



Semester 2, Term 4 2019

## CALENDAR CHECK

### Term 4

**Week 5 Mon 11 Nov:** HSC 2020 Parent Information Evening

**Week 6 Thurs 21 Nov:** Music Year 10, Recording Studio Excursion

**Week 6 Fri 22 Nov:** History Mastermind

**Week 7 Thurs 28 Nov:** All My Own Work, Year 10

**Week 8 Tues 3 Dec:** Year 6 Orientation Day

**Week 9 Mon 9 Dec - 10 Dec:** Year 7 Swimming & Lifesaving School

**Week 9 Mon 9 Dec:** SALT – Girls in Trade

**Week 9 Tues 10 Dec:** Presentation Evening

**Week 9 Wed 11 Dec:** Year 10 Clearance/Year 11 2020 sign in

**Week 10 Mon 16 Dec:** P & C Christmas by Candlelight

## PRINCIPAL REPORT

Welcome to Term 4

We welcome 2 new faces to our school community this term, firstly Ms Thompson in HSIE replacing Mr Meszner whilst he's on leave, and Ms Jabara, also in HSIE filling in for Mr Croft whilst he on leave.

Term 4 is a busy term with lots of great things going on. The beginning of the term saw Yr 11, now Yr 12, participate in Australian Business Week (ABW). ABW is an enterprise, experimental learning program engaging students in a virtual world of business for a week. Students collaborated, communicated, created and critically reflected on their hospitality related business. The week culminated with an official Business Awards function where Businesses celebrated their success in a variety of Awards. This inquiry-based learning experience is proven success of quality, engaging, teaching and learning benefiting our students as 21<sup>st</sup> century learners.

Yr 10 Commerce conducted their annual 'Business Day' where they ran a business venture they had designed for all members of our school community to purchase their goods and Services. Yr 10 commerce worked in groups to design, advertise and engage with potential consumers to allow them to see first-hand the challenges and complexities of small business ownership. A valuable hands on learning experience for our students.

It is also a very important time for our Yr 12, 2019 students as they have now completed their HSC exams and officially signed out of school. It has been interesting listening to their aspirations and dreams post school. As they eagerly await their final results, we

wish them all every success as they begin this new chapter in their lives.

This time of the year is characterised by formal assessment for all junior years. Examinations are taking place, and in class assessments are well underway to allow students to demonstrate what they have achieved during their studies this semester. It is important that students maintain a regular study routine to ensure they are best prepared during this important time.

We recently welcomed Yr 7, 2020 students from Banks PS, St Clair PS and Clairgate PS. Students participated in a variety of 'taster lessons' giving them a snapshot of learning in the High School setting. Students were very keen to participate. We will see them again later this term for their formal orientation day.

Our focus to engage our school and community has continued this Term. We held a very successful presentation on cyber safety for our parents. Parents commented on the importance of trying to be on top of this issue given their child's dependency around mobile phone use and the many social media platforms available.

We have also held the first in a series of 'Parent Connect' sessions with our Yr 12, 2020 parents. The focus is to ensure parents feel confident about what's ahead for their son/daughters during their HSC year. It also allows for a partnership to develop between school and home where we work side-by-side with our parents/carers to ensure success for their child.

The Department of Education's goal is to ensure 'every student is known, valued and cared for'. This term we have commenced our highly anticipated whole school mentoring program, U Matter. Students have been introduced to their teacher mentors who they will work with during a weekly scheduled mentor period for the duration of their schooling. To compliment this we will begin a daily homeroom in 2020 where students will meet each morning to 'check-in' and make sure they are prepared to engage in their learning

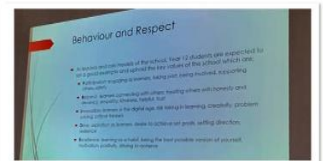
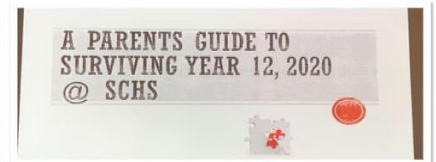
As we begin preparations for the final part of the school year it is important to acknowledge our commitment to ensuring St Clair High School is a safe, caring and supportive community. Our core focus is to make sure all members of our school community have access to their learning in an environment where **Participation, Respect, Innovation, Drive and Excellence** are valued.

