

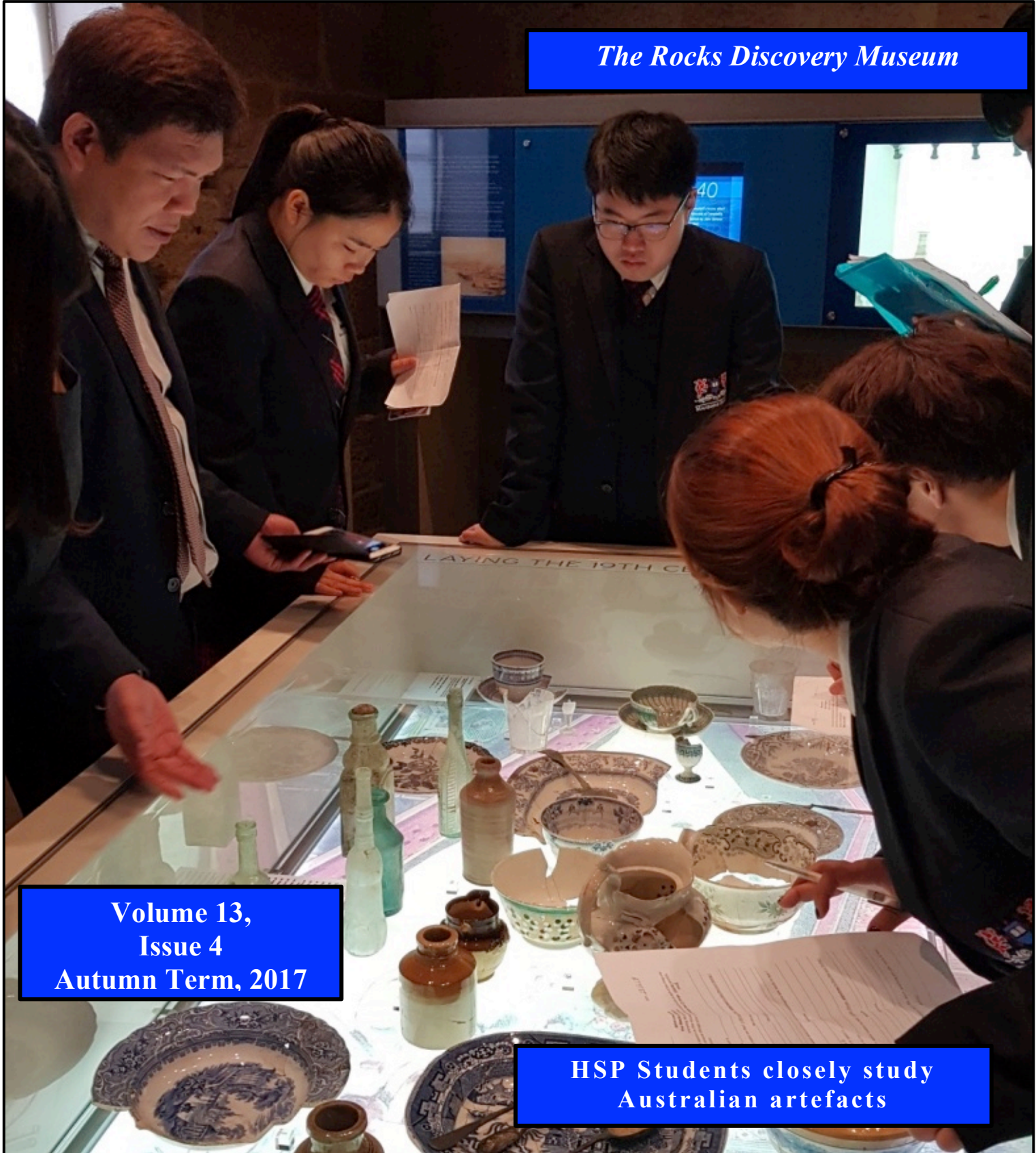


# Macquarie Grammar School

## *June Bluey*

*'Truth and Virtue'*

### *The Rocks Discovery Museum*



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HSP Students closely study  
Australian artefacts





