



# The Dove

**Term 3**  
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- HSC Music Practical Examination Marking
- 15:05 Study session for Year 12 Biology

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- Year 7 Brainstorm Production Incursion
- 12:00 PDSSSC Season 3 Round 2

**Fri 21 Sep 2018**

- NSWCCC Athletics Carnival

**Week 10**

**Mon 24 Sep 2018**

- Year 12 Report Distribution Date
- 08:00 Year 12 BBQ Breakfast
- 09:05 Year 12 Assembly of Memories
- 10:45 Year 12 Morning Tea
- 11:10 Year 12 Farewell College Assembly (Quad)
- 12:00 Year 11 Guard of Honour for Year 12
- 15:30 Year 12 Arrive at Church
- 16:00 Year 12 Graduation Mass and Awards Ceremony

**Thu 27 Sep 2018**

- Last day Term 3
- 12:00 PDSSSC Season 3 Round 3

**Fri 28 Sep 2018**

**Staff Development – Pupil Free Day**

“IT’S ALL ABOUT LEARNING

AND HAVING HIGH EXPECTATIONS

OF OURSELVES AND EACH OTHER”

## *Dear members of the St Columba's community*

### **The Hawkesbury Road Fire and Emergency Project**

The College proudly hosted representatives from 11 local State, Catholic and Independent schools and 4 Emergency Services Agencies yesterday, in order to participate in the Hawkesbury Road Fire and Emergency Project.



The project provided the opportunity for all schools to review their emergency procedures with expert advice and support from the local emergency service agencies to ensure our preparedness for the bushfire season.

I was delighted to be told that our policies and procedures were considered to be best practice in light of the emergency scenarios presented by the Police, Fire Brigade, RFS and SES personnel present.

It was very reassuring to know that our experience in protecting our students during the 2013 fires and our ongoing review of our procedures, has enabled the College to create a Fire and Emergency Procedures Policy that will ensure that our students and staff will be safe if another fire occurs in and around the College.

Today we had a rehearsal of our “Sit and Stay” procedures and our “Shelter in Place” procedures to ensure that all students and staff are aware of what they are to do in the event of an emergency. These emergency drills are essential and we will continue to rehearse our students and staff throughout the coming months.

### **Are you prepared?**

Parents do you have a plan in place for your children in the event of the Great Western Highway being closed, or if your home is cut off by bushfires or another emergency event while you are at work and away from the Mountains?

### **Hands off**

The “Hands Off” policy was introduced in the College from the time the College began in 1979 to ensure that the students at all times were safe from any unwanted, unsolicited and unnecessary advances from other students.

Throughout this year the students have been constantly reminded of their obligation to respect our code of conduct for all students at the College. Unfortunately, in regard to this policy many students have ignored or defied the teachers.

In our learning environment we have an obligation to ensure that our students respect the rights of one another in regard to personal space and that they are prepared for the world of work, where unwanted advances are considered to be sexual harassment and often result in employees being fired from their jobs.

Parents, I ask you please to support us in our endeavour to ensure that all students feel safe and secure here at the College.

### **Social networking sites and texting**

Parents, please monitor the amount of Learning Preparation (LP) that each student should be completing each night, as a number of students are presenting each day with their LP not completed.

Students who have been interviewed about their study habits have openly admitted to the fact that rather than completing their LP they are spending anywhere between 3 to 10 hours on social networking sites.

I have two concerns regarding this issue; firstly, the students are not coming prepared for their learning and this is having a direct result on their learning. Secondly, social networking sites are not a problem, but do you as parents know who and what is being spoken about and what your sons and daughters are putting on these sites?

Of late we have had to deal directly with the police regarding students involved in some very unsafe and illegal activities while they are on some of these sites.

Could I remind all parents and guardians that every piece of research written about how best to protect your children while on the internet states very simply, that time on the internet and mobile phone should be limited and in full sight of parents and guardians. The recommended place for students to work or be engaged on their computers is in the family room or the kitchen.

Parents, could I ask that you regularly check the sites your son or daughter is visiting on their computers, paying particular attention to the profile page that they have set up, where a lot of extremely private information is being posted for anyone to see and use.

May God bless you always,

**Mr Paul Ryan**  
**Principal**

## **From the Office**

### **School Fees**

Thank you to the families who have finalised their third instalment of school fees for 2018. These fees were due on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

Please be advised that unless alternative arrangements have been made with the Principal, the Business Manager or me, fees are payable in accordance with the Diocesan School Fees Policy which states "all fees are due and payable within 30 days of the date the school account statement is issued."

If you are having difficulties with the payment of your school fees, I encourage you to contact me on 4754 8902 or [rvion@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:rvion@parra.catholic.edu.au) to discuss payment options. The Catholic Education Office is committed to supporting families experiencing genuine financial hardship. Please be assured of complete confidentiality when discussing financial issues.

The school fee collection process has commenced on overdue accounts that have not been addressed as above.

School fees can be paid by Bpay, Postbillpay, Direct Debit, cash, EFTPOS Credit Card or cheque.

**Ms Roselee Vion**  
**Senior Finance Officer**

## NSW School Vaccination Program 2018

All vaccines offered are **FREE**  
for Year 10 and 11 students.



Next clinic at St Columba's College:

**Monday 22 October 2018**

Students will not be vaccinated unless a completed and signed consent form is returned to the school - please ask for a consent package if you would still like your child vaccinated

More information is available at:

[www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation)

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[www.nbmhld.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.nbmhld.health.nsw.gov.au)

### NSW SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM 2018

Each year NSW Health works in partnership with schools to offer the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school vaccination program.

