



**Auburn Girls**  
HIGH SCHOOL

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## Year 12, 2022



To the graduating class of 2022,

We finally made it. The end of year 12, the end of 13 years of schooling. Looking back, we had such good memories, such as the Luna Park excursion or Year 7 camp. These were simpler times filled with laughter and smiles. These were times when our biggest worry was what we were going to have for lunch. Now that we are older, and HSC is soon approaching I know we are all stressed out of our minds. However, to wanted to take this opportunity to look back at our past achievements. I know that each and every one of us has survived trials and a lot of us have finished minimum standards. We have all developed lifelong connections with friends, teachers, and mentors. I hope we all have a shoulder to cry on a person to share successes, someone to goof around with. We are so close to the end. I hope you all enjoyed the farewell assembly and graduation. The leadership team wishes you all good luck and the best of wishes for the future.

**Sharona Ta**  
*School Captain*

**Robah Goreishi**  
*Vice Captain*

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# Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Carers

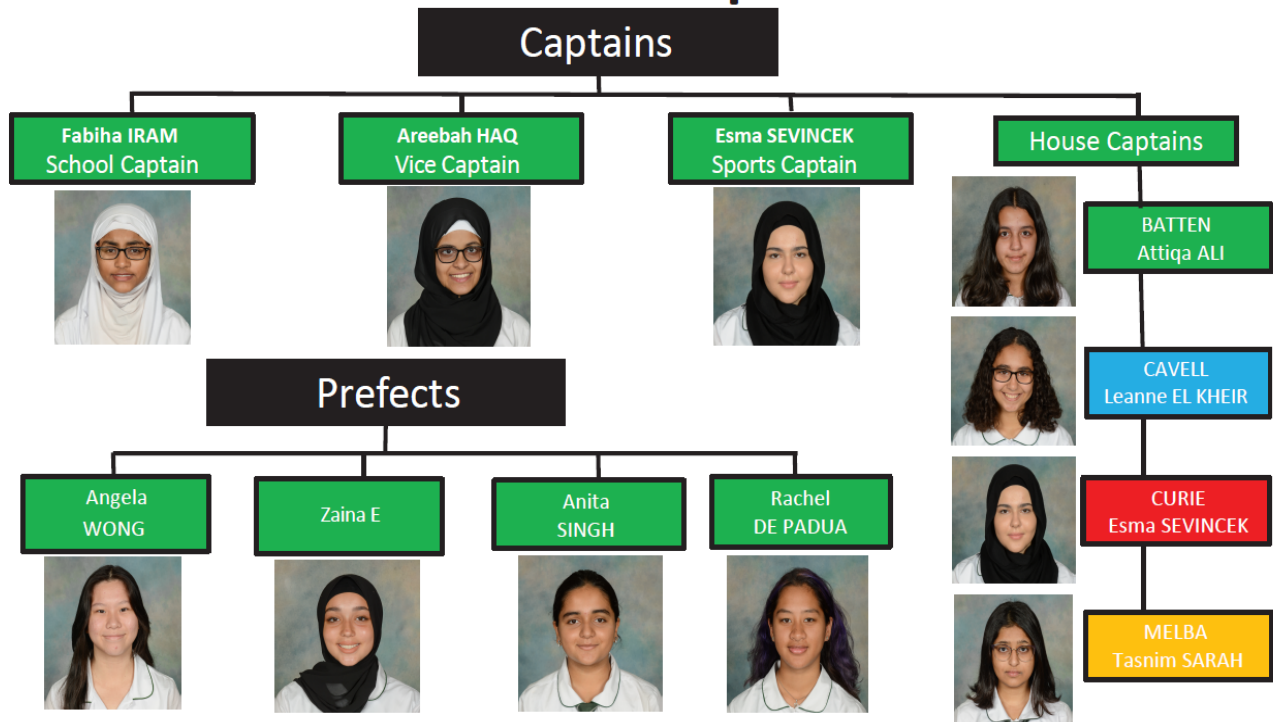
You will find in this newsletter a snapshot of some of the wonderful events and news that make our school such a vibrant learning community. I hope you enjoy this edition of our newsletter.

## 2023 Student Leadership Team

I am proud to announce the 2023 Auburn Girls High School Leadership Team. After a rigorous selection process the following students have accepted the privilege of representing our school as the 2023 student Leadership Team.

Congratulations and I look forward to working with this inspiring team of leaders.

## 2023 Leadership Team



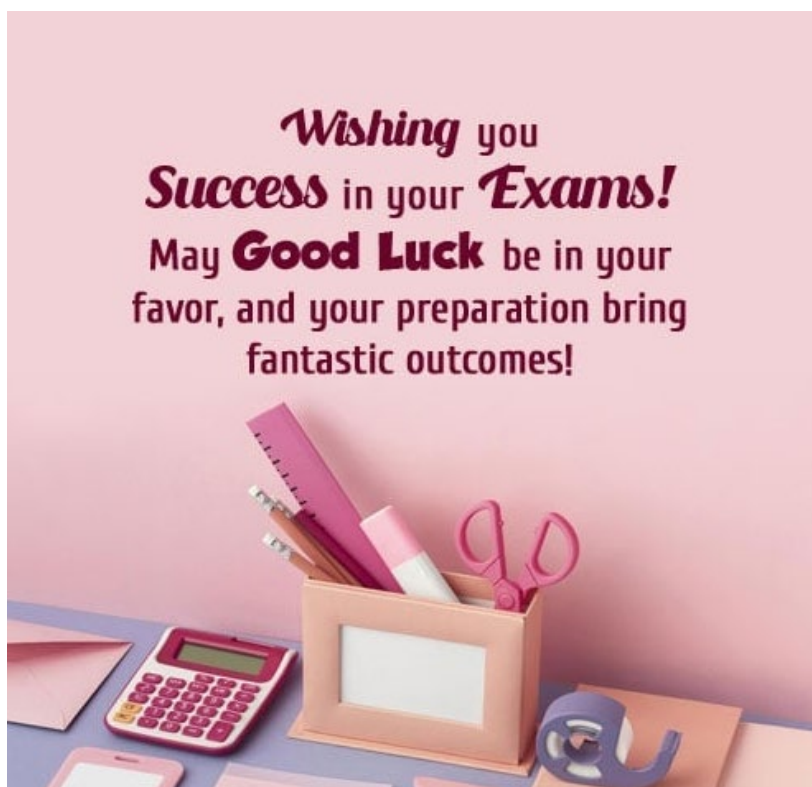
# Principal's Report

## Year 12

Our Year 12 girls have completed all assessment tasks including their Trials and continue to prepare for their HSC exams, the final component in their schooling journey. It is hard to believe that our smiling and slightly nervous Year 7s of 2017 will be graduating as confident, articulate young women ready and well equipped to face life beyond school.

As our Year 12s schooling journey draws to a close, I must say that I am so incredibly proud of them. They have shown such resilience, perseverance, grace and adaptability to change over the last several challenging years of their schooling. The positive is that the skills and attributes they have developed during these challenging times will really serve them well in the future.

We are very grateful that for the first time in two years we will be able to share our Year 12 graduation with our parents and community.



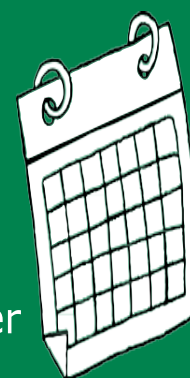
We wish Year 12 2022 the best of luck in their upcoming HSC Examinations, and I look forward to celebrating their achievements at our Year 12 Graduation Ceremony on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

Also, please see below a lovely letter written to Year 12 students by the Governor of NSW, Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC.

