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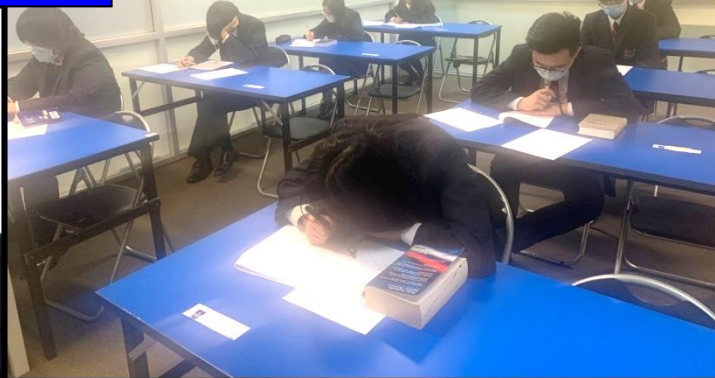
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Year 12 Graduation
Assembly, 2020



Years 11 & 12
Examinations



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Spring Term 4

HSC Examinations commence Week 1

Parent-Teacher Information Evening

HSC Continues Week 2

HSC Continues Week 3

HSC Concludes Week 4

Junior Assessment Week

Spring Term 4 Graduation Assembly, 9:00am

Staff Professional Development Days

Tue 20th - Fri 23rd Oct

Wed 21st Oct (Cancelled)

Mon 26th - Fri 30th Oct

Mon 2nd - Fri 6th Nov

Mon 9th - Wed 11th Nov

Mon 23rd - Fri 27th Nov

Wed 2nd Dec, 9-11:30am

Thur 3rd - Fri 4th Dec

Summer Term 1, 2021

School Office Closed

HSC results released

New Year's Eve, 2021

School Office Re-Opens

Australian Day

New Students' Orientation & Staff PD Day

Summer Term 1 Lessons Commence, 8:30am

Parent-Teacher Information Evening

Chinese New Year, 2021

Years 11 & 12 Senior Examination Week

Junior Assessment Week

Lessons Conclude, Awards Assembly

Home Visitations Day

Good Friday

Easter Saturday

Easter Sunday

School Office Hours (During Term)

School Office Hours (During Term Breaks)

Uniform Ordering Hours

Mon 14th Dec

Wed 16th Dec

Fri 1st Jan

Mon 18th Jan

Tue 26th Jan

Wed 27th Jan

Thur 28th Jan

Wed 3rd Feb

Fri 12th Feb

Mon 15th - Fri 19th Mar

Mon 22nd - Fri 26th Mar

Wed 31st Mar

Thur 1st Apr

Fri 2nd Apr

Sat 3rd Apr

Sun 4th Apr

8:30am-5:00pm

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Notifications from Administration Department:

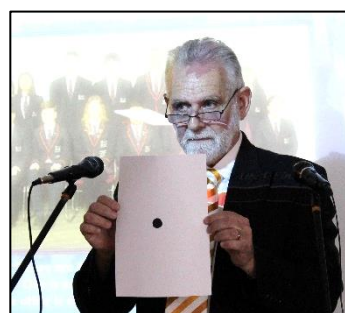
Reminders to All Students

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



Even though there have been a number of social restrictions in place at the school throughout this term, the students have adjusted beautifully and have continued with their studies as per normal. Year 12 undertook their Semester Two (2) Examinations and Years 7

to 11 had their Winter Term Three (3) Examinations. The students have received their results and reports were issued to parents, students and guardians. With the feedback provided by the teachers, the students can now prepare themselves for the challenges that they will face in Spring Term Four (4). In particular, our Year 12 students who will sit for their Higher School Certificate Examinations in Week Two (2) Spring Term, commencing on Tuesday 20th October.

In Spring Term 4 the school is awaiting some direction from the NSW Department of Health as to what restrictions maybe eased to allow our students to engage in some activities that currently have been placed on hold. One activity that will definitely recommence in the new term will be PDHPE practical lessons.



I would like to thank the teachers and the students for their good work in Winter Term and the parents and guardians for their support and understanding. Especially as visitations to the school are limited and assemblies have not been able to be conducted. I wish everyone a well-deserved break and I look forward to everyone's safe return to the school for the new term.



Year 12 Valedictory Assembly



On Friday 25th September the Year 12 Valedictory Assembly was held at the school and was televised live via WeChat and Facebook across the globe. This gave our international parents the opportunity to join in online and be a part of their child's graduation.

Even though the number of attendees were restricted and social distancing guidelines were applied due to COVID - 19, it was a very memorable event. Our Year 12 students and our junior representatives spoke well and reminisced of their time at the school. I would like to thank our special guest Mrs Yelitza Carrero who spoke eloquently on behalf of the parents and guardians of Year 12 and to our Year 12 Tutor Mrs Brun, for her very personal address to the departing students. As well as the staff of the school in preparing the event.