*Parent Information Kits* that include an information sheet, consent form and privacy statement will be sent home to parents/guardians at the beginning of 2018.

**In 2018 the following vaccine will be offered FREE to Year 10 and 11 students:**

- **Meningococcal ACWY** vaccine as a single dose
- To consent to the vaccination of their child, parents/guardians are advised to:
  - read all the information provided
  - complete the consent form, including signing their name next to the vaccine/s they would like their child to receive
  - **return the completed consent form to their child's school as soon as possible**

**To improve vaccination completion, students will be opportunistically offered any missed doses throughout 2018 where possible.**

Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so by writing to the school Principal or phoning the school. The Procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health website at: [www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation).

- Ensure that your child eats breakfast on the day of the school vaccination clinic.
- A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at the clinic as a physical card.
- Parents/guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this Record of Vaccination.

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## Student News

### Oliver Smuhar: The Gifts of Life Book Launch

Congratulations to Oliver Smuhar (Year 12) who has had his first novel 'The Gifts of Life' published! Oliver has managed to write his novel along with studying for his HSC! Amazing!

Oliver was at our Creative Arts and TAS Showcase night signing copies of his book for those who bought a copy.

We have a couple of copies in the Library, so get in quick if you would like to read it over the holidays! Congratulations Oliver. You have put in a lot of hard work to finish this book and achieve your goal. We are looking forward to the next book!

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If you like fantasy  
adventure books  
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available  
to order for  
**\$25**

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supporting  
a Young  
Australian  
Author!!

## THE GIFTS OF LIFE

OLIVER SMUHAR

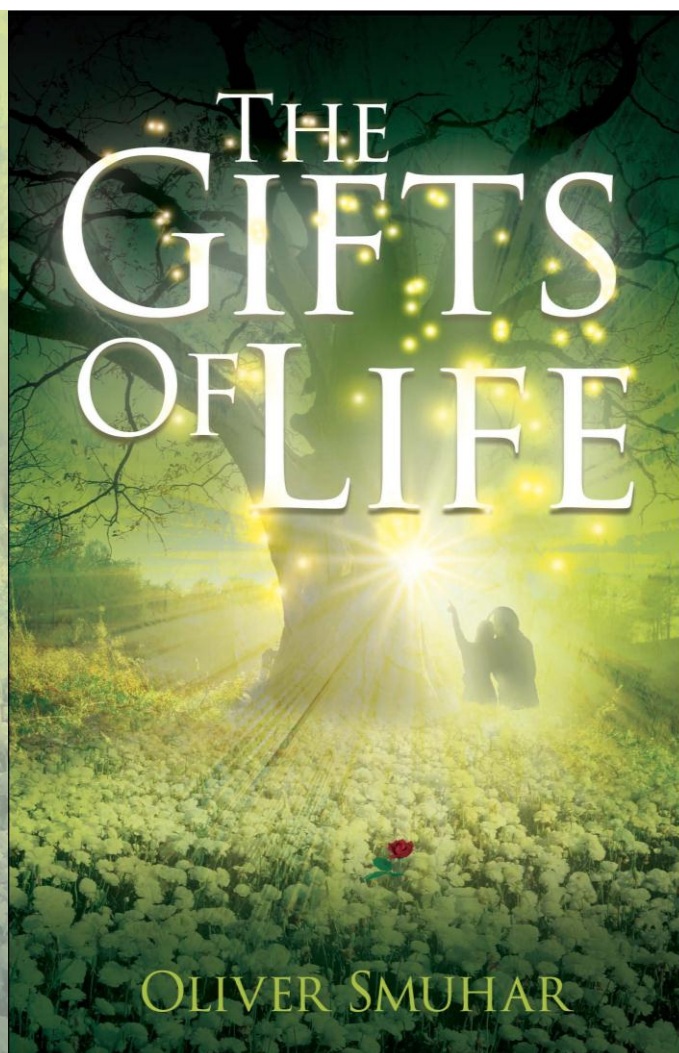
### Editor's Review: Synopsis

In the world of Oberon, there are cities characterised by the landscape surrounding them and the people within them, just as in the real world. The lands traversed by its inhabitants vary greatly the further they travel: vast, concrete cities adorned with white marble and pristine lawns, the never-ending stretch of desert full of people equally as harsh as the land they live on, and lush green rainforests home to caves and animals of all descriptions. But that is where the similarities stop. In this unique universe created by one of Australia's up-and-coming (not to mention one of its youngest) authors, each city hosts a beacon—a powerful light source that awakens the powers of the individuals connected to them through the crests imprinted on their arms from birth. Power, especially great power, however, can become a burden, as Perry Caduca and his friends discover.

As Perry, his younger sister Teala, his best friend Faith, and the family servant, Bailey, prepare for the Ascension Ceremony, the yearly gathering to celebrate the switching on of Kelton White's beacon, Perry realises that something is amiss. He, Teala, Faith and Bailey are chased out of town by a villain in a white suit by the name of Araidian, along with his sadistic, heavily-armed followers and a giant flying creature resembling a pterodactyl, it becomes clear that whatever it is definitely isn't good. Forced to flee their hometown for the safety of Evergreen, a rainforest haven a month's walk away, Perry has to work out a way to reconcile himself with the looming threat of Araidian and his men as well as his now ever-present powers and the darkness they hold.