*Important!*

**YEAR 12 HSC EXAMS 2022**

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November





GOVERNMENT HOUSE  
SYDNEY

Dear Year 12 Student,

My name is Margaret Beazley and one of my roles as Governor of New South Wales is to connect to the broad and diverse community of our State. At the moment, as you do your final preparation and study for your HSC exams, you are very much on my mind.

Year 12 is always a challenging year for every student sitting the HSC. There are the constant assessments and exams. There is the worry about marks and what the best path will be for you to take as you move beyond school.

When, at the end of 2020 and into 2021, you commenced your final two years of school, you were still very much impacted by the restrictions of COVID-19 and the disruption that caused to your studies and to your sporting and social life. It is hard to think of a generation so impacted in that way.

The first month of school this year, although better, was still surrounded by uncertainty and confusion as COVID cases continued. However, for you the devastation of the floods, and not only once, has been something that not many people experience in a lifetime. It has been a year when the word *resilience* was often used.

When people speak of resilience, I think of you and the fortitude and spirit you have shown in keeping going with your studies as you look to your future. You are a true champion and the inspiration your courage has given to the rest of the community is worth its weight in gold. We owe a deep debt of gratitude to you.

My best wishes for the exams and for next year as you step into the next chapter of your life, which you can do with confidence in yourself, knowing that you have overcome so many challenges so far.

Go well.

**Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC**  
Governor of New South Wales

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## Award

I am very excited and proud to have received an award from the Secretary of Education, Georgina Harrison, the **"Secretary's Award For Excellent Service"**.

As you are aware our relentless and targeted focus on improving the skills of our teachers in literacy and data analysis has produced increasingly outstanding results in NAPLAN and HSC outcomes for our students.



### The Secretary's Award

For Excellent Service

Presented to:

Anna Tsoutsas  
Auburn Girls High School

Secretary, NSW Department of Education  
September 2022



It is wonderful to have this recognition for our school from the Department and very affirming for our dedicated team of teachers that their hard work is being acknowledged beyond our school.

I feel very honoured and thrilled to be recognised for my leadership, but I really must acknowledge the outstanding work of my team that made it happen. My wonderful teachers and staff are the foundation on which our school's success is built.

Congratulations and well done to our teachers and students.



## Student Code of Conduct

As you may be aware, we are constantly striving to improve our school.

Integrating greater student voice into our current Behaviour Strategy is one area that will be valuable to providing clear behaviour expectations for all students.

In week 7 this term I conducted a highly interactive and productive workshop with our Student Representative Council including students from each year group and we developed a draft AGHS Student Code of Conduct. A copy of the draft is below.

Feedback from parents, students and staff will provide for community engagement and used to shape the final Code of Conduct document.

Your feedback of this document is highly valuable. If you missed the email asking for your feedback, feel free to email to the school [auburng-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:auburng-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au) with constructive comments/feedback on the draft document marking it 'Attention to Ms. Azi'



### **Student Code of Conduct** *Auburn Girls High School*

WE WILL show RESPONSIBILITY by:

- Taking accountability for our learning and actions.
- Using technology and equipment appropriately.
- Being punctual at all times.
- Following teachers' instructions at all times.
- Using and moving through school spaces quietly and safely.

WE WILL show RESPECT by:

- Being polite, well-mannered and kind to others.
- Appreciating the abilities, interests, cultures and individuality of others.
- Ensuring the neatness and cleanliness of our school and learning environment.
- Communicating and working collaboratively with peers.
- Representing our school with pride and honour in the community.

WE WILL show EXCELLENCE by:

- Striving to achieve our individual personal best.
- Setting goals and accepting constructive learning feedback.
- Wearing our correct school uniform with pride.
- Being an active participant in class and school activities.
- Embracing and contributing to school spirit.



## Beginning Teachers' Event



On 7 September it was my privilege to spend an afternoon with our Beginning Teachers at the *Beginning Teachers Welcome Reception and Network Afternoon Tea*.

Our wonderful beginning teachers add vibrancy and enthusiasm to our school.

Pictured here with me is Hosna Roshanbekkhsh, Ayah Douer, Jarrod Barr from our English Faculty and Sherlene Mani from our Mathematics Faculty.

## School and Support Staff Recognition Week

During Week 8 this term all Department of Education schools in NSW celebrated School Administrative and Support Staff (SASS) Recognition Week. Our SASS staff are absolutely integral to the successful operation of our school.

During the week, many of our teachers acknowledged the hard work and contribution of our SASS team. I know our students, staff and parents are grateful for the wonderful contribution our SASS staff make to our school.

We thank them for their hard work, helpful and cheerful attitude to all requests. I am especially grateful.

Thank you, SASS Team!



## School Holidays

I hope that all our school community is faring well and that you enjoy a wonderful break during the school holidays.

Students in Years 7 to 10 return to school on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022, 8.40am sharp. Year 11 return on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October, 8:40am sharp.

**Anna Tsoutsas**  
*Principal*



# Students OF THE MONTH



## JUNE 2022

**Eva Hamdard, in Year 7**, has made an excellent start to High School. She has settled well in 7E and is a positive role model for her peers/ Eva has excellent attendance and is consistently on time for school.

Eva's teachers have all commended her on her industrious work ethic and commitment to learning. Eva takes pride in her work and is constantly striving to improve her knowledge and understanding in all subject areas.

She is also a kind, helpful member of the school community and is always willing to support in leading assemblies and planning for charity days. Eva has already achieved Rose Gold Awards Level 1 and 2 in numerous Principal's Gold Awards for excellence in the classroom.

Congratulations Eva on achieving student of the month for June, keep up the hard work.

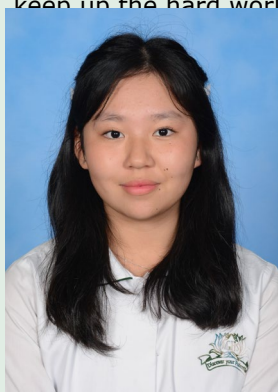
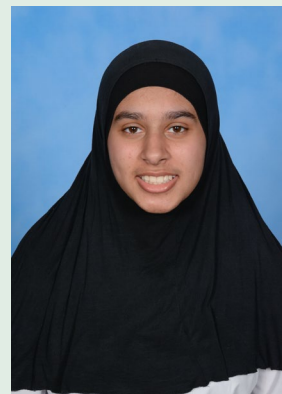
## JULY 2022

**Adeena Khan, in Year 10** has worked incredibly hard across all aspects of her learning, achieving outstanding results in her half yearly report.

Her consistent approach to her learning has meant that she has progressed in leaps and bounds. Just recently she attended the Better World Youth Summit where she presented on sustainable living to an audience of over 500 people.

Adeena is to be commended on her growth of confidence this Semester.

Congratulations Adeena on achieving student of the month for July, keep up the hard work.



## AUGUST 2022

**Akoyujo Rai, in Year 9** is a polite and respectful student who tries her best in all aspects of her schooling.

She is punctual, always organized for class and displays a positive attitude to all set tasks. Her application in practical subjects is to be commended, especially in dance which until recently was not known.

Her performance in School Talent show is to be remembered as one of the best, a true talent.

Akuyaju is to be congratulated on achieving student of the month for August, keep up the hard work.



