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Big Breakfast



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Winter Term

Year 12 Semester 2 Examinations	26 th Aug – 6 th Sep
ICAS Mathematics Yrs 7-12	Thur 19 th Sep
Year 12 Valedictory Assembly 1:20pm	Fri 27 th Sep
Lessons conclude for Years 7 to 12	Fri 27 th Sep
Winter Term Awards Assembly, 11:30am	Fri 27 th Sep

Spring Term

Home visitations	Mon 11 th Oct
Term 4 Lessons Commence Yr7 – 12, 8:30am	Tue 15 th Oct
HSC Written Examinations Commence	Thur 17 th Oct
Parents/Guardians Teachers Interview, 5-8:00pm	Wed 23 rd Oct
ISD Netball Championships/Moore Park	Tue 29 th Oct
Parents and Friends Presentation/6:00-7:00pm	Wed 6 th Nov
Year 10 Examination Week	11 th Nov-15 th Nov
Years 7,8,9 and 11 Exam Week	Mon 25 th -Fri 29 th Nov
Spring Term 4 Graduation Assembly, 9:00am	Wed 4 th Dec
Spring Term Lessons Conclude	Wed 4 th Dec
School Holiday Commences	Mon 9 th Dec
HSC Results released & HSC results inquiry	Tue 17 th Dec
School holiday/Office closed	Wed 14 th Dec
School holiday/Office re-open	Mon 13 th Jan, 2019
Staff Professional Development	5 th -6 th Dec

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

Message from the Headmaster

Welcome

Welcome back to everyone within our school community for the commencement of Winter Term 3, and a special welcome to our new families that have joined us. This term is important as the Year 12 Semester Two Examinations (Trial) take place. Our students are well prepared and are diligently revising their content and practising their skills.

Farewell

Towards the end of Autumn Term 2, Ms Deasy resigned from the school and took up a position at Moriah College. Ms Deasy joined us almost twelve months ago and since then has made a positive contribution to the life of the school and in particular in her area of study, Science. On behalf of the MGS community, I wish her all the very best at Moriah College and thank her for all the good work she has done with our students.



New Staff Member

At the end of last term, the school was very fortunate in securing Mrs Highfield as our new science teacher. She joins us with experience in teaching science both at junior and senior levels. Her expertise is across three areas of Science, which includes Physics, Chemistry and Biology. Mrs Highfield has quickly adjusted to the school and has created an excellent rapport with the students.



I welcome her to our teaching staff and wish her a long tenure at Macquarie Grammar School

School Group and Individual Photos

In May every student had a personal and group photo taken, in memory of their attendance at MGS. Please order your photo by Friday 13th September, 2019, through SSO at the Reception Desk.

Message from the Director of Curriculum and Compliance

Awards Assembly Term 2 2019.

A celebration of success respect and hard work. Term 2 had so many special moments that spring to mind such as the Harmony Day festivities that represented the very essence of what is celebrated throughout history and humanity as the core values that make us all what we are. As an educational institution we all strive for the very best in the development of young people who will be successful and contribute to the betterment of the lives of others.

The Term 2 Awards Assembly illustrated these very principles once more through the celebration of the most successful students in the school over term 2. The awards are not only academic in nature but encompass leadership, compassion, consistent effort, meritorious effort and academic merit.

The school came together as a family, as is traditional on these occasions the student body was exemplary throughout the ceremony applauding those students who had earned their awards with pride and support. Our Headmaster spoke with wisdom and insight educating the populous of Macquarie Grammar School in the way life can be enriched with understanding of the way in which young people can learn to be guided in their life at crucial times.

Celebrations such as these are a very necessary part of life to receive an award through continuous application and ability. Well done to all.

I look forward to the Term 3 Awards Assembly and Graduation Day in Term 4.

Mr Hagan
Director of Curriculum and Compliance

Message from Director of Welfare and Operations

Welcome back to all our students and their family after the school break. I do hope that the students are feeling refreshed and families were able to benefit from some extended time together.

Uniform Reminders



As we continue with this term, it is helpful to be reminded about a few key school uniform matters. The Macquarie Grammar School uniform is a treasured part of the School's

identity. Students of the School are expected to wear the uniform correctly, and proudly representing the School both inside and outside the school premises.

Staff hold regular uniform checks to ensure that all students are conforming to the expected standards. Where students fail to comply with expectations, there will be consequences which will help to encourage students to meet the standards expected of the School.

I ask for all parents to assist in supporting the endeavours of staff to maintain the high standards of the School so that our students continue to wear their school uniform with pride.

Lost Property



I am always amazed at how many, items of clothing and other belongings end up in Lost Property each term, much of it unnamed. Lost property is collected and held in a large basket found in the cabinet close to the Assembly Area. Items are sorted on a regular basis and distributed to students in their Homeroom time in the morning. Please ensure that all clothing, lunch bags and other items are clearly labelled. Unnamed items will be kept in the Office for two weeks then will be given away or disposed of.