Thank you for your continued support of our SCHS community.

Mrs Julie Tegar, Principal



#### U Matter Mentoring Launch – Meeting our Mentors



#### Yr 12 Parent Connect HSC Event



#### Parent Connect – Cyber Safety Presentation



## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

HSC Examinations - Year 12 have now completed their HSC examinations and clearance procedures at St Clair High School. They will eagerly await their HSC results in December and their ATAR and University placements. The staff at St Clair High look forward to hearing what pathway this cohort will pursue next.

Yr 6 Orientation Day - On Tuesday 3rd December, our Year 7 cohort for 2020 will be attending the Year 6 Orientation Day. Ms L Morrison will be their Year Adviser and has already been working with groups of students in Year 6 along with Mrs Sharma and Mr Thurtel to ensure that their transition to High School is positive. The Orientation Day will commence at 9 am in the School Hall. The School Uniform Shop will be operation on this day

Year 10 into 11 enrolment day – Wednesday 11th December is year 10 clearance and Year 11 enrolment day. These students will receive information regarding school requirements, course requirements, the Senior School Charter and the payment of course costs. The School Uniform Shop will be operating on this day. There will be facilities for parents to pay subject fees on this day at the front office. Families who are unable to meet this requirement at this time will be required to enter into an agreement to pay the subject fees at a convenient time or through an instalment arrangement

Year 12 2020 - Year 11 students have now commenced their final year of schooling and are now referred to as the HSC class of 2020... Attendance at every class is one of the keys to success. There are a number of support personnel available to support students during the HSC year these include:

- Year 12 2020 Year Adviser: Mr Dowd
- Year 12 2020 Assistant Year Adviser: Ms Brennan
- Head Teacher Wellbeing: Mrs Owston
- Relieving Careers Advisor: Mrs McKinnon
- Head Teacher Teaching & Learning 2020: Miss Holt
- EAL/D Teacher: Ms Saisithidej
- Learning Support Teacher: Mr Thurtell & Ms Sharma
- School Counsellors: Mrs Sun and Mr Vidler
- School Chaplain: Mr Piper
- Deputy Principal: Mrs Shepherd

## RESPECT MATTERS BREAKFAST

On the 31<sup>st</sup> of October, the SRC and Social Justice Team took part in our inaugural Respect Matters working breakfast. This was to kickstart our Respect Matters Month focusing on respectful relationships and breaking the silence on domestic violence. Emma Sloan from West Connect Domestic Violence Services spoke to the students about the issue of domestic violence and what respectful relationships look like before we enjoyed a breakfast catered by our fantastic hospitality team. The students worked hard on their own initiatives that will be rolled out throughout the month to continue this important work.

Mrs Brady and Ms Halunga



## STORY-FEST EXCURSION

On Friday 18 October, a select number of year 8 and 9 students made their way to Customs House in Circular Quay to attend this year's Story-fest. We spent the day being immersed in spoken word poetry, workshopping our own poems and taking a walking tour of the Botanic Gardens with regular stops to hear more poems. At the end of the day, we had an open mic poetry slam and two of our students braved the crowd to showcase their work. The theme of the day was 'identity' and as such, all the poems created were based around this idea. This meant that we all had to delve into the recesses of who we are, what we feel and who others perceive us to be. Our two representatives in the open mic were incredibly brave to share their work. All of students who attended the excursion represented the school admirably with their work ethic as well as the way they conducted themselves.