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### Winter Term

Parent-Teacher Interviews for Years 7 to 12  
Australian Museum Festival of Science  
Year 12 Examinations  
Year 7 Vaccinations  
Year 11 Examinations  
Years 7 – 10 Examinations  
MGS Athletics Carnival, Years 7 to 12  
Year 12 Valedictory Assembly  
Winter Term Awards Assembly, 2:00pm  
Lessons conclude for Years 7 to 12

Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug  
Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Aug  
21<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> Aug  
Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Sept  
4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Sept  
11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> Sep  
Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Sept  
Thur 21<sup>st</sup> Sept  
Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept  
Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept

### Spring Term

Staff Professional Development Day, Visitations  
New Student Orientation Day  
Lessons commence for Years 7 to 12  
Parent/Guardian-Teacher Interview, Years 7-12  
Graduation Assembly, 2:00pm  
Lessons conclude for Years 7 to 12  
Staff Professional Development  
Staff Professional Development

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Oct  
Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Oct  
Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Oct  
Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Oct  
Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Dec  
Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Dec  
Thur 7<sup>th</sup> Dec  
Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Dec

**School Office Hours (During Term)**

8:30am-5:00pm

**School Office Hours (During Term Breaks)**

9:00am-4:00pm

**Uniform Ordering Hours**

9.00am- 500pm

### Inspirational Quote

***“Our greatest weakness lies in giving up.  
The most certain way to succeed is always  
to try just one more time.”***

*Thomas A. Edison*

### Message from the Headmaster

#### Autumn Term

It has been a most rewarding term for our students as they received their certificates at the Awards Assembly, which marks the end of Autumn Term. The special topic addressed by me, was SUCCESS. How do you work towards it? What is success and how do you attain it? Examples were given to highlight people who overcame insurmountable obstacles to change their lives for the better. Anything can be achieved if you are focussed and determined. The students have been very diligent this term on improving their academic results and being involved in

school events, in particular ISD Sport, public speaking and debating. It was wonderful to see a number of students presented with an award and recognising their achievements. I would like to congratulate all the students for making this term so memorable and successful. Congratulations to Eden Gorton (12), Jessica Dai (11), Hayden Clift (10) and Miraj Rahman (9) as students of the term



I would like to wish everyone well throughout the mid-year break and for those students travelling overseas to reconnect with family and friends may the time be one full of love and reconnecting. The Staff and I look forward to seeing you upon your return to school to face the exciting new challenges of Winter Term on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July at 8:30am.



### Parent-Teacher Interviews

In Week 2 Parent/Guardian-Teacher Interviews will take place on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August between 5:00-8:00pm. It is most important that everyone attends as the teachers are looking forward to conveying to parents/guardians on the progress made by their child. Please place this date in your calendar and I look forward to seeing everyone on the night.

## ***Farewell***

At the end of Autumn Term Awards Assembly we farewelled Mr Adamovich after a number of years of devoted service to the school's community, but in particular our students. He has made a significant contribution to the overall life of the School and the students and staff will miss him greatly. Mr Adamovich was to many students a mentor and was well-liked, due to his caring nature and genuine interest in them. On behalf of the School, I wish him all the very best for the future and he will always be remembered for all the good work he has done in building MGS to what it is today.



## ***Message from the Director of Curriculum***

We celebrated the closure of yet another chapter in Macquarie Grammar School's history with the Awards Ceremony, where our finest students were celebrated with distinction and pride.

To the 'Students of the Term', you have indeed performed at a level that is exceptional and deserved of this prestigious award. Students were selected from the Junior and Senior sectors of the School and it was by no means an easy task. The students who received the awards performed academically at the highest level. Congratulations to Eden Gorton (12), Jessica Dai (11), Hayden Clift (10) and Miraj Rahman (9). Well done!

Personally, Autumn Term has been fulfilling and rewarding, with the school continuing to improve student outcomes reaching an all time high. As I survey various lessons conducted by the teachers I am always impressed and proud of the level of tuition that is delivered at MGS. So many students are engaged and working at their very best. This I feel is a true reflection of curriculum and school function. I believe we produce outstanding citizens through the interaction of the curriculum, teaching pedagogy and the core values of the school. This is reinforced everyday by all members of staff and the students grow and learn in an environment that is conducive to the development of non-discriminatory well-informed opinions that facilitate positive contributions to society in their future lives. I am always proud of our students and I have seen them continue to develop in a very positive way.

