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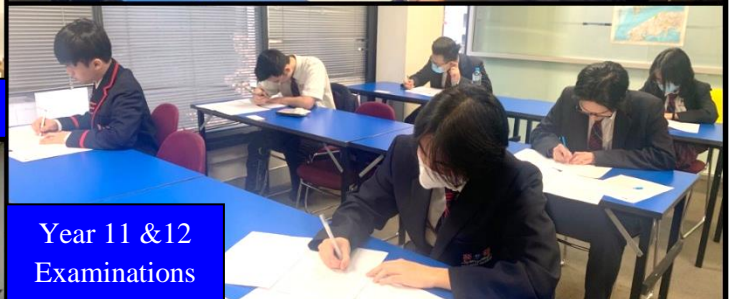
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Science Experiment



Year 11 & 12
Examinations



Visual Arts Excursion



Geography Excursion

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Winter Term 3, 2021

New Students' Orientation & Staff PD Day	Mon 19 th July
Winter Term 3 Lessons Commence, 8:30am	Tues 20 th July
Parent-Teacher Information Evening	Mon 26 th July
Year 12 Semester 2 Examination Week	Mon 23 rd -Fri 27 th Aug
Year 12 Semester 2 Examination Week	Mon 30 th -Fri 3 rd Sep
Year 11 Assessment/Exam Week	Mon 6 th -Fri 10 th Sep
Junior Assessment Week	Mon 13 th -Fri 17 th Sep
Lessons Conclude, Awards Assembly, 11:30	Fri 24 th Sep
Year 12 Valedictory Assembly, 1:30pm	Fri 24 th Sep
Labour Day Public Holiday	Mon 4 th Oct

Spring Term 4, 2021

New Students' Orientation & Staff PD Day	Mon 11 th Oct
Spring Term 4 Lessons Commence, 8:30am	Tues 12 th Oct
HSC Examinations Commence	Tues 12 th -Fri 15 th Oct
HSC Examinations Continue	Mon 18 th -Fri 22 nd Oct
HSC Examinations Continue	Mon 25 th -Fri 29 th Oct
HSC Examinations Continue/Conclude	Mon 1 st -Thur 4 th Nov
Junior Assessment Week	Mon 22 nd -26 th Nov
Lessons Conclude, Graduation Assembly-9:00am	Wed 8 th Dec
Staff Professional Development Days	Thur 9 th -Fri 10 th Dec
HSC results released and	Fri 10 th Dec
HSC results Inquiry Centre Opens	Fri 10 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- 5.00pm

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

At the time of writing this article for the school newsletter, the New South Wales Government announced the lockdown for Greater Sydney to contain the spread of the latest outbreak of COVID - 19. Therefore, to keep everyone safe over the next two weeks everyone is confined to their homes. The school will be closed to the public, but Reception will accept calls and emails. All Year 12 lessons during the break will

take place online through Microsoft Teams. At this stage lessons will recommence for Winter Term 3 on Tuesday 20th July, with social distancing and the wearing of masks to continue. I wish everyone a relaxing break, keep safe and I look forward to seeing everyone for the commencement of next term.



Awards Assembly

The term concluded with the Autumn Term Assembly where a number of students were acknowledged for their good work



in the areas of academia, leadership, service and sport. It was wonderful to see our students receiving these awards and I encourage all our students to continue to be diligent with their studies and to take the opportunity to be involved in the life of the school. Congratulations to all the awardees, especially Misheel Tulgugar as the Junior Academic Student of the

Term, to Johnny Wang as the Senior Academic Student of the Term and Omar Sutisno for his Leadership.

Student Reports

Reports were issued to students on Friday the last day of term during Tutor Group and posted and emailed to parents or guardians over the first week of the break. If Parents or Guardians haven't received their child's report by Friday 2nd July, contact Reception on (02) 8228 3022. Please take the time to review your child's report and counsel her or him on her or his results.



Farewell

At Friday's Assembly the school farewelled Miss Aitken after two terms of service. The students enjoyed her lessons and was well-respected by students and staff. We thank her for all her good work in Visual Arts and for her leadership in guiding and overseeing the Student Representative Council. She will be missed by the school community and we wish her well for the future.

Appointment

I am pleased to announce that a Visual Arts teacher has been secured and will be introduced in Term 3.

