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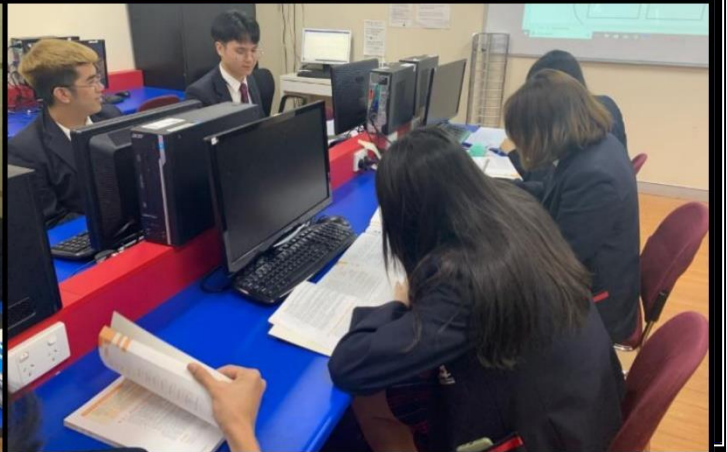
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Summer Term 1

ISD Basketball (9:30am-3:00pm)	Wed 19 th Feb
ISD Touch Football (9:30am-3:00pm)	Wed 18 th Mar
Year 11/Year 12 Exam Week	23 rd -27 th Mar
Junior Assessment Week	30 th Mar-3 rd Apr
Swimming Carnival 1pm-3pm	Thur 2 nd Apr
Term 1 Concludes, Awards Assembly, 2:00pm	Wed 8 th Apr
Homestay Visitation Day	Thur 9 th Apr

Autumn Term 2

New Student's Orientation & Staff PD Day	Tue 28 th Apr
Autumn Term 2 Lessons Commence	Wed 29 th Apr
Parent-Teacher Information Evening	Wed 6 th May
Athletics Carnival 9:30am-2:30 pm, ES Marks	Fri 8 th May
Cross Country Carnival (1:20pm-3:00pm)	Thur 14 th May
ISD Cross Country (9:30am-3:00pm)	Wed 27 th May
Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	Mon 8 th June
Year 7-12 Exam Week	Mon 15 th -Fri 19 th June
Junior Assessment Week	Mon 22 nd -Fri 26 th June
Lesson Conclude, Awards Assembly	Fri 3 rd July

Winter Term 3

New Student's Orientation & Staff PD Day	Mon 27 th July
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

Welcome to the students who commenced their study on Wednesday 29th January and a special welcome to our new families who have joined our school community for 2020. As you are aware, we are unique school with a wonderful mixture of students from all over the globe as well as domestic students. Due to the Coronavirus the school has implemented as a precautionary measure to quarantine students at home until they receive a clearance from their doctor to allow them to return to school and resume their studies. The students who have commenced their studies have been well engaged with their teachers and those who are quarantined are working through Edmodo. The teachers have uploaded content, worksheets and posted tasks for students to continue with their studies. As an interim measure it seems to be working well and hopefully within the next two weeks all our students will be able to return to school.

During the break the school has remodelled the floor plan of Level 4 providing three additional classrooms which will provide some much-needed flexibility in the operation of the school. This work is not quite completed as yet, but will be over the next couple of weeks.

The HSC Results were released in December last year and the Year 12 students performed exceptionally well across most courses. As a small school we endeavour to bring out the very best in our students and Year 12 certainly worked diligently throughout the year to attain these wonderful results. Congratulations to Year 12 and in particular our HSC Dux Hayden Clift, who attained an outstanding ATAR in the 90s and was placed on the list of distinguished achievers (Band 6) in five courses (5) which included Biology, Chinese Beginners, Business Studies, Legal Studies and Visual Arts. This is a wonderful achievement and well-deserved, as he has worked with enormous commitment and diligence throughout the year.



Generally, our students performed brilliantly in Biology, Mathematics Extension 1, Business Studies and the Languages. The results in languages were remarkable with the outstanding performer being Chinese Beginners with a mean score of 92 and

Lucas Kim was placed 4th in the state, Japanese was almost 9 points above the state mean and a solid performance from Chinese and Literature. It was pleasing to see such a strong set of results in Legal Studies, Mathematics Standard and Mathematics 2U, Visual Arts, English Advanced and Extension 1, Physics and Chemistry. A large number of our courses performed above the state mean, which is a phenomenal achievement and supports our commitment to quality teaching taking place in the classroom.