Visiting Alumni

Are the former students allowed to come into the school to visit teachers?



Soolim visits MGS (Alumi 2017)

It pretty common for students to come back to the school they left as a year 12 student, or to come in with a friend.



It is never terribly popular, because it tends to distract a class from the purpose for which they are there, but it is treated with a reasonably friendly understanding of the nostalgia that we all feel as we move on.

We always encourage former students who want to

come and visit a teacher or teachers, but they need to make an appointment to see the teacher during a lunch break or planning period. In this way, it doesn't disturb a class. Lunch break periods have traditionally been a time when a student could visit.



It is always quite exciting to meet with Alumni who visit teachers, as long as it doesn't interrupt a lesson.

A very warm welcome to a new and exciting term 3. I look forward to seeing our students journey throughout this term. I share below, some of MGS Values.

Parent- Teacher Interviews



In week 2 Parent-Teacher Interviews were held and it was wonderful to see the engagement that took place between the parents/guardians and the teachers to discuss their child's progress. Thank you to everyone for making the evening a very informative one.

Values



The following statements declare what is significant to us as a community and as individuals. Parents are encouraged to read these through with their child, highlighting how these values are also demonstrated in the home. Ideally, each child will embrace these values as their own.

Be Compassionate



We live to serve one another. Having compassion means caring for others, being kind and gentle. Compassion is stronger than sympathy or empathy, it is much more active

and intentional. At MGS we go out of one's way to help others, to be generous towards others, to care for others and stand up for others.

Be Humble

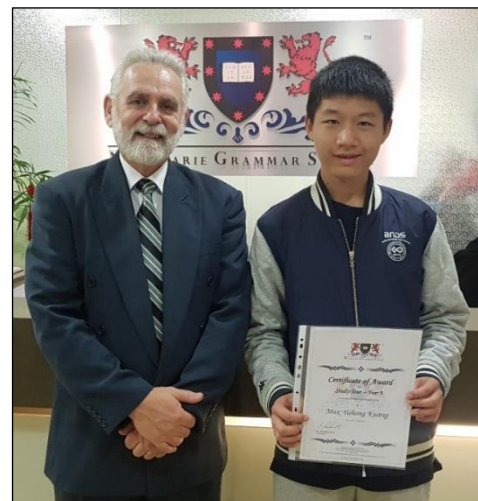


We do not think more highly of ourselves than we ought. We are human, and we share in the humanity of others. Humility is strongly aligned with respect and compassion, for it is when we are humble that we are able to respect one another and are motivated to reach out to others with compassion. Being humble recognises that we are not always right, we get things wrong. Be humble.



Show Respect

Respect one another and yourselves. Respect involves valuing people and property so that neither is dishonoured.



Study Tour students from China

We respect other's beliefs and points of view. We respect ourselves by adopting a lifestyle that is balanced and promotes wellbeing.



Be Honest

Honesty means being trustworthy, sincere and authentic. We are true to ourselves and one another. We do not mislead or misrepresent each other. As members of our community, our trust for one another depends on our honesty.

Demonstrate Integrity

We live our lives with integrity. To demonstrate integrity means to live a life that is integrated and balanced, cohesive and coherent. As a community with integrity, we are unified and work together for the common good. We are trustworthy and reliable, we follow through with conviction and courage.

Take Responsibility



We take responsibility for others and ourselves. Responsibility means recognising that we share our lives with others in a shared world. Living and learning in a community means taking responsibility for contributing positively and actively to our community and our world.

Strive for Excellence



We strive to be excellent for others and ourselves. We do this in order to make an outstanding impact for the good of society. Striving for excellence means seeking to improve and better ourselves, to be always growing.

When a child grows within communities with the security of firm values, character is formed and developed, leading to life-long moral strength and integrity. It is through a consistent and supportive home/school partnership where we see the students flourish and grow well in all domains.

Mrs Sun
Director of Welfare and Operations

Young Women's Seminar

Recently, I had the pleasure of accompanying two of our female students, Annelise Ryan and Eleanor Dou to the Young Women's Leadership Seminar, at State Parliament House. The Guest Speaker for the seminar was a Curator from the Museum of Applied Arts and Science (the Powerhouse Museum), Ms Nina Earl. She told us entertaining stories of her career and her recent homeward bound adventure in Antarctica with 78 other women.



Eleanor and Annelise with Nina Earl

We were also treated to a tour of the Parliament where we witnessed the law-making process through both the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council.

A further highlight of the day was meeting three female politicians and learning about their journeys and how they became politicians. The question and answer sessions were particularly interesting.