In conclusion, I also would like to thank Year 12 for the wonderful contribution they have made to the school and for being outstanding role models and leaders of the student body. They will be greatly missed and we wish them well for their upcoming HSC Examinations. I ask that they utilise their teachers, seek assistance and attend the holiday break lessons that have been organised.



Academic Announcement

The Winter Term Three (3) Senior Student of The Term was Annelise Ryan. Congratulations on her wonderful achievement.

Mr Rekouniotis

Director of Welfare and Operations

Winter Term is over and only Spring Term is left for 2020. I'm sure our students commenced Winter Term by setting goals. If you didn't, you certainly should have done so. Have you achieved them? Now is the time to reflect on your achievements for the term. Students should have received their reports. It is important to examine them closely and see how many of your academic goals you have met. For those

goals that perhaps you have not met, it is a good time to reflect on what it is that prevented you from reaching them. Were your goals realistic? Were you focused on your goals? Did you put enough effort to achieve those goals?



You cannot change the past but you can certainly change the future. What will you do differently in Term 4, 2020?

School Monitors



It's time for Year 11 students to submit a Letter of Application to the Headmaster for the position of School Monitor, which commences next term. It is a difficult, but very rewarding role. It's also a difficult task sifting through applications from very capable students to find out who will be our next student leaders. The enjoyable part will be hearing from the students themselves as to why they wish to be leaders and what will they bring to the role. It will be a good opportunity to see how they cope in the role and what they will achieve, as a Monitor.



Alumni 2018 Visit MGS

I asked the 2018 graduated Captain Billy Ha and his classmate Emma Li who visited us on the 3rd of September, what they loved about MGS. It was great to see their eyes light up. Billy Ha wanted our future leaders to be the people who love and take pride in our School and to pass that onto the next generation. Billy and Emma's answers impressed me, and I would

like to share some of them with you;

- Be involved in the activities that are presented to you.
- It was great being a part of a wonderful caring and supportive community.
- Being a part of a diverse community was definitely a positive experience.

- Being exposed to the various cultures through activities like the Spring Festival and Harmony Day events.
- Wearing the school uniform with pride.
- Being a part of a school where manners and courtesy are important.
- Seeing older students caring for the younger ones.

Perhaps the one answer I loved the most was, "I just loved getting out of bed everyday to come to School when I was in Year 12".

We have a lot of happy students at our School- many students love being here even after they have graduated from MGS. Of course, not everyone is always happy and at times s/he may need a friendly supportive chat to see how they can join the many smiling happy faces at MGS.



It is a reminder to me that we are in partnership to educate our students. Both parents and the school collectively work together to not just achieve the highest ATAR possible, but most importantly to help develop our students' characters. We need and value the continued support of our parents. We feed off each other, in the way that we speak and act at School, we trust that it will help build and grow the family unit too.



Year 12 HSC Examinations

Spring Term will be the last term for our Year 12 students. Of course, finishing school is not the end of one's education but just the beginning on the next stage, leading to a career. There is a big world out there waiting for our newest graduates.

Of course, our Year 12 students have just a few exams to get through, but we do wish them all the very best for the future. Of course, they do not leave the MGS Community they simply transfer to another level and will have a great future ahead of them!

Alumni 2013 Visit

Jason Xue who graduated in 2013 visited the school and played his favourite piece of music called *The River Flows in You* and now he has returned to China to pursue his career. Thank you for dropping by to tell us what you've done.



Enjoy the Break

Holidays provide the perfect opportunity to sit down with a good book and read. As well as it being relaxing, reading will

help to build your vocabulary. Look up that word you don't know rather than skipping over it. Don't just stop with one book.

Remember, relaxation and time with family is important too. Enjoy your well-earned break!

Mrs Sun

Director of Curriculum and Compliance

Cheers and sadness, celebration and fond memories, the term now concluding becomes the curtain fall for our much-loved Year 12's. The struggle, the hardship, the laughter and fun that exists in every classroom, comes to a conclusion where the next phase of their life begins. The school celebrates this on the last Friday of the school term and the successive years that remain are promoted to the next stage of their lives at school. The succession of life and its processes become self-evident and lessons learnt are reiterated each year. It is the function of the school to educate our students not only in the specific subjects and areas of learning but to educate perhaps more importantly in the areas of life and its meaning, to all of us. Society evolves on the opinions and attitudes that pervade each generation. Our school demonstrates excellence in the area of learning to live a good life and enjoying what you do whilst becoming financially successful and happy. Good luck to all our students and with life's grandeur and magnificence may we all succeed in the one thing we have in common; life on earth at the same time, an incredible miracle that extends to us all the opportunity and love for fellow humankind. I ask you to carry this in your minds as you grow in your life and treat all people equally and with dignity as a priority, this establishes the basis for an harmonious and peaceful life whilst we are here, the Macquarie Grammar School motto put love in your heart has never been more relevant. Success and life is what you achieve in your time upon this earth and make life as excellent as it can be.

Mr Hagan

Visual Art

Year 9 – Street Art



Art of Social Commentary

Year 9 created stencils to complete a street artwork commenting on social issues.

