MUIRFIELD HIGH SCHOOL





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From the Deputy Principal - Ms. Hosen

Farewell 2021

As I reflect on this last term, and say farewell to 2021, I can say that it has certainly been a unique and very busy time, but also a wonderful term of learning and engagement with our students; with the return of all students to face-to-face learning earlier this term, to the HSC examinations finally commencing, and to impending industrial action. We thank our families and the wider community for their ongoing commitment and support in meeting the challenges this year. We look forward to the celebrations to come.

The final celebratory events for 2021, such as the Year 12 Graduation Ceremony and the Presentation Ceremony, have had to be remodelled and reorganised to meet the COVID safety guidelines of the Department of Education. We are glad they can run due to the hard work of the organising staff members. At the end of the day, staff commit to these programs because of their belief in the benefit of a holistic and well-rounded education for our young people.

Year 10 Transition Week

The end of year is always busy with events that take learning outside the classroom. Over this past week, Year 10 students have completed our planned Beyond Year 10 program for their





end of Stage 5 learning. We focus on offering them opportunities to build on their functional knowledge and skills to prepare them for their senior studies and life post school. The Beyond Year 10 Program incorporates career education, including CV writing and interview skills; study skills; and how to manage stress.

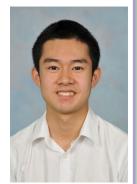
Unfortunately, students were unable to attend camp this year, but we are looking forward to a Year 11 Camp in 2022 where there will be lots of physical challenges, team building activities and seminars relating to health and safety, as our young people become more independent and gain more responsibilities.

Muirfield Presentation Day Ceremony

This celebration of our student's achievement, through what has been a difficult year, will be held on Tuesday 14 December. This event will be livestreamed for parents to view. The ceremony will acknowledge students who have achieved at the highest level in their studies, who demonstrate exceptional service and citizenship and who achieve in sporting and CAPA areas of school life.

We look forward to welcoming back the Dux of the Year 12 from the previous year and hear their address. We welcome David He who was our Dux of 2020 with an ATAR of 99.90.

This year, as much as any, we acknowledge the perseverance and resilience of our students. Congratulations!



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HSC Completed

Year 12 have now (finally!) completed their HSC external examinations and it has been wonderful to hear from Mrs Whitehouse, our NESA HSC Presiding Officer, that our students enthusiastically tackled their examinations with great diligence and commitment. As always, they have been exceptionally well-behaved and polite to the supervisors during the exams. Here they have had the opportunity to put into practice all of the skills, experiences and qualities that they have honed over the past six years at Muirfield. We are now all waiting in anticipation of the published results.

Students will receive their ATARs on 20 January 2022, with their HSC results released on 24 January. Good luck Year 12 and celebrate your achievements safely!

One thing that is clear, particularly in this COVID year, is the benefit for students in doing as well as they can in internal school assessment during the year, leading up to these important exams. It assists students so they know they have made significant progress toward the HSC already, but also in case they are unfortunate in experiencing illness or



misadventure, or a global pandemic during the exams! In such cases, NESA may consider the marks obtained in school assessment to decide on a final result for the affected student. This is a timely insight for our Year 11 students undertaking HSC coursework and assessments during this term. Many of our Year 12 students received early offers for university based on their school assessment marks.

Year 12 Graduation & Formal

The Year 12 Graduation Ceremony for 2021 will be held on Thursday 9 December, in the school hall, commencing at 9:00am. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 restrictions, only one adult will be permitted to accompany each student on site. To allow other family members to join in the celebration, the ceremony will be live streamed, via a private webinar on Zoom.

This will be a memorable celebration for Year 12, and will be a true celebration of their strength, endurance and achievement. As they embark on their next adventure, whether it be further education, an apprenticeship, traineeship or work, we wish this amazing group of individuals the best for their future endeavours.



Later that same day, Year 12 will finally have their chance to celebrate the end of their higher schooling at their formal to be held at Curzon Hall.

Enjoy your time, together, Year 12, and have a magical evening.

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End of 2021 and start of 2022 arrangements

School will conclude for summer holidays for all students on Thursday 16 December.

Term 1 2022 will commence for staff on Friday 28 January, with the first two days being staff development days.