# Deputy Principal's Report – Year 7

Term 3 has had many new high school experiences for Year 7. Students have participated in a range of programs and events including:

- \* Together for Humanity (7E) an intercultural experience with students from the Emmanuel School
- \* PCYC Fit4Life
- \* Debating
- \* Backflips Against Bullying
- \* Jeans for Genes Day and Talent Quest (Year 8 Fundraiser)
- \* R U OK? Day (Year 10 Fundraiser)

At all times Year 7 have engaged positively and demonstrated how much they are willing to participate in programs and support their peers.

Eva Hamdard needs to be recognised as the first Year 7 student to achieve a *White Merit Badge* for collecting 20 Principal's Gold Awards. While Eva is the first, there are a number of students who are close to achieving this level of the Merit System as well. Students are encouraged to collect their merit stickers and Principal's awards and redeem them for certificates or badges.

At the beginning of the term, all students received their Semester 1 reports. Ms. Young and I enjoyed reading about all the fabulous things Year 7 have done in class. It was fantastic to have so many students and parents attend Parent Teacher Night to discuss progress and plan for improvement.

For recognition of their outstanding achievement, the following Year 7s were invited to the *Students of Excellence Luncheon*.

- Eva Hamdard
- Maheen Hidari
- Mahlet Kebede
- Fatima Khudeja Fatima
- Aaliyah Pathan
- Lisa Shrestha
- Fariza Syeda
- Humiao Yang



## Fit for Life

Throughout Term 3 a small group of girls have been participating with Auburn PCYC in **Fit for Life**. The girls have been put through intense workout sessions with both Police and Youth Workers. They have learnt and experienced first-hand the benefits of exercise and starting off your day positively. The girls have also developed positive relationships with members of the local police and the PCYC community. The program has been a great success and all our students are encouraged and welcome to visit Auburn PCYC. (See flyer for details on page 37)

**Mr. Bailey**



In addition to academic excellence, the following Year 7s have been recognised for their outstanding engagement with learning as part of the *Rose Gold Award System*:

| Level 1  | Level 2  | Level 3  |
|--|--|--|
| Fatemeh Abrahimi<br>Remas Al Tebrineh<br>Malak Al-Zaidy<br>Fershta Alizadeh<br>Jood Alshaer<br>Hafsa Banu<br>Halise Cayabas<br>Nia Choudhury<br>Halima Degu Woche<br>Sarah El Fouani<br>Merem El-Hallak<br>Amani El-Sayah<br>Alaa Haddah<br>Isra Hasnat<br>Umaima Javeed<br>Sahla Javeed<br>Zoya Kamdar<br>Zahara Kazimie<br>Ariba Khan<br>Fatima Khudeja Fatima<br>Isabella Kodssi<br>Aaminah Mohamed Fazal<br>Fatema Mohhammad Zada<br>Narjis Moussa<br>Fatma Sayah<br>Elham Sayed<br>Safiya Sherif<br>Alina Shihaam<br>Bareerah Tanveer<br>Asmaa Zreika | Jenan Abdulatif<br>Fatema Al Fukauki<br>Minnah Alaloul<br>Sara Aldhafeeri<br>Nuriyah Ali<br>Raiqa Ali<br>Melissa Amood<br>Marah Baghdadi<br>Talia Barahmeh<br>Areebah Ejaj<br>Yasmine El Eter<br>Mariam El Sage<br>Layla Fatfat<br>Arezo Fayaz<br>Ghina Ghazi<br>Malal Haidari<br>Eva Hamdard<br>Amina Hariz<br>Amira Huang<br>Ameera Kamer El Dine<br>Duaa Mahmood<br>Saja Moussa<br>Aaliyah Pathan<br>Sama Rahmati<br>Sumayyah Syeda<br>Aisha Tawakal<br>Wafa Tawakal<br>Malak Yassine | Sumaiya Alam<br>Sarah Ali<br>Zainab Ali<br>Zohra Askari<br>Adina Bakhramova<br>Michelle Gao<br>Jasleen Gohl<br>Zainab Haq<br>Jenny He<br>Maheen Hidari<br>Mahlet Kebede<br>Khatera Khatera<br>Zahraa Kufi<br>Leosa Mahmoodi<br>Fatima Mirza<br>Chiweta Okeke<br>Nasreen Rahimi<br>Masoma Salman<br>Lisa Shrestha<br>Anam Syeda<br>Mia To<br>Prithana Tripathi<br>Pei Lin Wong<br>Huimiao Yag<br>Marwadah Zeidan<br>Lama Zraika |

Term 4 is shaping up to be a busy end to the year. Year 7 will participate in a swimming program in Week 3, this is a fantastic opportunity for students of all abilities to improve their water awareness and swimming skills. Students will be grouped based on their ability. This is a compulsory part of the PDHPE curriculum. In Week 6 (14-18 Nov) Year 7 will have their Yearly Examinations and the year will conclude with the Stage 4 Presentation Day and Wellbeing Excursion both in Week 10.

I have thoroughly enjoyed being the Year 7 Deputy Principal this term and I wish all of our Year 7 students and families a restful spring break.

**Ms. Garvey**  
**Deputy Principal**  
**Year 7**



# Deputy Principal's Report – Year 10

Term 3 has been another busy term that included a range of activities, assessments, assemblies and processes on top of our timetabled classes. It is exciting to be a part of these, witnessing our students progress towards the senior school with maturity and consideration. An important part of this term saw students in year 10 engaging in the process of selecting their pattern of study for years 11 and 12.

## Better World Youth Summit

On July 28th students from year 10 represented Auburn Girls High School at the Better World Youth Summit. There were 150 students from a range of schools across Sydney planning how cities and communities can better support the wellbeing of young people. It was great to see our students collaborating and planning for a better world. Well done to all those involved.



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## Formal Assembly

Earlier this term we recognised outstanding achievements and effort in different subject areas in our formal assembly. This ceremony forms an important part of our culture of excellence and high student expectations.

Congratulations to all students who received awards at this ceremony.

| Award Recipients     |                 |                  |
|----------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Adeena Khan          | Leanne El-Bikai | Sajah Alameddine |
| Alla Alameddine      | M Ayah TRAD     | Sarah Chaudhary  |
| Amina Zulqarnain     | Mariam Kaka     | Sarah Harmouche  |
| Anaheetha Zahra Musa | Mariam Kamara   | Serena Khatib    |
| Asmahen Faress       | Mariam Said     | Shaymaa Ayouch   |
| Ayah Yassine         | Mary Aouad      | Sidiqa Sohrabi   |
| Bibi Nargis Karimi   | Maryam Hadi     | Simran Najafi    |
| Doa'a Al Macdadi     | Megan Matheson  | Sodiqa Sohrabi   |
| Duaa Al Aridhi       | Marama Anderson | Soman Ahmadshahi |
| Ella Saadie          | Nadia Tuholjak  | Sonia Jaffarie   |
| Enece AJAJ           | Najiya Afnan    | Stella Chow      |
| Fartun Mohamed       | Nargis Khalili  | Susan Azra       |
| Ghaday Alturki       | Nasiha Diwan    | Tammy Matheson   |
| Halima Mohamed       | Nishat Zaman    | Tazmira Ahmad    |
| Hamda Yusuf          | Noha Khatoon    | Zahra Mansouri   |
| Hanan Eid            | Reeda Hussani   | Zahra Taimoori   |
| Huda Faheem          | Riyana Kumar    | Zainab Myakhil   |
| Isra Chaudhary       | Romisa Shamsi   | Zara Mukhi       |
| Khatera Frozan       | Saifora Tawakal |                  |

**Ms. Minogue**  
**Deputy Principal**  
**Year 10**



# Deputy Principal's Report – Years 8 & 11

## Year 8

It has been an eventful term for Year 8 students with a multitude of co-curricular activities such as debating, language excursions, Fit4Life with PCYC and formal assemblies to celebrate the successes of our students.

