



SEASON'S GREETINGS

Dear staff, students, and parents,

As another successful year concludes at Auburn Girls High School, we can't help but think about the memories we have made as a school community. We were esteemed to have our first harmony day in a few years which brought together a fusion of cultures as well as our wellbeing picnics which offered a much-needed relaxation amid the bustling year. All of these have allowed us to foster a close-knit community we value.

Undoubtedly, our path has been marked by challenges – some anticipated, others unexpected – yet, as a community, we've persevered, demonstrating resilience and determination in navigating through these trials.

Thank you to the staff for their tenacious efforts in supporting the students to achieve their personal best and thank you to the parents for their support and encouragement.

On behalf of the school's leadership team, we would like to extend a heartfelt congratulations to every member of our community.

Your unwavering commitment, resilience, and patience have steered us through the challenges of this year and have allowed us to emerge as vibrant members of the community. Good luck for 2024 and take on everything with a smile.

Kind regards,

Sarah Chaudhary
School Captain

Maryam Hadi
School Vice-Captain



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Principal's Report

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

As Term 4 and the school year draws to a close, I have been reflecting on what an incredibly action-packed year this has once again been for all. I have returned after three terms as Georges River College Principal. At the College my role was to organise and deliver professional learning across all four College Campuses, Oatley Senior, and the three middle schools, Peakhurst, Penshurst and Hurstville. My work included delivering workshops for the College Curriculum Teams, Deputy Principals, Wellbeing Team, leading the College Professional Learning Day in Aboriginal Education as well as leading the Senior Executive Team in College Planning.



Whilst it was an incredible learning opportunity, I soon realised how much I missed being the principal of my own school and working with our students and staff at Auburn. I am incredibly humbled by the lovely warm welcome I have received on my return from students, parents and staff. It is wonderful to be back, and I must thank Ms Bilali, Principal Bankstown Girls High School, Ms Diamond and Ms Minogue for their support in relieving as Principal during my secondment. Thank you to our Head Teachers for their support in relieving for our Deputy Principals whilst I was on secondment and while our Deputies were on leave.

Upon returning to Auburn, I have been fully immersed in the many wonderful activities with our students and staff that make Auburn a joyful school as well as preparation for 2024.

2024 Prefects

It was once again lovely to attend our Year 12 Prefects Induction Excursion where the students posed for the AGHS website photo had the opportunity to get to know each other as team members and begin discussing their work for 2024.



Principal's Report

Community Awards

It was my pleasure to attend two awards ceremonies with Mrs Amr, our Community Partnership Officer, where we watched two of our girls proudly receive highly sought after community awards for their contributions. These awards are in recognition for upholding our school's ethics and values embedded in our motto "Learn Lead Succeed". Congratulations to Shaymaa and Adeena.



Left:
Shaymaa Ayouch,
Year 11
Community
Service Award

Jason Clare –
Member for
Blaxland,
Federal Minister
for Education

Key dates for 2023



The last day for students is
Friday 15th December

Staff Development Day is
Monday 18th December and
Tuesday 19th December

School is closed on
Wednesday 20th December



Above: Adeena Khan Year 11
Auburn Review Citizenship Award
Auburn Review

HSC 2023

My first week back this term began with the commencement of the HSC and wishing our students the best of luck for their final exams. Our Year 12 students completed their HSC Examinations and made us all proud with the way they approached the final leg of their schooling journey. They faced their exams with maturity to demonstrate what they have learnt and seeking to achieve their personal best.

We wish our Year 12 students all the very best for the future and a huge thank you to our Year 12 teachers who have spent much time and effort time supporting the girls leading up to and throughout their HSC examinations. We now eagerly look forward to celebrating our students HSC success on Thursday 14 December when their results will be released to us.

Year 7- 11 Presentation Day Ceremony, 12 December 2023

Recently we celebrated the academic, sporting and civic achievements of our students during our Presentation Day Ceremony. This day is one of the most important events on our school calendar. It was an opportunity for us, as a school community to reflect on the past year's successes, share and celebrate our students' achievements. It was a day of recognition, inspiration, and gratitude as we shone a spotlight on the impressive contributions and accomplishments of our talented girls who deservedly received acknowledgement for their hard work and outstanding efforts throughout 2023. We also recognised and thanked many people for their outstanding contributions to Auburn Girls High School and celebrated the richness of the culture and traditions of our school.

The day was made even more special by the fantastic teamwork of our staff. A huge thank you to the organising team, Ms Diamond, Ms Ibrahim and Ms Ghemraoui. Also, a huge thank you to our teachers who were part of the on the ground support network, quietly ensuring the event ran smoothly. It takes a great deal of coordination and work for such a large event to go so smoothly and be presented so elegantly. I was incredibly proud of our students and our teachers. How lovely was it to spend time with our students and parents in such a positive forum!

Staffing

- We have two of our PDHPE teachers on maternity leave in 2024, Ms. Ibrahim and Ms. Sharkey. We wish both the very best and many blessings with the arrival of new additions to their families.
- Ms Heemi, our Head Teacher Secondary Studies and Careers adviser will be on leave in Term 1, enjoying a well-deserved break with her family in Queensland.
- Sadly, we will be saying good-bye and thank you to Ms Doyle our Head Teacher of Creative Arts/Languages Faculty. Ms Doyle has been a long serving member of our staff and made very many wonderful contributions to our school in her curriculum area and well as wellbeing. We wish her all the very best as she pursues work closer to her home.
- We also farewell Ms Mani from the Mathematics Faculty as she also pursues work closer to her home.
- Mr Lawrence from the Social Science Faculty will be taking extended planned leave for 2024 and we wish him a very relaxing break and enjoyable travels.

2024 Roles

Year Group	Year Adviser	Deputy Principal
Year 7	Ms Nguyen	Ms Kaidbay
Year 8	Ms Wood	Ms Minogue
Year 9	Ms Young	Ms Diamond
Year 10	Ms Khairallah	Ms Kaidbay
Year 11	Mr Lindsay	Ms Diamond
Year 12	Ms Edge	Ms Minogue

2023 Closing

This is our final Newsletter for the 2023 year. I would like to express my gratitude to our whole staff for their amazing teamwork ensuring that our girls' learning and wellbeing needs were met with caring, kindness and compassion. I thank our wonderful teachers for their outstanding efforts in 2023 to ensure our students received the best education possible. To our Head Teachers, a huge thank you for their hard work and leadership. I thank our Year Advisers and Wellbeing Team who have worked incredibly hard to always be there for our students, encouraging and nurturing them. I would like to express my very deep gratitude to the outstanding leadership and tireless work of our Deputy Principals, Ms Diamond, Ms Minogue and Ms Kaidbay.

To our parents and carers, I am eternally grateful for the trust you place in our school and thank you for your support though out 2023.

To our students, I would like to congratulate you for your cooperation, caring of each other and the resilience you have shown this year. I am proud that you strive to be the best version of you.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy Christmas break. I look forward to seeing you all back in 2024.

