performance skills throughout Terms 1-3 this year. TOM@MHS is comprised of students undertaking the Year 9 High Achievers program and is open to other students in Years 7 and 10 who nominate themselves for teams. This year we also had many Year 8 students who participated, facilitated and who took part in a mock challenge to prepare for future TOM challenges. We look forward to another spectacular year in 2020.

PBL news

This term in the PBL roll call has been eventful in many different aspects with our students aiming to make a positive difference towards our school and to move forward in a positive direction. The students have continued to update the PBL presentations that are shown every second Friday and they have changed them to be more engaging for the students to view. We have been planning events that we could possibly take action on in the future through brainstorming and productive conversation every morning in roll call.

We have our social Fridays where we bring food in for a morning tea and come together to share and consolidate our ideas. Recently, we have had a few new members join as others are leaving for SLB and other reasons. We warmly welcome all of the new people and wish the people that are leaving the absolute best of luck!

We have also been working closely with the Enviro Club in promoting the bringing back of an ecofriendly sustainability in everyday life. We did this through the creation of an interactive PBL lesson that will be shown on Friday and taught to the students by some of the PBL members. Did you know that rubbish from children's lunches alone creates over 1.5 million tons of trash globally!! To put that into perspective, a car roughly weighs 2 tons. Take that into account next time you pack your food for school.





far." - **Shruthi**



Sadly, with the end of the year coming, we have to say goodbye to our year 12 students that are completing their last year of school with their HSC fast approaching. They have all been a major help within our roll call and all influential to every single one of us. We all thank you for inspiring us to make a difference and to be better people. Good luck on your HSC and we wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

"As us year 12 students prepare to graduate we would like to acknowledge the hard work of the PBL team, both students and teachers. It has been such an enjoyable and rewarding experience to be able to work alongside the junior students, guiding them through the PBL by assisting them with lesson making, among other things. The students all put in a tremendous amount of effort into their lessons and it has been a privilege to watch them all grow in their knowledge and confidence while apart of PBL. As we move off into life outside of Mitchell High, the PBL team will always hold a special place in our hearts as they have always shown us support, love and encouragement throughout our journey. A special thank you to Miss Kwan, our PBL coordinator, who has been endlessly supportive of not only the year 12 students but also of all students within the group, we will miss you dearly. " - **Rayna**

"Thank you for all your hard work in the PBL, I hope that you continue to make a difference after school." - **Abdullah**

"Thanks for being such great role models, we are going to try our best to match up to the high standards that you've set for us. Good luck lads." - **Dipica**

*"Thank you for helping us out when we needed it and always being there to guide us. Well done on making it **this***

PDHPE

Flag Gridiron Gala Day: A squad of U17 years boys created some history for Mitchell High School as they were the first ever Flag Gridiron team to represent the school. Played in week 8 of Term 3 at Blacktown Football Park, the boys conducted themselves in a respectful and professional manner. They adapted to the sport very quickly and improved with every game. They went on to win their 3rd place playoff. An excellent effort for a group of gentlemen that only learnt to play the game a few weeks prior to the gala day.



Bstreetsmart is an inspiring initiative of the Trauma Service at Westmead Hospital. Westmead's Trauma Service is constantly reminded through their hands on work that young people aged between 15 – 30 are disproportionately represented in road trauma. As a result they have a strong commitment to Road Safety Education. Year 10 were lucky enough to attend this excursion at Homebush. The big message received from this forum is the power of the passengers in influencing the driver to slow down and behave responsibly. It pulls no punches and it was a powerful experience and we hope it has an impact on all our students to be safe on the roads.

Year 11 (2020) Life Ready is the new Crossroads Program

mandated by NESAs. Students will be involved in this compulsory program in Term 1, Week 1, 2020. Students will address issues on Mental Health, Road Safety, Nutrition, Gender Stereotypes and Influences from society. Throughout the week, students will be listening to keynote speakers, attending a driver safety program and completing group/individual work. Stay tuned for further information.

Year 7 Water Activities is a compulsory program for all students. This will be run from the 4th-6th December at Ripples Aquatic Centre. Students will receive further information in the coming weeks in regards to this. Depending on students' ability levels, they will be placed in the appropriate group where they will be involved in activities ranging from beginner swimmer to lifesaving techniques.

Reminder to Year 7 the Yearly PDHPE Yearly Exam is in week 3, Term 4. Students are to study all notes from Term 1 through.