The book isn't all dark though; the friendship that develops between Perry, Faith, Teala and Bailey, along with the other people they meet along the way, serve to alleviate some of the more graphic scenes (one of which includes a situation in which two kids are forced to fight to the death with a kitchen knife). There are also some pretty cool characters with some fairly original powers, including a salesman whose special power is to vomit up objects for his store. It's also nice to see the use of the Australian landscape developed into a unique fantasy universe, something which is very original to this novel.

Smuhar's book is a shining example of dark YA fantasy that keeps you guessing until the very end—think Deltora Quest meets the Hunger Games with an awesome hybrid dragon creature made of smoke thrown in for good luck. Sadly though, we'll have to wait until the next book to find out what happens to Perry and his newfound animal friends and to discover the gift from the man in the boat.





# Facebook Posts



Our Yr 12 students are currently finishing and submitting their final major works for Timber, Visual Arts, Photography, Music and Drama. To celebrate their achievement we are having an HSC Creative Arts & TAS Showcase!

We warmly welcome members of our College community and the wider community to come and have a look! Wednesday 5 September 4-6.30pm. You will be able to see the projects made by the Timber students and the body of works created by the Visual Arts and Photography students. Music and Drama students will also be performing their major works.

We are very proud of the students and the effort they have put into their major works - come and celebrate with us!



Tonight we congratulate Nicholas McMaster (Yr 12 and College Leader 2017-2018) on receiving the 2018 Bishop of Parramatta Award for Student Excellence. The presentation took place tonight at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. The citation was read by Oscar Dodd, College Leader 2018-2019. Congratulations Nicholas. Thank you for your service and support of our College community and the leadership and example you have shown and been to all of us.



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[www.oliversmuhar.com](http://www.oliversmuhar.com)



Creative Arts and TAS Showcase evening

Tonight our Drama, Music, Art, Photography, Food Technology and Industrial Technology students shared their talents with our College community. Congratulations to our HSC students on their hard work and dedication throughout the year in preparing their HSC pieces and thank-you to our year 10 Food technology students for their beautiful catering this evening.



We had a lot to celebrate at our College assembly today! We congratulated Oliver Smuhar on getting his first novel published, and acknowledged the successful 2018 Talkfest team. We also handed out significant Cultural Awards and recognised the students who performed in the Captivate 10 Year Celebration. We were also able to thank the Yr 12 students who have volunteered to help with the Vinnies Van over the last year. Congratulations to all these students!



Today was St Columba's Fiver for a Farmer Day! Thank you to everyone who donated a fiver! It was so wonderful to see so many people in their farmer outfits! The cake competition and stall was great, winners will be announced at Monday morning's assembly. The winner of the lolly guessing competition will also be announced, with the winner walking away with the entire jar! The country concert at lunch was brilliant, with the talented staff band performing some amazing songs! Overall, it was a fantastic day and all funds raised will go towards the farmers who have been struggling in recent droughts. Thank you again!



Thank you to everyone who attended the HSC Creative Arts and TAS Showcase last night! It was a wonderful celebration!

The photographs of the Visual Art and Photography works will be uploaded and shared once they have been marked by the HSC markers.



Thankyou to all who came and supported our musicians at today's lunchtime concert to raise money for our farmers.



TOMORROW is the big day that we have all been waiting for! St Columba's Fiver for a Farmer day! We have lots of exciting activities and events planned! At lunchtime is the sausage sizzle (\$2.00) and Country Concert (\$1 admission), and there will also be a cake stall and competition. There will be a lolly guessing competition too, alongside a farmer-themed mufli for the day! All funds raised for this day will go to the farmers who are struggling due to the drought. Show some support for the farmers and bring in your fiver!



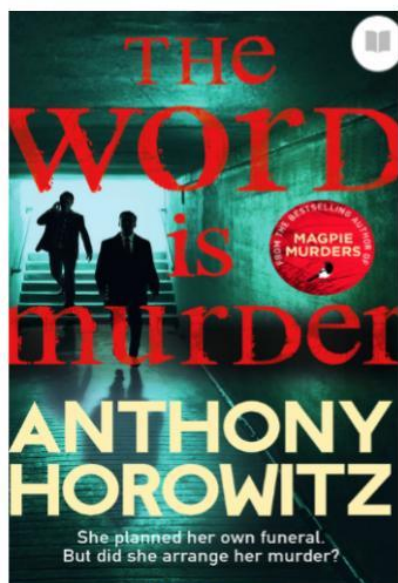




## Student eBook Of The Week

~ Secondary Schools

Sep 03 2018



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<https://goo.gl/ACGNae>

Suitable for years 9 - 12

SHE PLANNED HER OWN FUNERAL. BUT DID SHE ARRANGE HER OWN MURDER?

A woman is strangled six hours after organising her own funeral. Did she know she was going to die? Did she recognise her killer?

Daniel Hawthorne, a recalcitrant detective with secrets of his own, is on the case, together with his reluctant side-kick – a man completely unaccustomed to the world of crime.