Anna Tsoutsas
Principal



Key Dates for 2024

Tuesday 30th January – School Development Day 1 for Staff

Wednesday 31st January – School Development Day 2 for Staff

Thursday 1st February -- Year 7 first day of high school

Thursday 1st February – Years 11 & 12 return to school

Friday 2nd February – Years 8, 9 & 10 return to school

Year 7 students will assemble in the school hall at 8.45am.

All students in Years 8-12 will assemble at the start of Period 1 (8.45am) each day for a welcome back assembly, followed by a meeting with their Deputy Principal and Year Advisers.

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Friday 15th December 2023 – last day for students

Tuesday 19th December 2023 – last day for office staff

School closed as of Wednesday 20th December 2023

2024



Students OF THE MONTH



OCTOBER 2023



Zaina Razien, in Year 8, is an excellent student who is a positive, mature role model for her peers. She has near perfect attendance and is always on time to school. Zaina's teachers have all commended her on her commitment to learning and her ability to work independently. Zaina excels in many subject areas and is always fully engaged in classroom activities. She enjoys English as she loves creative writing.

Zaina has earned many awards for her attendance, her outstanding work ethic and for academic achievement in both Mathematics and Science. Zaina is also keen to offer her help and support to her teachers and Year Adviser and has been actively involved in charity days and whole school events, including formal assemblies.

Congratulations to you Zaina on achieving student of the month for October, we are very proud of the bright, kind, and compassionate young woman you are!

NOVEMBER 2023

Israa has been referred to by friends as 'the kindest person they know' and 'who is approachable and inclusive of everyone'. And this is by no means an exaggeration. Israa encapsulates all the qualities students from Auburn Girls High School should aspire to, kindness, creativity, dedication, curiosity, respect, and inclusivity.

Israa started Year 7 like many students with mixed emotions of excitement and trepidation. Negotiating more students than Hampden Park Primary School, multiple teachers, train rides and delays. However, she has found the support from everyone at AGHS made the transition easier and by the end of Term 1 she had made some fond friends and memories.

Her favourite subjects are PE and Sport, and it is of no surprise that she demonstrates great sportsmanship both on and off the field during these lessons. And in extracurricular activities such as competing in the League Tag Gala Day and being part of the Year 7/8 winning team and organising and motivating others during the Year 7 World Cup Football Competition. But also demonstrating her dedication in her karate. She has trained for 6 years and has achieved level 6 with a yellow/white tipped belt.

Israa meets each challenge in life with the same optimism and determination. Daily she seeks to improve her performance and strive for the best that she can be. Another of her fine qualities that make Israa Student of the Month.



Deputy Principal's Report – Year 7 & 11

Year 7

Congratulations to all students in year 7 for completing their first year of high school. With all the school routines well and truly in place, we have seen our these students thrive in their new learning environment. Throughout the year, they have learnt to manage a complex timetable, different teacher, assessment tasks and formal examinations. We acknowledge that each student has approached this transition year differently and I would like to congratulate both the girls and their families for managing the challenges.

As the year draws to an end year 7 have engaged in a range of different learning experiences. These include Swim School, which taught students basic water safety and swim skills at Ruth Everuss Aquatic Centre. The girls worked well with their instructors and developed essential skills to use in the future. We also have our end of year excursion to Treetops on Thursday December 14th. This is a great reward for students, celebrating all their hard work and diligence to the learning environment.

Year 11 (12)

Year 11 have transitioned into their HSC course with excitement this term. Throughout the year students have displayed exemplary values and been outstanding role models for the rest of the school. After wrapping up their preliminary courses in term 3 with Yearly Examinations, students returned to term 4 to begin with an HSC Induction course at Parramatta Park Royal. Each year comes with increasing responsibilities for students and year 12 relished the opportunity to step up their studies as they entered the HSC year.

Alongside this transition in studies comes other exciting changes at school. These include our year 12 Jackets being handed out, providing a visual indication of our HSC students amongst the busy school playgrounds. We have also seen our new school captains Sarah Chaudhary and Maryam Hadi leading not only the prefect group but representing out students in the wider school community. Congratulations to all HSC students in entering their final year with such maturity. We cannot wait to see what you can do this year, and beyond.

Rose Gold Recipients:

Year 7	Year 11		
Eshaal Arsalan Saeeda Asad Ullah Asma Bamyani Aminah Elrishe Haniya Farrukh Aaliyah Fernando Hatice Girgin Souad Hamed Zainab Hussain Abbey Kennedy Hazal Kilic Zifan Liang Tazkia Mohammed Maryam Osman Simra Siraj Maha Yousof Gonul Zengin Angela Zhang	Najiya Afnan Alishba Ahmed Enece Ajaj Duaa Al-Aridhi Alaa Alameddine Shaymaa Ayouch Maryam Bahrami Sarah Chaudhary Aaminah Chaudhry Stella Chow Maryam Hadi Maria Hidari Fatima Imran Adeena Khan Serena Khatib Riya Kumar Jamie Le Sara Mahmoud Khadija Malik Asna Mohammed	Zara Mukhi Zoya Mukhi Zainab Myakhil Simran Najafi Mawahib Rodoshee Ella Saadieh Tabina Taj Ameline Wong Ayah Yassine Amina Zulqamain Hania Ahmed Fatima Akel Hana Barahmeh Nasiha Diwan Huda Faheem Sumaita Hassan Selin Isik Mariam Kamara Samia Kamara Zohara Kazimie	Nargis Khalili Demi Liao Tabasoom Rezayee Mariam Said Zahra Tamoori Saidora Tawakal Lena Abbas Hania Almas Nurdan Cinar Reeda Hussaini Sonia Jaffarie Mariam Kaka Megan Matheson Tammy Matheson Anaheetha Musa Mahsheed Musa Asra Sherzad Nishat Zaman Amina Zulqamain

Ms. Minogue
Deputy Principal, Years 7 & 11

Deputy Principal's Report – Year 8 & 10

Well, it has been another busy but successful end to a year filled with many events, achievements and programs in Year 8 and 10. As a Deputy of Auburn Girls High School, nothing makes me happier than seeing all the students receive awards, certificates, medallions and trophies at Presentation Day. I was so proud to see so many students achieve outstanding awards of academic excellence as a result of their dedication and commitment to their education. Huge congratulations to Lisa Shrestha Dux of Year 8 and Omaina Noor Dux of Year 10.

Well done to all the Rose Gold recipients in years 7 through to 11 for excellence in their consistent effort and attitude to learning with great attendance and good behaviour. We all know that a positive attitude begins with the simple everyday tasks of arriving at school each day on time and with the correct uniform. This is key in making a good start to the day and leads to a successful year of learning.

Congratulations to the following Year 8 and 10 students who achieved the Rose Gold badge.