Dance

Resonate- Australian Dance Festival

A select group of dance students attended the Australian Dance Festival on Thursday 19th September to compete in the Resonate competition. Students left MHS at 8am and attended workshops all day before competing. First up students learnt choreography from Marko Panzic, Artistic Director of The Dream Dance Company. His choreography was commercial jazz and all the Mitchell students excelled, but one was selected out of a group of 300 to dance as a trio, Kelseigh-Rae Meagher from Year 7, how amazing! Students performed an amazing lyrical piece in the evening called "People help the people" where they showed the effects of a terrorist attack and people coming together trying to find their loved ones. The students didn't win any awards on the night but their performance was outstanding and all students left the stage on a high feeling so so happy with their performance.





performance all year and are excited to for their upcoming trip. We can't wait to share all the details with you next term.



Callback nomination

Year 12 Dance student Nicholas Cutrupi has been nominated for Callbacks in both his Core and Major Performances. Callbacks is a performance in February that displays exemplary HSC works. Well done Nicholas, what an amazing achievement!!

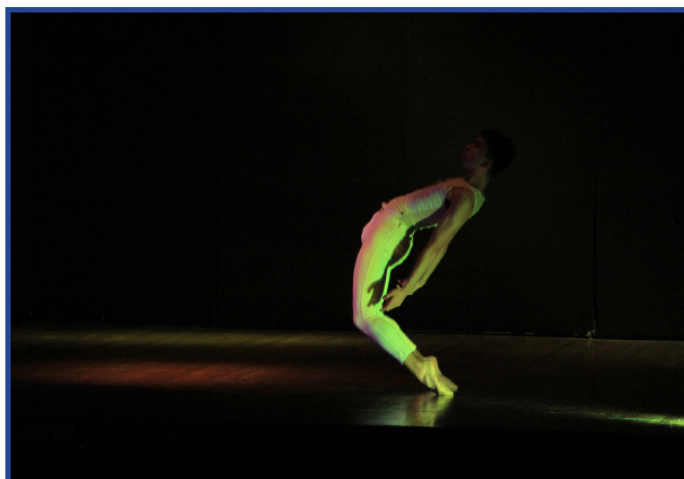


Celebrating The Arts

The MHS Dance Ensemble performed at Celebrating The Arts Festival on Monday 2nd September at the Riverside Theatre in Parramatta. Students performed three items; Lay me down, River and Dem Beats. All three items were performed to an excellent standard and were commended on their outstanding performance on the evening.

Variety Night

The annual Variety Night was held in the MHS hall on Wednesday 4th September. All dance students performed including Year 12 Dance, Year 11 Dance, Elective Dance, 7 & 8 Dance Group and Dance Ensemble. Their items ranged from steamy jazz duets to emotional lyrical pieces. All Dance students performed to an exceptional standard and left the crowd entertained.



Korea

On Thursday 26th September, 12 Dance students will be leaving for Korea to perform at the Suseong-Gu Festival, held in Deagu. Students and staff have been invited as special guests as part of the delegation with Blacktown City Council. Students have been rehearsing for this

Sport

Term 4 Sport

Term 4 sport allocations are now done. If there are any students that are not aware of their allocation, please log onto the SchoolBytes website, your allocation will be listed.

Students who select a paid sport or a sport that requires them to leave the school, such as walking or a club sport will need to collect a permission note from outside the PDHPE staffroom; this must be returned to the Sport letterbox before they can commence that sport. Permission notes can alternatively be downloaded at the schoolbytes website.

Our main man on the track

He runs like the wind, jumps as though the wind carries him and for him it's all a breeze. Dylan Baptist has had an awesome year, breaking records at the School and Zone athletics carnivals, dominating Sydney West and competing at the NSWCHS carnival. Congratulations on all your efforts this year.



Blacktown Zone will be notified of upcoming training session and tournament dates. Congratulations to Quakers Hill High School who took home all three trophies.



from the PDHPE faculty

Blacktown Zone Cup Day

This is the inaugural year of the Blacktown Zone SSSA Cup, where our school competed in Boys and Girls Football and Netball. The purpose of the cup day is provide a platform for students to be selected for the above mentioned Zone teams. We are very proud of our students efforts and fairplay. Students that have been selected to represent

Maths

The Maths staff would like to congratulate all students who competed in the Australian Mathematics Competition during term 3. Of the 72 students who competed we achieved 3 distinctions, 15 credits, 42 proficient and 12 participations.

