

# Newsletter No 5

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Narara Valley Community,

It has been fantastic to see all of our students return to face to face learning. The year has been a steep learning curve for students, teachers and parents alike. Congratulations to the entire community on their continued application to the ever evolving situation in which we find ourselves. Online learning was embraced by all and there was continued teaching and learning. Staff mastered the art of zooming and new learning platforms, students participated and our wonderful parents supported everyone. Thank you!

Our Year 12 continued to complete their course content online and have returned to school preparing for their upcoming HSC Trials and their final term of school. Students need to focus for these last few weeks to ensure the best possible results for their HSC. It will be a year to remember.

Subject selection will be upon years 8 and 10 at the end of this term where they will be given information to make choices for the next two years. Booklets will be going home and information provided to parents for the final choices early in Term 3. More information will be made available as the process progresses. Please have discussions with your child and look at options available in the booklet, especially if your child is unsure as to what courses they would like to study for the next two years.

We are in the process of planning, designing and creating an Aboriginal Yarning Circle with a fire pit for smoking ceremonies at the front of the school on the western side. The gardens around the circle will have totems to represent the seasons with native edible plants. This will be an outstanding outdoor learning space of cultural significance for all of the school to use.

The school is almost back to pre-covid operations. We still have regulations around external excursions, events and external visitors to the school. As these restrictions are eased we will keep you informed, as this is still quite fluid. If parents and carers have any concerns, phone calls and online meetings are still an option.

Semester One reports will be slightly different to our usual reports reflecting on student engagement and application to their work and skill development. These will be online prior to the end of term. Parents can discuss these with their children and seek further information from their child's teacher.

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT Cont./

Students are reminded of our school values of Respect, Responsibility and Personal Best. Be kind to each other, think before you act and respect that everyone is different. If you have any concerns or questions please contact the office for assistance.

Once again a huge thank you to all of our community for your patience, cooperation and contribution to this great school during this rapidly changing landscape .

### SAMOAN FORREST

Rel. Principal

## DP's REPORT Years 7 and 9

It has been fantastic to see students back at school and in the classroom after the period of learning from home. Both Year 7 and year 9 students have readjusted to the routine of being back at school and able to catch up with friends in a positive fashion.

I would like to remind students of the importance of being organised for the school day, looking at what subjects they have each day and ensuring they have the required equipment for each lesson. It is important that students remember our Positive Behaviour for Learning principles at Narara Valley and it is a student's responsibility to be at school on time, with the correct equipment and prepared to participate in the learning opportunities provided by their teachers.

It is also important that students have respect for one another and all members of the school community. I have been impressed by the vast majority of students who are displaying pride in the school by wearing our school uniform. As we move into the colder months it is important that students have the correct jumpers to stay warm while showing how proud they are to be members of Narara Valley High School.

Finally, Semester One reports will be issued for students in Years 7 and 9 later this term. It is a great opportunity for students to reflect on their efforts so far this year and discuss strategies they can work on to improve their achievement in each of their subjects at school with their family and teachers .

### **GEOFF FLEMING**

Deputy Principal Years 7 and 9

## DP's REPORT Years 8 and 11

### Year 8

Next week all Year 8 students will be issued with the Year 9 Elective Choices Booklet. From Year 9 students can select elective subjects that they have an interest in learning. Students will receive additional information about the electives from the Head Teachers of the subjects available. If you have any additional questions please contact the relevant KLA Head Teacher.



### Year 11

Students in Year 11 should be working on completing and submitting their Term Two assessment tasks to their personal best. Year 11 Reports were issued using the Parent Portal this week. If you have not been able to access the Parent Portal please contact the School Office for Technology Support. If any Year 11 student has an N-Warning issued for course work they need to ensure that they complete the required tasks to ensure they meet all course requirements.



## DP's REPORT Years 8 and 11 Cont./

### School Uniform

As a school community we are trialling the wearing of PLAIN BLACK tracksuit pants over the winter. Students are still allowed to wear grey pants or a skirt if that is their preferred winter uniform. We do not want to see any LOGOS on either jumpers or pants. Students in Years 7 to 9 are to wear the RED SCHOOL JUMPER while students in Year 10 to 12 are required to wear the BLACK SCHOOL JUMPER. Parents are reminded that if they need assistance purchasing a uniform they can contact the school office. In addition to this we do have lots of second hand uniforms, which are in excellent condition available to students.



