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Autumn Term 2

<i>Queen's Birthday Public Holiday</i>	<i>Mon 8th June</i>
<i>Year 11-12 Examination Week</i>	<i>Mon 15th-Fri 19th June</i>
<i>Junior Assessment Week, Years 7-10</i>	<i>Mon 22nd-Fri 26th June</i>
<i>Lessons Conclude, Awards in Class</i>	<i>Fri 3rd July</i>

Winter Term 3

<i>New Students' Orientation & Staff PD Day</i>	<i>Mon 27th July</i>
<i>Winter Term 3 Lessons Commence</i>	<i>Tue 28th July</i>
<i>Australian Mathematics Competition Online</i>	<i>Thur 30th July</i>
<i>School Photo Day for HSP-Year 12</i>	<i>Tue 4th Aug</i>
<i>Parent-Teacher Information Evening</i>	<i>Wed 5th Aug</i>
<i>ICAS Science Writing Years 7-12</i>	<i>Mon 17th-Fri 21st Aug</i>
<i>Year 12 Semester 2 Exam Week</i>	<i>Mon 24th-Fri 4th Sep</i>
<i>ICAS English Year 7- 12</i>	<i>Mon 24th-Fri 28th Aug</i>
<i>ISD Athletics ES Marks Field 9:30am-3:00pm</i>	<i>Fri 28th Aug</i>
<i>ICAS Mathematics Years 7- 12</i>	<i>Mon 31st -Fri 4th Sep</i>
<i>Year 11 Assessment/Exam Week</i>	<i>Mon 7th -Fri 11th Sep</i>
<i>Junior Assessment Week, Year 7-10</i>	<i>Mon 14th -Fri 18th Sep</i>
<i>Lessons Conclude, Awards Assembly, 11:30</i>	<i>Fri 25th Sep</i>
<i>Year 12 Graduation Assembly, 1:30pm</i>	<i>Fri 25th Sep</i>

Spring Term 4

<i>New Students' Orientation & Staff PD Day</i>	<i>Mon 12th Oct</i>
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<i>School office hours (During Term)</i>	<i>8:30am-5:00pm</i>
<i>School office hours (During Term Breaks)</i>	<i>9:00am-5:00pm</i>
<i>Uniform Ordering Hours</i>	<i>9.00am- 500pm</i>

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

Autumn Term 2 commenced with online learning and for the period that it was in place it worked reasonably well. The technology seemed to cope with the demands of teaching and learning over the internet, particularly when videos or diagrams were presented to the students within the lesson. After almost four (4) weeks of online learning it became obvious that this form of delivery certainly didn't accommodate the needs for all of our students. Teachers throughout this process adjusted their approach and by the third week, had mastered what was the best way to deliver their lessons. The teachers also continued to utilise Edmodo to supplement the lesson, provide support materials and set homework. The teachers have been absolutely outstanding in the way they approached this very challenging and unfamiliar task and it was due to them, that it was a resounding success. They made sure that our students continued with their study programme and kept them to schedule. The Student Support Officers also contributed greatly in the process, by contacting students and making sure they were online each day to undertake their studies. Congratulations to the teachers, support staff and the students for working co-operatively throughout and making this experience an enjoyable one.

We have now reverted back to the normal lesson delivery and the students are certainly enjoying being back in the real classroom and leaving the online learning to the past. The students have been very committed, and our Year 12 students in particular are flourishing being back at school. Their level of dedication towards their studies and being so focussed in class, has been an inspiration to watch. The students from Years 7 to 11 have continued to be diligent and undertaking their classroom tasks with great maturity.

Due to the coronavirus and the NSW State Government's mandatory requirements, ask students and staff are socially distancing themselves where possible and the school has limited the number of visitors to the school. For this term, parent-teacher interviews have been cancelled, but I urge parents and guardians to contact the teachers either through the school office or by email, if they would like an update on their child's progress, so far.

