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Morning Tea Breakfast



Chinese Debating



Cross Country



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Autumn Term

Examination Week Years 11 and 12	11th–17th June
Examination Week Years 7 to 10	18th-21st June
Vaccination Day Visit 2	Tue 25th June
Autumn Term Awards Assembly, 2:00pm	Fri 28th June
Lessons conclude for Yrs 7 – 12, 3:00pm	Fri 28th June

Winter Term

Term 3 Lessons Commence Yr7 – 12, 8:30pm	Tue 23 -July
Parent, Guardian-Teacher Interviews 5:00-8:00	Wed 31st July
Australian Mathematics Competition Yr 7-12	Thur 1st Aug
2019 ISD Soccer Championship	Wed 7th Aug
2019 ISD Athletics Championship	Fri 30th Aug
Vaccination Day 3 (Year 7 and Year 11)	26th-30thAug
Year 12 Semester 2 Examinations	26thAug - 6th Sep
ICAS Mathematics Yrs 7-12	Thur 19th Sep
Year 12 Valedictory Assembly 1:45pm	Fri 27th Sep
Lessons conclude for Years 7 to 12	Fri 27th Sep
Winter Term Awards Assembly, 11:30am	Fri 27 th Sep

Spring Term

Term 4 Lessons Commence Yr7 – 12, 8:30am	Tue 15th/Oct
HSC Written Examinations Commence	Thur 17th/Oct
Parents/Guardians Teachers Interview, 5-8:00pm	Wed 23/Oct

School Office Hours (During Term)	8:30am-5:00pm
School Office Hours (During Term Breaks)	9:00am-5:00pm
Uniform Orderina Hours	9:00am- 500pm

Notifications from Administration Department:

Reminders to All Students

If you wish to return to your home country during the holiday break at the end of each term, please see the Student Services Officer for a Student Leave Request Form. Complete the form and return it to the Student Services Officer for the Headmaster's approval. Students are allowed to travel only to their home country and they must have the approval from the Headmaster, before booking an air ticket. This also applies to students who wish to stay with their parents during visits. A letter of request from parents, their contact details in Sydney and copies of parents' visas, passports and flight tickets also need to be attached to the Student Leave Request Form.

Students who have changes in their contact details, guardians or homestay including address, email and phone numbers, please notify the SSO, complete the Student Contact Change Form and submit it back to the SSO.

Ms. Zheng
Guardianship/Homestay Officer

Inspirational Quote

'You are the only one who can limit your greatness.'

Anonymous

Message from the Headmaster

Autumn term has continued from where it left off at the end of last term and the students have been very engaged in their learning. The teachers have been organizing various excursions and focusing on the specific skills that the students need to grasp to fulfil the requirements of the courses. Especially in the area of senior science, where our Physics, Chemistry and Biology students in both Years 11 and 12 undertook an enrichment day at the University of Technology. Our students were rewarded with extensive assistance and support throughout the experimental tasks. The Year 10 Geography excursion was a resounding success where our students studied the Sydney coastline from the distinct rock formations to the local sea-life.

Sport has been a very important part of the school's programme and quite a number of events have taken place so far. The School Athletics Carnival was held at the ES Mark's Field, the School Cross-Country and the ISD Cross Country Carnival took place and a number of our students performed brilliantly and were selected to represent the school, at the next level quite a number of our students progressed to the AICES Carnival where they faced some exceptional athletes, but our students performed admirably. Sport at the school has been making steady progress under the direction of Mr Slavin and this year our students are being selected to represent at both ISD and AICES levels across a number of sports.

Chinese Debating has been one of the strengths of the school's co-curricular programme and again our students competed with great skill and determination. They managed to sweep aside their early opponents with ease but in the final round they succumbed to the experience and strength of their opponents.

This commitment and determination from our students across all areas of the curriculum has been a wonderful trait for the staff and I to experience, but not surprising as our students are very keen to impress and do well in whatever endeavour they undertake.

Message from The Director of Curriculum

Throughout this term the staff and students at MGS have been as efficient and capable, as ever. Student performances in debating and chess has been excellent as the whole school has settled into their regular classes.