### Reconciliation Week

This week staff and students have participated in National Reconciliation Week events. It is a time to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements. Students in Years 7 to 9 had the privilege of hearing from Bruce, sharing what reconciliation means to him and sharing his knowledge of Mabo and the Torres Strait Islander Flag. He finished with a song. The students also watched the Triple J Unearthed Video of the Baker Boy song Marryuna.



### AMANDA BARRALE

Rel. Deputy Principal Years 8 and 11

## DP's REPORT Years 10 and 12

### Year 12

Year 12 Parents and students please read below.

This information is directly from the COVID-19 section on the NESA website and was updated on the 5th of June 2020. The information listed provides important updates for a range of courses. Please follow the links where appropriate to find out more information.

The [Higher School Certificate \(HSC\) exams are going ahead in 2020](#). The [HSC exam timetables](#) have been released.

Education authorities are working together to ensure a [pathway to university for Year 12 students](#).

For all HSC activities, NESA and schools are following advice from the [Australian Health Protection Principal Committee \(AHPPC\)](#), which is also supported by NSW Health.

Key dates and deadlines listed on the NESA website are subject to change due to the [COVID-19 outbreak](#). NESA will continue to update you with exceptions and changes to relevant deadlines.

Download an [overview of changes to the 2020 HSC](#) (PDF)

### HSC written and oral language exam timetables

The 2020 HSC [written exam](#) and updated [oral language exam](#) timetables are now available.

The timetables will start later than originally planned to give students more face to face time with their teachers to revise, ask questions and seek support in the lead up to the exams.

Schools will conduct exams in line with the [Australian Health Protection Principal Committee advice](#) to reduce the risk of COVID-19.

HSC results will be released on 18 December.

### Practical and Performance exams

There are changes to the practical and performance examinations for:

[Creative Arts](#)

[Technologies](#)

[English Extension 2](#)

The following practical examinations will continue to be externally marked and the due dates are unchanged.

Dance Major Study – Dance and Technology Option 1: Choreographing the Virtual Body

Drama Individual Projects

Music submitted works

Society and Culture Personal Interest Projects.

## DP's REPORT Years 10 and 12 (continued)

### Minimum standard online tests

NESA has increased the chances Year 12 students have to sit the minimum standard online tests. Students yet to meet the HSC minimum standard will be able to attempt each test up to six times in 2020, with 14 calendar days between re-attempts.

This is to make sure students have a fair and reasonable opportunity to sit the short, online minimum standard tests during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Students in Years 10 and 11 continue to have four chances a year to sit each test.

Find out more about the [minimum standard online tests](#).

Communicate changes to your school with our [fact sheet](#) and [flyer](#).

### Mandatory work placement in VET

Students are no longer required to undertake NESA-mandated VET work placements.

Learn more about [VET work placement in 2020](#)

### Students with disability

Some students with disability may need to continue learning from home due to increased risk relating to COVID-19.

As a result, schools must continue providing reasonable adjustments to learning and assessment activities for these students.

Schools should also continue submitting [disability provisions applications](#) for the 2020 HSC exams.

Learn more about providing for [students with disability](#).

### Year 10

Year 10 students have had excellent attendance and participation rates in class since returning to school this term. I have been very impressed by the high level of engagement and positive interactions displayed by most Year 10 students. A reminder to all of the year group to keep up the effort in attending all classes as it is good preparation for next year when they become seniors working towards their HSC.

Year 10 students will have the opportunity to participate in subject selections for Year 11 in 2021. Booklets for subject selection went home on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2020. Ms Green has also sent the booklets home electronically. Weeks 1 & 2 of Term 3 will be student interviews to identify subject choices that relate to individual student goals, skills and interests. Final submission of subject selection will be Week 3 of Term 3.

Ms Green, Mr Bush and I will keep students informed and advised on what is expected during the subject selection process. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions.

### ROY GOODENOUGH

Rel. Deputy Principal Years 10 and 12

## WELFARE REPORT

Gratitude was our Mindmatters focus last week now that we are back at school.