Parent/Guardian - Teacher Interviews

At this stage Parent /Guardian - Teacher interviews are expected to go ahead on Monday 26th July. If COVID - 19 restrictions continue, it maybe postponed but an announcement will be made at the beginning of Winter Term 3.

Mr Rekouniotis

Director of Welfare and Operations

As the term concludes, I would like to thank the parents/carers or guardians for your fantastic support over the ten (10) weeks. I am particularly appreciative of everything that you have done in supporting the school.



School Break Classes for Year 12 Students

School breaks are a great time to relax and put the HSC to the back of your mind. However Year 12 students, it can be used to reduce stress and revise in preparation for the challenges you will face in Terms 3 and 4.



To further assist Year 12 students with their preparations for the HSC, a number of Year 12 teachers volunteer their time to offer additional lessons at Macquarie Grammar School over the break. There is an expectation that students attend these lessons, as they constitute an excellent preparation for the upcoming HSC Trial and HSC Examinations.

Online lessons will be offered between Monday 28th June and Friday 16th July, with times determined by teacher availability. A timetable of scheduled lessons has been published on the Skoolbag app and was issued to students before going off on their break. The scheduled times for each lesson may change but students will be notified, by their class teacher.



I would like to acknowledge the commitment of the teachers towards their students, as they are giving their time generously over the break to conduct these lessons. They are very dedicated teachers and they encourage all Year 12 students to take advantage of this opportunity.

Full Uniform with Pride



Students attending Macquarie Grammar School are expected to wear their full school uniform at all times. High standards

are required in regard to dress and appearance. Students act as ambassadors for the school when wearing the school uniform both inside and outside the school environment.



When students are seen in public, they must wear the full uniform correctly and only items approved by the school. For example, it is not appropriate for a student to wear the uniform in public with non-uniform shoes, cap, jumper etc. All items of clothing should be clearly named so that they can be readily recovered from lost property and returned to the owner.

Student Attendance



An important legal requirement of all schools is to maintain accurate attendance records. The recording system and processes at the school allow us to know whether students are at the school or not and assists us in ensuring the safety of all students. The school records the daily attendance of all students at the start of each day and is completed by their class teachers at 8:00am (Period one) or 9:00am (Period 2) and 8.45am by their Tutor Group Teachers. To ensure we can account for every student, we require the parents of students who will be absent, to either call the school Office (82283022) by 8:30 am, or email sso@mgs.edu.au/office@mgs.edu.au where the SSO (Student Service Officer) will record the



absence on the Denbigh System. If the school has not been notified by 9:00 am, the SSO begins contacting parents or guardians of any absent student. All absences require a written explanation and a Medical Certificate to substantiate the absence. This should be provided to the SSO on the day the student returns to school. Reasons for absences are recorded.



Are you getting enough sleep?

Sleep is vital for normal daily functioning. Insufficient sleep leads to decreased motivation, sleepiness during the day, irritability and low tolerance levels, difficulties in focusing attention, and difficulties with self-control. Adequate sleep is vital for effective learning.

Sleep deprivation among students is a serious issue but by empowering parents with the knowledge, practical strategies and tools to manage sleep deprivation this can be overcome and sleep health improves for the whole family.



I would also like to congratulate all of the students who were recognised and nominated to receive an award for their achievements. Please encourage your child to maintain their effort because all of the staff are very keen to recognise what they have been doing and to share and celebrate their success.

Mrs Sun

Director of Curriculum and Compliance

The End to a Busy Term

Autumn Term Two (2) proved to be a very busy one! Year 7 and 9 participated in NAPLAN tests, and the assessment results will provide valuable information and assist the school in planning and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Once again, we expect the results to confirm student achievement in literacy and numeracy and take our school again well above the state average. Our senior students have completed their exams and assessment tasks and Year 12 students have already started their campaign towards the HSC, in October. I am pleased to say that some excelled themselves in their attempt to raise their standards and that will definitely be reflected in their final results. We wish them all well in this most important year. Term 2 formal reports have been sent home. These reports will highlight and outline

student achievements across the curriculum, attendance and attitude to learning.

Over the holiday enrichment online lessons are generously offered by our teachers and encourage all our Year 12 students to attend and fully participate to benefit from and look forward to supporting the progress of our senior students through this initiative. This holiday please encourage your child to complete independent reading every day. Students are also encouraged to complete journal writing. In the current circumstances, the opportunity to express thoughts and ideas becomes even more important. Keeping a daily account of life during these extraordinary times is also something that can be revisited in future years. Teachers will provide writing prompts for students to use.