I wish all of our students a very happy and safe break, I encourage them to put into practise the values and attitudes they are taught and demonstrate at school, in their everyday lives. To become the very best person they can be and to contribute to life as best as they can.

Life is to be lived enjoyed and celebrated be one such individual whom cannot only achieve this themselves, but can assist others to do the same. Put love in your heart.

## ***Year 10 Course Choices for Year 11 2018***

***Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2017, 7:00pm***

Year 10 are approaching an important time regarding course choices for Year 11, 2018. I will be conducting an information session for Year 10 during class time that will involve important information about the ATAR, subject choices, HSC requirements and strategies that will facilitate the best options for each individual student. Subject

teachers will also be outlining the course requirements of their particular subjects. More information will be passed on to students and parents/guardians at the information sessions.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions regarding teaching and curriculum at Macquarie Grammar School. I am always open to a productive discussion with the view to improving student learning outcomes.

*Mr Hagan*

*Director of Curriculum and Compliance*

## ***Extension English***

Students in both Years 11 and 12 continue to excel and produce work of an outstanding level, so we hope their HSC results reflect what they are all capable of. They certainly have been working hard. Year 12 have been studying Ways of Thinking (Romanticism) and Year 11 have been studying Ted Hughes' poetry.

## ***Year 10 English and History***

Year 10 continue to develop their strong analytical skills. They are learning more about how to write essays as well as to analyse texts. Their feature articles for English show a sound understanding of persuasion.

In History, we have been studying migrants and their role in shaping our modern Australia – especially the Vietnamese, the Italians and many other groups. Their assessment results were excellent reflecting a strong understanding of primary and secondary evidence.

## ***Year 7/8 History***

We have been studying Ancient Greece and their important role in shaping the Western World. Greek democracy, Greek gods and Greek warfare have been some of the topics for study. Their assessment task was showing a strong understanding of analysing sources.



## ***The Rocks Discovery Excursion***

On the 27<sup>th</sup> June, High School Preparation students visited the Rocks Discovery Museum. They have been discussing the migration history of the Sydney region in class and were very excited to see the sandstone buildings in the Rocks constructed in the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century by early immigrants. By seeing the items displayed in the museum, students gained a better understanding of what the life of the people living in the 1800s was like and of the elements consisting of the current Australian society. They also found it a wonderful opportunity to improve their vocabulary through reading the descriptions of the exhibited items.







### ***Ryokan Gojyuan Guesthouse Excursion***

In mid-June the Year 12 Japanese Beginners class visited Ryokan Gojyuan, which is a Japanese-style guest house in Sydney, for the traditional Japanese tea ceremony workshop. We had a very nice instructor and her daughter taught us the etiquette of manners and a bit of history behind the ceremony. As the ceremony has very strict and complicated rules to follow, students were trying very hard to follow the instructions. They all made a bowl of tea for themselves, and enjoyed it with the homemade sweets provided by the instructor. We also had a chance to see the rooms and bathroom built in Japanese style and it was a great experience for them to acquire first-hand knowledge other than learning from a book. We spent a wonderful two hours in Ryokan Gojyuan, and if we have a chance in the future, we would like to go back for a visit and undertake other workshops.





## Art or Vandalism

The Year 9 students considered the role of the artist and debated the legitimacy of Street Art this term. They explored street art, investigating the practice of Banksy, Basqui and Sheppard Fairey. They acted as social commentators through the making of their own street art works.



*Year 9 street artists in action:*



## *From the Art Room:*

MGS art students experimented with a variety of expressive forms throughout term 2. They worked hard on refining their technical skills, using a range of media, and produced engaging works of art. It is my pleasure to share some of their work with you.

