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Annual Graduation



Sculptures by The Sea

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Spring Term

School Holiday Commences
HSC Results released & HSC results inquiry
Staff Professional Development

Mon 9th Dec
Tue 17th Dec
5th-6th Dec

Summer Term 1

New Year's Day
School holiday/Office closed
School holiday/Office re-open
Lunar New Year's Day & Australian Day
New Student's Orientation & Staff PD Day
Term 1 Commence, 8:30am
Parents Information Evening 5:00-8:00pm
Year 11/Year 12 Exam Week
Junior Assessment Week
Swimming Carnival 1pm-3pm
Athletics Carnival 9:30am-2:30 pm, ES Marks
Term 1 Concludes, Awards Assembly, 2:00pm
Homestay Visitation Day

Wed 1st Jan, 2020
Wed 14th Dec 2020
Mon 13th Jan, 2020
Sat 25th, 26th Jan
Tue 28th Jan 2020
Wed 29th Jan 2020
Wed 5th Feb 2020
23rd-27th Mar
30th Mar-3rd Apr
Thur 2nd Apr
Fri 8th May
Wed 8th Apr
Thur 9th Apr

Autumn Term 2

New Student's Orientation & Staff PD Day
Term 2 Lessons Commence

Tue 28th Apr
Wed 29th Apr

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 of 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

This term has been full of opportunities for our students. The annual camp was held at Narrabeen, the students went on an excursion to the Sculptures By The Sea, Science Experiments took place at the University of Technology. All these activities have enriched our students in their general knowledge, skills and appreciation of both the outdoors and the Arts. There was the Spring Term Parent-Teacher Evening where the progress of each student was discussed, there was a visit from the Monks from the Shaolin Temple and they presented a martial arts demonstration to our students during Friday afternoon club activities and there was a Police Presentation on Social Behaviours. Macquarie Grammar School always seeks to expose our students to various experiences to broaden their general knowledge, social interactions and this term has fulfilled this expectation.

I have been abroad for a couple of weeks marketing our school and spent some time in the city of Guangzhou in China, where I met a number of our parents. It was wonderful to meet them and have an opportunity to speak about their child's progress and welfare arrangements, and I did a presentation to prospective parents who showed a great deal of interest in our school. I am confident that most of these parents will be joining our school community in 2020

This year has been a very busy year with a full school calendar full of activities. Almost every week something special has taken place either in class or as a combined school community. Our students have gained an enormous insight after engaging in these activities and I sure it has embellished their learning. The Higher School Certificate Examinations have now concluded Year 12 studies. Year 12 have been an outstanding group of students, worked diligently and with great maturity throughout the year with the help and support of their parents, guardians, homestay hosts and their teachers.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents, guardians and homestay hosts for their ongoing support, administration and teaching staff for all their good work throughout the year. On behalf of everyone within the school community I wish you all a wonderful Christmas break with family and friends and I look forward to you returning safely to Macquarie Grammar School for the start of the new academic year, in 2020.

Mr Rekouniotis

Graduation Assembly



On Wednesday the 4th December the school held the end of year Graduation Assembly where our students were acknowledged and rewarded for all their good work throughout the year, across the broad school curriculum which includes academia, community service and sport. A number of parents attended and our special guests Mr Ross Cameron and Dr Lee presented our recipients with their awards. Mr Cameron made the keynote address where he highlighted the life of Epictetus who was a Greek slave around 55AD and had a number of impediments that didn't prevent him from making his mark



in history. His message in his narrative was that you should only be concerned with the things that you have control over. If you accept this philosophy you will create a life full of hope and positive outcomes. The School Dux for 2019 is Hayden Clift and the duxes for Years 7 to 11 were: Evie Pham, Joseph Ratzinger, Johnny Wang, Dave Nguyen and Gleb Kozlov. Congratulations to all the awardees and thank you to the parents who attended the assembly. It was a memorable year as our students worked diligently to achieve the best possible result for themselves. Well done!



We also acknowledge Mr Richard Clift for his service



to the school over the past six years as the President of the Parents and Friends' Association. He has been a wonderful

advocate of the school and we thank him for all his good work and support.



The Office Bearers for 2020 were announced and they are:

School Captains

Miraj Rahman and Annelise Ryan

Prefects

Gleb Koslov, Javier Ramirez and Alfred Wong



School Captains 2019:
Hayden Clift
and
Dilara Ozhan

Congratulations on your appointments and we look forward to leadership in 2020.