The students who achieved distinctions were

- Lilian Hanna of year 10 (89th percentile)
- Akanksha Ponaboina of year 8 (85th percentile)
- Shengtao He of year 8 (84th percentile)

Lilian Hanna of 10M1 also achieved the best score of the school.

Maths STAR Awards

The Maths STAR awards were also awarded to students in week 9. The star award recipients were as follows

Year 7: Jenna El Terkmani, Arthur Mamouzelos, Rheana Kumar, Wadi Tagir, James Wilkinson, Ciara Hewett, Rhys Santos, Annika Cvisic, Sarah Rexhaj, Connor Howe, Darnia Mah, Matilda Hall, Madison Carabott and Ella Edgenton.

Year 8: Manal Tagir, Darna Black, Monique Talarico, Diyon Fonseka, Lilyrose Murphie, Dylan Richardson, Taylor Gleeson, Caitlin Clinghan, Rodrigo Pasiona (III), Liam Appleby, Mackenzie Fyfe, Sean Nebres, Aleisha Robinson and Jayden Beckwith.

Year 9: Sarah Wood, Dhvani Shukla, Emel Ozdemir, Anne Francheska Garcia, Gabriel Angulo, Brody Walker, Safiyyah Salim, Corey Flindt, Joseph Biason, Lachlan Robertson, Milliana Tipene, Zara Sultan, Hardev Chopra and Axel Moller.

Year 10: Gurkirat Singh, Aleeya Shaw, Lana Cetinic, David Infante Sousa, Parth Shah, Elias Mokhtar, Lachlan Jurgeit, Kenan Ferizovic, Lily Buttigieg, Klaudio Gasparovic, Bronte Weyham, Botan Kaya, Wardishan Mousa and Amber Guilfoyle.





We would also like to take the opportunity to wish Year 12 all the best for their graduation and upcoming HSC examinations.

from the Maths Faculty

VARIETY NIGHT 2019

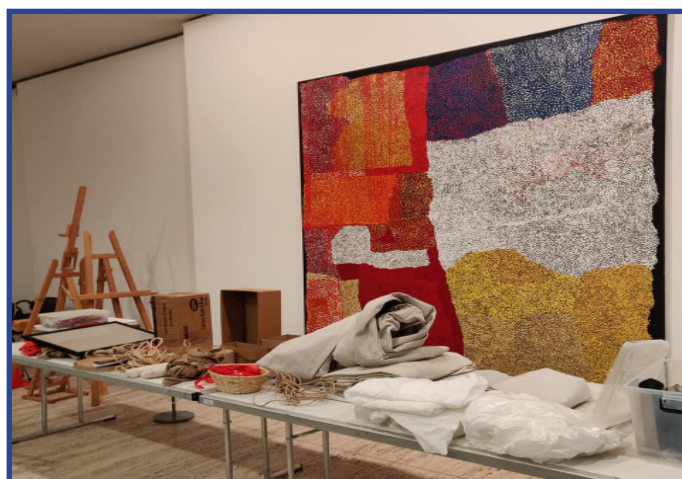
On Wednesday 4th September the Creative and Performing Arts Faculty hosted Variety Night in the school hall. The students involved in this concert showcased some of the work which they had been creating during Dance, Drama and Music lessons this year. Students worked extremely hard on perfecting their performances for the night which contributed to a fantastic, smoothly presented program. We had a great support crew made up of teachers and students who worked tirelessly during preparations.

Thank you to all the students who performed and to the teachers and students who assisted in the organisation and preparation for the wonderful evening and our senior executive for their support.



Year 7 Art Pathways Excursion

Year 7 and their Art teachers went on an excursion on Wednesday 18th September to the Art Gallery of NSW. We travelled there on three buses in the wet Sydney weather. After we arrived we met with gallery art educators who took us in groups on a guided tour where students got to experience some of the artworks which form part of the gallery collection. Year 7 were exposed to a great deal of information relating to art history and criticism when analysing a wide variety of artworks with the art educators. Students then participated in groups to take part in a practical workshop. Wrapping chairs, tables, students and other items in cloth and rope/string to create sculptures in the style of artist Christo. Afterwards, students sketched their sculptures using paper and pencil. Year 7 then watched a film about the artist Christo, who wrapped rocks and cliffs in Little Bay, Sydney back in the 1970's. Year 7 said that the installation was "interesting and unusual". Congratulations to Year 7 on their R.E.A.L behaviour and to the teachers who organised the excursion and helped supervise on the day.