*Mrs Cawood*

## *Year 10 Carnival: Relief*



*Jei Lei*



*EnzoAmielh*



*Year 10: Ritual, Magic and Belief Conté Drawing*

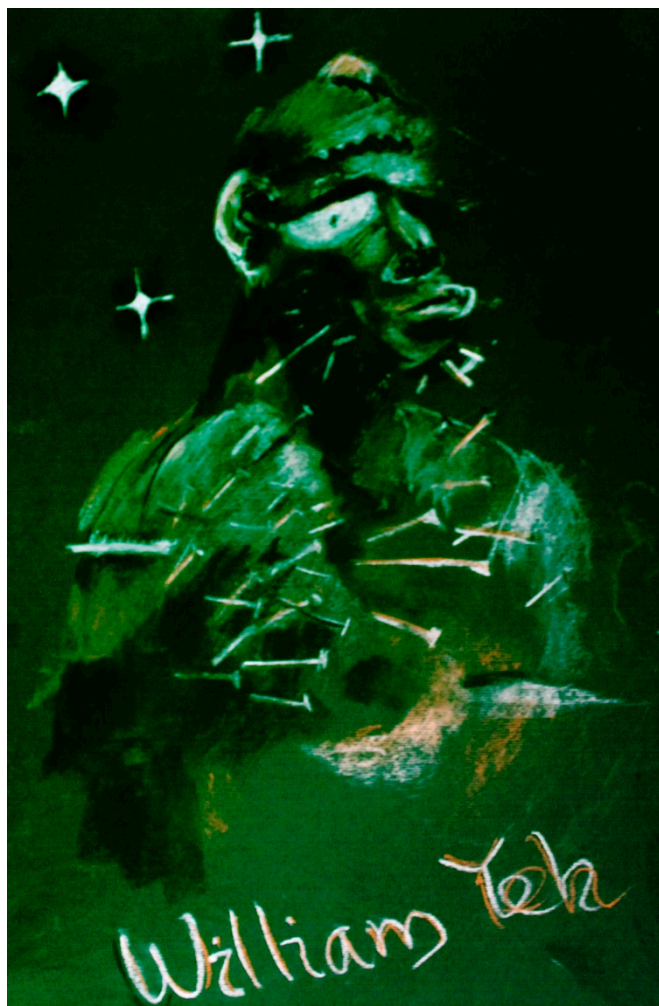


*Alice Lun*

*Year 11 Portraiture Drawing (wax & ink, Conté)*



*Jessica Dai*



*Evan Ye*



*Yr 11 Theatre of the SelfPainting*



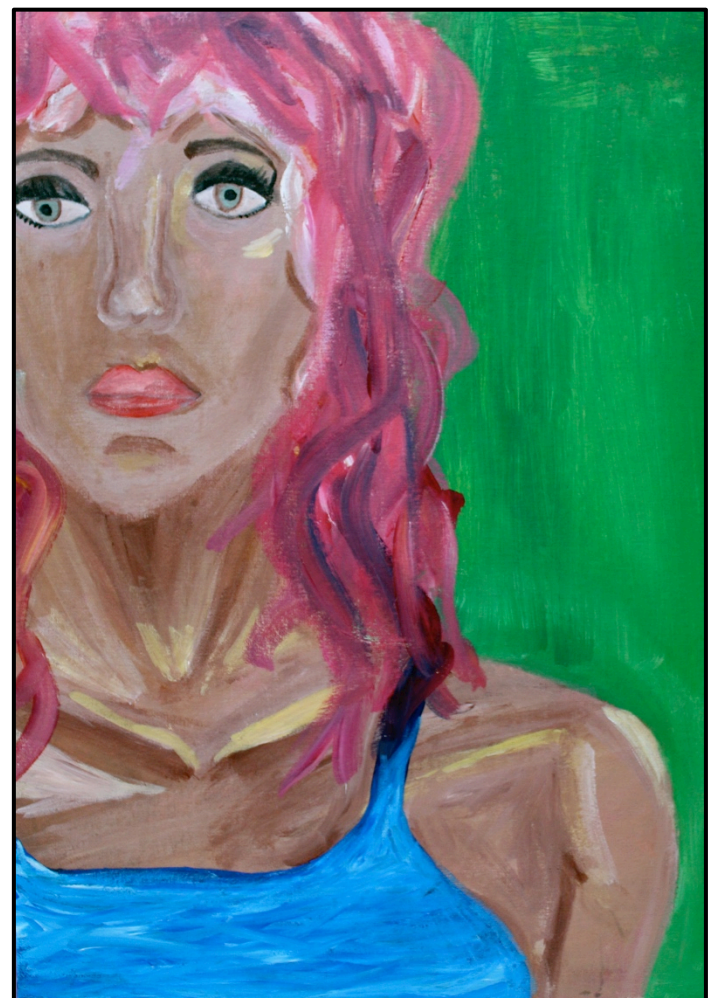
*Rosalind Malolo*



*Anqi He*



*Amy Sheppard*



*Mia Steward*

*Year 11: Theatre of the SelfDrawing*

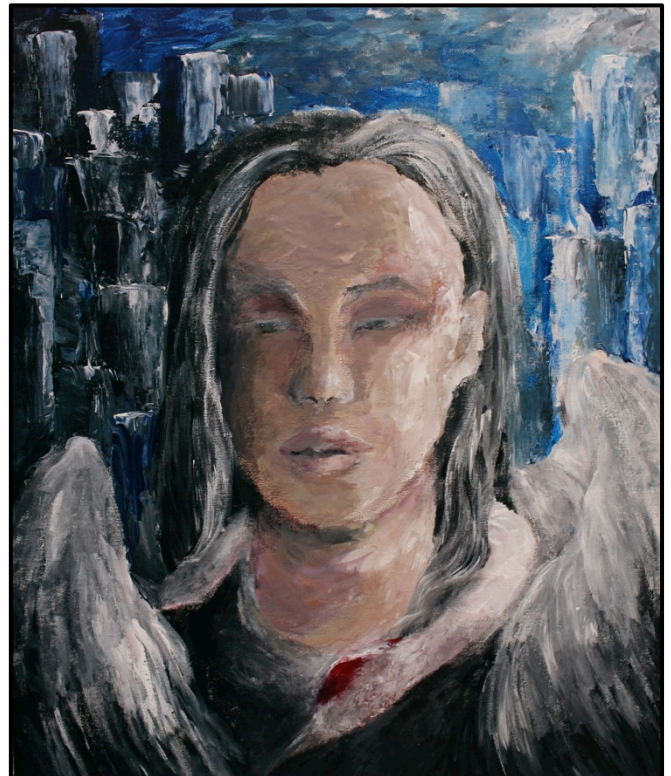


*Bonnie Fei*





Rosalind Malolo



Jessica Dai

## Careers

### University Open Days

#### Australian Catholic University Open Days

North Sydney. 2 September

Strathfield. 9 September

[http://www.acu.edu.au/student\\_experience/student\\_life/experience\\_uni\\_before\\_you\\_start/Open\\_Day](http://www.acu.edu.au/student_experience/student_life/experience_uni_before_you_start/Open_Day)

#### Macquarie University Open Day

19 August

<https://openday.mq.edu.au/>

#### Southern Cross University Open Day

Monday 4 December Coffs Harbour

Tuesday 5 December Lismore

Thursday 7 December Gold Coast

<http://scu.edu.au/futurestudents/index.php/73/>

#### University of Canberra Open Day

26 August

Bruce Campus

<http://www.canberra.edu.au/future-students/openday>

#### The University of Newcastle Open Days

Central Coast - 12 August. 10.00am to 2.00pm

<https://www.newcastle.edu.au/events/future-students/central-coast-open-day>

Newcastle. 19 August. 10.00am to 4.00pm

<https://www.newcastle.edu.au/events/future-students/newcastle-open-day>

#### University of Notre Dame Open Day

26 August <http://www.notredame.edu.au/opendaysydney/>

#### University of Sydney Open Day

26 August. 9.00am to 4.00pm

Camperdown and Darlington Campuses

<http://sydney.edu.au/study/admissions/events-for-future-students.html>



Tyki Chen



### **UTS Open Day**

26 August. 9.00am to 4.00pm

<https://openday.uts.edu.au/>

### **University of Wollongong Open Day**

19 August Contact: 1300 367 869 or

[futurestudents@uow.edu.au](mailto:futurestudents@uow.edu.au)

<http://www.uow.edu.au/openday/index.html>

### **Western Sydney University Open Day**

27 August. 10.00am to 2.00pm

Parramatta Campus.