Annelise writes of her experience:

"The recent excursion to the Young Women's Leadership Day was an enriching and rewarding experience for myself and my classmate, Eleanor. The visit allowed us into Parliament House to watch the day to day operations. We went into the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council to observe the



Eleanor and Annelise outside Parliament House.

functions within. We observed many representatives in action and gained a greater understanding of the processes of parliament. We also sat before a panel of women who worked in parliament, representing their different parties. All these women were very inspiring and had lots of advice for us young women in the audience. We were able to ask questions of each panellist.

The most interesting panellist, for me, was a member from the Greens Party, Abigail Boyd, who spoke about her focus on equality, environmental awareness and her personal political path. She explained she had been political since a young age, in high school she made a proposal and fought to change the unfair uniform policy. Ms Boyd explained how important it is

to fight against injustices and work hard on the things you believe in.

Many of the women on the panel hadn't originally studied to go into politics, often having a background of law or business and working in those areas, before moving into the political scene. When asked about the inclusion of women in politics and their view on quotas the answers were varied. The Labor representative, Courtney Houssos, said the quotas of her party did help to include more women, and she worked hard for her position and deserved it as much as any other member. The Liberal representative, Gabrielle Upton, said the lack of quotas in her party didn't matter to her.

This excursion had a profound impact on me, inspiring me to continue to attempt to change things I don't agree with and inspire the women and men around me. My appreciation goes to Sun, who organised our participation in the event, and Brun for accompanying us".

Qantas Incursion

In July, the Year 12 Business Studies class was fortunate to have an in-house seminar by Mr David Broadbridge, author of Qantas: The Case Study. Mr Broadbridge has been writing the Qantas case for over 18 years and the study of Qantas forms an integral and important part of our learning in the Business Studies course. With a well written and informed case study, the Business Studies students can excel in their HSC results.



Mr Broadbridge and the Year 12 Business Studies students.

Mr Broadbridge's presentation was informative, elucidating and entertaining. He presented us with the latest information about Qantas' financial position, marketing and human resources and operations strategies. Mr Broadbridge also spent time sharing his exam hints for the HSC.

It is hoped that this presentation will assist the Year 12 Business Studies students in achieving success in the HSC exams.

Ms Brun
HSIE Teacher

Career News

INFORMATION SESSIONS

MEDICINE

University of Newcastle – Joint Medical Program (JMP)

The University of Newcastle JMP now accepts direct applications from international students who are currently studying at NSW and ACT secondary schools. An information session on Tuesday 10 September 2019 is available for International students in year 10, 11 and 12. For

more information please email:
jmpadmissions@newcastle.edu.au.

PERFORMANCE AND FILM

AFTT High School Workshops are Selling Out Fast
AFTT's Performance and Film workshops allow high school students in Years 9-12 to learn what studying at AFTT is really like. These hands-on, one day workshops run in the October school holidays giving students the chance to visit our campus and use state of the art equipment to develop their skills. Programs fill very quickly, get your tickets today!
<https://www.aftt.edu.au/events/highschoolworkshops>.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Project Management Spring School at USYD This two-day workshop offers students in Years 10-12 an introduction to project management. Hear about degrees, careers and pathways and participate in interactive activities at USYD on 3-4 October. The students will also visit Australia's leading technology company Atlassian to learn about projects in action. Apply here <https://bit.ly/2LPMcsh> before 2 September. Places are limited.

BUSINESS, HOSPITALITY, HEALTH

Day in the Life Workshops: Now is the time to diarise Torrens University Australia's next round of Day in the Life workshops. These hands-on and informative sessions are enjoyed by students with an interest in Design, Business, Hospitality and Health. They cost nothing and will take place during late September and early October.
www.torrens.edu.au/about/events.

OPEN DAYS

Open Days, Charles Sturt University, August and September 2019 Discover everything that Charles Sturt University has to offer, step inside our state-of-the-art facilities, meet academics and get a real taste of university life! Open Days will be held across our six campuses throughout August and September. For event dates head to <https://www.csu.edu.au/openday> Email infoevents@csu.edu.au.

University of Tasmania Open Day The University of Tasmania is holding a Sydney Open Day at our Rozelle campus on Sunday, 1st September. Running highly regarded, fast tracked nursing and paramedic courses, this is an ideal opportunity for students to see what our campus and courses have to offer. Register now from here: <https://www.utas.edu.au/open-day>. You can email alexander.hoysted@utas.edu.au should you have any questions

University of Technology Sydney Open Day Saturday 31st August 2019 On Saturday August 31st, UTS will be holding their annual Open Day. UTS Insearch, the pathway to UTS, will be hosting their own booth. Attendees can learn about UTS Insearch's extensive support services, cutting edge facilities and course options. Students and alumni will also be on hand to discuss their own experiences and answer questions. For more information visit <https://openday.uts.edu.au/>.