- Years 7, 11 and 12 will recommence school on Tuesday 1 February
- Years 8, 9 and 10 to follow on Wednesday 2 February.

A copy of the 2022 School Calendar can be found on page 20 of this newsletter.

Equipment lists for 2022 for Year 7, 8, 9 & 10, and 11 & 12 can be found on pages 11 to 14 of this newsletter to help your child be ready for the new school year.

Uniform reminder for 2022

The P&C and the wider Muirfield community strongly support the wearing of the school uniform; hence the uniform shop is totally managed by the P&C.

Before parents purchase any uniform items, I urge parents to use the uniform shop to ensure that the purchased items will definitely be approved by the school.

The Department of Education has very clear guidelines on what is appropriate footwear. To help parents avoid any confusion, I have included visuals of what is approved footwear on page 8 of this newsletter.

To further help parents, information about uniform and footwear is also available on the school website.

Please support the school when purchasing uniform for 2022 so that students avoid getting into unnecessary trouble next year. The most common items that our students wear that are NOT uniform include:

- branded running shorts, instead of designated school sport shorts
- sports shorts and track pants on non-sport days
- non-school tracksuit pants (branded and non-branded)



- non-leather shoes
- black elasticised tights/active wear for girls

Please note that breaches of school uniform are reported on all school reports from Year 7 -12.

Thank you to the vast majority of families and students that help us in maintaining our positive public image and strong school spirit that wearing correct uniform engenders. Your cooperation in this important matter is appreciated.

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Illustrative Guide to Assist in the Purchase of Acceptable School Shoes



*Please note: Vans are NOT acceptable School Shoes nor are Rabens acceptable Sports Shoes.

Farewell to some of our amazing teaching staff

As we say good-bye to the year, I would like to acknowledge the work of the teachers who have not only made all the extra-curricular and leadership activities, possible but who have continued to work at ensuring we have a strong learning culture.

We farewell some of our staff who will be pursuing other challenges in 2022. Our EaLD teacher, Mrs Wendy Brown, is retiring after a long career with the Department. Her breadth of knowledge and the support she has provided to hundreds of international and EaLD students throughout her career will be missed.

Ms. Joanne Wong has been successful in gaining a leadership position within the Department of Education as Head Teacher Languages at Carlingford High School. We wish her all the very best at her new school.

Also leaving us is Mr Stuart Brownscombe who has supported many students in his role as school chaplain;

Mrs Li Li Lim who has taken many roles over several years and most recently as our school librarian, EALD teacher and minimum standards support teacher;



We also goodbye to the following teachers who taught at Muirfield in 2021; Ms Alex Lang from the CAPA/Languages faculty; Ms Lisa Purdon from PDHPE and Ms Gabriella LaRosa from the English faculty.

I wish them all the best and thank them very much for their contributions to this school. Page 9 Muirfield Matters

I also wish to extend my best wishes to Ms Eleanor Maxwell from the HSIE faculty for the impending birth of her first child. Ms Maxwell will be on leave for 2022.



Finally, just for 2022, we say good-bye to our Principal, Ms Jennifer Reeves and Head Teacher Mathematics Mrs Margot Cooper, who will be enjoying a year away to explore other adventures as part of the Department's deferred salary scheme. We wish you both a wonderful time and look forward to having you back with us again in 2023.





Wishing all a productive and enjoyable end to the year!



YEAR 7 STUDENT EQUIPMENT LIST 2022

ALL SUBJECTS

Blue or Black pens x2 Lead Pencilsx2 Coloured pencils (12 pack) x1

Red pen x1 Glue Stick Ruler, 300mm, plastic Highlighters Eraser Scissors, 160mm

USB Flash Drive

Box of Geometric Instruments (including a protractor)

Calculator CASIO 82AU (available from the school office \$20)

Students are not to bring permanent marker pens eg. Artline textas, graffiti pens, whiteout or liquid paper to school.