<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/openday>

### **UOW Early Admission**

Opens 1 - 25 August

With UOW Early Admission, we'll get to know you, look at your results so far and reward your hard work with a place at UOW before you even sit your first exam. Applicants must be in Year 12 in 2017, and completing the HSC at an Australian High School, be under 21 years of age, and eligible to receive an ATAR

<http://www.uow.edu.au/future/early-admission/index.html>

### **UTS 2018 Course Guides**

[https://www.uts.edu.au/future-](https://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/undergraduate/essential-information/uts-courses/course-guides)

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### **Study in Australia for International Students**

This is the official Australian Government website for international students. Search for courses, institutions and scholarships, read about studying and living in Australia, watch stories from other students, and learn about Australian education. <http://www.studyinaustralia.gov.au/>

### **UAC Studying In Australia for International Students**

Australian tertiary institutions offer a broad range of study options and areas of specialisation, from arts and humanities, business and economics to communications and media studies, creative arts, education, engineering, health and medical sciences, science and technology and teaching. Qualifications gained in Australia are recognised around the world.

<http://www.uac.edu.au/international/admission/study-in-australia/>

**UAC International Students - Who can apply?** <http://www.uac.edu.au/international/admission/who-can-apply.shtml>

### **Bond University Medical Programme**

5 year double degree of the Bachelor of Medical Studies (BMedSt) and the Doctor of Medicine (MD).

<https://bond.edu.au/program/medical-program>

### **Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT)**

This website helps prospective university students make informed choices about their future. QILT provides students with a broad range of information about Australian universities including graduate job prospects and student satisfaction and retention rates. <https://www.qilt.edu.au/>

### **Which career in health science suits you?**

Great quiz guides you to a health career specialization.

<http://this.deakin.edu.au/careers/quiz-which-career-in-health-science-suits-you>

### **UNSW Campus Tour**

Campus tours run on the first Saturday of each month and most Fridays providing potential students with a guided tour of what UNSW has to offer. All tours start with a presentation prior to the tour.

<https://www.futurestudents.unsw.edu.au/unsw-campus-tours>

### **ANU: Tuckwell Scholarship**

Applications open now for 2018

The scholarship provides financial support for a range of degrees, both single and combined undergraduate degrees. There is also a travel allowance to help move to Canberra, inclusive of returning home during the duration of the degree and an ANU sports centre membership.

<http://tuckwell.anu.edu.au/the-scholarship/>

### **Applying to the Australian Defence Force Academy**

It is advised that students wishing to study at ADFA apply in year 11 as it is a competitive selection process which may take up to 12 months to complete.

Gaining entry to ADFA is a dual process which requires students to apply directly to the Australian Defence Force while also applying concurrently to UNSW ADFA through UAC.

An offer to study at ADFA is conditional to meeting the academic requirements of UNSW as well as the mental and physical requirements of the Australian Defence Force.

To find out more about the selection process visit: <http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/education/adfa/how-toapply/>

### **Careers in Maths**

Visit the Australian Mathematical Sciences Institute's website to view a range of career profiles from apprentice chefs to Electricians to Nurses where mathematics is a necessary part of their everyday jobs.

<http://mathsadds.amsi.org.au/>

### **How to survive Year 12**

Starting Year 12 this year? Click this link to find out how to survive the year:

<http://www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au/studying-training/secondary-study/6-tips-for-surviving-year-12>

The Good University guide also gives tips on how to survive year 12. Click here to find out more:

<https://www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au/education-blogs/tertiary-study/year-12-survival-tips>

### **How to prepare for Year 12**

Want to get a head start for Year 12? Study TV host Rowan, a Sydney University Graduate of Law, has compiled a number of tips in multiple YouTube videos, on his channel, about how to prepare for Year 12. Click this link to find out more:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrZDmupZ99dfvJfVMkFukHA>

For videos and interviews with top students who reveal how they achieved their amazing academic success head over to:

<http://www.studytelevision.com>

Like them on Facebook for video updates:

<http://on.fb.me/mMbNCV>

### **Study smarter this year**

Wanting to study smarter this year? Watch this video summarising Marty Lobdells "Study Less Study Smart" video. Watch here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=23Xqu0jXlfs>

For tips on studying throughout all areas of education, whether high school or university, Subscribe to Thomas Frank (College Info Geek) here on YouTube:



<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGKntY7aVnIGXYEBQvmBAQ>

### **Year 12 Career Action Plan**

This Career Action Plan from the Victorian Government is useful for all Year 12 students to help plan their futures, and includes handy checklists of things you should do to be prepared for applying for jobs and tertiary study.