In Term 3, Year 8 hosted their charity event, *Jeans for Genes Day* and raised over \$1000 for this worthy cause. A special thank you to our wonderful Year Adviser for Year 8, Ms. Khairallah and all the staff members, students and leadership teams who stepped up to ensure the day was a success. All funds go towards supporting families and children with birth defects or incurable genetic diseases.



As we progress towards Term 4, please note that the final year exams are scheduled for mid-Term 4. Many students have begun to prepare for these exams by taking on a serious approach towards their learning in Term 3. We encourage all students and family to continue to focus on developing effective revision strategies at home and remain focused in Term 4 so that students complete the exams to the best of their abilities.

## Year 11

Congratulations to Year 11 students who successfully completed the three term Preliminary Course. We begin the HSC course in Term 4.

The Year 11 exams not only provide students with the opportunity to demonstrate their skills and knowledge of course content but offer them the invaluable experience of completing their academic exams in a formal setting consistent with what they will experience in the HSC trials and final exams.

Please remember that due to the *Queen's Memorial Public Holiday on 22 September 2022*, the Year 11 exam period has been extended by one day in Term 4. This means that **Year 11 will return to school on Tuesday 11 October 2022 to start the HSC course.**



On the first Friday of Term 4 (14 October 2022), all Year 11 students (both ATAR and Non-ATAR) completing the HSC will attend a **HSC Induction Day** event in Parramatta. The focus of the day is to build student understanding and capacity to manage their HSC learning load. Students will engage in numerous workshops with presenters from different fields to address areas of curriculum, wellbeing and syllabus demands. We anticipate a positive and enjoyable introduction to the final stretch of the students' secondary education.

Congratulations to both Year 8 and 11 for a productive and positive Term 3 and I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.

**Ms. Kaidbay**  
**Deputy Principal**  
**Year 8 and 11**

# Deputy Principal's Report - Years 9 & 12

## Year 12

As a Year 12 Deputy this term has been an exceptionally hectic and exciting term. This term signifies a very emotional but at the same time a very happy time for Year 12 and their families. Earlier in the term Year 12 sat for their Trial Examinations and now are preparing for the Higher School Certificate that begins Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October and finishes Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November. They have finished off their 13 years of schooling as beautiful Auburn Girls High School ambassadors for the younger grades and the school community.

In celebration of this milestone, we had organised many events for the girls including a Wellbeing Day. After a night of torrential rain, the clouds lifted to display a most glorious sunny day that was perfect for a trip to Manly Beach. The smiles, laughter, shopping bags and ice-creams summed up what I must say was a great day out.



We then continued the celebrations by having a teacher/student BBQ on the following Monday as a thank you to all the staff who have supported and taught the girls over the past 6 years.

This was followed by a Farewell Assembly that the students with Ms Woods had organised for the whole school. The day was fun filled and a perfect goodbye to the students.

The Graduation the following day was the culmination of all the time, energy, and hard work the girls had put in into gaining their Year 12 Higher School Certificate. It was a beautiful celebration to highlight the ending of this chapter of their lives. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all Year 12 students' success in the upcoming Higher School Examinations and future pathways.

I also would like to thank Ms. Woods and Ms. Mahmoud, the Year 12 Advisers for all their outstanding work and support with Year 12.



Special mention to my team that included Ms. Matta, Ms. Heemi, Ms. Amr, Ms. Georgia, Ms. Garvey, Ms. Khairallah, Ms. Ghemraoui and Mr. Solomon for their hard work in helping me organise all the Year 12 events and their never-ending support.

## Year 9

This has been an exciting and academically challenging term for Year 9. All students received their Half Yearly Reports and Naplan results this term. I am very proud of Year 9 successes this year thus far. Ms. Ghemraoui their year adviser interviewed each student. Discussions were centered on setting goals with a focus on ongoing growth, areas to improve and their strengths.

Year 9 also watched the exciting production **Backflips for Bullying** as part of our positive education program. It was very well received by our students.

Also, a big congratulation to the following Year 9 students who have reached the third level of the Principal's Rose Gold Award this term by having excellent behaviour and attendance.



Sara Al-Modhefer  
Samantha Chow  
Leda Guan  
Mariha Khan  
Fiona Luong  
Zahra Naim  
Omaira Noor  
Efthimia Kapetangiannis  
Dorothy (Xi Yue) Zhang

Sameera Ali  
Dania Ghuneim  
Wendy Huang  
Erika Kuo  
Htoi Tsawm Ra Maran  
Zaynab Naim  
Hasini Poddaturu  
Jeanny Vo

Sakina Bahrami  
Bella Guan  
Erica Tamang  
Selina Lin  
Lani McGrath  
Bo-Hae Nguyen  
Akoyujo Rai  
Diana Zengin



**Above:** 2022 Leadership Team excursion



## Leadership

As the Deputy Principal in charge of student leadership I would also like to extend my congratulations to all the Year 11 students who took part in the leadership speeches. The girls were exemplary as they gave speeches in front of their Year 11 and Year 10 peers and then later to the staff. I feel very proud to be part of this school with exceptional young women who are wonderful role models. The Induction Assembly was a beautiful event to celebrate the success of these students.

Congratulations to the 2023 Leadership Team.



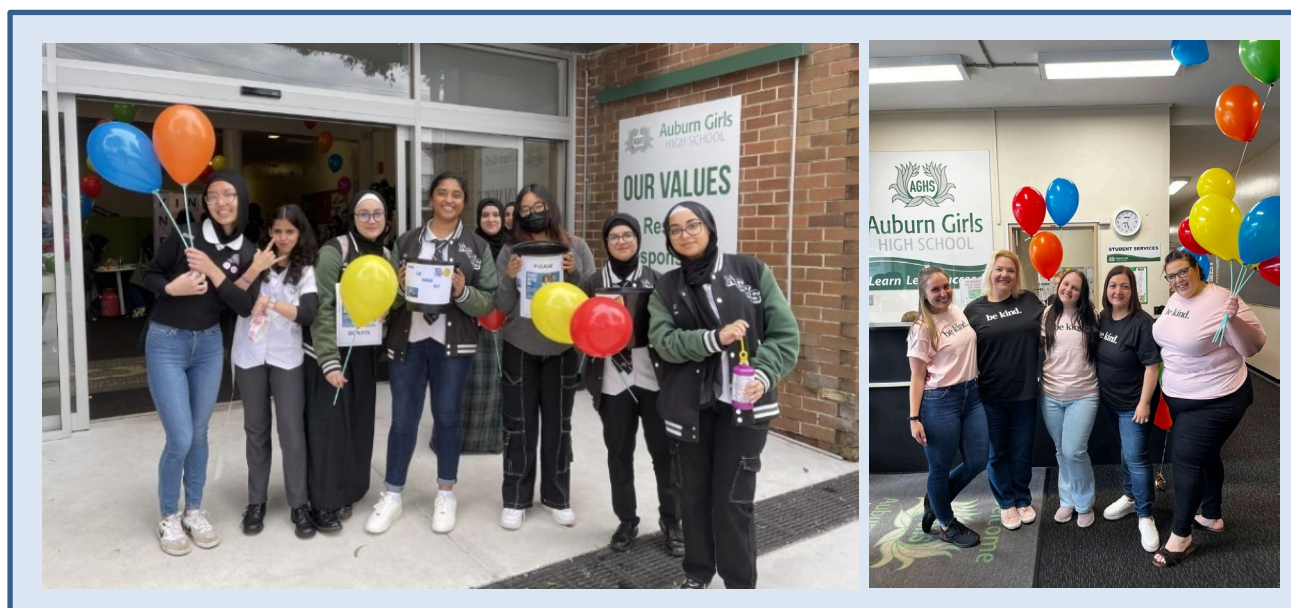


We also held our annual "Students of Excellence". The girls invited were selected by their year advisers for their outstanding first semester reports. Another lovely event where Ms Tsoutsas, students and the Wellbeing Team celebrated academic achievement.