School resumes for students on Tuesday 20th July at 8:30am with the staff participating in professional learning activities on Monday 19th July. During the first week of next term, Year 10 students will receive their subject selection forms for Year 11. Parent/Guardian - Teacher interviews will take place on the Monday of the second week of next term. Parents/Guardians please mark this date and attend parent teacher evening to ensure your child makes the best choices possible and receives important feedback on his/her progress, which will assist them with their studies. This evening is a wonderful opportunity for teachers, parents and students to share information to enhance learning outcomes. It gives parents an opportunity to discuss their child's strengths and weaknesses, any particular interests or concerns, and to enquire how they could best support their child with their learning. An email will be sent to parents/guardians with the booking instructions. Also, next term our students will participate in two major competitions held in August: Australian Mathematics Competition and ICAS for both English and Mathematics.

I would like to thank the students and staff for their work this term. I wish that all students and their families have an enjoyable term break.

Mr Alexandru

Business Studies

Recently in Year 11 Business Studies, the students were given the opportunity to run their own business by operating a Snack Bar for students during the SRC Movie Day event. The students were given a real taste of running their own business by conducting market research and completing taste testing, selecting and organising the purchase of products for sale, setting up operational procedures and setting the price for the products being sold. The event was a great success, with the students making a profit and enhancing their understanding of some very important business concepts and ideas. Congratulations and well done to the Year 11 Business Studies class.

Ms Brun

From our project managers:

Chloe Le:

"I really enjoyed participating in running a business for Movie Day because I get to communicate and work with different people to achieve the goal of this small business

which was selling snacks for students for Movie Day. We were having a fun time tasting different snacks and coming up with surveys to do the pre-order for the students. Personally, I got to understand the overall experience of running a real business while still learning and enjoying new ideas."

Mikhail Komarovski:

"At Macquarie Grammar School, we have an event held each term called "Movie Day". This has become a part of the school routine for members of the SRC and, this time, Year 11 Business Studies led by Ms Brun played a huge role in organizing the food sale for the event. I, as one of the project managers for the event and as the co-manager for food sales, was responsible for many important decisions involving preparations for the event. The latest event was the largest one in terms of preparations in comparison to the two other previous Movie Day events. Generally, it became more complicated because more people took part in the event, plus the Business Studies class analysed what people actually wanted to eat and drink providing a wide range of products. There were a couple of unexpected difficulties which were resolved and these made the event an even more exciting experience for both teachers and students who gained experience and knowledge in organisation, teamwork and some aspects of running a business. All profits were allocated to the SRC account to hold more exciting events for students."



Students "popping" and packaging corn.
Students filling the pre-orders ready for delivery.

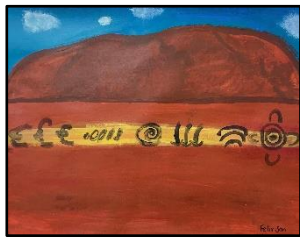
Ms Brun

Visual Arts

Year 9 Visual Arts students visiting the MCA (Museum of Contemporary Art) at Circular Quay, focussing on the Richard Bell Exhibition 'You can go now', 2021.



Students Artworks



Miss Aitken

Career News

Open Day

This year we are planning to return to a face to face on campus Open Day on **Sunday 15 August from 10am-2pm** at our Berwick, Gippsland and Mt Helen campuses. Students can register online at federation.edu.au/openday, for Course guide please visit at federation.edu.au/publications

National Careers Institute

School Leavers Information Kit (the SLIK) available on yourcareer.gov.au/schoolleaver and the **School Leavers Information Service (1800 CAREER)**. Both initiatives are available to help our students understand their future career options.

Any students are seeking for more information and advice, please call 1800 CAREER (1800 227 337), text SLIS2021 to 0429 009 435, or by emailing schoolleavers.nci@dese.gov.au. They provide students a free 45-minute session with a qualified Career Practitioner over the phone to get personalised and tailored assistance in considering their education, training or employment options.

Careers' Teacher

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 notification.

Android Users

Simply search for "Macquarie Grammar School" in Google Play on your phone and install.