Mr Rekouniotis

Message from Director of Welfare and Operations



Term 4 is upon us and I find it hard to believe that Year 12 students have already completed their Higher School Certificate exams. I am very proud of all our wonderful



students and their dedicated teachers. I wish our 2019 graduating students all the best for this next exciting phase of their life. I hope they will look back at the time they have spent at Macquarie Grammar School with fondness and know that they will always be welcomed here. They are well equipped to embrace life beyond school and to make a significant contribution to the future in this world. From all of us at Macquarie Grammar School, we wish you every success and happiness in all your future endeavours.



Macquarie Grammar School is often invited to cultural and community events. In particular, on Monday 28th of October, we had the privilege to welcome the Shaolin Temple Mage Yan Chong and his delegate for a school visit in the afternoon.

During the visitation, Mrs Sun gave a brief introduction explaining the importance of a moral education and personal development which we pay close attention to at MGS. Mage Yan Chong introduced the Shaolin culture and traditions of the Shaolin 9 Level ranking system.

During the student's Club session on Friday, 1st November 2019, Shaolin Mage Yan Yi presented a short demo lesson to Macquarie Grammar School students detailing the attributes of Martial Arts and the dedication required to build confidence, self-discipline and the ability to focus with patience, perseverance, kindness, understanding and humility. Mage Yan Yi indicated that he has been training children and adults in multiple classes for all levels and between the ages of 13 to 25 years old.



After the demonstration lesson, we held a Q&A session where students showed great interest and had an enjoyable time together.



After the eventful session, both MGS and Shaolin showed common interests for increasing the awareness of educating young generations on culture and the community. Therefore, we look forward to being involved in more opportunities to co-operate in the near future. On behalf of MGS, we would like to thank them for showing us an instructive lesson demonstrating what Kung Fu is all about.



Mrs Sun

Message from the Director of Curriculum and Compliance

This term has been seen all of us experience life's incredible changes in what one would say is the myriad and miracle of life. With our very much-loved HSC cohort completing their examinations and sitting for the HSC, we can only wish them the very best life has to offer as they have worked extremely hard and deserve reward for their efforts. The teachers and staff the Headmaster and Mrs Sun and notably myself wish

all of the school population a very happy and celebratory Festive season. My mind casts back to term 4 and many fond memories, some of which include, the laughter and friendship seen as students interact and engage in the daily lives, one of Macquarie's greatest assets is the ability of the school to impart on each other values of genuine care, love and camaraderie. Our students are happy and intelligent well informed young people who enter the wider world with an understanding of life and its purpose, and hold in their hearts a success scenario that includes the love of people and indeed the love of the Earth. Empowered with this they frequently succeed at very high levels for it is the love of people that perpetuates success more than anything. As term 4 and 2019 comes to a close I look forward to seeing our students succeed and embark on a new exciting story of life. The returning students I look forward to another year of growth and development in a highly appropriate environment one that elicits by its nature the very best in human beings.

The value of life is measured by your own expression of it through your daily actions and choices. Remember to make those choices that advantage you and others in our life as we live it. For we are all on this Earth at the same time wanting the same thing, who would oppose us? what an easy task it is to achieve when we all hold the same vision in our life to succeed.

Mr Hagan

Message from 2018 the School Captain, Rosalind Malolo:

There's a quote by Soren Kierkegaard that says, "Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forwards." Walking through the doors of our school elevator and onto level 8, those words resonated with me. A year in advance, a year post-HSC, a year post-MGS, a year post graduation, perspective finally sets in and nothing but gratitude is felt towards the very classrooms that hold memories that can only



be cherished. As former students, Mia Steward, Bella Estephan and myself felt prompted to visit our school and teachers as a way to reflect and reconnect. While there were small changes and new faces, the sense of familiarity and the sense of home still remained especially when we were greeted by the people who had taught us. The three of us exchanged our own stories of the past year with our teachers and it dawned upon me just how much can happen in a year. Year 12 was stressful, the mere thought of it would be enough to make my blood pressure spike but that stress and pressure was



temporary and essential to getting to where we are today. There is much value in reflecting, thank you to all the teachers and staff who welcomed us back to the school that holds a special place in our hearts.

Rosalind Malolo,
2018 School Captain

CAREERS news Oct 2019
FOR THE GIRLS

UNSW Women in Engineering Camp - Applications Now Open



12-15 January, 2020

WIE Camp is a four-day residential experience at UNSW for female year 11 or 12 students to learn more about engineering and participate in

hands-on workshops, industry site visits, career panels, and a networking function with professional engineers. Contact wiec@unsw.edu.au. For more info and to apply: unsw.to/wiefs

Girls in Science Forum at UNSW

13 November. 8.30am to 2.00pm

Sir John Clancy Auditorium

The students will have an opportunity to hear from the Fellows including their scientific interests and the discoveries they have made. Each scientist will give a short presentation in a way that is engaging and relevant. Then there will be plenty of time for questions and discussion.