Year 10		Year 8
Akoyujo Rai	Reihaneh Rahmati	Eva Hamdard
Ayah Sabbagh	Saba Kauser	Fatima Mirza
Bella Guan	Saba Shahrokhi	Lama Zraika
Bo-Hae Nguyen	Samantha Chow	Masoma Salman
Dania Ghuneim	Samira Noori	Mawadah Zeidan
Dorothy Zhang	Selina Lin	Michelle Gaoi
Erika Kuo	Simran Jeet	Sama Rahmati
Fiona Luong	Wendy Huang	Zaina Razien
Fritzie Carlos	Zahra Naim	Zainab Haq
Jeanny Vo	Zaynab Naim	
Lani Mcgrath	Zulhumara Abdreymova	
Leda Guan		

A big thank you to Ms Matta, Ms McVay and Ms Edge for all their work with the SRC and Leadership Teams this year. Helping with whole school events, organising camps, meetings, fundraisers and community events such as the Christmas Drive for the Aged Community has been outstanding. Writing cards and wrapping gifts to deliver to St Vincent's Aged Care is a beautiful gesture to our elder community. The school highly values the dedication and commitment in volunteering their time and representing the school.

A heartfelt thank you again to the Wellbeing Team and the amazing Ms Matta, Ms Ghemraoui, Year Advisers, Ms Georgia and Ms Amr for their efforts in working with our students. Reading reports, organising assemblies, interviews, excursions, as well as the day to day checking in with students is a huge role and yet they continue to dedicate their time to others, especially those experiencing many wellbeing challenges and difficulties. Auburn Girls and I are so grateful for you.

Finally, to all the students who have worked hard and achieved the ultimate reward in being invited to attend the Wellbeing excursions. Congratulations on a great effort! I hope years 8 and 10 enjoyed your day out to the Zoo and Luna Park respectfully. I can hardly wait to hear all the stories and to see the photos.

Happy holidays to the staff, students and families of Auburn Girls. May you have a wonderful, safe and relaxing time with family and friends, whether you are travelling or staying home for some well-earned rest. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Ms Diamond
Deputy Principal, Years 8 & 10

Deputy Principal's Report – Years 9 & 12

Congratulations to all Year 9 we have reached the end of the first half of Stage 5 - Well Done!

To begin, on behalf of Year 9, I would like to thank the wonderful **Ms Douer** who stepped into the Year Advisor in semester two this year. Ms Douer was a phenomenal support to the Year 9 class group in 2023 and invested a lot of time and energy to guide our students making significant positive impact on the cohort's learning and wellbeing.

In 2024, we welcome back Ms Khairallah to the Year Advisor role.

It has been a busy term for Year 9 and there are some outstanding students that are deserving of acknowledgement for their participation in whole school events that enhanced the learning and the culture of our whole school community. This was particularly visible for Tuesday 28 November, **Year 7 Orientation Day** whereby Year 9 played a pivotal role in helping to organise and run this day.

A congratulations and thank you to the following committees and teams:

1. The **video club committee** consists of *Yuthika Seelam, Daniella Ronquillo, Jaydhra Kodarusman and Tanvi Temkar*. These students worked tirelessly in developing their video filming and editing skill. They designed and produced several videos about our school history, culture and environment. One of which was showcased at the Year 7 Orientation Day, and it set a positive tone for the day. Congratulations to these students who have only just begun to explore their creative skills in video editing. Particular thank you to Ms. Rao who provided these young ladies with the opportunity to develop their technology and design skills in their *Documentary Film Unit* for English.
2. The **Peer Support leaders** who successfully fulfilled all activities and met the criteria to qualify for the Peer Support Leadership Responsibilities. These ladies arrived to school early on orientation day to help set up and then run varied activities for the year 6 students. They were a credit to our school and are commended for their activities and maturity. Peer support leaders who participated on this day were: *Yasmin Amoud, Hala Awwad, Ecrin Caglayan, Layal Dandan, Naba Darwish, Daniella Dunia, Arabella Gharib, Aya Haddad, Aiza Hassan, Malak Issa, Reem Mohamed, Israa Mohammad, Seray Pekenti, Farzana Rahimi, Sibgha Rana, Uswa Raza, Daniella Ronquillo, Yuthika Seelam, Pragnya Sharavan Kumar, Arya Singh, Tanvi Temkar, Amy Xian, Aiza Zahid, Selina Zakaria, and Fatima Zreika*.

Wellbeing Day Excursion & Incursion

The Year 9 end of year Wellbeing Excursion is scheduled for Week 10 and students will be going to the Cables Wake Park; this is a fun day for students to unwind and celebrate the end of the 2023 school year with their peers and teachers.

Our school values are *Respect, Responsibility and Excellence*, these values align with our school motto to *Learn, Lead and Succeed*. Students invited to this wellbeing event are being acknowledged and rewarded for consistently demonstrating their adherence to our school values and our school motto. Well done ladies.

Awards

To be eligible for the Rose Gold Award, students have to meet the following criteria:

- 95% or more attendance
- Always in school uniform
- No negative incidents

Each time a student's year advisor identifies a student who meets these benchmarks they are recognised. The following Year 9, Term 4, 2023 Rose Gold Recipients are to be commended for their ongoing efforts and excellence!

Rose Gold Level 1	Rose Gold Level 2	Rose Gold Level 3	Rose Gold Level 4
Kawthar Al Khazaaly Isha Chaudhry Layla Dandan Israa El Chami Hala Hamden Farwa Jaffri Momina Kashif Dilara Kiraz Fasiha Poya Ayah Saadeddine Najuma Sohrabi Sonia Yassine	Madeline Abou-Antoun Raheeq Ali Meerab Babar Malak Choubassi Naba Darwish Aya Haddad Momina Kashif Iram Khan Reem Mohamed Alara Ocak Alina Osmanovic Fasiha Poya Uswa Raza Arya Singh Maryam Mahmood Syeda Sumayya Syeda Umme Tasfiah Zara Waziha Daphne Wu Aiza Zahid Selina Zakaria	Kawthar Al Khazaaly Amara Alameddine Hala Awwad Isha Chaudhry Manar Elnour Aiza Hassan Fatima Heiloo Amanie Jebara Shebratu Kamara Jaydhra Kodarusman Amena Raez Daniella Ronquillo Malalai Saidzada Shabnam Samar Amreen Kazi Fatima Zreika	Sarah Al Tmimi Emaan Ali Rifa Fatima Zoha Fatima Bibi Kainat Hassanatu Kamara Israa Mohammad Nadira Muse Tamana Naim Tina Ngyen Sana Noori Vrunda Patel Seray Pekenti Farzana Rahimi Sibhga Rana Yuthika Seelam Helen Siah Tanvi Temkar Amy Xian

Year 12

Earlier in Term 4, Year 12 commenced their final HSC exams. As a year group, many year 12 students persevered and overcame the academic challenges that the HSC presented.

The Year 12 Formal was held on 14 November 2023, at the L'Aqua Gold Room in Darling Harbour. This was a lovely opportunity for Year 12 to celebrate their end of exams. Thank you to all the staff who attended this wonderful event and to the students who came along one final time to celebrate the end of 12 years of education!