As director of curriculum and compliance I was very pleased with **the results of the Independent Audit by MSDS PTY LTD** an independent compliance management firm for chemical management and General WHS issues around the school. Their evaluation of the School was a complete pass with **an overall mark of 80%. Chemical Management within the school was given 100% pass acknowledging** the existing structures are in place and met all the requirements.

The second inspection of classroom practice is currently underway with exemplar lessons, student behaviour and learning outcomes presenting themselves as a continuation of the excellence in teaching and learning at Macquarie Grammar School. I am very proud of the teaching staff and the students for the way they have conducted themselves in the everyday lessons that the teachers deliver. **Literacy remains a priority with the international component of the School** requiring specific support and attention in order to improve their literacy across the curriculum. **Teachers work hard to accommodate the literacy strategies within their classrooms** in order to improve the general performance of all students who need to improve in this area. The differentiation within the lessons can be a challenging demand and I congratulate all staff achieving quality outcomes in the literacy area.

NAPLAN ran very smoothly with almost 100% attendance, only one student was absent for one exam. Typically, the administration of the exam was a success with all staff involved adhering to the codes and scripts utilized in the delivery or implementation of the **NAPLAN 2019 Examinations**.

Once again, all students and staff show a marvellous attitude toward the education and wholistic self-development, a component of life that we have at Macquarie is something we are very proud of. **The students we create are of the highest quality; well-informed, well-prepared, organized and proud of who they are and what they want to achieve in life.** It is this aspect of School life that often separates our students from others.

For the Autumn examination period, I wish all students a successful and enriching learning experience as they progress in their lives toward their ideal future.

Good luck Macquarie Grammar Students!

Mr Hagan

Message from The Director of Welfare and Operations

Our Athletics Carnival was at ES Marks Field on Friday. It was a glorious day, and I would like to congratulate all those students who participated. The rate of involvement from students was so high that we ran out of merits! Congratulations to those students who received a ribbon

All students who have a legitimate reason for leaving school EARLY must have a note signed by a parent/guardian. Notes should include the student's full name, class year, date and time of early departure with reason. **Students must go to the front desk see the SSO with their note/appointment slip and after confirming with their parent/guardian, students must sign out**

on the daily attendance sheet at reception then allowed to leave the school early with permission. If students do not follow this procedure truancy will be recorded against **that student's attendance record** and will be placed on a **Friday Reflection as (Detention).**

MGS has effective support for students, teachers and staff from who are able to assist students in their life at school. **Our school endeavours to provide a positive and supportive learning environment** for our students. **Students are expected to follow the values of Respect and Responsibility.** All students are prepared to contribute positively to the learning outcomes of the class. The students are proud of the school and they wear the full uniform with pride.

Mrs Sun

Parent/Guardian-Teacher Interviews



On Wednesday, the 8th May we had term 2 parent- teacher night. The interviews began with a supper, but the most heart-warming interaction was to see the parents and guardians deeply appreciative of

the efforts of teachers to bring out the best education in their children.

Researchers acknowledge that one of the **greatest influences** on a student's **performance** at school, is **their relationship with their teacher.** Put simply, if a student likes their teacher and knows that the teacher takes an interest in them, then they will work for that teacher.



If a child knows that their parents respect and value the teacher and their efforts, then they are more likely to work for that teacher.

The **parents/guardians** and the **teachers** of MGS **join together** for a common purpose, that is **to see our students grow** in their **learning** and **character**. **MGS is a community rich in relationships** and we need to continue to work hard to keep it that way.



Homestays for International Students

Macquarie Grammar School arranges homestay accommodation for international students who are 12 years of age or older while they are studying at our school. **All our homestays focus on safety, support and a welcoming home environment**, but we



place **even greater emphasis** on this for **younger students**.

As a local family hosting an international student, they will have the chance to learn about other **cultures, customs and traditions**. Our **Welfare Officer** has been carefully matching students with homestay families according to the student's individual needs.