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/teachingresources/careers/carframe/Pages/yr12apply.aspx>

### **Pathways to university**

This article from Deakin University gives advice on pathways into university no matter what you receive as an ATAR.

<http://this.deakin.edu.au/study/how-to-get-in-to-uni-no-matter-what-your-atar>

### **GENERAL**

#### **HSC Preparation courses at the University of Sydney, Centre for Continuing Education**

The HSC Preparation courses at CCE, the University of Sydney provide a comprehensive overview of preparation for HSC exams and assessment tasks. Students develop strategies for effective independent study which can be applied across a number of subjects: Chemistry, Physics, Essay writing, Economics, Biology or English Preparation. Learn the smart way and browse HSC courses at

<https://cce.sydney.edu.au/>

#### **Professional Cadetships Australia Videos**

What is it like to be a cadet in Business or Engineering or I.T.?

<http://www.professionalcadets.com.au/business-cadetships-video.asp>

<http://www.professionalcadets.com.au/engineering-technology-cadetships-video.asp>

#### **The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award**

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award (or 'The Duke of Ed') is an exciting international youth development program. Anyone between the ages of 14 and 25 can take part and the best bit is you choose your own activities and set your own goals. The Bridge Award is also available.

This award is open to young people aged between 11 and a half and 25 years. It builds confidence and resilience and is a great introduction to the Bronze level of The Duke of Ed (from 14 years). You'll get recognition for doing many of the things you already do. You can also choose new activities that you've always wanted to do.

<https://www.qld.gov.au/youth/be-involved-have-your-say/duke-of-ed-what-is/>

#### **Defence Info Sessions**

All Defence areas near to you such as: Trades, GAP, Reserves, ADFA, Commando, Women in the Force, Pilot and many more. Go to this link to find what is happening nearest you.

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/DefenceJobsAustralia/events/>

#### **How to become a Chartered Accountant**

<https://www.youunlimitedanz.com/Site-Content/About-CA/How-to-become-a-CA>

#### **Education USA YouTube Video Channel**

What is it like to study in America? What is the visa process? <https://www.youtube.com/user/EducationUSAtv>

### **School Uniform**

Parents/guardians please make sure that your child attends school in full school uniform or the correct uniform when

attending school. It's suggested that students have two of every item of clothing except off course the blazer, jumper and tie. You order online through the Midford portal [www.midford.com.au/Order-Online/](http://www.midford.com.au/Order-Online/). The item can be delivered to school for pick up once electronic payment is made. This is a wonderful system and it works brilliantly.

Please follow the Uniform Online Ordering steps below:

## **Uniform Online Ordering**

Enjoy the convenience of online shopping. Save time and energy by ordering your uniforms online in 5 – 6 easy steps!

### **New User Instruction**

1. Go to [www.midford.com.au](http://www.midford.com.au)
2. Select Macquarie Grammar School from the Online School Shops tab
3. New users need to click the Register New Account button
4. Start the registration process by selecting Macquarie Grammar School from the drop down menu and add the unique school pass phrase [MGS2004]
5. Add your personal information, create a username and personal password
6. Order the items you need, choose to collect from the school or arrange for home delivery.



#### **Further information**

Tel : 1800 835 643

Email: [Info@midford.com.au](mailto:Info@midford.com.au)

### **Mobile School App for iPhone and Android**

The school has its own mobile application that it uses as a portal to disseminate information such as Newsletters, permission notes, notifications and even forms. If you haven't downloaded the Macquarie Grammar School Application from the App Store or Google Play be do, so that you can be up-to-date with what's happening at Macquarie Grammar School. Skoolbag is a mobile App for Macquarie Grammar School to communicate directly to parents, staff and students.

How to Install the Macquarie Grammar Skoolbag App on your smartphone:

#### **iPhone Users**

Simply search for "Macquarie Grammar School" in the App Store on your phone and install. After the App is installed on your phone, make sure that you select "OK" to allow push notifications.

#### **Android Users**

Simply search for "Macquarie Grammar School" in Google Play on your phone and install.