Students wrote letters of Gratitude during this time to reflect on what they are grateful for.

### Year 8

Reminder for Year 8 Parents: 'Future Proofing' Study

Just a reminder to parents of Year 8 students that this will be going ahead in Term 4 so could parents please visit this website to learn more about the study and submit your permission form:

<https://www.fpstudy.org.au/2zuQW>

If you have any questions regards this study please don't hesitate to contact the school.

### Year 9





YAM program will also be going ahead in Term 4 and more information will come home to parents next term regarding this Mental Health Program

### Year 10

Vaccinations will occur for Year 10 in Term 3 and vaccinations forms will be sent home shortly for these.

Remember these resources are still available during this turbulent time



<p><b>Headspace</b></p> 	<p><b>eheadspace provides free online and telephone support and counselling to young people 12 - 25 and their families and friends.</b></p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p><b>Group Chat 24/7</b></p> <p>1 on 1 Chat</p> <p>9AM - 1AM</p> <p><a href="https://headspace.org.au/eheadspace/">https://headspace.org.au/eheadspace/</a></p>
<p><b>Kids Help Line</b></p> 	<p><b>For anyone 25 or under - Kids Helpline is a free, private and confidential 24/7 phone and online counselling service for young people aged 5 to 25.</b></p>	<p>1800 55 1800</p> <p>24/7</p>	<p><b>Webchat 24/7</b></p> <p><a href="https://kidshelpline.com.au/get-help/webchat-counselling">https://kidshelpline.com.au/get-help/webchat-counselling</a></p>
<p><b>Lifeline</b></p> 	<p><b>For all ages - 24-hour crisis support telephone service. Lifeline provides 24/7 crisis support and suicide prevention services.</b></p>	<p>CALL: 13 11 14</p> <p>24/7</p> <p>TEXT: 0477 131114</p> <p>6:00PM - Midnight</p>	<p><b>Crisis Support Chat</b></p> <p>7:00PM – Midnight</p> <p><a href="https://www.lifeline.org.au/get-help/online-services/crisis-chat">https://www.lifeline.org.au/get-help/online-services/crisis-chat</a></p>
<p><b>Youth Beyond Blue</b></p> 	<p><b>Beyond Blue provides information and support to help everyone in Australia achieve their best possible mental health, whatever their age and wherever they live.</b></p>	<p>1300 22 4636</p> <p>24/7</p>	<p><b>Chat Online</b></p> <p>3:00PM - Midnight</p> <p><a href="https://www.youthbeyondblue.com/">https://www.youthbeyondblue.com/</a></p>



## PDHPE REPORT

Welcome to another installation of PDHPE News!

Term 2 is well under way, albeit with a bit of a change to the way we are doing things!

It is important to know that the equipment being used in PE is constantly being washed and sanitised to ensure there is a limited spread of germs. This is also being upheld in classrooms where each of our teachers are supplying hand sanitiser to the students.

As stated previously there has been a cancellation of all Sydney North and CHS sports this year. Many sports are hopeful of running gala days towards the end of the year and this includes touch football and softball who have already put the feelers out to garner interest in schools attending these days.

We are looking to organise and hold a cross country carnival towards the end of Term 3, however this will be dependent on the restrictions in place at the time. This will not go towards students qualifying for Sydney North or CHS but it will be based around encouraging school spirit.

### Subject Selection

Subject selection will look very different this year for our Year 8 into 9 students and, in particular, our Year 10 into 11 students. The PDHPE faculty will have videos explaining each of our senior subjects (SLR, CAFS & PDHPE) and our Year 9/10 elective (PASS). Please take the time to read the information booklet and watch these videos to gain an understanding of what our subjects entail and if your child would be interested in selecting one of them. The PDHPE staff are always available to answer any questions you or your child may have regarding the subjects we offer so please get in contact with us.

### School sport

We will be continuing with our fortnightly sport throughout the rest of the term. However, we will need to adjust as restrictions are lifted. At the current stage we cannot take students to external venues, although we are hopeful this will lift next term. We are looking to offer an extension of TSP into next term with coaches being offered for rugby league, touch football, netball, basketball and soccer. We will look to garner student interest in the coming weeks to see for which sports will be viable to offer this coaching experience.