Australian College of Applied Psychology Information Session Australian College of Applied Psychology Info Session, Thursday 22 August, 6.00pm, Sydney CBD campus. ACAP offers courses in Psychology, Counselling, Criminology and Social Work. The free info session covers courses, entry criteria and career options. Meet lecturers,

alumni and current students. Register at <https://www.acap.edu.au/home/info-sessions/>.

TAFE NSW Open Day Is On! Your students can join us at one of our Open Days on Saturday, 14 September from 9am to 1pm. We can help them kickstart their career, become an aspiring apprentice, or gain exciting new skills for the job they want. There will be talks, demos, food, entertainment and more. Your students can pre-register and jump the queue when checking in on the day: <https://events.tafensw.edu.au/open-day>.

Open Day at Torrens University Australia - August 17th
Torrens University Australia is opening its doors to all students in Years 10-12 and their parents this August 17th. This is a chance to see their state-of-the-art facilities, meet lecturers, talk to course and career advisers, and get involved in workshops. Visit www.torrens.edu.au/about/open-day for key highlights, campus locations and information.

Discover Your Career in Games & Film, Open Day at Academy of Interactive Entertainment 18th August
Considering a career in games or film development? Discover what makes AIE's courses in Game Art & Animation, Programming and Game Design. Learn about entry requirements and career pathways. Industry and alumni guest speakers. 10am-3pm, 33 Mountain St, Ultimo, NSW, 2007. Rego required. RSVP <https://aie.edu.au/openday>.

Get the Complete Picture at the CQUniversity Sydney Open Day! CQUniversity Sydney Open Day is on Thursday, 22 August, from 5 to 8 pm. Students can explore the facilities, meet teaching staff and current students, get career advice and scout out their best study options. We're also running an Online Open Day for those who can't make it on the day. Visit <https://www.cqu.edu.au/events/event-items/open-day/sydney-open-day3> for all the details and to register.

Uni Open Days 2019
Australian Catholic University
acu.edu.au
Canberra 31 August
North Sydney 24 August
Strathfield 7 September

Australian College of Applied Psychology
acap.edu.au
Sydney 1 May, 22 August, 27 November

Australian Maritime College
amc.edu.au
Launceston 10 August
Hobart 3 August

Australian National University
anu.edu.au
Canberra 31 August

Charles Sturt University
futurestudents.csu.edu.au/events
Orange 6 September
Bathurst 4 August
Port Macquarie 25 August
Albury-Wodonga 18 August
Dubbo 30 August
Wagga Wagga 11 August

CQUniversity
cqu.edu.au/openday
Sydney 22 August
Online Chat available 3–6pm 30 April, 23 May
18 September,
10 October, 26 November

Griffith University
griffith.edu.au/open-day
Gold Coast, Nathan and South Bank 11 August

International College of Management, Sydney
icms.edu.au
Manly 11 August

La Trobe University
latrobe.edu.au
Shepparton 2 August
Melbourne 4 August
Mildura 14 August
Albury–Wodonga 18 August
Sydney 22 August
Bendigo 25 August

Macleay College
macleay.edu.au
Surry Hills 24 August

Macquarie University
mq.edu.au
North Ryde 17 August

MIT Sydney
mit.edu.au/open-day
Sydney 24 August

National Art School
nas.edu.au
Darlinghurst 7 September

SAE Creative Media Institute
sae.edu.au
Sydney and Byron Bay 11 August

SIBT
sibt.nsw.edu.au
For campus tours/appointments and course
Information call 02 9964 6555
or visit sibt.nsw.edu.au

Southern Cross University
www.scu.edu.au/opendays
Coffs Harbour 16 August
Lismore 17 August
Gold Coast 18 August

TOP Education Institute
top.edu.au
For a campus tour call (02) 9209 488

Torrens University Australia

torrens.edu.au

Torrens University 17 August

Media Design School 11 May, 17 August

William Blue College

of Hospitality 17 August

Billy Blue College of Design 11 May, 17 August

Blue Mountains International

Hotel Management School 7 September

University of Canberra

canberra.edu.au

Bruce 31 August

University of New England

une.edu.au

Armidale 10 May

University of Newcastle

newcastle.edu.au

Port Macquarie 15 August

Central Coast (Ourimbah) 3 August

Newcastle (Callaghan) and

Newcastle City 31 August

University of Sydney

sydney.edu.au

All campuses 31 August

University of Technology Sydney

openday.uts.edu.au

City campus, Ultimo 31 August

University of Wollongong

openday.uow.edu.au

Wollongong 3 August

UNSW Sydney

unsw.edu.au

UNSW Sydney 7 September

UNSW Canberra 24 August

Western Sydney University

westernsydney.edu.au

Parramatta City campus 18 May

Parramatta South and

Parramatta City campuses 18 August

Liverpool City campus 21 September

Ms Cawood
Career Advisor

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
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.



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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