Congratulations to the following girls.

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|---|---|---|
| <b><u>Year 7</u></b><br>Hamdard Eva<br>Hidari Maheen<br>Khudeja Fatima<br>Shrestha Lisa<br>Yang Huimiao<br>Kebede Mahlet<br>Pathan Aaliyah<br>Syeda Fariza<br>He Jenny                  | <b><u>Year 8</u></b><br>Sarah Al Tmimi<br>Hala Awwad<br>Ecrin Caglayan<br>Israa Mohammad<br>Seray Pekenti<br>Tayyaba Qamar<br>Sibgha Rana<br>Aiza Zahid<br>Ruth Kebede<br>Vrunda Chetankumar Pate | <b><u>Year 9</u></b><br>Dania Ghuneim<br>Omaira Noor<br>Jeanny Vo<br>Samantha Chow<br>Hasini Poddaruru<br>Afia Begum<br>Manahil Ikram<br>Nafisa Khan<br>Bo-Hae Nyugen<br>Erica Tamang |
| <b><u>Year 10</u></b><br>Najiya Afnan<br>Maryam Hadi<br>Adeena Khan<br>Asna Mohammed<br>Amlene Wong<br>Amina Zulqarnain<br>Simran Najafi<br>Zoya Mukhi<br>Sarah Chaudhary<br>Susan Asra | <b><u>Year 11</u></b><br>Zaina Elemam<br>Shirley Tak YeeLo<br>Fabiha Iram<br>Deborah Oo<br>Lily Shao<br>Lucy Jiang<br>Esma Sevincek<br>Kelly He<br>Chloe Chan<br>Maryam Mohammed Hussein          | <b><u>Year 12:</u></b><br>Roba Goerishi<br>Hafsa Farooq<br>Kylie Le<br>Iram Bookbinder<br>Amal Khan<br>Deeba Batoul<br>Aaliyah Ajaj<br>Yum cailloce<br>Husna Sharifa<br>Sharona Ta    |

## Jeans for Genes Day





Lastly, we celebrated Kindness Week during week 7 with a fun packed Talent Quest that highlighted the amazing talents our girls, even teachers, possess. A big thank you especially to Ms. Matta, Ms. Rowe and the Years Advisers in their organisation of this event.

Congratulations to the following winners

**First Place:** Halima Abdullah, Lepeka Nikua & Mariam Mahfouz (Year 12)

**Second Place:** Tuana Demir (Year 9)

**Third Place:** Rumeysa Balabanel and Akoyujo Rai (Year 9)

I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.

**Belinda Diamond**  
**Deputy Principal**  
**Year 9 and 12**





# School News

## Year 8 Japanese excursion to the Sydney Cherry Blossom Festival at the Auburn Botanic Gardens

Firstly, the cherry blossom excursion was an exciting excursion. Along with seeing the captivating sakura petals, we got to view some of Japanese culture through food and interactive performances/events, such as たいこ (Taiko) drumming.

Volunteers (e.g., me and Aya from our class) got to go up on stage and drum along to a Japanese song or lullaby while the crowds would shout along. It was an entertaining and thrilling experience, and I had a great time with my class.

*Malak Choubassi, Year 8 Japanese*



Year 8 Japanese had a wonderful day at Auburn Botanic Gardens.

Photography by students.

*Ms. L Park  
Librarian*





## Dance

Below are some photos of the Dance Performance Group competing at the *St George Dance Eisteddfod*.

**Rebekah Edge**  
*Dance/PDHPE Teacher*



## IMPORTANT DATES

### TERM 3

#### WEEK 10

**23 September 2022**

Last day of Term 3

### TERM 4

#### WEEK 1

**10 October 2022**

All Staff & Year 7-10 return

**11 October 2022**

Year 11 return

**12 October 2022**

HSC Examination begins

#### WEEK 3

**26 October 2022**

P & C Meeting (TBA)

#### WEEK 6

**18 November 2022**

Year 11 Reports Issued

#### WEEK 8

**30 November 2022**

P & C Meeting (TBA)

#### WEEK 9

**7 December 2022**

Year 9 & 10 Reports Issued

#### WEEK 10

**14 December 2022**

Year 7 & 8 Reports Issued

#### WEEK 11

**19 December 2022**

Students last day of Term 4

### TERM 1 / 2023

#### WEEK 1

**27 January 2023**

Staff return

**31 January 2023**

Students return



# Mathematics

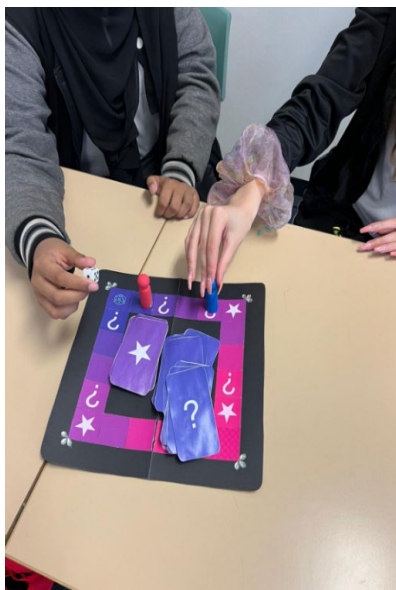
Exciting things have taken place this term in our math classrooms. Year 12 have successfully sat their Trial Higher School Certificate Examination and stage 5 students have engaged in various investigation tasks involving mathematical ideas and knowledge.

## Surface Area and Volume of Solids

Year 9 explored the surface area and volume of three-dimensional solids using their nets. Students had to measure, cut out the nets and thread the strings to create pop-ups.

These assessments will be on display in our classrooms (rooms 204 and 205).

This added value to our students learning as it allowed them to visualise and construct by hand the 3D model of common solids. It was a great success!



## Probability and Games

Year 10 engaged in a practical task using their knowledge, understanding and skills of probability.

The aim of the task was to apply mathematics to practical situations and create a board game that incorporates based on chance and probability.

They worked in groups to design and test out their games.



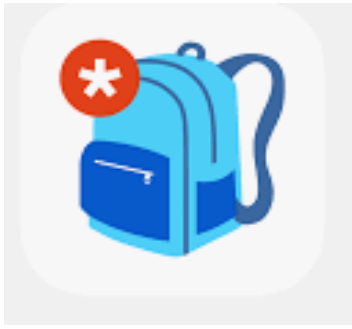
## Year 12 Trials and HSC

Year 12 students have successfully completed their Trial Higher School Certificate Examination.

This year our school has offered all levels of Mathematics including Mathematics Extension one and two.

Year 12 are recommended to make the most of their time leading to the HSC by asking their teachers for resources, visiting the NESA Past HSC Papers and sitting Mock HSC papers.





## After School Mathematics Tutoring

There has been high interest in our After-School Mathematics tutoring program which is run every Monday from 3:15-4:15 pm. We offer highly experienced university students to come and assist students with their homework and classwork.