I am sure the Year 12 Teachers would welcome your contact, as the Autumn Term Examinations are only in a few weeks' away.

These examinations are now of greater significance after four (4) weeks of online learning. It will enable the teachers to assess and evaluate which content and skills have been mastered, by the students, and which may need significant revisiting or a complete revision. I recommend to Year 12 to take all of these examinations very seriously and provide their best performance to their teachers. By doing this, the teachers can plan ahead with their delivery and timing of the remaining topics, that need to be studied.

Sport activities and PDHPE practical lessons have been suspended for this term, but hopefully in Winter Term 3 these activities can resume. Therefore, all students attend school everyday of the week in full school uniform including their blazer. Girls are reminded that plain navy-blue stocking must be worn, short socks and tights or legging are not worn. If students are cold, please make sure s/he wears their vest, jumper, blazer and school scarf or a white undergarment under their school shirt.

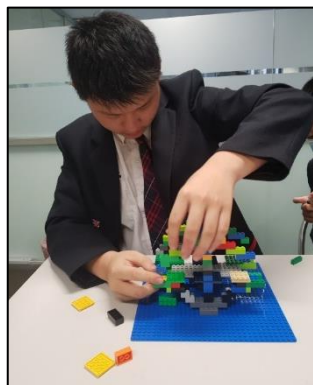
Finally, welcome back to everyone in our school community and the teachers and I look forward to seeing and acknowledging the wonderful achievements of our students, throughout this term.

Mr Rekouniotis

Director of Welfare and Operations

I hope you and your family are doing well during this unprecedented time.

I am happy that our students have returned to school, catching up with friends and reconnecting face-to-face with their classmates and teachers.

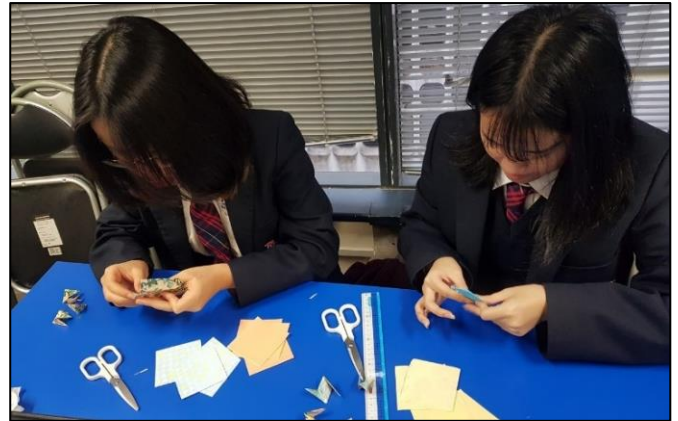


A great deal of change has taken place since the last few weeks of Term 1. Term 1 ended with students learning from home and some teachers working from home. Term 2 commenced with teachers continuing to work remotely with



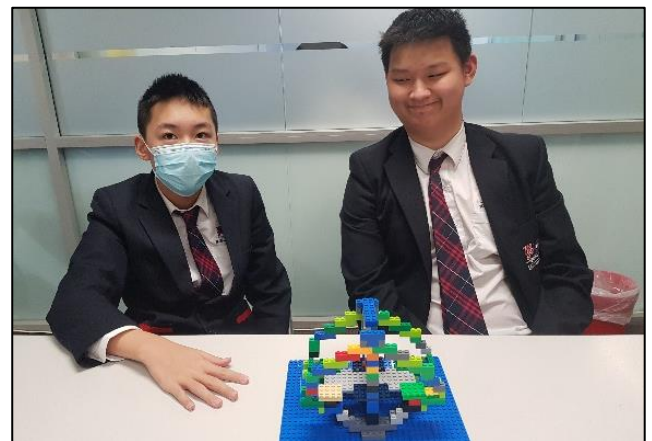
their students. Now we have transitioned back to face-to-face learning, and it has been a smooth exercise.