A special thank you to Mrs. Ibrahim who led the Year 12 students and has ensured every milestone is celebrated and recognised. Mrs. Ibrahim has worked tirelessly for the class of 2023 and has championed the students through some of the most challenging experiences they have faced so far.

We wish Year 12 students all the best and anticipate success and positive results in their HSC.

Congratulations and well done.

Ms Kaidbay
Deputy Principal, Years 9 & 12

School News

DANCE GROUP

On the 21st of September the AGHS dance group performed at Sydney Opera House in

"Our School spectacular".

The girls were in rehearsals all day and gave a phenomenal performance at night.

Ms Edge
Dance/PDHPE Teacher



Years 9, 10 and 11 Overnight Excursion



In week 7 some of our students from years 9, 10 and 11 went on an overnight excursion to Gerringong.

Students were invited to participate based on their exceptional behaviour throughout the year.

These girls enjoyed go karting, laser tag, treetop adventure park and visited Kiama Blowhole as pictured below.

Students used this time to bond with each other, creating a connection to each other and building upon their school spirit.

Ms Edge



IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 4 / 2023

WEEK 10

15 December 2023

Last day for students

WEEK 11

19 December 2023

Last day for staff

TERM 1 / 2024

WEEK 1

30 January 2024

Staff Development Day 1

WEEK 2

31 January 2024

Staff Development Day 2

1 February 2024

Year 7, 11 & 12 commence

2 February 2024

Year 8, 9 and 10 return

WEEK 4

21 February 2024

P&C Meeting

Year 7 Parent Information
Afternoon

22 February 2024

Swimming Carnival

WEEK 6

8 March 2024

Zone Swimming Carnival

WEEK 8

20 March 2024

P&C Meeting

WEEK 11

12 April 2024

Last day of Term 1

TERM 2 / 2024

WEEK 1

29 April 2024

Staff return

30 April 2024

Students return

Paint Auburn RE^aD

On the first Thursday of November, a group of year nine students participated with Accessible Diversity Services in the early intervention reading program called **"Paint Auburn ReAD"**. This involved several reading stations for toddlers and their parents, spread along Auburn Road and Auburn Central. The aim of the program is to promote and encourage parents to read to their children at a very early age. The school Captain and Vice-Captain did a wonderful job of acting as MCs for the event, our students were praised by many community members for the wonderful work they have done.



Immersion week

A group of AGHS year 10 students and Abbotsleigh students spent the week together to learn about our various cultures. They interviewed one another about the role that food plays in their culture and their favourite cultural dish. These interviews were used as a bases for creative writing. The week involved several activities including a tour of the Gallipoli Mosque followed by lunch in Auburn; and visiting the NSW Art Gallery. Through these activities, students from both schools formed great friendships and connections.



Year 7/ Orientation Day at AGHS in Term 4 2024



Japanese 日本語

In Week 2, our Year 8 Japanese class went on an excursion to *The Japan Foundation* at Central Park on Broadway where Michie-sensei "greeted us with a smile and a bow". Later we also "went to Kinokuniya and got to see the large variety of manga". "We learnt a lot. I think we got to be a part of something we wouldn't normally try in our personal lives" (Sarah). "I was very sad to leave, the time had passed so quickly. I someday wish to go again with my peers." (Chiweta)



"We got to play traditional Summer festival games in our yukatas" - Sarah



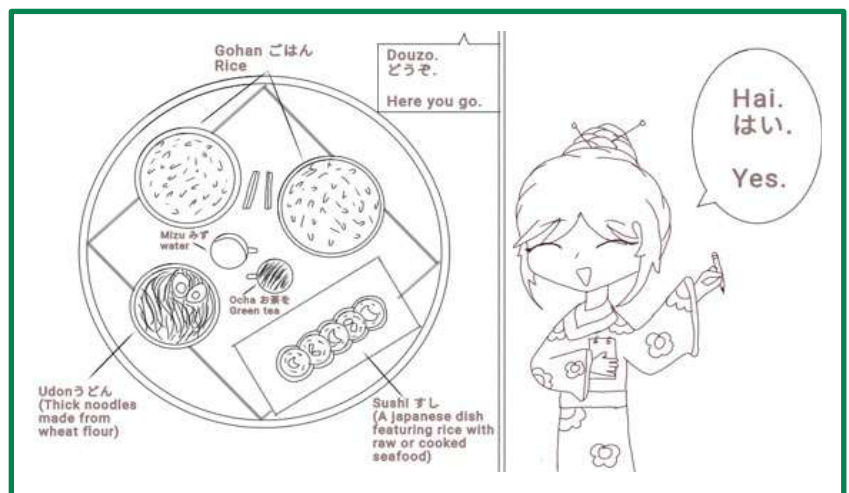
At The Japan Foundation: "We got to explore their library filled with Japanese manga, novels, learning books and comics" - Chiweta



We had fun at Daiso



We learnt new language.



Year 9 Academy U excursion at WSU (Kingswood Campus)

Year 9 students immersed themselves in the enriching Academy U program at Western Sydney University, showcasing their dedication through a myriad of activities. From gathering and analysing data to crafting insightful research articles, video journals, and compelling presentations, these young minds exhibited exceptional diligence and commitment throughout the day.

The program not only honed their academic skills but also fostered a spirit of collaboration and inquiry.

Ms Douer
Year 9 Year Advisor



Science

It has been a very busy term. Year 7 have been learning all about rocks and how the Earth moves through space. They have been having lots of fun understanding how the tilt of the Earth as it spins causes the Seasons and how the position of the Earth, Sun and the Moon results in the phases of the moon. Mrs. Charif's class used Oreo biscuits to make a model of the phases of the moon.

Year 8 completed a Force topic and did some balloon surfing to demonstrate our interactions with different forces. They have also completed a topic on Ecosystems learning about the importance of balance in nature and adaptations organisms must allow them to survive in an environment.

Year 9 have been working hard on their Depth Study booklets. The booklet allows them to improve their working scientifically skills. These Skills are needed for them to complete their first assessment task in year 10 where they complete an experiment to test a hypothesis and write a report on their findings.

Year 8 and 9 students were involved in the Universal Robotics Challenge, which was sponsored by EduTech Australian and the NSW Government. They competed in the Australian Finals on Friday the 1st of December at Homebush.



The students worked in groups to build and code a robot to navigate a course, picking up a package and delivering it to another location in the course. Thank you to Dr Wallis and Mr. Baxter who mentored the students throughout this journey.



They were impressed with the resilience and grit our students displayed as they were faced with many challenges and obstacles. A special mention to Douyna, Amy and Nour, who were the highest scorers on the day from our school.

Our Senior Students have completed practical assessments.

Right is our Chemistry students performing an equilibrium experiment.

Ms Payne
Head Teacher Science



Mathematics

This year has been one of great achievements for our students in Mathematics.

Congratulations to our Year 12 Mathematics students who have successfully completed their 2023 Higher School Certificate Examinations and looking forward to hearing about all the great things you will achieve.