If you have any questions, please see Ms Mani for further information. If you don't have the **Skool Bag app**, please download it from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

## Female Mathematicians

Each term we will be exploring notable female mathematicians that have contributed to Mathematics over time.

**Name:** Dame Mary Lucy Cartwright, 1900-1998

**What she did:** Mary Cartwright was a British mathematician and a woman of many firsts! She was not only the first woman to obtain a first in her university degree, but also one of the first mathematicians to study what is now known as chaos theory. She was the first woman to receive the Sylvester Medal (awarded for the encouragement of mathematical research), the first woman to be President of the Mathematical Association and the first woman to be President of the London Mathematical Society.



**Mary's impact:** Thanks to her bravery in daring to defy the status quo, her work has gone on to strongly influence the modern theory of dynamical systems, and she even has a mathematical theorem named after her!

*Written by Ms. Mani*

Suppose you only have 5 cent, 10 cent and 50 cent coins.

Arrange them in such a way that the sums of their values in each row and column are as shown in the following figure:

|      |      |      |      |      |
|------|------|------|------|------|
|      |      |      |      | → 30 |
|      |      |      |      | → 35 |
|      |      |      |      | → 65 |
|      |      |      |      | → 75 |
| ↓ 30 | ↓ 80 | ↓ 75 | ↓ 20 |      |

## Numeracy Corner

Can you solve the following problem? (*see left*)

If you can solve it, present your correct solution to Mr Firdausi for a chance to earn a Principal Gold Award.

The **Mathematics Faculty** wishes all our students, staff, and the community a safe and enjoyable break. I encourage all year 12 students to use their time during the holidays to reflect on their learning by allocating appropriate time to revise and consolidate their learning.

Please don't hesitate to notify me if there are any concerns regarding your daughter's learning in Mathematics.

**Mr. Al-Khalidy**  
Relieving Mathematics Head Teacher



# Social Science

## Year 9 Commerce

Year 9 Commerce have been studying Investing and have had the opportunity to try their hand at investing by playing the share market game. In the share market game students are given a hypothetical \$50,000 dollars to invest in the ASX share market to see who can make the most money in the 10 weeks. Below is a screenshot of the leader board at time of writing.

### School ranking - Auburn Girls High School

| #  | Syndicate   | Portfolio   | School                   |     |
|----|-------------|-------------|--------------------------|-----|
| 1  | Ganga       | \$52,491.56 | Auburn Girls High School | NSW |
| 2  | Afia        | \$50,699.03 | Auburn Girls High School | NSW |
| 3  | Samar N     | \$50,560.40 | Auburn Girls High School | NSW |
| 4  | Selina      | \$50,486.24 | Auburn Girls High School | NSW |
| 5  | Aya E       | \$50,420.30 | Auburn Girls High School | NSW |
| 6  | Umaina A    | \$50,375.32 | Auburn Girls High School | NSW |
| 7  | Manahil     | \$50,320.44 | Auburn Girls High School | NSW |
| 8  | Omama N     | \$50,265.51 | Auburn Girls High School | NSW |
| 9  | Batol Askar | \$50,073.36 | Auburn Girls High School | NSW |
| 10 | Alayna      | \$50,010.65 | Auburn Girls High School | NSW |

### My stats

| Performance summary        |             |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| Portfolio value:           |             |
| Change from previous week: |             |
| Portfolio high:            |             |
| Portfolio low:             |             |
| Overall ranked syndicates: | 16,981      |
| Average syndicate value:   | \$49,621.46 |
| % of syndicates in profit: | 28%         |

## Year 10 Commerce

Year 10 Commerce have been studying the topic Running a business where they learn about what it takes to be an entrepreneur and key considerations needed for running a business. As part of the assessment students have learnt about marketing and creating promotional material for their own hypothetical businesses. Below and right are some snapshots of the advertisements made in class.

# SHOP AT POP

pop.aghs

## JOIN US ON THURSDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER

ALL PROFITS GO TO CHARITY

BUBBLE TEA  
CAKE POPS  
CHEESECAKE  
BROWNIE BOXES  
SOFT DRINK

# Baked Co

ONE STOP 4 ALL

All profits go to charity

Products:  
Biscoff cups  
Lokmo  
Lamingtons  
Cupcakes  
Chocolate covered strawberries

NOTHING OVER \$5

CASH ONLY

On Thursday 22nd September  
Only at Lunch Time  
Located at Bottom Quad

# Sweet Bliss

Selling all types of desserts at the AGHS Market Day!  
Thursday 22nd of September 2022

all profits donated to a fundraiser!



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## Year 11 Business Studies

This term, year 11 Business Studies completed their major assessment task of creating a business plan for their own hypothetical business. Students came up with some great ideas for potential business. Below is a snippet of some of their work.



### Serene's Slimeria Business Plan

#### Operations

##### Business details

Serene's Slimeria is a new suburban slime manufacturing and production firm that specialises in ethically made slime. Serene Alameddine is passionate about creating the most exquisite, handmade quality slime, since she has always found it satisfying to watch slime transform from solid to liquid. Although Serene's dream was to create a basic slime business, she has chosen to enliven things by incorporating a "slimeland" where children can get slimed. This will allow her business to gain a competitive edge as it differentiates from other slime businesses and brings consumer excitement. She has also always desired to open an online business, so she has willingly extended her business nationally. Serene also has six years of managerial and customer service expertise from her previous job at a cafe. She has an Australian Business Number and is running her business as a sole trader since it will enable her to develop a prosperous business.

# OFF YOUR ROCKS

A rage room where you can be off your rockers, and no one would think twice!



## Business Plan

Off Your Rocks

Jana Kassem

### Operations

#### **Business Details**

'Off Your Rocks' is a newly established business which aims to help eliminate stress and anger in a fun, enjoyable way. It essentially is a place where customers can come in, book a session and enter a realistically curated room where they can break, smash and destroy whatever their hearts desire. Jana is passionate about ensuring that her customers receive the best possible experience from the minute they enter the door, all the way until they leave. Jana's business is registered and operating as a sole trader. She also has an Australian Business Number (ABN). This will aid her in establishing a successful, profitable business.

## Farwell Ms. Kate Dally

Finally, the Social Sciences faculty would like to farewell Ms. Dally who will be leaving our faculty at the end of term 3. Ms. Dally will be driving into the sunset of retirement and embarking on bigger and better projects.

The social sciences faculty would like to thank Ms. Dally for her service, congratulate her on an amazing career as a teacher and wish her all the best in all her future endeavours.

### **Social Sciences Faculty**

# Science

As an engineer, I'm often asked "but what does an engineer actually do?"

The answer to this is simple: ***Engineers solve problems to make things happen!***

Whether they are designing roads, nanoparticles, space craft, or improving the technology in your home, engineers use the Engineering Design Process every day to figure out what problems to solve and how to make decisions. The Engineering Design Process is also at the heart of our Year 9 and 10 iSTEM project-based elective course.

We were lucky enough to be chosen as one of six schools to take part in Engineers Australia "Discover Engineer" Day. Not only did our Year 10 and 11 students get to spend the day collaborating to design, build and test aircraft and wind turbines, we were extremely excited to welcome seven engineers from different organisations into our classroom. The students took the opportunity to ask our visitors many questions about their experiences, and the feedback from the engineers was that they were very impressed with the critical thinking our girls demonstrated. As most of the students had learnt about flight theory and aerodynamics in STEM, it was great to see their excitement and confidence as they initiated and led meaningful technical conversations with experienced engineers.