Year 12 Creative & Performing Art Students

We would like to congratulate Year 12 Visual Arts & Music students for their hard work and dedication during the final weeks of their schooling. Mrs Young's Visual Arts students were working tirelessly to complete their Body of Work for submission to NESA. Students spent many of their lunch times in Room 42 to ensure everything was perfect. A big congratulations to Mr Weston and his Year 12 Music class who have already presented their HSC Performances for the visiting markers. We are now eagerly awaiting results to see whether any of our students are accepted into Art Express or Encore! The CAPA faculty would like to wish all the Year 12 students all the best in their future endeavours. Be creative, be brave, be bold, be you!



from the CAPA faculty

Labscene @ MHS



2019 R.A.C.I. Australian National Chemistry Quiz.

Over 100,000 students from 1,495 schools from 20 countries took part in this year's Quiz - a truly international event in chemistry education. Out of the 1,495 schools that participated this year, 439 schools came from Australia and 119 Schools came from NSW.

We had 41 students from Mitchell High School (in Years 8, 9, 10 and 11) participate in the quiz this year.

The awarding of certificates of merit is described below:

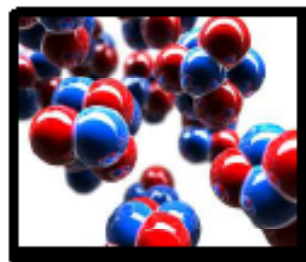
- HD Excellence - Award of Excellence for outstanding performance
- High Distinction - The top 10% of students in the state
- Distinction - The next 15% of students in the state (10% - 25%)
- Credit - The next 15% of students in the state (25% - 40%)



I am proud to announce, that this year, we received: 1 High Distinction, 1 Distinction and 1 Credit in the 2019 Chemistry Competition – Well done to the following students:

Yr7 2019

Owen Konopka (**High Distinction**) **27/30** Positioned in the top 10% of all Australian participants in Year 7.



Yr9 2019

Wilson He (**Credit**) **16/30** Positioned between the top 25-40% of all Australian participants in Year 9.



Yr11 2019

Purna Mahesh (**Distinction**) **20/30** Positioned between the top 10-25% of all Australian participants in Year 11.

A special mention is due to some of our Year 8 students who scored exceptionally well in the Quiz. Unfortunately, Certificates of Merit were awarded to the top 40% of participants in that year group. In saying that, I would like to recognise them for their efforts:

Congratulations to: Nathan Fereig, Shengtao He, Akanksha Ponaboina and Emerald Tint who scored 25 out of 30; and Kaia Novate Robinson who scored 24 out of 30.

Congratulations to all students who participated in this years' Chemistry Competition.

If you are interested in participating in the 2020 Chemistry Competition – it will be run in Term 3 – 30 July 2020 - will cost \$5.00.

Mr Stephen Debrincat (HT Science)



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

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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.

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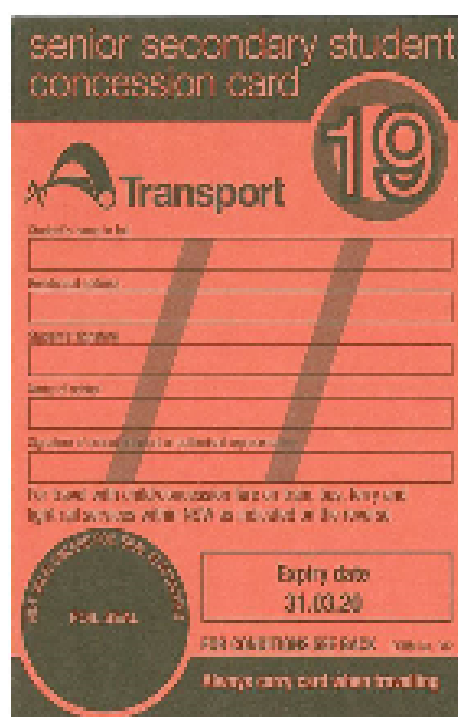


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STUDENT CONCESSION CARD PICK UP FOR 2019/2020

**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,

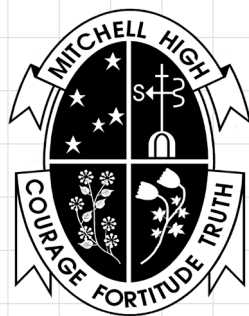
All students are expected to be aware of uniform requirements and to wear the correct uniform every day to follow the Mitchell High School Code of Dress as ratified by the Mitchell High School (MHS) P&C and MHS Uniform Committee.

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.