ENGLISH

A4 Exercise Book (128 pages)

MATHEMATICS

A4 Exercise Book (128 pages) A4 Grid Book 5mm ruled(128 pages) for A4 binder Textbook

SCIENCE

A4 Exercise Books (128 pages) x2

HSIE

A4 Exercise Books (96 pages) x2

VISUAL ARTS

A4 Visual Arts Diary

2B, 4B and 6B Drawing Pencils x1 of each

MUSIC

A4 Music Book (96 pages)

A4 Display Folder

Headphones/earbuds (cheap)

PDHPE

A4 Exercise Book (64 pages)

MHS sport shirt

MHS sport shorts

Sports footwear

PERFORMANCE STUDIES

A4 Exercise Book (64 pages)

TAS

Black leather enclosed shoes for all subjects

YEAR 8 STUDENT EQUIPMENT LIST 2022

ALL SUBJECTS

Blue or Black pens x2 Lead Pencilsx2 Coloured pencils (12 pack) x1

Red pen x1 Glue Stick Ruler, 300mm, plastic Highlighters Eraser Scissors, 160mm

USB Flash Drive

Box of Geometric Instruments (including a protractor)

Calculator CASIO 82AU (available from the school office \$20)

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ENGLISH

A4 Exercise Book(128 pages)

MATHEMATICS

A4 Exercise Book (128 pages)

A4 Grid book 5mm ruled (128 pages) for A4 binder Textbook

SCIENCE

A4 Exercise Books (128 pages) x2

HSIE

A4 Exercise Books (128 pages) x2

VISUAL ARTS

A4 Visual Arts Diary

2B, 4B and 6B Drawing Pencils x1 of each

MUSIC

Music Book (96 pages)

A4 Display Folder

Headphones/earbuds (cheap)

PDHPE

MHS sport shirt

MHS sport shorts

Sports footwear

Languages

Exercise Book (128 pages)

Display Folder

TAS

Black leather enclosed shoes for all subjects

YEAR 9 & 10 STUDENT EQUIPMENT LIST 2022

ALL SUBJECTS

Blue or Black pens x2 Lead Pencilsx2 Coloured pencils (12 pack) x1

Red pen x1 Glue Stick Ruler, 300mm, plastic
Highlighters Eraser Scissors, 160mm

USB Flash Drive

Box of Geometric Instruments (including a protractor)

Calculator CASIO 82AU (available from the school office \$20)

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ENGLISH

A4 Exercise Books (128 pages) x2

MATHEMATICS

A4 Exercise Books (128 pages) x2 A4 Grid Book 5mm ruled (128 pages) for A4 binder Textbook

SCIENCE

A4 Exercise Book (128 pages)

HSIE – includes Australian Geography and History, as well as elective Commerce and History

A4 Exercise Book (128 pages), for each subject that your child will be studying

DANCE MUSIC

Black tights and black shirt Music Book (96 pages)

Black hairband Display Folder

Dance shoes (optional) Headphones/earbuds (cheap)

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

Black leather enclosed shoes

PDHPE and **PASS**

Exercise Book (96 pages) x2 MHS sport shirt, and sport shorts

Sports footwear

DRAMA

Black shirt and MHS tracksuit pants or school sport shorts

A4 Visual Arts Diary (Logbook)

VISUAL ARTS

A4 Visual Arts Diary

2B, 4B and 6B Drawing Pencils x1 of each

FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Black leather enclosed shoes

Apron, tea towel, dish cloth, container

VISUAL DESIGN

A4 Visual Arts Diary

2B, 4B and 6B Drawing Pencils x1 of each

JAPANESE

Exercise Book (128 pages)

A4 Display Folder

YEAR 11 & 12 STUDENT EQUIPMENT LIST 2022

ALL SUBJECTS

Blue or Black pens x2 Lead pencils HB x2 Eraser
Red pens x2 Ruler, 300mm, plastic Highlighters

Glue sticks Scissors, 160mm

Calculator CASIO 82AU (available from the school office \$20)

USB Flash Drive

Students are not to bring permanent marker pens eg. Artline textas, graffiti pens, whiteout or liquid paper to school.