Mrs Brady

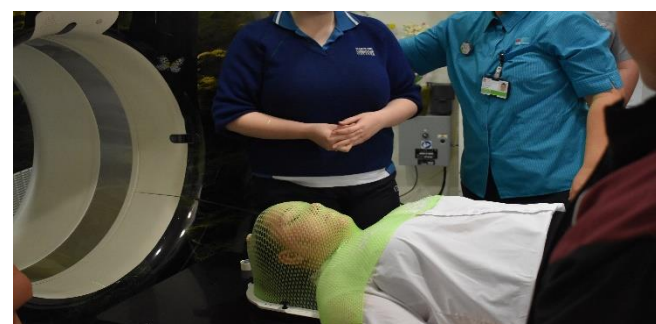


## ISABELLA STEIN - HEALTH INSPIRATIONS WORK PLACEMENT at NEPEAN HOSPITAL

Isabella Stein recently participated in a Health Inspirations work placement at Nepean Hospital. Her report from her supervisor was excellent. He said "It was a fantastic week learning about careers in Health. Isabella was an excellent representative of St Clair High and made the most of every opportunity. Isabella was enthusiastic and delightful and it was great to be in her company each day."

Well done Isabella!

Kym McKinnon  
(Relieving Careers Advisor)





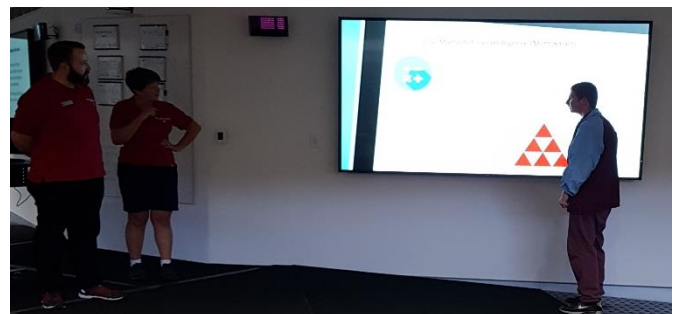
## WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY FAST FORWARD PROGRAM

The WSU Fast Forward Program was a very fun filled day allowing us to unlock more of our potential as a student. The program explored through various aspects of education and helped us build more confidence and academic ability and increasing our awareness of post-school educational opportunities and promoting the benefits of lifelong learning.

The day started off with a quick bus ride to the university, from our arrival we were welcomed by four Uni Mates where they introduced their selves and led us into our waiting area, from there we were further introduced to other Uni Mates and had a light morning tea provided by the university. After our light morning tea we were moved to the presentation room where all the schools gathered, we then explored the different types of Multiple Intelligences and different types of future careers. Our school also participated in different games and activities on the day. By 11 o'clock it was lunch time, our school headed up to the Food Hall where there was a variety of food choices such as Subway, Three Cows Café and a Kebab & Pizza Store. After lunch we participated in a challenge where us as a student have the opportunity to explore and become familiar with the campus by completing challenges along the way. This challenge was like a team building activity it included completing a puzzle, good teamwork, communication skills and leadership. After an hour we went back to the presentation room where we presented our campus challenge findings and our solutions to our students and other schools. To end the day we completed a survey of how our day has been and what impact the program has made. Before we leave, our Uni Mates calculated the scores for every school scoring them depending on their behaviour and participation, our school topped out at 3 out of 6 schools beating Erskine Park High School and Colyton High School just to name a few.

Overall the Fast Forward program was a really exciting day for us students and teachers. It helped us understand more about future education and gave us ideas of future careers to take, the program showed us our personal strengths and our skills on developing problem solving and critical thinking skills.

- Christofle Constantino & Salim Wakileh





## KALDOR PUBLIC ART PROJECT 2019 AT AGNSW

Year 10 Visual Arts Class will be presenting their Public Art Project 2019 to the audience at the Art Gallery on 18 November at 10.30 – 2pm. at the AGNSW on 18 November at 10.30 – 2pm.

One of the strongest outcomes from this project is the pride students have in their work which will be evident when they present their projects to a broader audience at the AGNSW.

The Arts Unit are delighted that a number of students and teachers will be in attendance. To facilitate a shared experience where other students at school and the rest of our community, there will be a Zoom broadcast starting at 10. 30am on the 18 November that will enable others to watch the Launch by just putting the link into a web browser URL:<https://zoom.us/j/614743585>

Being a web link it can be watched on mobile phone, laptop/ computer or Ipad all that you need is internet access.