The presentations were arranged on both Friday 3rd of May and Friday 24th of May for international students to familiar with their responsibilities whilst at the homestay.

- **International students** are **expected** to:

- **Respect and be aware** of the **cultural differences** and **beliefs** of the homestay family and how they may differ from their own.
- **Communicate** with the **homestay host** on a **regular basis**. Students should be open about their needs/wants within reason.



- **Advise homestay families** about **social activities** and if **meals** will be **missed**.
- **Maintain clear communication** with the education provider on all homestay **matters**.
- **Behave appropriately** and **be prepared** to participate in reasonable family activities.
- **Respect** and adhere to **rules** for living in the household as given by the homestay family, which include conditions



such as **no smoking, no alcohol**, spending no longer than 10 minutes in the shower and leaving the bathroom neat and tidy, etc

- Going out



Students will need to **ask permission** from their **Guardian** and **Homestay Host** if they wish to go out. For safety reasons students **must tell** both the guardian and homestay host **where they are going**, with **whom**, and the expected **time of return**.

Sometimes students may have after-school activities and may be home later than expected. Students **must notify** the **Homestay** host and the **Guardian** if they will be home late

or if they will not be home for dinner. It is reasonable to expect that they should be home at a specified time and the **Homestay Host needs to establish appropriate times** for them to arrive home on **week nights** and **weekends**.

➤ Visitors

Students should **ask permission** from their **homestay family** before inviting friends to visit them. Some homestay families may agree to provide meals for friends when given appropriate notice.

➤ Overnight Stay Arrangements

If a student in homestay accommodation **leaves without notice** or commences staying overnight away from their designated homestay **without permission**, the homestay provider **must report** the matter immediately to the school as this is breach of the **student's visa conditions**. A **breach** of this **visa condition** is a very serious matter and could result in a students' visa being cancelled.

➤ Monitoring Homestay



The school staff monitors students who are placed in homestay accommodation and maintain regular contact with providers of the accommodation to ensure the students' well-being and to assist them to adjust to their new environment

School will also **conduct** an **annual review** of their **homestay** providers, and **teachers inspect** the homestay at least **twice per year** to ensure that international **students' needs** are **being met**.

Below is a comment from former MGS international student: *"Living with the homestay family has been one of my fondest experiences, not just in the aspect of living and studying, but for the cultural immersion. This experience not only enable me to understand and navigate Australian culture as an international student, but I became part of a family. I am still in contact with them now. From time to time we email each other. I am very lucky that I chose Sydney as the start of my journey, and I believe that my high school life at MGS will always be a special and unforgettable memory that stays in my heart forever."*

Using Mobile Phones at School

On the parent and teacher interview night, a parent alerted me to the **SBS show Insight** and its episode on **"Screens at**

school"

<https://www.sbs.com.au/news/insight/tvepisode/screens-school>. It **highlighted** the fact that **many of our students** are **addicted** to their **mobile phone**. Some of our students need help both at **home** and **school** to **limit their time using their phone**.

We allow students to bring a phone to school, but the phone is **not to be used during class** and in between **class changes**. Mobile devices are part of our culture and **students need** to **learn how to manage** them, but some may just not be capable.

If a student needs to leave of class for any reasons during class time, a student must leave their mobile phone with class teacher. If a student uses the mobile phone **without permission** during class time, then teachers will confiscate the mobile phone without any question. We need to keep working on this to engage the students to see how we can support them in the appropriate use of technology and to ensure our students learn to control technology rather than letting technology control them

Mrs Sun

Athletics Carnival Friday 10th May 2019

On a chilly autumn day, Macquarie Grammar School students gathered at ES Marks Athletics Track in Kensington for our annual House Athletics Carnival.



competing in the discus.

Students participated in a range of track and field events plus tug 'o' war throughout the day. Rotation of events included – 100m sprints and relays, High Jump, Long Jump, Discus, Shot Put and Tug 'O' War.

Zhenhao Hou (Yr.10)



Carlos Liu leading the charge during HSP Tug 'o' War!

All students participated with much determination and were always involved.