The one thing that has not changed is that our school is a great place to work and offers a good education. The last weeks of Summer Term 1 were challenging, but we revealed what was possible when we work co-operatively together.



Our teachers have delivered exceptional outcomes for our students. Together, we have done a truly remarkable job in providing students with remote lessons. However, we know to ensure the best student outcomes, face-to-face contact between students and teachers is crucial.

We have two priorities right now. One is ensuring we can support our students' learning, so that no one is left behind.



The other is ensuring the safety of every student and member of staff. I am confident we can work together to support each other in the interests of our students, staff and the school community.



Some of the Year 12 students may feel a little down or emotionally drained right now, due to the disruption to their learning and the lockdown. It can be a tough pill to swallow, but with a positive attitude and diligence all this can turn around.

The Teachers are trying their best to support, empower, inspire, and equip our students, especially Year 12, during this critical time of need. I also want to offer some suggestions to re-focus our students, to reignite their fire, rewire their resilience, seek success and finish strong.



It can be emotionally draining when you're reminded daily of the reality that you can't have a laugh with friends at a restaurant, so you can ease the pressures of study, like assessments and exams, and physically interacting with people that are going through the same challenges or to be a part of a senior leadership group or participating sporting events or university open days.

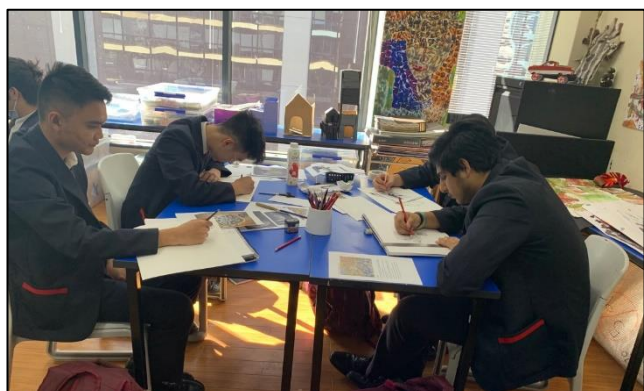


As a parent or guardian, what can you do to help your child regain their motivation to power through their final months of school life, to finish strong and establish a positive outcome?

Here are some suggestions to support your child to re-focus upon their studies.

“Listen with ears of tolerance. See through eyes of compassion. Speak with the language of love”

Allow your child to be open. It provides s/he with a safe outlet to let things out, which in many cases, are thoughts that are



causing grief. Seek first to listen and understand, rather than to give advice. Make her or him to feel heard and supported.

Stepping into their shoes is the key. We've all been blindsided, but it's an extra bitter pill to swallow for final year students where their entire schooling journey has been working up to this year - academically and socially, and the opportunity to exercise their independence as they turn 18 or over.

Avoid brushing off their concerns. Their final school year is a big deal, because what they are going through is a once in a lifetime event on all fronts. Oblivion and denial do not inspire personal responsibility and only increase bitterness and blame.

“Where focus goes, energy flows”
(Tony Robbins)