ENGLISH

A4 Exercise Books (128 pages) x2

MATHEMATICS

Exercise Books (128 pages minimum) x2

Box of Geometric Instruments (including a protractor and pair of compasses)

SCIENCES

A4 Exercise Book (96 pages) x4 – one for each unit of work Folder/Ring binder (optional)

HSIE SUBJECTS Business Studies, Legal Studies, Society and Culture, Modern & Ancient History

A4 Exercise Book (240 pages) x1 for each subject you are studying

Plastic Document folder

AGRICULTURE	MUSIC	VET Hospitality
Black leather enclosed shoes	Music Book (96 pages) Display folder Headphones/earbuds (che	Full chef uniform Black leather enclosed shoes eap)
DANCE Black tights and black shirt Dance shoes (optional)	PDHPE A4 Exercise Book (96 pages) x1	

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY PHOTOGRAPHY VET Sports Coaching

Steel cap boots A4 Visual Arts Diary MHS sports shirt and sport shorts

Digital Camera Sports footwear

DRAMA VISUAL ARTS

Black shirt A4 Visual Arts Diary

MHS sports tracksuit pants

or school sports shorts

JAPANESE

A4 Exercise Book (240 pages)

Display Folder

It is recommended that all senior students use a folder system to store all work documents together to ensure the organisation of their resources.

Socra-Tick with 9B

Having commenced studying the form and purpose of documentaries with Ms. Chen, our University of Sydney Intern, the analytical skills of 9B English class were put to the test when they entered the rigorously intellectual fray of a Socratic Seminar.

"Socratic what?" you ask.

A Socratic Seminar involves small groups of students interrogating an idea under timed conditions before asking open-ended questions of their peers and justifying their own ideas when questioned.



According to Celine Tran from 9B, "The Socratic Seminar required me to provide reasoning and evidence, based on the documentary that we were studying." That said, the real-world skill of justifying your own ideas in the company of and under the interrogation of your peers can be daunting.

Being daunted, however, is not something this class shies away from. Even though Eden Eshed admitted that she, "went into the task confused and a little nervous," Eden discovered that as soon as the class, "got the hang of it, our confidence began to grow and the seminar became informative and exciting.



"She wasn't alone in this impression. Another student admitted, "At the start of the task, I was worried that it would be an awkward experience and ... worried we would all answer the same. However, by the end, it was a satisfying lesson and I felt as though I had learned more about the documentary. I think everyone's ideas were incredible and that the discussion points were well constructed." (Ella Read)

Facilitating a learning experience where students recognise the value of civil discourse that encourages them, "to engage with other students, whom [they] don't really talk to," (Jonah Mariano)

and, "to think quickly on your feet so that you can combat any questions," (Ashleigh Holman) is incredibly rewarding for all involved.

Eden Eshed effectively sums up the value of this learning strategy, "I think a Socratic seminar is a great learning device as it taught me to see things from different perspectives and allowed me to share my own as well."

In a world where the art of civil discourse and logical argument seems all but lost, Socrates' method of learning gets a big tick with 9B.

Article by Matt Alley, English Teacher



School Travel for 2022



2022 school travel applications are now open

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2022 can <u>apply</u> now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for a school travel pass for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, or who have repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should <u>renew or update</u> their details before **the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications and current entitlements are updated and remain valid. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new <u>eligibility criteria</u>, they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2022.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note**: some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

School Student Transport Scheme site change

On 1 October 2021 the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) information and application portal was moved to **transportnsw.info**. This will assist families to find all their travel information in the one place.

Travel from Term 12022

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) open at the start of Term 4 2021 for travel in 2022, so parents/students can <u>apply</u> or <u>update</u> details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a difficult period for local bus operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations increasingly difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel on a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their local bus operator to discuss their travel needs.

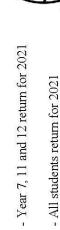
Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Please also remember that students using Opal cards must tap on and tap off in line with the Student code of conduct and Opal terms of use.



Further information can be found at <u>transportnsw.info/travel-info/using-public-transport/school-travel</u>
Enquiries can be submitted at <u>transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback</u>







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2022 Term 1 - 28th January to 8th April, Term 2 - 26th April to 1st July, Term 3 - 18th July to 23rd September, Term 4 - 10th October to 20th December

- Year 7, 11 and 12 return for 2022

- All students return for 2022



2022 School Holidays & Terms

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