The faculty has engaged in many projects and learning experiences throughout the year.

Year 10 students have studied trigonometry this term. The 10MATS researchers and surveyors were asked to find the height of a tree by:

- Estimating the height of tree. There were some interesting responses.
- Using shadows and ratios.
- Using trigonometry to calculate the height of the tree.

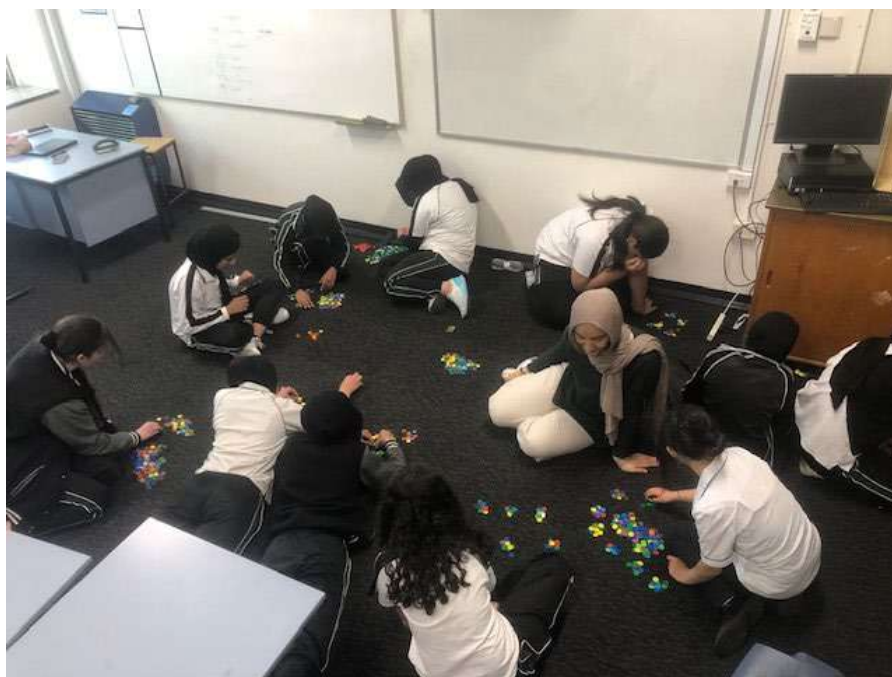
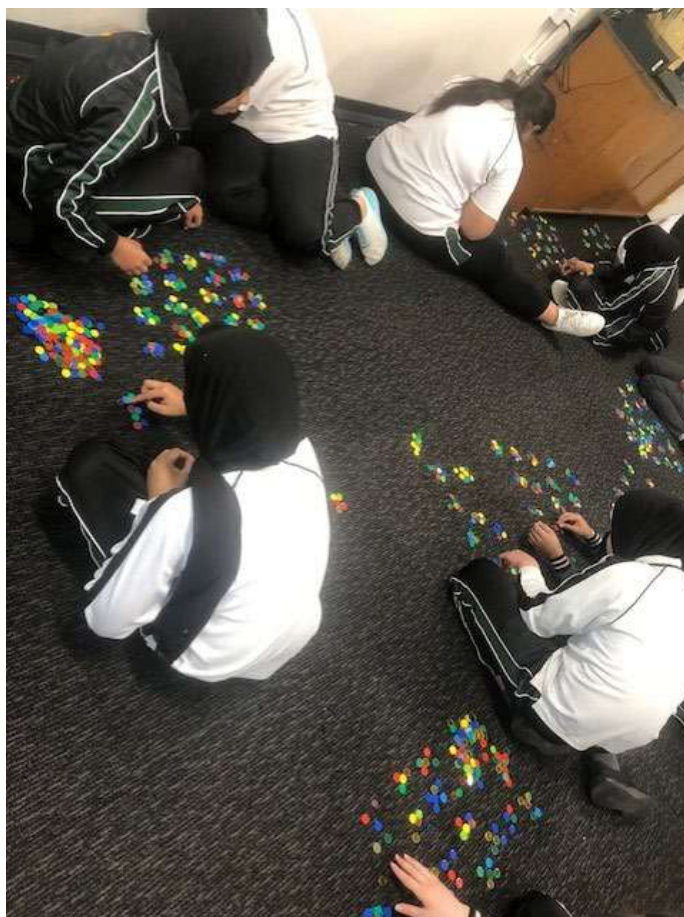
Below are photos of our 10S surveyors in action!

They are applying the skills they have learnt in class to calculate the height of a tree. The students used the trundle wheels and clinometers then put the information collected on their information report.



TRUST THE COUNT ACTIVITY:

7MATW has been working on building their mathematical skills, particularly their additive and multiplicative thinking skills. These images show an activity the students completed called 'trust the count'. Students using multiplication and division grouping strategies like 'double counting' - this means they can keep track of multiple sequences at the same time as keeping track of the number of groups, without relying on material or markers to represent the groups.' Students really enjoyed a hand-on approach to learning! This activity was followed up with reflection questions.



The Mathematics Faculty wishes all our students, staff, and the community a safe and enjoyable holiday. Remember we are all lifelong learners and can apply Mathematics to everyday life.

Mrs Fidanboy
Head Teacher Mathematics

Social Science

Year 10 Commerce

On the 10th of October, the Year 10 Commerce classes ran market day as part of their running a business assessment task. The task required students to team up and plan and ran their own market stall at school as a business.

Students spent an entire term working on this assessment as the rigorous demands of the task required students to complete a business application, market research and surveys, create promotional material, an oral pitch to have their ideas approved, setting up and running their stalls and a peer evaluation at the end.

All students worked hard on this task and are to be commended for their efforts. All profits raised on the day were donated to Save the Children Australia. In total \$1855 was donated to the charity.

A massive thankyou to the entire Auburn Girls High School community for supporting the event.



Social Science Faculty





Support Unit

Farm Day excursions at The Sydney Showgrounds, with the Royal Agricultural Society

The aim of this excursion was to expose students to the wide range of animals that support our primary industries. Students were guided through the life cycle of cotton and given a clear understanding on how science and agricultural procedures have made cotton growing more sustainable.

Students were also given an overview on how Australian dairy farmers growers have water management plans, re-using water from the dairy shed, improving energy efficiency and soil carbon. They were also shown the procedures in dairy production such as cheese, butter, butter milk, cream and skim milk.

Towards the end of our trip the girls were given a hands-on experience. They got the chance to feed and pat the farm animals. Our girls milked a cow, fed the sheep, goats, hens, rabbits, and a blue heeler dog was also on display.

We had a splendid time, and we are looking forward to go again next year!