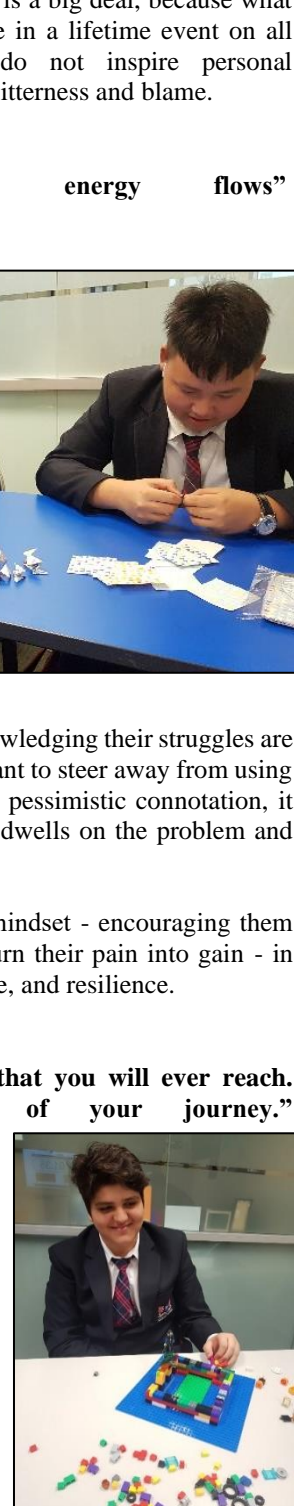
Words are powerful. While acknowledging their struggles are important, it is even more important to steer away from using language that has a negative and pessimistic connotation, it amplifies fear, and overwhelms, dwells on the problem and tolerates a victim mindset.

Instead, promote a champion's mindset - encouraging them to be solution focussed and to turn their pain into gain - in strength, appreciation, perspective, and resilience.

“Success is not a destination that you will ever reach. Success is the quality of your journey.”
(Jennifer James)

It is not about the result. The fruit is in the pursuit, and the person they become in striving for success.

Regardless, ensure they know that you will be proud of them for taking personal responsibility and becoming the leader of their life.



“Challenges are what make life interesting and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful.”
(Joshua J Marine)

The all-important final exams are not at the end of the schooling year. The real tests are right now being thrown by life. This year is the opportunity for the Class of 2020 to enter the hall of fame and be remembered as the greatest school cohort of all time.

Please be reassured that we are aware of the challenges that many of our students are facing with their learning, and we will be monitoring each student in terms of both their learning and wellbeing.

Thank you to everyone. Please know that we will be supporting our students with information, advice and guidance, throughout our continued return to face-to-face learning.

Keep well and stay safe.

Mrs Sun

Director of Curriculum and Compliance

In educationalist philosophy there are many challenges that face school communities. These may include but are not limited to establishing a basis of student understanding not only of content but perhaps more importantly in terms of their growth and development, as people. For tomorrow's children



will emulate tomorrow's adults and in this way our societies grow and develop. History tells of what is taught to students and children, can produce divergently different societal development. Young people need to have healthy, happy, co-operative perceptive and intelligent role models. It is said, that children are great imitators, give them something great to imitate. Hence, we have the superb opportunity as educators to do just that. The COVID-19 pandemic was a challenge that was presented to Macquarie Grammar School and indeed the entire education sector, but in our own school, it brought out the very best in our teachers and students. They responded to the call to rally. We learned to show our best, as we progressed and as such, our students did just that, inspired by their teachers who showed tremendous commitment to their learning and welfare, and the Macquarie Grammar School community rose to the occasion. As I walked the streets with the city empty and with only a few brave souls around, I could only feel proud of all the Australian people who battled on and continued to enjoy life, despite the hardship encountered through the Corona Virus.

I take my hat off to you MGS for a magnificent effort.



As we return to our conventional classroom face to face teaching the community is again reunited. I look forward to outstanding successes smiles and laughter, as we work in the Autumn Term.

Warmest Regards,

Mr Hagan

HSC and Careers EXPO

Unfortunately, the HSC and Careers Expo could not go ahead as planned, because of the disruption caused by COVID 19.

As MGS booked to attend the 'live' HSC and Careers Expo 2020, we will be able to view the seminars online. The online video seminars will be up until Friday 5 June 2020 and the website will be updated daily as new presentations become available. Please follow the link and use the password, posted on Edmodo "Careers Group" to log in.

1. [LinkedIn Workshop \(May 10\)](#)

A webinar hosted by Tyson Day, and 1st year Monash student, Nathaniel Diong, will take students through how to set up a profile and how to effectively use LinkedIn to make meaningful industry connections. (Flyer attached)

Copy and paste this link: <https://app.livestorm.co/crimson-education/hustling-in-high-school-or-how-to-create-a-linkedin-profile-and-actually-use-it>

2. University Admissions Centre registrations are open – emails have been sent to all Year 12 students with their UAC pin.