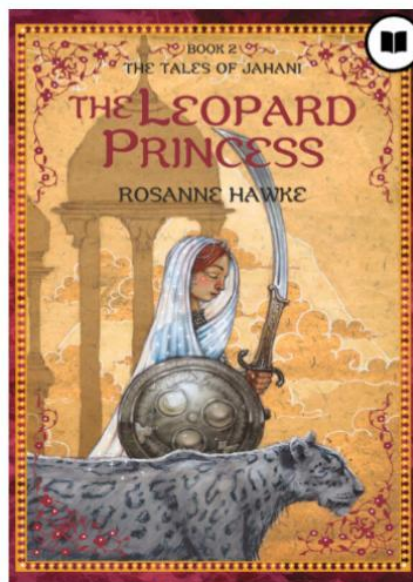
But even Hawthorne isn't prepared for the twists and turns in store – as unexpected as they are bloody...



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<https://goo.gl/DmXeSX>

Suitable for years 7 - 9

First Moon of Autumn, 1662: After reuniting with the nomads, fourteen-year-old Jahani is finally home. With her red hair dyed black, she can travel through the Qurraqoram Mountains without fear of being captured. But the tyrants and warlords who pursue Jahani will not rest in their battle for power and, before long, the nomads are attacked. Can Jahani discover a pathway to peace in the northern kingdoms and fulfil her true destiny?



## Dove Tales goes Graphic

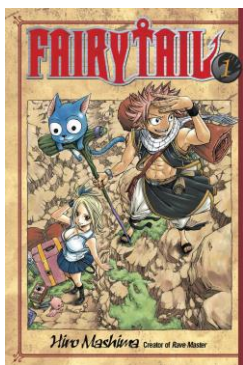
This term the St Columba's book club, Dove Tales, has decided to make reading graphic novels its focus.

Graphic novels are often much maligned as 'not real books' as they primarily send their messages through image and illustration rather than the written word. The aim of the book club's focus is to remove this stigma and show just how exciting and interesting graphic novels can be. I think the thing to remember is that the novel, which is widely considered serious reading material now, was once frowned upon as frivolous and a waste of time, scorned by academia and learned men.

At our last Dove Tales meeting we discussed the types of graphic novels available to the reading community. These include adaptations of prose texts, often classics or popular novel; manga, the Japanese form of the type; comic books; and stand alone texts. The library has recently acquired a range of new graphic novel texts, and Mrs Sefton, our librarian, is always looking for suggestions of new texts to purchase. At our next meeting students will be reviewing the books they have read from the library's catalogue and we will publish some of these in the next newsletter.

All students are welcome to attend book club. It takes place in the library at lunch on Tuesday Week 1s.

### Mrs Morrison and Mrs Sefton



#### Fairy Tail by Hiro Mashima. Reviewed by Zofia Hammond.

Fairy Tail is a manga by Hiro Mashima. It's about a 17 year old girl wizard and the start of her adventures with the wizard guild Fairy Tail. It was a really good introduction into the world of Fairy Tail. I loved the slightly crazy characters, like Happy, the talking/flying cat and Natsu, the fire eating, motion sickness prone wizard. One evil person would be defeated, then another one would attack. It was action packed reading that I would highly recommend.



#### Harley Quinn; Hot in the City by Amanda Conner.

##### Reviewed by Charlotte Harris

The first issue of DC's 'The New 52' Harley Quinn series is a shining start to an amazing series.

In case you don't know Harley Quinn she is the infamous anti-hero sidekick and love interest to the Joker. She first debuted in the Batman animated series as a side character but was so popular with the audience she was brought back and became the independent, butt-kicking superhero she is today.

This graphic novel shows off an amazing and new side of Harley. The audience gets to know her on a personal level through a series of fun and light-hearted adventures. The novel starts off as Harley reflects on what her comic book would look like which is a fun insight into what she thinks. She has just left her abusive boyfriend the Joker and moves to Coney Island when an old tycoon leaves her a building after the Joker, out of rage blows up her home.

From there fun antics ensue as Harley meets new people, defeats new villains and revives old romances (not with the Joker, I promise).

This novel is an amazing read worth the time. I highly recommend it and hope that now you visit this amazing read.

**Mrs Belinda Sefton, Teacher Librarian.**

# Careers News

## UNI

### UTS Bachelor of Accounting Scholarship Program

19 October

Closing date for the 2019 intake for the UTS Bachelor of Accounting Cooperative Scholarship Program. More information, email [carin.alberts@uts.edu.au](mailto:carin.alberts@uts.edu.au) . Online applications at:

<https://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/business/business-courses/undergraduate-programs/bachelor-accounting>

### Introduction to Actuarial Science

The Australian National University is running a special version of its popular Introduction to Actuarial Science course for Year 11/12 students in Australia from Term 4 2018 to Term 1 2019. The course is a Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) and is free for all students. For more information:

<https://www.edx.org/course/introduction-actuarial-science-anux-anu-actuarialx-1>

### New Biomedical Science Degree

Students in the Bachelor of Biomedical Science will now be able to tailor their degree towards a specialisation by completing a Sub Major in their final year. Options include Cellular Pathology, Microbiology and Host Responses or Biochemistry and Molecular Diagnostic. See our updated course guide:

<https://www.uts.edu.au/sites/default/files/2018-08/uts-science-ug-course-guide-2019-version2.pdf>

### HSC True Reward at Western Sydney University

Applications for the HSC True Reward Early Offer Program are now open! Our unique program gives a student an early offer into a University degree based on corresponding HSC subject band outcomes, not the ATAR. For more information about this fantastic opportunity or to lodge an application please visit:

<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/study/application-pathways/hsc-true-reward.html>

### Macquarie University Catchment Adjustment Factors (THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO SCCC)

Be eligible for five additional adjustment factors.