Each event took 30 minutes to complete and the variety of activities kept students interested and challenged. **Arda Lok (Yr.9) attempting 1.45m during the High Jump**



Annelise Ryan and Henry Han (Yr.11) competing in the Yr.11 relay race.

House points were up for grabs for every event and as the day progressed, it was clear that Bradman House were well in front.

Congratulations to Bradman House for winning the 2019 House Championship.



Final point score:

- Bradman House -- 1st place– 194 points**
- Fraser House – 2nd place - 146 points**
- Thorpe House – 3rd place - 133 points**
- Freeman House-- 4th place - 127 points**

Thank you to all staff and students for their wonderful participation and assistance during the day.

Mr Slavin - Sports master

**Annual Cross Country Carnival – The Domain
Thursday 16th May 2019 RESULTS**



Yrs. 7 – 9 Girls

- 1st - Min Kim**
- 2nd– Lily Li**
- 3rd – Eleen Lyu**

Yrs. 7 – 9 Boys

- 1st – Omar Sutisn**
- 2nd – Arda Lok**
- 3rd – Josh Tang**

HSP Girls

- 1st – Cris Zhu**
- 2nd – Tiffany Yang**
- 3rd – Doris Li**

HSP Boys

- 1st– Carl Zhang**
- 2nd– Felix San**
- 3rd – Louis Lyu**

Yrs. 10 – 11 Girls

- 1st –Heidi Yu**
- 2nd– Xinyu Zhou**
- 3rd – Joyce Wu**

Yrs. 10 – 11 Boys

- 1st – Clark Yue**
- 2nd – Simon Huang**
- 3rd – Dave Nguyen**

Yr.12 Boys

- 1st – Lucas Kim**
- 2nd – Enzo Amielh**
- 3rd – Warren Wang**



2019 Cross Country Carnival –Final Results



1st Freeman House– 140 points



2nd Fraser House – 120 points



3rd Bradman House – 110 points



4th Thorpe House – 50 points



Career's News

How to find balance in your life during Year 12

With the pressure you face during Year 12, it's easy to forget it's just another year in life. If you're like many students, you're prioritising your studies – but aiming for good marks doesn't mean you have to give up all the things you love doing.

<https://this.deakin.edu.au/study/how-to-find-balance-in-your-life-during-year-12>

All Year 11 students interested in SCIENCE

Do not miss: The **National Youth Science Forum –**

Applications Open Now

Apply by 31 May for session dates listed below.

Are you in Year 11 now? The NYSF Year 12 Program is a 12-day residential program designed to give students a broader understanding of the diverse study and career options available in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) and to encourage continued studies in these fields. At the NYSF Year 12 Program run in January each year, participants will:

- visit science and technology related laboratories and facilities,
 - go on site tours,
 - listen to lectures
- **Session A:** Wednesday 1 to Sunday 12 January – Canberra, The Australian National University
 - **Session B:** Wednesday 8 to Sunday 19 January – Brisbane, The University of Queensland
 - **Session C:** Wednesday 15 to Sunday 26 January – Canberra, The Australian National University

<https://www.nysf.edu.au/programs/year-12-program/>

Interested in a career in IT – Do not miss the Big Day In Reminder - BiG Day In @ ANU

30 May

BiG Day In IT Careers Conference for students Yrs 9-12 @ Australian National University (ANU) on 30 May 2019. Speakers include Tim Kitchen from Adobe, Wisetech Global, Department of Human Services, DFR & more talking about their careers & the future of technology. Loads of cool

exhibitors including Adobe, Wisetech Global, ACS & loads more. Tickets \$5 for students:

<http://www.thebigdayin.com.au>

Interested in a career in Business/ Accounting:

Career Kickstarter 2019
30 May

Chartered Accountants ANZ Office Level 1, 33 Erskine, Street. Sydney 2000

Students are invited to select one of two sessions:

4:00pm - 6:00pm (tailored to Year 12 students)

6:30pm - 8:00pm (tailored to first year university students)

Insights and work opportunities in Business & Accounting for Year 12- and first-year uni students.