You can now register with UAC and start to choose courses that you would like to study, although most offer rounds happen in December. After you apply, you'll need your UAC application number and PIN to log back into your application and to view your offers. If you're a 2020 NSW HSC applicant, you also need your UAC PIN to access your ATAR. Students are encouraged to see Mrs Cawood, if you have any questions about the UAC application process. <https://www.uac.edu.au/>

3. <https://www.uac.edu.au/future-applicants/course-compass> Useful link on the UAC site that will help you find courses. "Finishing Year 12 this year and not sure what uni course to apply for? There are lots of things to think about when you're making such a

big decision, but sometimes it can really help to find out what paths have been taken by people just like you. Ask your like-minded family and friends? Sure. But now Course Compass also lets you tap into the experiences of over 100,000 recent UAC applicants.”

SRC update - back where she belongs

Good news from the Koala Hospital about our adopted Anwen. “Anwen was the first female koala brought into the Port Macquarie Koala Hospital as a result of the devastating bushfires which ravaged the Mid North Coast of New South Wales and many other parts of Australia at the end of last year.



Anwen is about 4-5 years old, and had badly burnt hands, feet, arms and fur. For months she sat quietly in a basket in an intensive care unit. When it was decided her wounds had healed enough to no longer need dressing, she was moved to an external, rehabilitation yard. Although quiet, she was active, cheeky and enjoyed moving around her enclosure and eating leaf.



The current times are very challenging for everyone and we wanted to bring you a good news story to hopefully lift your spirits! Anwen was ready to go home and was released back to her home range last Friday, 3rd April 2020.

We would like to thank you for the wonderful support you gave to Anwen through our Adopt a Wild Koala Programme. Without your support Anwen may not have received the excellent care she was given which allowed her to heal and flourish. Our aim is to rescue, rehabilitate and release koalas back to their home range where possible.”

Careers News for June
Study Medicine deadlines – June is deadline month – particularly for graduates Find the latest deadline information “June is deadline month – particularly for

graduates” in **Study Medicine** <https://www.studymedicine.com.au/deadline-info>. Find also deadlines for high school/undergrad applications. A fully detailed list of end May and June university deadlines for all Australian medicine degrees (entry in 2021) can be obtained by subscribing to Study Medicine.

INSTITUTION INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR STUDENTS & PARENTS

UTS Virtual School Visits UTS is offering virtual school presentations with current students and the UTS Future Students team followed by a Q&A session. Please complete the virtual outreach presentation form to book UTS in: <https://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/undergraduate/schools-outreach-programs/virtual-presentation-request-form>

NIDA Virtual Open Day Attend a live talk, take a virtual tour, watch never-seen-before videos of student projects, try a NIDA Online class, and more! Find out all the information and register your interest at <https://www.nida.edu.au/productions/Open-Day>. Open Day events will take place online, with activities spreading across four days from Wednesday 17–Saturday 20 June.

AIT Virtual Open Day, 5-7pm Wednesday 10th June 2020
AIT are thrilled to announce their very first Virtual Open Day, which will be held on Wednesday 10 June from 5-7pm. Register here: bit.ly/AITVirtualOpenDay This is the ideal opportunity for students to explore their study options and career paths - in Film, Animation, Games, Digital Design or Mobile App Development. Go on a virtual tour of AIT's campuses and meet the AIT Teachers & Students.