It's a free event – best suited for female year 9, 10 and 11 students - where students with a passion for science can hear about the Fellow's research and experience as woman scientists, whilst also discuss the potential for future study or careers in science.

<https://www.events.unsw.edu.au/event/loreal-australia-presents-girls-science-forum-2019>

GENERAL

UNSW Info Day

19 December. 10am to 3pm

Kensington Campus

Info Day is the perfect opportunity to get your last minute questions answered.

Attend lectures, explore campus and chat to academics and current students in the Advisory Centre.

Come and see what studying at UNSW is all about. We look forward to welcoming you on campus.

<https://www.events.unsw.edu.au/event/unsw-info-day>

ACU Know Your Options

Strathfield - 17 Dec 3.30-6.30pm

North Sydney - 18 Dec 3.30-6.30pm

Canberra - 19 Dec 10am-5pm

Come along to Know Your Options, ACU information sessions where you can talk to experts about your course and career paths, learn about alternative entry and admission pathways, explore an ACU campus, and meet staff and students. Register here:

<https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/Events/Know-your-options>

MEDICINE

Free UCAT Seminar for the 2020 Test

21 November. 6pm to 7pm

Kaplan are hosting a free UCAT® online seminar for students. Students will learn directly from an experienced UCAT teacher who will give an overview of the UCAT plus sample questions for each test section. Opportunities to ask questions will also be provided. Please share the registration link:

<https://www.kaptestglobal.com/anz/ucat/free-resources#2>

Uncovering UCAT

30 November. 1pm to 3pm

UNSW - Mathews Theatre C, Kensington

Unsure about the process of medical school admissions testing? Join us at this free event to decipher the UCAT!

Admission into Medical and Dental Schools across Australia and New Zealand is based on the University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT). The UCAT is a new test (launched in 2018) based on the British equivalent, the UKCAT.

The UCAT is a 2 hour, computer based test which is divided into separately-timed sections, each examining key areas important to success in the medical field. This event is an introduction to studying for the UCAT and offers insights. Please contact Engineers Australia to learn more about Honeywell Engineering Summer School.

<https://sydney.edu.au/engineering/study/why-study-here/high-school-students/years-11-and-12.html>

Write a UCAS Personal Statement for UK Application

The UCAS

Macquarie University –Faculty of Science & Engineering Academic Achievements Entry Scholarships

Close 1 December

Receive an ATAR of 90+.

Scholarships

1. Faculty of Science and Engineering Inaugural Bachelor of Mathematical Sciences Scholarship, \$10,000 for 1 year.
2. Faculty of Science and Engineering Women in Engineering Scholarship, \$5000 renewable for 5 yrs or 5.5 for double with Engineering
3. Faculty of Science and Engineering Women in Information Technologies Scholarship, \$2000 renewable for 5 yrs or 5.5 for double with Engineering
4. Faculty of Science and Engineering Executive Dean's Merit Scholarship, \$2000, for 1 year

from a UCAT expert and a detailed exploration of each section of the UCAT. If you have questions about the sitting the UCAT, or you are interested in learning about how MedView can help you prepare, be sure to attend this event.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/uncovering-the-ucat-sydney-tickets-69988133391>

ACTING

NIDA Applications Date Extended



Date has been extended to 31 October 2019 for other full-time courses (other than BFA Acting)

You still have

time to apply to study at NIDA in 2020! Subject to availability of audition or interview places. Interested in visual art, lighting or sound? Check out NIDA's Bachelor of Fine Arts (Design for Performance) for budding creative designers. Find all the info you need at:

apply.nida.edu.au

SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Honeywell Engineering Summer School (HESS) University of Sydney

9–13 December 2019 Year: 11 (entering year 12 in 2020)

Honeywell Engineering Summer School (HESS) aims to give NSW and ACT high school students a better understanding of what engineering is and how it works in everyday life. Successful applicants will spend 5 days living at International House (I.H.) at the University of Sydney. Over the week, students will attend lectures and demonstrations at five prestigious NSW universities. They will also have the opportunity to meet and interact with professional engineers employed by government, private companies, researchers and academics in many disciplines.

Other Faculty of Science and Engineering scholarships you can apply for:

1. [Macquarie Leaders and Achievers Scholarships](#), \$5000 renewable for 5 yrs or 5.5 for double with Engineering (closed)
2. [Dr Arthur Pryor Scholarship](#), \$5000 renewable for 3 yrs
3. [FSE eSport Scholarships](#), \$3000, for 1 year

<https://www.mq.edu.au/study/why-study-here/scholarships/domestic-scholarships-and-grants/details/faculty-of-science-and-engineering-academic-achievement-entry-scholarships>

Ms Cawood
Careers 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.



Further information

Tel : 1800 835 643

Email: Info@midford.com.au

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