If you're in year 12 at high school or you are in your first year at University, the Chartered Accountants ANZ Career Kickstarter event is a great way to find out more about a career in Accounting, Finance and Business.

This is your chance to meet inspiring business leaders who will share their experience and provide first hand career advice. You'll also be able to speak with employers about cadetship and vacation work programs.

CAREERS NEWS: UPCOMING EVENTS May and June 2019 UNI

UNSW – Girls in Business Winter Camp

Apply by 31 May

8 to 10 July

Girls in Business – High Risk to High Tech is an immersive winter camp designed for girls in year 10 and 11 who want to explore their future in the Information Systems and Actuarial industries. This exciting new program is a collaboration between UNSW Business School and industry partners to build confidence and participation in the Information Systems and Actuarial industries within females.

<https://www.business.unsw.edu.au/students/student-experience/girls-in-business-winter-camp>

UNSW EMU Robotics Group

29 May. 7pm

UNSW Sydney in the Engineering building room G14

We are EMU robotics group based at UNSW Sydney. We cater for students of all ages, years 5-8 (junior group) and years 9-12 senior group. If you could please advertise this in your email blasts that would be great. For sign up: <https://forms.gle/2MAh2MLdJNpdKjY8> UNSW EMUs website: <http://frc.unsw.edu.au/> UNSW EMUs Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/UNSW-Experimental-Mayhem-Unit-4729-276775795795106/>

University of New England GRASS Industry Placement Scholarships

Online applications close 10 June

UNE Campus

Students in Years 11 and 12 studying science and interested in discovering the science-based careers that are feeding the world and saving the planet.

The UNE GRASS Industry Placement Scholarship showcases to tertiary bound Years 11 and 12 students the broad range of exciting science-based careers supporting primary industries. Full Industry Placement Scholarship offerings are made following an application, interview and after working with students at the camp. <https://www.une.edu.au/about-une/faculty-of-science-agriculture-business-and-law/school-of-environmental-and-rural-science/ers-news-and-events/une-grass/industry-placement-scholarship>

The US & UK University Expo

16 June

This event is proudly powered by Crimson Education; a careers expo designed to get access to world leading university information all in one spot! It will include specialised information sessions for students and parents and include exhibitors from different universities in the US & UK - one to mark for the calendar! Discount Code: 10FORME Tickets: <https://bit.ly/2Lttbwv>

Macquarie University Year 12 Information Evening

26 June. 5.30pm – 8.00pm

Heading to uni next year? Don't miss the Year 12 Information Evenings!

Macquarie University invites you to attend an evening of short talks featuring Macquarie representatives and current students. Talks will be followed by an exhibition where you can ask UAC, their Future Students team, and university representatives about degrees, entry requirements, scholarships and everything Macquarie.

Find out more about the university admissions process, including early entry, and hear about initiatives that will help prepare you for the workplace, such as the Professional and Community Engagement (PACE) program.

Make an informed decision about your future by evaluating your study options with Macquarie. Parents welcome. City campus. Register here. <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/information-for-high-schools/whats-on>

GENERAL

Discovery your Path to Physiotherapy

Physiotherapists play an important role in keeping people moving, whether it be for maximum performance in athletes and people with chronic health conditions. They also have an impact on patients who require rehabilitation after events such as surgery or a catastrophic accident. It can be rewarding to see patients reach their goals. <https://www.myhealthcareer.com.au/physiotherapy-career/>

Eligibility Quiz for the NSW Police Force

Take the quiz to see if you may be eligible to commence an application to the NSW Police Force. https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/recruitment/eligibility_quiz

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

Go to www.midford.com.au

Select Macquarie Grammar School from the Online School Shops tab

New users need to click the Register New Account button

Start the registration process by selecting Macquarie Grammar School from the drop-down menu and add the unique school pass phrase [MGS2004]

Add your personal information, create a username and personal password

Order the items you need, choose to collect from the school or arrange for home delivery.



MACQUARIE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Further information

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Mobile School App for phone 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