Virtual Open Day and On Campus Events at Charles Sturt Charles Sturt are still making plans for 2020 Open Day – including a virtual event. On campus or virtual (or both!) Open Day will return this year and it's a great way to find out all there is to know about studying with Charles Sturt. Learn about courses, applying to uni, early entry, living on campus or studying online, as well as what support is available. More info: www.charlessturt.edu.au/events

Creative Careers session @ JMC Online Open Day JMC invite you to the Creative Careers Information Session at the upcoming Online Open Day where the Creative Scope team will help parents, students, career advisers and teachers discover what the creative industries look like, where creative work can be found and ways to support a creative student at this stage. To find out more please go to https://pages.jmccademy.edu.au/May20OOD_CSRegos.html

Registrations Open: Avondale's virtual Open Day and iWeek – 10 June 2020 Register now for Avondale's first ever virtual Open Day and iWeek – commencing 10 June, 10am. Students will have the opportunity to watch a live virtual program and sign up for course specific information sessions where they are able to hear direct from Avondale's passionate lecturers. Register here: www.avondale.edu.au/openday. Got questions? Email: openday@avondale.edu.au

Southern Cross University - Online Course Information Sessions From 1-5 June, Southern Cross University's academics, expert advisers and current students will be speaking about course information, career outcomes and life at SCU, there will also be a live Q&A. To register, visit www.scu.edu.au/study

UTS course area webinars Want to know more about UTS courses? UTS is offering a range of course area webinars. Find out more: <https://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/undergraduate/our-courses/find-right-course/events-and-info-sessions#course-area>

Career in Games & Film, Info Evening at Academy of Interactive Entertainment Thursday 18th June Discover the courses designed to get you started in game development, 3D animation and visual effects This exclusive ONLINE event will include presentations on different areas of the industry to get into as well as information about AIE full-time and part-time courses and entry requirements. 6:30PM Start. FREE Rego: <https://aie.edu.au/infoevening>

Register for the Orana Fashion Business College Online Open Day – Orana College will be hosting online open day on Wednesday, 27th of May. During the live streamed open day, everything from what Orana's courses offer, some insight into the fashion industry as well as how to apply for the scholarship program. You can send through your questions when registering or interact live! Register join here: <https://bit.ly/OranaOpenDay>

COURSES, WORKSHOPS AND INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR STUDENTS
InspirED's Free HSC & Beyond Virtual Careers Expo On May 28-31 & June 25-28, 2020, students & parents can meet with university ambassadors/advisors via chat, video and virtual booths. This will be a really fun & engaging way to ensure that HSC students don't miss out on finding their dream university. InspirED are working directly with our university partners to deliver an amazing experience to your students. Register here: <https://bit.ly/2Kyfo4>

Online Agricultural Careers Expo Online Ag Careers Expo - learn about education pathways, salary expectations, job and scholarship opportunities for a rewarding career in Agriculture. Speakers from Elders, Costa, AACo, Holmes Sacket, and more! Tuesday 23 June 11am -1pm <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/online-agricultural-careers-expo-2020-registration-102136123896>

Study interior design in July. Sydney Design School Live Stream Info Session Friday 5 June at 1pm Simply love design? Find out more about become a professional, accredited Interior Designer with Australia's award winning interior design school. Their July intake is now open! Watch their Director Amanda Grace live online and ask any questions. Friday 5 June at 1pm. Register on their website today <https://bit.ly/2WNwaj> Registered Training Provider 91446.

FREE Financial Literacy and Money Management Webinar Real World Education Group is an industry leader in financial literacy and personal financial management education courses for young Australians. The co-founder will

be holding a FREE WEBINAR for students and parents to attend on the importance of budgeting, saving and managing cash flow. Spots are limited so to reserve a seat, please email info@rweg.com.au or head to www.rweg.com.au.