If you qualify for adjustment factors, they are added to your selection rank and may improve your chances of receiving an offer for your preferred degree. Macquarie offers five additional adjustment factors to students who live or go to school in Macquarie's catchment region. These are called catchment adjustment factors. Use the tool below to check if your postcode qualifies. If you qualify, you will automatically receive five adjustment factors when you have a Macquarie course listed as one of your preferences through UAC.

<https://www.mq.edu.au/study/admissions/entry-requirements/domestic/macquarie-entry/adjustment-factors/catchment-adjustment-factors>

## UTS – HSC Live Q & A's

15 to 31 October Webinar. 6.00pm to 8.00pm

We're hosting four HSC Live Q&As to assist HSC students with their study. Students can get real-time help from senior HSC Markers for Advanced English, Mathematics, Business Studies and Biology.

<https://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/undergraduate/our-courses/find-right-course/events-and-info-sessions>

### CSCS at UNSW – HSC Workshops

8 September – Economics

8 September – Mathematics

8 September – Physics

9 September – Engineering

9 September – Chemistry

Need help studying for HSC? Is procrastination getting the better of you? Don't stress. Luckily the CSCS family at UNSW have gone through all of it before and are here to help you out. These academic scholars have some seminars prepared to help you excel in your exams and assessments. For \$15 per session

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2137899859788914/>

### Southern Cross University – Spring into Engineering Program for Aspiring Girls

24 October. 9.00am to 2.30pm

A Block, Lismore Campus

Southern Cross University is committed to encouraging and supporting women to consider a career in engineering and to learn more about the wonders, opportunities and diversity of career paths available within the discipline.

Women in engineering careers enjoy:

- seeing their efforts make a real difference in communities
- working creatively with processes that start with designs on paper and go all the way to real life applications
- project management
- working with people and in teams
- leadership responsibilities

<https://www.scu.edu.au/school-of-environment-science-and-engineering/events/spring-into-engineering-program-for-aspiring-girls.php>

### Applications Open for UNSW's Women in Engineering Camp 2019

Applications will close 17 October

Running 7 to 9 January

For any female student going into year 11 or 12 in 2019 - applications for the 2019 UNSW Women in Engineering Camp are now open. Participants will take part in site visits, workshops, networking events and more. Any questions please contact Sarah Coull, WIE Manager [s.coull@unsw.edu.au](mailto:s.coull@unsw.edu.au) . Apply at:

<https://www.engineering.unsw.edu.au/about-us/initiatives/women-in-engineering/outreach/women-in-engineering-camp>



### **Uni of Canberra – Virtual Tours Anytime Campus Tour**

Explore our campus and facilities as if you were there.

<https://www.canberra.edu.au/on-campus/campus-tours/virtual-tours>

### **TAFE**

#### **Early Entry Program to TAFE NSW Degree Now Open**

Did you know TAFE NSW are now accepting early entries into its Degree Programs? Your students can now apply for a Degree and receive a conditional offer before they get their HSC results! With some degrees fully online they will get an industry-recognised qualification that can change their future. Applications are now being taken:

<https://www.tafensw.edu.au/early-entry-program>

### **COLLEGES**

#### **Creative Careers in IT and Design Information Night**

26 September. 5.30pm to 7.30pm

Level 2, 7 Kelly Street, Ultimo

Come along and learn about the exciting career opportunities within design, animation, film, games and IT. Join us and book today at:

<https://www.ait.edu.au/information-night>

#### **NIDA Applications**

Closing 30 September

Thinking about a career in the performing arts? The National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA) is accepting applications for the 2019 intake to its world-class higher education performing arts courses. There are greater opportunities than ever before for a career in creative industries with VET Diplomas, Bachelor and Masters degrees.

<https://apply.nida.edu.au/>

#### **AFTRS Bachelor of Arts Screen**

Applications close 12 November

The Australian Film Television and Radio School's Bachelor of Arts Screen: Production is designed for students with a passion for storytelling and a commitment to a career in the screen industries. Students will become multi-skilled screen storytellers with skills in all creative roles. More:

<https://www.aftrs.edu.au/award-course/bachelor-of-arts-screen-production/>

#### **Avondale Offers Counselling Services and Degree**

Life can be a roller coaster and balance is about navigating the highs and the lows. At Avondale, students and staff are like family so when times get tough or you just need to chat, our professional free counselling service on-campus is always available. For courses covering Counselling, Chaplaincy, Humanities or Psychology visit:

<http://www.avondale.edu.au/academics/arts/undergraduate/bachelor-of-arts/>

#### **JMC Creative Industries High School Workshops**

October School Holidays 561 Harris Street, Ultimo

JMC Sydney will be holding 6 Introductory Workshops. These High School Workshops are inspired by JMC's creative courses. Tickets are now available and 2 of the workshops have already sold out! Workshops are for High School students in years 9-12 and are \$50 (including lunch).

<https://www.jmcacademy.edu.au/events/upcomingworkshops>

### **AIS Industry Skills Forums in Canberra & Sydney**

Canberra – 11 September

Sydney – 26 September

Join industry leaders in discussions at the upcoming AIS Industry Skills Forum. Hosted by prominent journalist and author Kerry O'Brien, these free forums will explore current and future skills needs. For the full program and to register go to:

<https://www.futureskilling.org.au/>

#### **Career Edge at TOP**

At Top Education Institute (TOP), we encourage our students to participate in work placements during the course of their study with us. After completion of their studies with us, our students will be in a position that will enable them to be better equipped and stand out in today's highly competitive job environment. Want to know more about our programs? Contact us! 9209 4888.