### TSP

TSP will be slightly different during Term 2 due to the current restrictions as coaches are not able to enter the school. The PE staff will be providing coaching and fitness sessions with an emphasis on working under fatigue.

If there are any current Year 7 & 8 students who might be keen to participate in TSP, please contact Mr Neate in the PE staffroom.

If you have any queries regarding PDHPE, please don't hesitate to contact Mr Neate via email – [evan.neate1@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:evan.neate1@det.nsw.edu.au)

### EVAN NEATE

Head Teacher PDHPE

## MATHEMATICS REPORT

We are towards the end of the term and continue to see good things happening in Mathematics. The majority of students continue to receive positive mentions for following the school values of respect, responsibility and personal best. The Mathematics faculty has issued over 3800 positive referrals this semester. Students are encouraged to continue their outstanding efforts.

Some students are becoming particularly forgetful when it comes to having the appropriate equipment for Mathematics. It is imperative that students have an exercise book, calculator and pen in order to complete the required course work.

Calculators are still a pressing issue, as some students are frequently attending classes with no calculator. This becomes an issue as we only have a limited supply to lend. Calculators are a requirement to complete course content across all years. Calculators can be purchased from the school's front office at a cost of \$22. It is imperative that all students have a calculator to complete set class work and examinations.

It was very pleasing to see the majority of students be involved in the remote learning during the end of Term 1 and the start of Term 2. Teachers have generally reviewed the work taught during this time, however, it is important that students do complete the work as the next assessment tasks may include this work.

Term 2 assessment tasks are:

Year 12      Extension 1 – in class test on  
                  Advanced – in class test on  
                  Standard 2 – in class test on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June  
                  Standard 1 – in class test on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June

Year 11      Extension – assignment due Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June  
                  Advanced – assignment due Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June  
                  Standard – assignment due Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June

Year 10      In class test on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June

Year 9      Assignment to be issued late Term 2 and due Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July

Any student in Years 10 to 12 who is absent on the due date will require appropriate documentation explaining the absence, such as a medical certificate, as per NESA requirements or a mark of 0% may be recorded.

A reminder that study sessions are available for students who require additional assistance in Mathematics. These sessions are run by Mrs Air on a Monday afternoon in A5 from 2:30 – 3:30 for all students. If you are interested and require more detail don't hesitate to contact the Mathematics faculty.

### **SONIA DOUGHERTY**

Rel. Head Teacher Mathematics

## SCIENCE REPORT

The Science faculty have welcomed back our students and commend them on their application since returning to face-to-face learning. All students have returned eager to learn and hopefully maintain this renewed sense of enjoyment at being back in the classroom.

Year 8 have been busy learning about the Body Systems and will be undertaking some dissections over the coming weeks which they are all very eager to attempt. We would also like to congratulate Year 8 on submitting their research task on Bionics.

Year 9 have been learning about the very relevant concept of disease. They too will be able to experience various dissection activities and other experiments throughout this term to supplement their learning in class. Year 9 must also be congratulated on their research task they submitted on various infectious diseases.

Year 10 are enjoying the many aspects to the Earth and Environment unit, looking at many relevant global issues such as climate change, global warming and ecosystem management. Later this term, they will be submitting their IRP which students have been working on in class with many undertaking very interesting experiments.

Our Year 11 students are already half-way through their courses with most having submitted two assessment tasks. See attached some photos of the Year 11 Biology students and their excellent models of prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells:



Year 12 are in the final months of their schooling career, with many welcoming the return to school. With the HSC exams set to go ahead as planned, all students are encouraged to seek assistance from their teachers to ensure they have completed all work while online learning and clarify any difficulties.

Throughout this whole situation, we have regrettably had to cancel many of our planned excursions. We understand these educational experiences provide students with such enrichment and we will endeavour to re-organise many of our planned excursions as soon as it is deemed safe.

### MAX ENDERS

Rel. Head Teacher Science

## TAS / VET REPORT

Firstly, welcome back!!

It has been lovely seeing our students' faces again and gradually getting back into the swing of practical lessons. We want to congratulate those students who have effectively engaged with our online learning in TAS/VET and maintained a positive work effort throughout the past few months.