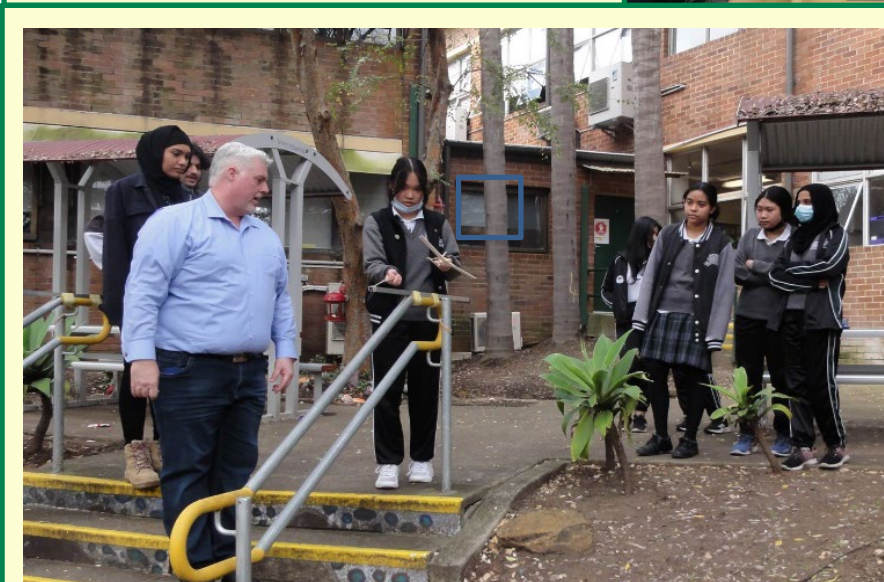
We are very grateful to Engineers Australia for organising the day and providing all resources.

A very big THANK YOU goes to the following engineers (and their organisations) for volunteering their time to help the next generation.

- Ben Whiting from *Bluebell Consulting*
- Sara Haider and Jayden Scandurra from *Transport NSW*
- Kristie Charles and Salman Kamal from the *Robert Bird Group*
- Anna Nguyen and Nekissa Mostafavi from *WestConnex*

Mr Baxter and I are very proud of all our STEMers, including our budding Engineers and Physicists!!

*Dr. Wallis*





## Grade Volleyball Champions Term 2

The end of term 2 saw our Grade Volleyball team play off against Arthur Phillip High School. Our girls had a great season only losing one match the whole term. The girls put on a great match for the final and came away victorious winning two sets. Congratulations to Coach Ms Sharkey and the students from years 8-10; Vrunda Chetankumar Patel, Nawal Khan, Effie Kapetangiannis, Tsawm Tsawm Maran, Selina Lin, Jahnavi Gadale, Nargis Khalili, Nurdan Cinar, Hana Baramah.

## Grade Oztag and Basketball Term 3

In what has sadly become the final term of Grade Sport our girls are doing their best to finish on a high. Week 8 saw both our Grade Basketball and Oztag teams play in the semi finals, with both teams coming out on top. Our Basketball team coached by Mr Bailey, consists of: Farzana Asad Uallah, Esmanur Atici, Khadija Balluch, Naba Darwish, Faeza Frozan, Khatera Frozan, Riya Kumar, and Bhavna Sharma.

Our Oztag team (who have gone through the whole season undefeated!) Are coached by Ms Ghemraoui, consisting of: Sarah Chaudhry, Daniella Dunia, Ella El Haj Hussein, Aleena Farache, Daliya Ghantous, Hiam Ghemraoui, Bella Guan, Leda Guan, Mariam Kamara, Reyhana Kanj, Zara Khan, Lani McGrath, and Mereoni Ravubale.

We wish both teams and their coaches the best of luck for their grand final to be held in week 9.



## Knockout Netball

Early in the term our knockout netball team made the trip out to Blacktown Girls High School to verse them in a netball match for the School Sport Unit Knockout.

Unfortunately, the girls were not victorious in their match but are to be commended for their determination and effort.

Great work to:

- ❖ Sibgha Rana
- ❖ Iram Khan
- ❖ Humera Taj
- ❖ Mereoni Ravubale
- ❖ Ruth Kebede
- ❖ Bhavna Sharma
- ❖ Yuthika Seelam
- ❖ Ariba Shaikh



## Representative Athletics

We had 14 students go on to represent our school and Prospect zone at the Sydney West Athletics Carnival held across the 26th and 27th of July at Sydney Olympic Park Athletic Centre.



The girls did a fantastic job and represented our school proudly.

Special mention to our 14- and 15-years relay teams that won their heats but unfortunately did not place overall.



## Sport around the school

With things getting back to normal it has been great to be able to run PDHPE and Tuesday Sport as normal and get the girls active!

**Right:** We can see Ms Mustafa with her Cricket group.



**Left:** Mr. Verykios and Mr. Baxters Soccer group, our Soccer girls are always the last ones in from the oval at the end of the day as they are so captivated by their game!

This term has seen the addition of a 'fitness group', where students have the opportunity to go and work out at Planet Fitness Auburn. The girls and Ms. Hakim have enjoyed themselves greatly and are looking forward to another term





## Fit for Life

In PDHPE this term, year 9 students have been participating in a practical unit called 'Fit for Life' where they have been looking at all the different reasons and ways people can stay engaged in physical activity from birth to old age.

This has seen students participating in Physical Activity for fun, fitness and flexibility. Students can be seen on the right participating in Pilates for strength and flexibility.



## Year 11 First Aid Incursion

On Thursday in Week 5 our Year 11 PDHPE students had the opportunity to attend an incursion to complete their First Aid training and CPR certification. We had 16 girls participate in the whole day incursion and thankfully we all passed with flying colours!

The incursion saw the girls go through first aid scenarios and complete practical's where they had to respond accordingly.

This helped supplement their learning in the First Aid unit they just completed for their Preliminary PDHPE course and allowed them to apply their knowledge they have learned in class.

The girls now have their First Aid qualification for the next 3 years which is sometimes a requirement for many workplaces.

**Miss Bergfield**  
**PDHPE Teacher and Sport Organiser**



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# Technology & Applied Studies

## Year 11 Hospitality

This term Year 11 Hospitality (Food and Beverage) students have been busy preparing and serving a range of non-alcoholic beverages to staff to meet their requirements for Cluster B.

**Ms. Gharibian**  
**TAS Faculty**





# Careers/Transitions/Secondary Studies

Our lovely Year 12 girls are reaching the end of their school journey and are already turning their thoughts to the next step. UAC applications are in, and SRS (School Recommendation Scheme) data is being collated by Ms. Heemi and Ms. Diamond ready for processing.

Currently, 32 students have received 68 early offers to university based on their Year 11 results and/or their leadership and community involvement. This will relieve a lot of the stress in the lead up to HSC exams. Of course, they still need to perform to the best of their ability so they can continue to collect offers over the coming months, but it is wonderful to see their hard work last year paying off.

Last month all Year 10 students went through the process of selecting their subjects for senior study. It was pleasing to see many girls take the decision-making process seriously – actively participating in Careers lessons to gather information, listening to the advice of their mentors and seeking further clarification from teachers and students involved in the subjects. Final subjects will be confirmed in Term 4.