E: [info@top.edu.au](mailto:info@top.edu.au)

#### **Endeavour College of Natural Health – Webinar – Studying Online**

20 September 2.00pm - Online

Tune in as current Acupuncture student Jess shares her experience with studying online at Endeavour College of Natural Health.

<https://www.endeavour.edu.au/events/21186>

### **GENERAL**

#### **How To Write an Effective Resume [A Practical Guide]**

So you've read thousands of job ads and picked out the ones that sound like they're tailor-made for you. But ask yourself this: is your resume tailor-made for them?

If the answer is no, stop what you're doing. Before sending off your application hoping to get a job interview, you need to make sure you have an effective resume. We're talking about the sort of resume that positively screams "don't waste time reading those other applications, you've already found the right person for the job"!

Luckily, you've come to exactly the right place. Welcome to our practical guide to writing the perfect resume quickly and easily!

<https://au.jobted.com/blog/>

#### **Study Medicine - Free Trial**

A new free trial feature has been added to Study Medicine. See how medical degree and degrees leading to medicine are structured and compare degrees to maximise your chance of becoming a doctor using Macquarie University as an example:

<https://www.studymedicine.com.au/>

See also the latest listing of deadlines (September) for all medical programs in Australia:

<https://www.studymedicine.com.au/deadlines/>

You can find Study Medicine on Twitter, Facebook or email: [admin@studymedicine.com.au](mailto:admin@studymedicine.com.au)

### Conservation Volunteers

Do you love the outdoors? Do you care about our natural environment? Join us as a volunteer on any of our hundreds of conservation projects Australia wide. Anyone can get involved. You don't need any prior skills or experience, just a reasonable level of health and fitness. Here is what is happening in NSW.

[https://bookings.conservationvolunteers.org/book/search/results?projectSearch\\_region\\_1=14&projectSearch\\_requiredVacancies=1&\\_ga=2.164078399.1066202960.1536130756-1156871840.1536130756](https://bookings.conservationvolunteers.org/book/search/results?projectSearch_region_1=14&projectSearch_requiredVacancies=1&_ga=2.164078399.1066202960.1536130756-1156871840.1536130756)

### Vinnies Youth

Vinnies Youth is term given to Young Adult members and volunteers of St Vincent de Paul Society. Getting involved in Vinnies Youth is about putting faith in action – we offer a number of opportunities to serve people in your local community. These include: Kids Days Out, Buddy Camps, Home Visitation, Tutoring and Mentoring, Vinnies Shops, Soup Vans and even school's engagement.

[https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Get\\_Involved/Youth\\_and\\_Schools/Join\\_Vinnies\\_Youth/](https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Get_Involved/Youth_and_Schools/Join_Vinnies_Youth/)

### Headspace – HSC Chat – NSW

26 September. 6.00pm to 7.00pm

Leichhardt Library, Piazza Level, Italian Forum, 23 Norton Street, Leichhardt

To help reduce stress and ensure that you're as organised as you can be, come to the Headspace HSC chat to learn more about planning, looking after yourself and about staying focused in order to be ready for the exam.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/headspace-hsc-chat-tickets-48822494395>

### CyberTaipan - Australia's Youth Cyber Defence Challenge

CyberTaipan is open to anyone in years 7-12 with an interest in cyber, defence, puzzles and code breaking. CyberTaipan is a national high-school aged cyber defence competition. Teams compete in online rounds for the top placement within their state or territory and the chance to compete in the National Finals Competition in March 2019. Information and registration at

<https://www.austcyber.com/cybertaipan/>



### DEFENCE FORCE RECRUITING IS RELOCATING IN OCTOBER!

Defence Force Recruiting Parramatta is moving to Rhodes. Our Parramatta office will close on **Wednesday 3rd October at 1pm.**

We will **reopen** on **Wednesday 10th October** under the new name of **Defence Force Recruiting Sydney** at **Building F, Level 6, 1 Homebush Bay Drive Rhodes NSW 2138.**

All contact numbers remain the same.

[www.defencejobs.gov.au](http://www.defencejobs.gov.au)

Call 13 19 01



### Early Entry Program to TAFE NSW Degree Now Open

Did you know TAFE NSW are now accepting early entries into its Degree Programs? Your students can now apply for a Degree and receive a conditional offer before they get their HSC results!

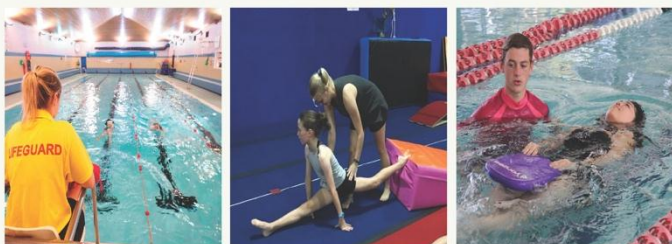
With some degrees fully online they will get an industry-recognised qualification that can change their future.