During the Zoom broadcast, the professionally filmed documentaries of our will be screened and students will speak about their experiences to the audience. We believe this will be a way that families and all members of the school community can easily share the great experience.



## AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS WEEK (ABW)

Australian Business Week (ABW) is an annual period of collaboration between peers featuring St Clair High School's incoming Year 12. For two decades, students have been required to develop and improve an existing business such as hotel. ABW challenges students to work under pressure, meet deadlines and remain resilient while they work as a team. Year 12 were tasked with developing and improving a hotel company for a simulated 2 years. Each team would have to create reports on their company's progress, develop advertisements and manage their company's financing for five days.

As is always the case, our students did tremendously well. It was wonderful to see our new Year 12 cohort working so hard together to achieve an enormous amount in a short space of time. The corporate dress worn by students looked fantastic and the students can be extremely proud of what they produced during their participation in the program. Onwards to year 12!





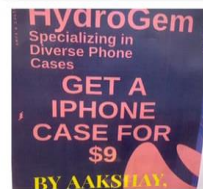
## REMEMBRANCE DAY

St Clair HS put everything on hold at 11am on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November to commemorate and recognise Remembrance Day. In 1918, on the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month, all fighting in Europe ceased, ending World War 1. Students were reminded of the scale of loss, devastation and sacrifice. We also spoke of the fact that for the first time, Remembrance Day is now marking more than 100 years since the Great War. However, for this reason, pausing to stop and think is more important than ever. School leader Bailee Schoenherr did a great job of reading the poem, 'In Flanders Field'. Students were incredibly respectful in their observance of the Last Post and Minute's Silence.



## COMMERCE – BUSINESS DAY

The annual Running a Business day for Year 10 Commerce took place early in Term 4 and was yet another resoundingly successful event. This year two Year 10 Commerce classes took part in the event. The businesses run on the day looked amazing and were the product of many weeks planning. Students had been required to complete business plans, marketing surveys, advertising campaigns, calculate running costs and more. The enthusiasm from the students were fantastic and the range and complexity of business ideas were simply outstanding. Congratulations to all students who took part, and thanks to the staff for helping!



## ST CLAIR HIGH SCHOOL

### SOUND & LIGHT CREW

I would like to extend a special thank you to the St Clair High School Sound & Light Crew. This group of students fulfil a special role within the school, organising and running the audio and visual components for some of our most important events, including Harmony Day, the CAPA showcase night and, most recently our premier event, the Year 12 Graduation. Recently, the team have undertaken numerous training sessions in order to navigate an entirely new sound and light system that requires and allows for far greater technical control and mastery than our previous analogue system. The team consistently demonstrate enthusiasm, commitment and reliability when organising and running school events, often requiring them to sacrifice their own personal time to ensure that events run smoothly and seamlessly. Well done Sound and Light Crew and thank you!



**From Left to Right:** Leaugania Tautua, Jasmin Seko, Joshua Aldeguer, Jamie Xerri, Tarek Hamdy & Ronan Hallet. **Back Row.** Mr A. Dowd & Mrs S. Cenda.

**Not Present:** Kaylen Newbery Sams and Layla Tefali.

## CAREERS

**The St Clair High School Careers website:**

[www.stclairhighcareers.com](http://www.stclairhighcareers.com). Register in the student secure area.

**Job Jump:**

For years 10, 11 and 12 – go to [www.jobjump.com.au](http://www.jobjump.com.au) and login using the school password: **stclaircareers** for access to lots of information about career pathways.

**Study. Work. Grow:**

Here's another great tool for finding your career path! Log onto: <https://studyworkgrow.com.au/school/st-clair-high-school/>. The school code is SCHS2019.

**Life Launcher:**

Over 3000 jobs - [www.lifelauncher.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lifelauncher.nsw.gov.au)

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**CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT**  
**MONDAY 16 DECEMBER 2019**