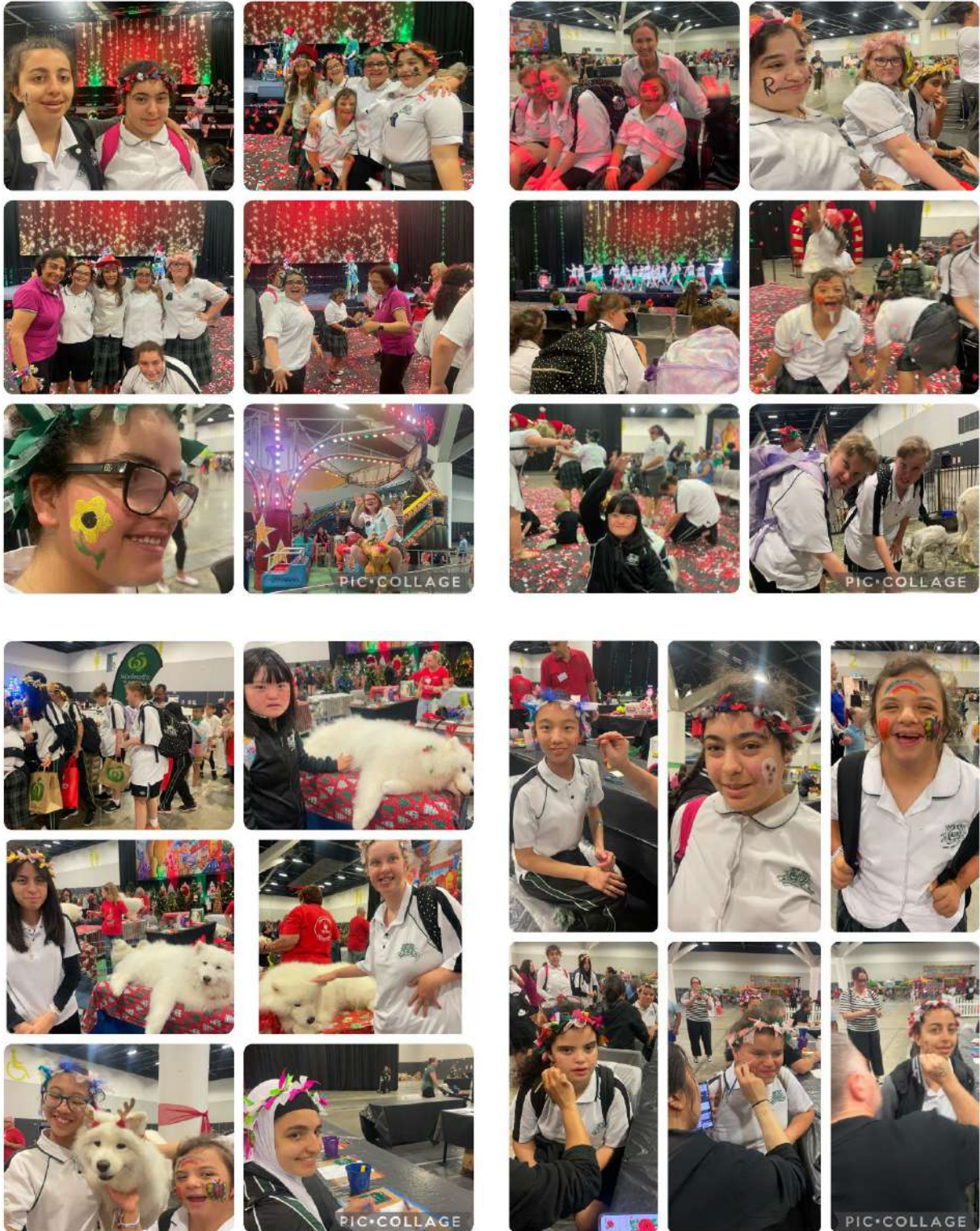


Bowling Day Excursion



Support Unit Excursion to ICC (Convention Centre) Christmas Party

We travelled by Lidcombe Dooleys bus service on the 21.11.23 to Sydney Convention Centre and attended 'The Variety Kids Christmas Party.'





Lego Competition at Baulkham Hills

Our girls were invited to attend a Lego Competition and afternoon tea with Councilor Rosemarie Boneham from the Hills Shire Council. The event took place at Stamford Hall, Balcombe Heights Estate, Baulkham Hills. During their time there, the girls Lego creation was judged by the Councilor. Our girls received a trophy for their amazing work!



Please see below letter received from Royal Agricultural Society of NSW

Good evening Principal, Ms Tsoutsas,

I wish to take this opportunity to say what an absolute honour and privilege it was to host your amazing students at the November RAS Farm Day program on Monday.

First of all, the manners and behaviour of your students were exemplary and true honour to their parents and school. As an educator for many years, I know firsthand that what they displayed, only comes from a strong foundation at home and in partnership with a fine school that puts character education at the forefront.

Secondly, the attitude towards their learning and inquiry is a credit to all of your staff. Many "seasoned" presenters of many school days, commented on the high level of questioning and understanding for students of that age.

Last and not least, special thanks to your amazing team (cc'd on the email) who led this charge, and only wanted the best for the students under their care. Truth and meaningful education can only be achieved when staff such as this answer the call of their vocation and are committed to its delivery through challenges and obstacles. This charge into Agriculture certainly impressed our presenters and RAS Staff, as the students' knowledge is on par, if not beyond, some of the Ag colleges we have hosted

On behalf of the RAS team, thank you, and well done again.

Kind regards,

Duncan Kendall
Head of Education

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With term 4 approaching to the end, everyone is wished a Merry Christmas, a relaxing and safe holiday. Also, get time to recharge and spend time with family and friends, and acquire memories.

Mrs Saleh
Head Teacher Support Unit

Sport News

Semester two has seen some great success for our sports teams and we are extremely proud of the effort, determination, and sportsmanship that our teams have shown.

Volleyball

Our volleyball team have gone from strength to strength this year. Term 3 saw them participate in the Prospect Zone Volleyball Cup, where they came away the undefeated champions. We then participated in the NSW Volleyball Schools Cup, which sees some of the strongest teams in the state battle it out for the championship. The girls were in the year 10 division 2 against 4 other formidable teams and came out as the undefeated champions.

A huge congratulations to the team consisting of Bella Guan, Leda Guan, Mereoni Ravubale, Lani McGrath, Selina Lin, Nawal Khan, and Vrunda Chetenkumar Patel and coached by Miss Bergfield.



We also congratulate the efforts of our junior volleyball team that participated in the Prospect Zone Volleyball Cup coming in third place. The girls continue to improve their volleyball skills and work tirelessly on improving each recess and lunch.

League Tag

On Tuesday 24 October, two teams from Auburn Girls High proudly represented the school at the Prospect Zone League Tag Cup held at Ollie Webb Reserve. The junior team (Years 7/8) claimed the grand final victory, securing their title as champions, while the senior team (Years 9/10) made it to the grand final and proudly earned the runners-up position. Both teams exhibited remarkable resilience, surmounting a slow start to finish strong, even in the face of challenging 33-degree heat.

Special thanks to Ms Ghemraoui and Ms Fagan for taking the teams out for the day and coaching them.



Sportsperson of the Year

Sportsperson of the Year was strongly contested this year as we had such great participation in sport, including our first representatives to make CHS in a long time.