<https://www.tafensw.edu.au/early-entry-program>



# SKILLS for your career

Partial qualification leading to a traineeship opportunity in Sport & Recreation



Participants in this course will get an understanding of the range of duties in a **Sport & Recreation** environment

The program includes the following units

- BSBWOR301 Time Management & Organisation Skills
- SISXIND001 Work effectively in a sport & recreation environment
- SISXCCS001 Provide quality service
- SISXCAI006 Facilitate groups

+ A work experience component

If you would like more information please contact Nicky on 9704 1500

To register your interest in attending an information session please

complete our online google form

<https://goo.gl/forms/tZvCT1Yeg0qIFKef1>

Westmead

Information sessions

25th Sept 2018

9th Oct 2018

9:45am

Course will start on

16th October

ATC Australian Training Company



## Health Inspirations Program

What is Health Inspirations ?

NBMLHD hosts a five day work experience program for high school students from local government areas in the LHD.

The purpose is to engage students in meaningful ways, provide them with a clearer picture of the world of work and to help them make decisions about their career paths.

What do students do ?

- ♦ Visit over 30 wards and departments in the hospital
- ♦ Speak with over 25 Healthcare professionals
- ♦ Participate in ward/unit activities in a hospital setting
- ♦ Observe a typical work day in a health service and ask questions about what skills are required and what sort of careers are available.

*"It's really hard to make decisions about your career choice with no exposure to the field, so this opportunity is a great chance to have a glimpse of what a career in Health might look like" (Brooke D- student 2015)*

For all enquiries please contact:

Warwick Perks 47341529 or 0414890112

Warwick.Perks@health.nsw.gov.au

NSW Health Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District

## Recruitment Day

### Apprentice & Trainee Positions 2019

Parents are welcome

The Australian Training Company is offering students an opportunity to explore their career options & find their path to success.

Come and join us at the ATC to learn and explore about the options available to you in IT, Sport and Recreation, Business Admin, Horticulture and many more!

No ATAR required  
Paid employment  
Nationally recognised qualification  
Paid to study  
Hands on experience

\*attendees must bring a copy of their resume

Information Session dates  
27th September 2018  
14th November 2018  
23rd January 2019  
All sessions start at 9:30am

Information session will be held at  
30-32 Pomeroy Street  
Homebush

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To attend a session please register here

<https://goo.gl/forms/oJzUG2FyPwbQXTJo1>

## VET Courses

### FACTS

You should look at post graduate options and seriously consider if a Vocational Education & Training (VET) course is right for you.

First, lets break down some myths about VET

### MYTH # 1

28% of Australians think university graduates gain work easier post graduating



FACT

Employment Rates Post Grad

68% 78%



UNI



VET

### MYTH # 2

3 out of 5 Australians suggest that VET education is no longer as relevant as University education

### FACT

The VET sector provides training in of the predicted occupations to have the greatest growth over the next 5 years



### MYTH # 3

21% of Australia believe an increasing amount of students are undertaking a Uni course because VET graduates earn less

FACT

The average salary for a VET graduate is

\$56,000

The average salary for a UNI graduate is

\$54,000

\*Perceptions Are Not Reality: myths, realities and the critical role of Vocational Education & Training in Australia

Why should you chose a VET qualification? • Flexibility • Adaptability • Practicability





# HSC MASSES

CALLING ALL 2018 YEAR 12 STUDENTS  
TO HEAD TO YOUR NEAREST PARISH

*330,000 Catholics in the Diocese of Parramatta want to support you!*

**SUNDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 2018**

NORTH PARRAMATA – St Monica's, 11:30am

**SATURDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER 2018**

TOONGABBIE – St Anthony of Padua, 5:30pm

**FRIDAY, 5 OCTOBER 2018**

BLACKTOWN – Mary Queen of the Family (Allawah St), 6:30pm

**SUNDAY, 7 OCTOBER 2018**

GLENBROOK – St Finbar's, 6:00pm

KELLYVILLE – Our Lady of the Rosary, 6:00pm

WINSTON HILLS – St Paul the Apostle, 6:00pm

**SATURDAY, 13 OCTOBER 2018**

EMU PLAINS – Our Lady of the Way, 6:00pm

LALOR PARK – St Bernadette's, 6:00pm

RYDALMERE – Holy Name of Mary, 5:30pm

**SUNDAY, 14 OCTOBER 2018**

BAULKHAM HILLS – St Michael's, 6:00pm

CASTLE HILL – St Bernadette's, 6:00pm

GRANVILLE – Holy Trinity, 10:00 am

GREYSTANES – Our Lady Queen of Peace, 6:00pm

HARRIS PARK – St Oliver Plunkett, 10:00am

MARAYONG – St Andrew the Apostle, 10:30am

MOUNT DRUITT/EMERTON – Holy Family, 10:30am

PARRAMATTA – St Patrick's Cathedral, 6:00pm

PENRITH – St Nicholas of Myra, 6:00pm

PLUMPTON – The Good Shepherd, 6:00pm

QUAKERS HILL – Mary Immaculate, 6:00pm

ROUSE HILL – Our Lady of the Angels, 8:30am, 10:00am, 5:30pm

WINDSOR – St Matthew's, 5:00pm



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PARRAMATTA

**year of youth**

OPEN NEW HORIZONS FOR SPREADING JOY  
Young People, Faith & Vocational Discernment



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## Spirituality Reflection Morning in the Blue Mtns

A joint effort of Aquinas Academy and Catalyst for Renewal



**Sept.15, 2018, Santa Maria Hall, Lawson.9:30-12:30pm**

**Parking: Lawson Catholic Church, Gt Western Hwy (enter by Somers St.)  
OR Kitchener St, Lawson.**

### The Creative Nature of God:

the source of all life, (Jn.1:1-4)  
who makes all things new. (Rev. 21:5)

Presented by Sister Patty Andrews, osu

This reflection morning will focus on the creative nature of God, the source of all life (John 1:1-4) who "makes all things new." (Rev.21.5). Set within the beginning of the season of spring as it bursts forth in the beautiful Blue Mountains, we will explore the generative nature of our self-renewing environment. Currently in our unfolding theology and sacramental understanding, we are witnessing a profound awakening to the story of the universe which it has been telling for billions of years. It seems it is only in this now moment that we are beginning to recognise the speech and hear the voice that goes out through all the earth and tells us of the radically amazing gift of life gratuitously given by our God of love (Psalm 19).