We have been fortunate to be selected as a pilot school for Western Sydney University's Academy U program this year. Up to ten students were selected from each year level (Year 9–11) to participate based on their expressions of interest and their current application to study and academic progress. These girls are able to access online modules to build their preparation for tertiary study, attend face-to-face workshops with lecturers from WSU, culminating in the Year 11 group completing a first-year university unit – Leadership in Complexity. Congratulations to the following students who are involved in the program:

| Year 9  | Year 10  | Year 11  |
|---|--|--|
| Maya Aumary<br>Dania Ghuneim<br>Ganga Kumar<br>Tsawm Tsawm<br>Maran<br>Zahra Naim<br>Zaynab Naim<br>Hasini<br>Poddaturu<br>Erica Tamang<br>Jeanny Vo<br>Dorothy Zhang | Shaymaa<br>Ayouch<br>Hana Barahmeh<br>Nurdan Cinar<br>Nargis Khalili<br>Riya Kumar<br>Tabasoom<br>Rezayee<br>Wania Shakil<br>Amlene Wong | Alice Chan<br>Chloe Chan<br>Areeba Haq<br>Kelly He<br>Fabiha Iram<br>Lucy Jiang<br>Jana Kassem<br>Shirley Lo<br>Lily Shao<br>Angela Wong |



***Above and left:***

***Students at the Careers Expo***

On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 21 students from Years 11 and 12 participated in the Beacon Perform program at Clayton Utz in the City. The program aimed to support young people to feel ready to take up employment prospects by providing opportunities to practice communicating with professional people in a supported environment. The day began with a welcome and introduction by the Beacon facilitator which led into a beautifully catered morning tea, thanks to Clayton Utz. The second half of the day included a network lunch with eight volunteer business mentors from Clayton. They shared career insights and facilitated small group workshops on topics such as elevator pitching, resumes, interviews, networking, conflict resolution and goal setting. Overall, it was a great day that was positively acknowledged by all students involved.

***Ms. Heemi***  
***Careers Adviser***  
***HT Secondary Studies***

***Ms. Ghemraoui***  
***Transitions Adviser***





# Library

## Book Week

In Week 6 of Term 3 the library celebrated Book Week with the theme '*Dreaming with eyes open*'.



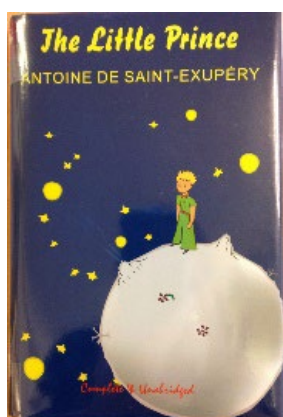
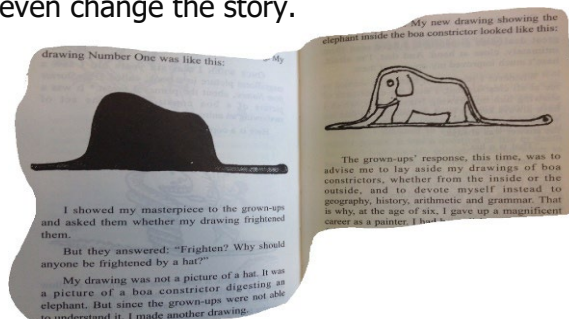
## Local MP visits for Book Week

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August 2022 local state MP for the NSW Parliament for the electorate of Auburn, Ms. Lynda Voltz, visited and addressed four classes over two hours. As well as bringing a number of books as gifts for the library, Ms. Voltz brought her impressive knowledge of literature and history and amazed the students and staff with her recitals of poetry and Shakespeare. She made McBeth easy to understand by explaining that it is a mistake to believe gossip. Observing the students, I was struck by how intently they listened, and they reminded me of meerkats on a hillside with their curious eyes, taking in all that Ms Voltz had to say.



Ms Voltz encouraged the students, saying: follow your career dreams; we are all Australian and we all have families who came from somewhere else; be strong and independent; read and especially read the classics because there you can, for example in 'The Call of the Wild' by Jack London, learn how cruel humans really can be - and you can choose not to be cruel or to be a bystander if you see bullying; and books have *the whole story* while movies can just have bits of the story and can even change the story.

She explained that a young family member overcomes her anxiety by reading *The Little Prince* by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry because she feels the writer understands her and the book speaks to her better than do adults – something that is commonly experienced by children who read. We all give a huge thanks to Ms. Voltz from AGHS staff and students for inspiring us all during Book Week and for supporting our school!



## Book Week Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the students who wrote book reviews and to those who finished the Premier's Reading Challenge! Raffle winners won chocolate and a book each for Book Week.

### **Book Review winners:**

First : Farah Al-mter;  
Second : Adina Bakhramova;  
Third : Sameeha Siraj.

### **PRC winners:**

First : Afia Begum;  
Second : Zeenat Hamdard;  
Third : Amreen Kazi



## Library Monitors

There are nearly 40 angels at the school who are making my life a lot easier and the library a better place to find books and to experience the library. They are our library monitors who have volunteered to learn library skills and do practical things in the library in their own time. By doing so they learn more library skills and will perhaps become the librarians, archivists, knowledge managers, records managers, or information management software and business analysts of tomorrow. As library monitors, they will gain more information for their studies because they will understand how to use the library. Thank you to every one of you.

**Mrs. L Park,  
School Librarian**





# Parent Information



## School Uniform

### Years 7-10

#### School Uniform

##### Compulsory Items:

- School shirt
- Grey pants OR green and grey tartan skirt
- Black **leather** school shoes

##### Optional Items:

- Grey school jumper
- School jacket
- Black or white hijab tucked in to shirt

#### Sport Uniform

##### Compulsory Items:

- School sport shirt
- School sport pants or shorts
- Sports shoes

##### Optional Items:

- Grey school jumper
- Sports jacket
- Black or white hijab tucked in to shirt

**Students must have their Sport Uniform for practical sport and PDHPE lessons and Tuesday Afternoon Sport**

### Years 11-12

##### Compulsory Items:

- School shirt
- Black pants or skirt
- Black **leather** school shoes

##### Optional Items:

- Grey school jumper
- School jacket
- Year 12 Jersey
- Black or white hijab tucked in to shirt

**Subject specific clothing must be brought to school and changed into for class**

Students who are out of uniform will have **non-uniform items confiscated**, be placed on **lunch detention**, and/or have their **parents called to bring the correct uniform**

#### NOTE:

- No hooded sweaters or other hooded items allowed
- Students who require extra layers must do so under their uniform and these **must not be visible** at any time
- Beanies or gloves are to be plain and used only in outdoor spaces
- Students who wear a hijab must wear long-sleeved school shirts or sports shirts as appropriate
- Confiscated non-uniform items will be held until the **end of term**

**Learn**

**Lead**

**Succeed**

# Parent Information

## MAKING ONLINE PAYMENTS

Parents/Carers can make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa, MasterCard, Credit or Debit card, and can be made via computer, tablet, or mobile phone.

The payment page is accessed from the front page of the school's website <https://auburng-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/> by selecting:

**"MAKE A PAYMENT"** from the taskbar at the top of the page, right hand side.

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include band, drama, and dance). There is also a category called 'Other' this to cover items not covered in the previous headings. 'Other' can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice. These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system.

There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number if you are aware of them, these are optional fields **OR** there is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number these are not used at our school, please leave blank.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your Credit/Debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office.

When you access the **"\$ Make a payment"** you must enter:

- the students name, and class and reference number **OR**
- the students name, and date of birth



**FREE!**  
with a healthy breakfast  
at the end of each session

## Fit For Life

Every Wednesday of the school term from 6:45am to 7:45am

You can register your interest at the counter or send an email to [auburn@pcycnsw.org.au](mailto:auburn@pcycnsw.org.au)

High School students only

Through physical fitness, nutrition and social engagement, Fit For Life aims to improve overall wellbeing as well as prevent and divert youth from offending behaviours.