Congratulations to the following students on winning their stage:



Stage 4	Stage 5	Stage 6
Hurriye Akkaya	Mereoni Ravubale	Mariam Kamara

TAS– Semester 2

Sumathi Saravanan



Year 7MAND1 and 7MAND7:

Unit of Work: Delicious Discoveries

Year 7 students created 5 dairy product recipes and evaluated the recipes based on nutritional value.



Zaara and Carissa in the process of making a tasty recipe



Azra and Sireen displaying their recipe— Vegetarian Pizza.

7MAND 1 photos

Year 7 MAND1 girls preparing and making Flying Saucers (Pizza)



Year 7MAND7

Students preparing Chocolate coconut Balls



7MAND7 student- Aaliyah proudly displaying Chocolate coconut Balls.



Manahil diligently cleaning the dishes. Well done!



Samarah and Hatice in the process of making Chocolate coconut Balls

Year 8– Weaving Wonders

8MAND1, 8MAND6 and 8MAND7

Sumathi Saravanan

Year 8 Weaving Wonders

Year 8 students worked hard to create a woven cushion cover this semester.

This semester, three year 8 classes participated in Cushion making project

- 1) 8 MAND 1
- 2) 8MAND 6
- 3) 8 MAND7

Year 8 students displaying their finished product-The Cushion cover.



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Year 8 MAND1, 8MAND6 and 8MAND7



SUTECH- photos

Sumathi Saravanan

SUTECH students displaying few recipes they created this semester.

Students making Apple Crumble, Butter cream and Mini Pizzas.



Wishing you a wonderful holiday season

Kind Regards

Mrs Saravanan

TAS Teacher

Year 9 Food Technology

Students of Year 9 Food Technology have eagerly been waiting all year to bake and decorate a children's birthday cake as part of their assessment task for this term.

I am extremely proud of all the girls as they have demonstrated amazing skills and talent in cake making and decorating.

Mrs Manti
TAS Faculty



Below are some of the cakes students made.



Wellbeing

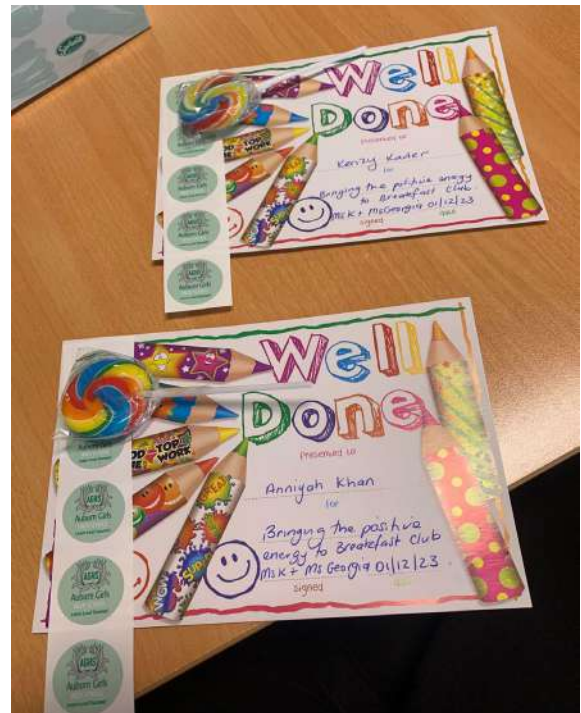
The wellbeing team has been working hard this year to create a positive school culture. We undertook several initiatives this year. One of our core strategies to improve attendance and positive behaviour is Breakfast Club. Auburn Girls High School has partnered with the Food Bank to provide breakfast to students Tuesdays and Fridays during school term. A huge thank you to our Student Representative Council and Leadership students who have volunteered their time to assist the school in running this program. Many thanks also to Ms. Khairallah, Ms. Mustafa, Mr. Matta, Ms. Sama and Ms. Georgia for their assistance in making the Breakfast Club run smoothly.

It's been a big year for the Wellbeing Team at AGHS and I'd like to thank all members of the Wellbeing Team for their continued hard work and effort to help make Auburn Girls HS a special place to work. Please see below a collection of photos of some of the amazing initiatives that taken place this year.

Ms Matta
Head Teacher Wellbeing



SRC students handing out freshly made cheese toasties.



Awards for Breakfast club super stars



International Teacher's Day we celebrated our wonderful teaching staff at AGHS with a staff morning tea.



Year 12 2023 Leadership students running a Q&A with Year 6 students transitioning into Year 7 next year.



One of our staff morning teas which took place every few weeks to promote cohesion and contribute to a positive school culture.



R U OK DAY 2023 was celebrated with a staff morning tea



One of our amazing Charity days. Thank you, girls, for your hard work.

We welcome and congratulate our 2024 Leaders.



Our Mascots enjoying SRC School Spirit Week

English

Dear Parents and Community Members,

As we approach the end of the 2023 school year, the English Faculty at Auburn Girls High would like to extend our gratitude for your continued support and engagement throughout this year. It has been an eventful and enriching year for our students and faculty, marked by numerous achievements, milestones, and exciting developments within our department.

Reflecting on the past year, our students have demonstrated exceptional dedication to their studies and a remarkable passion for literature, writing, and critical thinking. Their creativity, resilience, and commitment to learning have been genuinely inspiring. We are immensely proud of each student's growth and accomplishments.

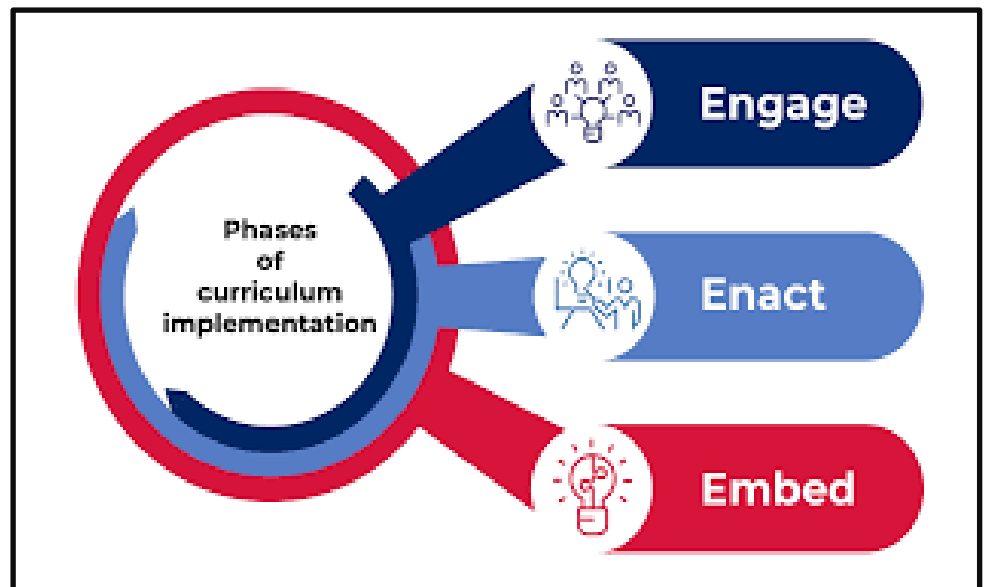
Notable Highlights from the 2023 School Year:

- **Student Achievements:** Students from Years 7 to 12 have shown personal growth in their skills in reading and writing. Some have excelled in literary competitions, public speaking events, and writing contests both at the local and regional levels. Their achievements reflect their hard work and the guidance provided by our dedicated teaching staff.
- **Innovative Teaching Approaches:** The English faculty has continually strived to employ innovative teaching methods, incorporating technology and diverse learning resources to create an engaging and dynamic learning environment. We firmly believe in adapting our approaches to meet the evolving needs of our students.