Study at ACU Join ACU online to have all your questions about studying at ACU answered. Get helpful advice on how to apply, find out more about non-traditional pathways to uni, explore your postgraduate study options and hear from students about what life is really like at ACU. Register for the webinar series on the ACU website <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events/study-at-acu>

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Meet a Mathematician! Sign up for a virtual visit from a mathematics researcher! This is a great introduction to careers in mathematics, an opportunity to ask about life at University, and includes some fun hands-on activities and puzzles. Years 9-11, free, 60 min, online, available throughout the year! <https://tinyurl.com/y66q4hlh> maths-psych.communicator@sydney.edu.au

Year 10 Information Sessions by the University of Sydney: 2nd & 4th June Subject selection, scaling and make the right choice for you and your future can be daunting. Register for a session and learn more from representatives from USYD, UAC and special guest speaker, Eddie Woo. Register now: www.sydney.edu.au/undergraduate-events

Year 12 Information Evening - The University of Sydney: June 9th, 4-7pm If you are a student in Year 12 wondering what your future study options may look like, then this online event is for you. Get all the information you need to make the next steps toward your future career at this virtual fair. Learn more: www.sydney.edu.au/undergraduate-events

COVID-19, Weekly Webinars from The University of Sydney: Until the end of Term 2, USYD will host a series of webinars and live chats (via Zoom) each week to provide students with everything they need to start their journey to Sydney. View the schedule of events to book a session, with topics including HSC study tips; course information; student life; how to apply for pathways and scholarships. Learn more: www.sydney.edu.au/undergraduate-events

UTS Virtual Expos UTS is participating in a number of virtual industry career expos for school students. Visit the UTS virtual booth to live chat with current students about your study options. You will also be able to access UTS courses and admissions resources at these events. Find out more: <https://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/undergraduate/our-courses/find-right-course/events-and-info-sessions#virtual-expos>

Torrens University – Interactive Online Workshops, 22-25 June 2020 Curious to know what your future could look like? Ever wondered about your dream career? Join in the Interactive Online Workshops to get a glimpse into your future as you take part in workshops for Business, Design & Creative Technology, Health or Hospitality. All from the comfort of your own home. Find out more and register: <https://www.torrens.edu.au/about/interactive-online-workshops>

FREE NSW VIRTUAL CAREERS EXPO STARTS 27 May! Make the most of this FREE virtual event for schools, students & parents! Over 50 universities & education providers, UAC, NESAs, livestream & on-demand HSC strategy sessions, TEDx speakers, live daily career panel & more. Students can live/video chat with course advisors. Suitable for Years 10-12. May 27-31 & June 24-28. HSC & Beyond Virtual Careers Expo presented by InspirED. <https://bit.ly/2LN88>

Free Weekly Live Online Events at the Academy of Interactive Entertainment EVERY TUESDAY Get a sneak-peak into the Australian and International games and film industry. From live chats with star alumni to industry experts discussing their current projects, AIE will be having free online events weekly each Tuesday at 5:30PM. Register here: <https://aie.edu.au/workshop/>

Cyber Security Careers Webinar - June 3rd Join a team of three experts from the Australian Signals Directorate (ASD) for a free webinar about exciting and rewarding career pathways in cyber security. Students will hear about pathways, skills and tools, exciting projects and advice. The last part of the webinar will allow for a Q&A session from students. 3 June | 1:30-2:45pm AEST. Register: <https://dltv.vic.edu.au/event-3817792>

SCHOLARSHIPS and EARLY ENTRY

Charles Sturt Advantage Early Offer Applications Open 1 June In 2020 even more courses are included – over 100! Successful students will not only receive a conditional offer to Charles Sturt before they sit exams (and an adjustment to the ATAR they'll need to achieve), recipients will also become part of an exclusive support program that will help them transition to life at uni. Applications close 31 August. Visit csu.edu.au/advantage for more info.

Southern Cross University - Transition to Uni program Southern Cross University's Transition to Uni program has its next intake starting 6 July. This program is a free, intensive preparatory course designed for ATAR-eligible students. With classes scheduled after school hours, students are able to finish Year 12 while also upskilling an opportunity to secure a place at University in 2021. Visit www.scu.edu.au/transition-to-uni

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. school or arrange for home delivery.



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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