They analysed the work of Banksy and Shepard Fairey to inform their practice. The students developed symbols to communicate their point of view through visual language.

They highlighted issues such as food security, domestic violence and bullying through their work.

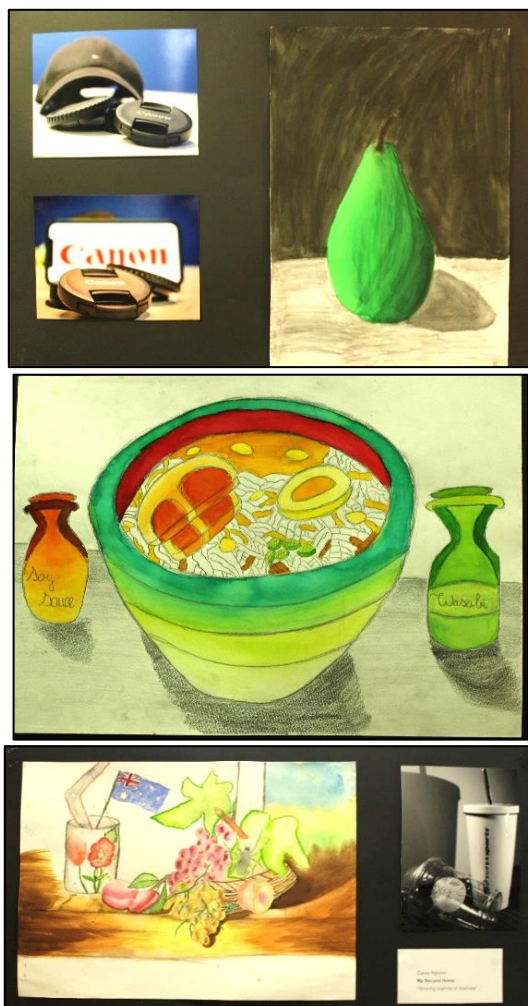
Year 10 – Exploring the Object

Year 10 Visual Arts students explored the object in art and turned rubbish into art – Enjoy their recontextualised coffee cups



Year 11 - Contemporary Still Life

Drawing and Painting



Careers News



Information for year 12 students:



Early bird applications for 2020-21 admissions close 30 September

To avoid higher processing charges, complete, pay and submit your application by midnight on September the 30th. You only pay once and then can participate in as many offer rounds as you choose.

Undergraduate applications and offers

Steps to completing your application

1. Enter your personal details (including a personal email address - don't use a school address as it will expire). The name on your application **must** match the name on your official ID, otherwise you'll have problems when you enrol.
2. If you're a 2020 Year 12 student, enter your Year 12 student number (issued through your school) and UAC PIN. **(2020 NSW HSC applicants and ACT Year 12 applicants:** Your UAC PIN will be emailed to the address you registered with NESA. **All other**

applicants, including Year 12 students from other states: Your UAC PIN is the first four digits of your date of birth – eg if your birthday is 3 October, your UAC PIN is 0310.)

3. Provide details of your studies and qualifications (including completed secondary studies and complete or incomplete certificate, diploma and degree studies).
4. Select up to **five** course preferences.
5. Accept the applicant declaration.
6. Pay for your application with a credit card (Mastercard or Visa) or PayPal account. 2020 Year 12 students can also pay using BPAY or Post Billpay (in Australia only). Your application is **not complete** until you have paid.
7. **Check your email regularly** for updates on your application.

Once you've applied, you can change the order of your preferences – or even the courses you've selected – as often as you like before the closing dates for each offer round. (Some courses have early application closing dates so check for these as well.) Simply log in to your application using your UAC application number and UAC PIN. You can't change your preferences by phone, letter or email.

For more information go to:

<https://www.uac.edu.au/currentapplicants/undergraduate-applications-and-offers>



Offer Rounds

International Students: Application and offer dates for 2021 admissions

Most offers to 2020 Year 12 applicants will be made after ATARs are released in December, but there are many offer rounds throughout the year.

Application and offer dates (Sydney time): semester 1, 2021

Apply and pay by midnight on	Change your courses by midnight on*
Tue 15 Dec 2020	Sat 19 Dec 2020 (originally Thu 17 Dec)
Sun 3 Jan 2021	Mon 4 Jan 2021
Fri 8 Jan 2021	Sat 9 Jan 2021
Sat 23 Jan 2021	Sun 24 Jan 2021
Fri 5 Feb 2021	Sat 6 Feb 2021
Fri 5 Feb 2021	Sun 28 Feb 2021
Unconditional offers released at 7.30am on	
Wed 23 Dec 2020 (originally Mon 21 Dec)	
Sat 9 Jan 2021	
Thu 14 Jan 2021	
Fri 29 Jan 2021	
Fri 12 Feb 2021	
Fri 5 Mar 2021	

* Do not change your courses between this date and the date offers are released; if you do, you may miss out on an offer to your preferred course.

Retrieved 26/08/2020 from:

<https://www.uac.edu.au/current-applicants/international-applications-and-offers>

Mrs Cawood

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