Looking Ahead to 2024:

We are excited to announce the rollout of our new curriculum for the 2024 academic year. The English Department has been diligently working on a comprehensive curriculum revision to enhance our students' educational experience. The updated curriculum incorporates:



- **Diverse Literature Selection:** We have diversified our reading lists to include a broader range of voices, cultures, and perspectives. This will enrich students' understanding of global issues and foster a deeper appreciation for multicultural literature.
- **Emphasis on Critical Thinking and Writing Skills:** The revised curriculum emphasises developing critical thinking skills and honing writing abilities across various genres. Students will engage in more analytical and creative writing exercises to cultivate their communication skills.
- **Integration of Technology:** We are integrating technology more effectively into our lessons to facilitate collaborative learning, digital research, and multimedia projects, preparing students for the digital landscape they will encounter beyond the classroom.

As we approach the summer break, we encourage students to continue their development through reading, writing, and reflection. We are confident that the experiences gained this year will serve as a solid foundation for their future academic pursuits.

Once again, we extend our sincere appreciation to the parents, guardians, and community members for your unwavering support. Your involvement is instrumental in the success of our students.

Wishing everyone a restful and rejuvenating summer break. We eagerly anticipate welcoming our students back for the exciting journey that awaits us in the 2024 academic year.

Warm regards

The English Faculty

Library

The library has been a hub of activity this year.

Congratulations to the 52 committed student readers who completed the **Premier's Reading Challenge!** 'Readers are Leaders!' We are so proud of every one of you!

Special congratulations to Amreen Kazi and Jaydhra Kodarusman, who won medals this year for completing the PRC for ten years in a row.



Some Library Monitors attended an excursion to the State Library NSW where they visited the Stacks five floors below.



Library Monitors Samira and Zulkhumara created beautiful book displays of their own initiative.



Library Monitors Reihaneh, Salha and Sama help in the library regularly to keep it organised

The library also won a Sustainability Grant this year through School Infrastructure NSW. Our goal is to help our school reduce our food waste and to turn it back into food. Some goals of this project are to use different composting options for food waste to grow food, technology and library skills. We have also created a new garden.



We ask students to put their food waste in our small green wheelie bins.



Students weigh the food scraps before we put them in our compost bins. We can measure how much waste and pollution we are reducing for the school. We use this compost to grow food and plants as well as flowers that attract bees and insects to help the plants grow.



Tomatoes are growing in our garden.



In front of the new library noticeboards during the lunchtime faculty compost caddy pickup duty. Samira, Zulkhumara, with Reihaneh holding a compost caddy with her label design, & Salha. Zulkhumara and Samira decorated the noticeboards with flowers and butterflies made by Zulkhumara



Compost Club members plant a new garden with Sustainability Advisor Michael Mobbs and Gardener Dominic Vartuli



Parent volunteer, Dr Jadeja, helps Rihana Jadeja plant flowers.

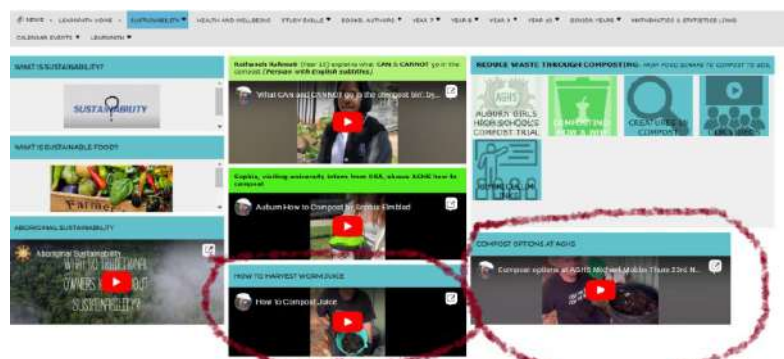


7E researching how to compost in Library Skills classes.

There are new videos on how to compost made by students and teachers in the Oliver Library catalogue in the LearnPath site's Sustainability Guide.

Please visit it and have a look!

You can log in through the DoE staff or student portal:



<https://oliver-17.library.det.nsw.edu.au/2/learnpath/guide/SUSTAINABILITY1>

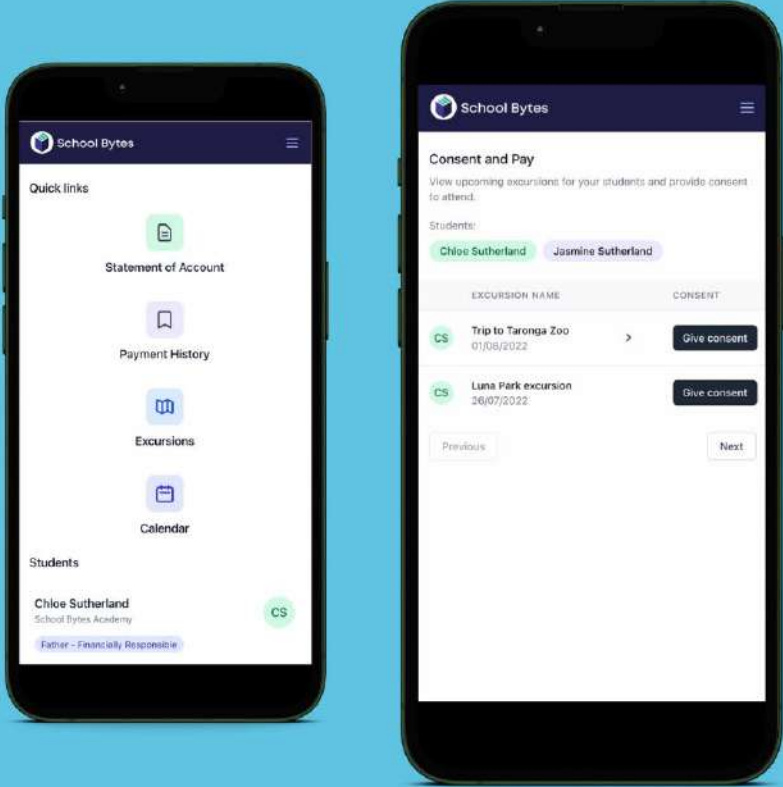
Have a Happy Christmas everyone!

***Ms Park
Librarian***

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