It is that time of year again where we think about making Subject Selection choices for Year 9 and 11 students for 2021. The TAS/VET area has a wide range of subjects with lots of engaging opportunities for students and we encourage students to be discussing opportunities in the TAS area with their teachers over the coming weeks.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or uncertainties regarding anything this term.

### **STUART HARVEY**

Head Teacher TAS/VET

*Below are some photos of students late last term and since returning to school this term.*



## ANTI RACIST CONTACT OFFICERS REPORT

There are global and local issues which are causing people to reflect on the treatment of others. We are fortunate to be part of a school with three clear values which align with the issues in today's world.

**Respect** diversity – we live in a connected world and the diversity around us extends beyond race to other aspects including religious beliefs and gender.

**Responsibility** to be thoughtful - read, listen, learn and respond. Be open to learning more about people and their experiences. Respond actively if you hear inappropriate discussions.

**Personal Best** in dealing with others – welcome all people and celebrate in what they have to share.

As the Anti-Racist Contact Officer (ARCO), I am available if students, parents or care givers have concerns regarding racism. Please contact me during school hours.

### DI TWOMEY

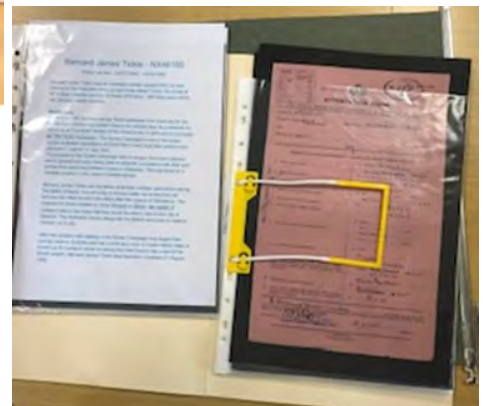
Head Teacher HSIE



## HISTORY REPORT

### Year 9 History World War Artefacts

Congratulations to those students who participated in creating a World War Artefact. Some amazing examples are below.



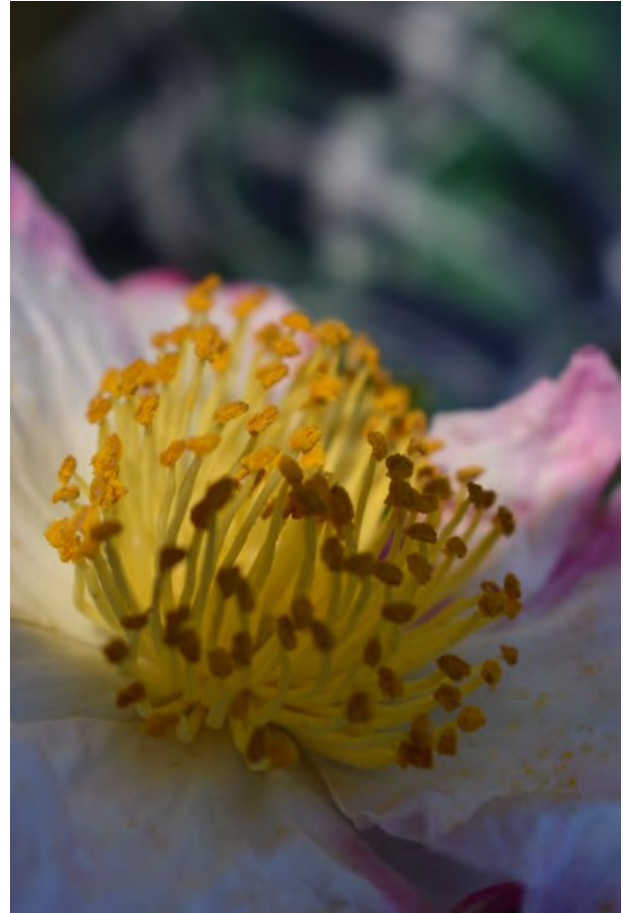
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Head Teacher HSIE

## CAPA REPORT

Creative and Performing Arts Tutorials will be back face to face as of Week 8. Thank you to our external tutors who have been working hard to deliver the tutorials during Covid via online learning.

Congratulations to Year 12 Photography students for their engagement and hard work completing their online photography challenges. Here are some examples:



**LYNNE AKHURST**  
Head Teacher CAPA