Our School was ranked in the Top 200 Schools List by the Better Schools website. That's a phenomenal outcome in itself. The Staff and I are proud of our students' performances and thank the teachers for their good work and commitment. I wish the students all the very best for their future tertiary studies and sincerely thank the parents and guardians for their ongoing support of the school, and for contributing to these memorable results. Below are some statistics that I would like to share with you:

1. 18% of students were awarded an ATAR above 90
2. 30% of students were awarded an ATAR above 80
3. 30% of students were placed on the Distinguished Achievers List
4. 66% of Chinese Beginners attained a Band 6, Lucas Kim 4th in the state
5. 100% of English Advanced students attained a Band 4 or higher
6. 100% of English Extension 1 students attained a Band E3 or higher
7. 100% of Mathematics 2U students attained a Band 4 or higher
8. 100% of Mathematics Extension 1 students attained a Band E3 or higher
9. 100% of Mathematics Extension 2 students attained a Band E3 or higher
10. 100% of Biology students attained a Band 4 or higher
11. 100% of Chinese and Literature students attained Bands 4 or higher
12. 100% of Visual Arts students attained a Band 4 or higher

13. 71% of Japanese Beginners students attained a Band 5 or higher

I am sure this year the teachers will continue to consolidate the good work that was achieved last year. I wish everyone a wonderful year ahead.

Chinese New Year

The Year of the Rat

Normally during Summer Term 1 the school celebrates the Chinese New Year, but this year due to the outbreak of the Coronavirus this event has been cancelled. The students are most disappointed but hopefully another activity later this term can be organised.

Parent/Student Information Evening

On Wednesday 19th February the Parent/Student Information Evening will be held. It will commence at 5:30pm with the teachers making a short presentation on their courses and will set out their expectations for the year. All parents and guardians are expected to attend, and it will be a good opportunity to meet your child's teacher and to ask questions in the informal session, that will follow, at the conclusion of the presentations.

The teachers and I are looking forward to meeting you.

Mr Rekouniotis

A New Year a New Decade New Ambitions New Successes. 2020 at MGS

As we return from our holiday break the students and teachers of our MGS population are enriched and enlivened by a fresh start to the latest chapter in our lives Macquarie Grammar school has so many talented students within our student population, I can only smile when I see them embarking on a new life in 2020. They represent to us an opportunity to provide teaching and learning experiences that are rich in diversity and derive the finest outcomes in student progression in terms of healthy personal growth and healthy academic growth. In light of the very pleasing HSC results obtained in 2019, our students progress with confidence, knowing that they will also attain excellent results in the external examinations. This is consistent with the philosophy and talent that resides within the group of teachers currently teaching at MGS and as such students can expect the highest levels of educative standards and processes in developing their skill sets, both academically and effectually. Life is good at MGS with a friendly happy group of people from many cultures that enjoy freedom and equity in the school environment. I look forward to a continuation of our ethics, human rights and academic standards throughout the next decade.

"Life is meant to be a constant process of learning, and as such learning and the opportunities henceforth become the expression of each individual. You are the journey, your life is to be lived and choose wisely, be guided by your elders and choose those options that will facilitate your life's successes." Welcome back all.

Mr Hagan

Director of Curriculum and Compliance

Message from the Director of Welfare and Operations

Happy New Year and Welcome Back Everybody!

I hope you have all had a relaxing break over the summer holiday period and stayed safe during the country wide bushfires. With the current Coronavirus outbreak, we are unfortunately cancelling our annual Lunar New Year Festival celebration this year.

It is with great pleasure that I welcome back our students to a new year of school. Please give a warm welcome to all the new students who joined the Macquarie Grammar School family.

It is essential to develop good study habits early on. I cannot stress enough the importance of time management, good note-taking skills, and prioritising activities. The most important step is to attend class; you cannot learn if you are repeatedly absent. Keep in mind during class, to ask relevant questions frequently! Do not be afraid to raise your hand and ask your teachers if you are confused at any stage. Teachers are here to help you and can offer assistance before and after school if that is more comfortable or convenient to do so.

There are definitely many adjustments that the new high school students must make: Greater self-discipline is expected of you, as well as increased maturity. Any disruptive behaviour will not be tolerated at Macquarie Grammar School. It is your responsibility to complete your schoolwork with your best ability and with integrity. I strongly suggest that students be active participants in class in order to retain information while being respectful of your peers and teachers. We want to create a friendly environment for young minds to thrive in their education and to attain the goal of a bright future.

Congratulations to the class of 2019 who have achieved excellent HSC results

The MGS community is extremely proud of the achievements of our students across a wide range of courses. The highlight student of 2019 was Hayden Clift, he was awarded the 2019 HSC Honour Roll. In 10 of his 12 units he achieved a band 6 and was awarded to be distinguished Achiever.



Hayden Clift and Parents

I would like to congratulate Hayden for earning this phenomenal result. Hayden was also a role model for other

students throughout his six years of his high school studies while at MGS. A well-deserved success. Collaboratively, our teaching staff have worked with focus and diligence in order to achieve these excellent academic results. Well done to all. I hope 2020 is a productive and hopeful year for you all. I look forward to another exciting and successful year at Macquarie Grammar School.

Welcome back and have a great start to the year!

Mrs Sun

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

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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