The reflection morning will be supported by some brief input sessions, readings which relate to the theme, time for personal reflection and an invitation for conversation.

*Entry by donation. Morning tea provided, no need to book.*

*For more information contact Carol Teodori: 02 4758 7549*

*Program also on Catalyst for Renewal web-site: [catalyst-for-renewal.com.au](http://catalyst-for-renewal.com.au)*

**For railway travellers to Lawson:** Exit on the southern side, then go east along the Great Western Highway. Turn RIGHT at Orient St., LEFT into Mary St. Walk to the end. (15 min. walk).

#### **Considering volunteering?**

##### **Meet & Greet Palms Volunteers**

Relax at the 2773 Glenbrook and find out what life was like for Kristine and Lukas, volunteers who spent two years assisting disability services and advocacy in Timor Leste.

##### **Meet and Greet us-**

**Saturday 22 Sept 2:30pm**

**2773 Café**

**19 Ross Street**

**GLENBROOK NSW 2773**

Find out more at [www.palms.org.au/events](http://www.palms.org.au/events) or Contact Palms on 02 9560 5333



For more events please go to: <http://parracatholic.org/events/>

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**Web:** <http://www.stcolumbasspringwood.catholic.edu.au/>

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*Act Justly, Love Tenderly and Walk Humbly with our God*

# Community News

## Keeping Kids In Mind

For parents experiencing conflict after separation

Parents love their children and want the best for them. However, after separation, parenting often gets much tougher.

Keeping Kids in Mind is a 5 week course for separated parents who are experiencing on-going conflict.

This course examines issues such as:

- Grief and Loss after separation
- The Hidden World of Children
- Rebuilding Resilience
- Bridging the Gap
- Looking Back, Moving Forward



All participants must register their interest in attending the course and participate in an interview prior to the course.

**Where:** Springwood Drop-In Centre, Macquarie Rd

**When:** 5 Wednesdays from 17 October - 14 November, 6pm-8.30pm

**Bookings:** are essential, please call (02) 8843 2530

**Cost:** \$100 for all sessions, includes handbook. Concessions available.

"Keeping Kids in Mind" is facilitated by qualified and experienced educators and counsellors. A Certificate of Attendance is issued on completion of the course.



**Springwood Drop-In Centre**  
Shop 3, 163 Macquarie Rd, Springwood  
Phone: 8843 2530  
[facebook.com/catholiccarebm](https://facebook.com/catholiccarebm)

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## OCTOBER HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

Children Year 5 and up \$10 per day Max. 10 people  
Each workshop runs for 2 hours



### Scratch-Foam Printing

Scratch into foam and create printed masterpieces.

**Thurs. Oct. 4th**  
**@ 2-4pm**



### Fun Creative Writing

Bring your ideas and turn them into "Fractured Fairytales" or "Tall Tales but True".

**Part 1: Wed. Oct. 3rd @ 2-4pm**

Introduction, mindmapping & drafting.

**Part 2: Wed. Oct. 10th @ 2-4pm**

Editing and finalising story.

Finalised stories put into booklet and posted to participants  
(If available, please bring laptop or tablet.)



### Telling Stories Through Music

Bring your own acoustic instrument, or use ours and compose music to accompany stories.

**Thurs. Oct. 11th @ 2-4pm**



### Springwood Children's Centre Inc

A not-for-profit charity  
2/119 Macquarie Rd, Springwood



Contact us on 4751 4642 or [sccrr@iinet.net.au](mailto:sccrr@iinet.net.au) to book

**DOGPRO SUPREME AUSTRALIAN SHEPDOG CHAMPIONSHIP**

8-14 October 2018  
Hawkesbury Showground  
Clarendon  
8am-6pm

**Free Entry for Spectators**

Come and see the best dogs and handler teams from all over the country compete for the title of Australian Champion!

State VS State! Australia VS New Zealand!

For details see:  
[www.nswsheepdogworkers.org.au](http://www.nswsheepdogworkers.org.au) / FB page: Hawkesbury Supreme

**Dogpro PLUS**

**SHARE THE Journey**

#sharethjourney2018  
**COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH MONTH EVENTS**

Penrith-At the Mondo (between Westfield and Joan Theatre)  
Thursday 4th October, 2018 \* 12pm - 4pm

Richmond-At the Oval  
Tuesday 9th October, 2018 \* 12pm - 3pm  
**ENTRY IS FREE!**

Musicians \* fun activities \* jumping castle \* face painting \* food

<https://www.facebook.com/PenrithMentalHealthWellnessEvent/>

**Partners:** YMCA, ABILITY LINKS, NSW GOVERNMENT, fusion, Uniting, LikeMind, headspace, flourish, PENRITH CITY COUNCIL, family carer, phn, Wentworth Healthcare, NDCO