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Wednesday 15 December 2021. Week 10B Term 4  
**Rachel Fleming. Relieving Principal's Report**

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we work today, and pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging. We extend that respect to any Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

## **Year 7 – 11 Presentation Day**

On Monday 6 December we had the opportunity to recognise special and academic award winners in Years 7 – 11. Due to the COVID restrictions we held five separate ceremonies. These included speeches from the Deputy Principal, Year Adviser and SRC representative, followed by the presentation of awards and a final musical item. The seamless organisation by Ms Sechi, Ms Newland and the Maths and SAS staff enabled us to congratulate and recognise well over 500 students. Our students all need to be congratulated on their achievements this year across a range of subject areas. The musical items were sensational and it made us all realise how much we are looking forward to hearing music in our school again next year and, most importantly, welcoming our whole school community back on site.



## **Year 12 2021 – Success in TAS and MUSIC**

Last Friday we all breathed a sigh of relief on behalf of our Year 12 students as they sat the final HSC exam. I would like to thank our Year 12 students for really stepping up and taking on board all the hygiene protocols to ensure they were able to get through the exam period safe and well.

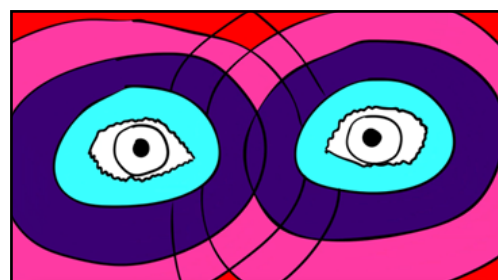
Our students came well prepared and, on the whole, most of them had positive comments to say about their papers. The gratitude they showed towards their teachers was greatly appreciated across the school.

## **HSC Success**

**Congratulations Dylan Catterall and Mr Hamed.**

Dylan's Major Project from Industrial Technology has been selected into SHAPE 2021. Shape 2021 is an exhibition of outstanding Major Projects developed by HSC Design and Technology, Industrial Technology and Textiles and Design students.

The exhibition will be at the Powerhouse Museum from Friday 4 March to Sunday 14 August 2022. Dylan created an animation and composed his own music.



**Relieving Principal: Rachel Fleming**  
Relieving Deputy Principals: Sharon Behringer, Katrina Purvis, Carol Roulston

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# RELIEVING PRINCIPALS' REPORT CONTINUED

Congratulations to **Tahlia Dunning, Ms Samojlowicz, Lucy Dawson and Liz Seares** who were nominated for **SHAPE 2021**.

The following students' performances were nominated for consideration for inclusion in **ENCORE**, the showcase of a selection of performances and compositions by Higher School Certificate Music students. Congratulations to Dylan Catterall, Georgie Lyons, Jeremy Sala and Ms Meyers.

## Farewells and retirements

We will be farewelling and thanking a number of staff this year who have either sought promotion or decided to move to regional areas or interstate. As a school we always encourage our staff and students to aspire and grow.



In particular I would like to congratulate and thank **Sharon Behringer** who will be retiring after 45 years of service with the DOE. Sharon came to Pittwater High School as Head Teacher History. She has a love of



Modern History and her students remember her for being the "best teacher they ever had". Sharon has always been an advocate for public education and as Deputy Principal always had the best interest of our

students at heart. We wish you well Sharon and will miss your passion and dedication to teaching and learning at Pittwater High School.

**2022 Organisation and Save the Dates will be emailed out early next week**

## Supporting students wearing uniform

Please encourage your child to wear the correct uniform at all times. All students will be expected to be in correct school uniform from day one next year. Please make sure you order online and pick up during the holidays to be prepared for the new year ahead.

## Uniform Shop Holiday Opening Hours:

Tuesday 25 January 2022 9am-11am

Thursday 27 January 2022 9am-11am

I would like to thank our school community for working together to make sure all of our students and staff are valued and really given every opportunity to thrive. 2021 has been full of twists and turns that we have all navigated together. We wish you all a safe and healthy holiday and look forward to welcoming you back in 2022.

## Rachel Fleming – Relieving Principal

# DEPUTY PRINCIPALS' REPORT

Ms Behinger, Ms Purvis, Ms Roulston

It most certainly has been a different year to any other. I would like to wish all students and staff a safe and well-deserved holiday and hope you get some time to relax. Merry Christmas to everyone.

I want to wish Ms Behringer a happy retirement as she is leaving Pittwater after many years of service to the wellbeing of students. She will be missed by all.

Best wishes to all the teachers leaving as I know that most are moving to either rural areas or interstate. It has been a pleasure working with you all and you will be missed.

Some reminders until the end of this term:  
If you are out of uniform, then bring a note from a parent to collect a green slip.

Please ensure attendance to all lessons right up until the end of term, especially for the Year 12 cohort of 2022.

**Ms Roulston**

Congratulations to Year 10 on completing Stage 5 and achieving the ROSA. It was fantastic to present so many of them with well-deserved awards at the presentation assembly. I look forward to celebrating the end of Year 10 with some fun activities organised by the house captains and Ms Greene, Ms Giddings and Ms Mumford on Friday. Year 10 students need to wear their sports uniform but may wear a top in their house colours on Friday.

Many Year 7s also received awards on Monday, and I was impressed with the breadth of their talent, from academic excellence to community service, sport and music. I hope Year 7 enjoys their end of year activity, an excursion to the movies, thanks to the organisation of Year Adviser Ms Sonter and all the accompanying staff.

I wish all our students and families all the best of the season and I hope you enjoy the break and get an opportunity to relax.. perhaps with a good book.

**Ms Purvis**

*save  
the date!*

All students and parents are welcome to attend the information evenings being held in February. Students will receive their assessment booklets and there will be valuable information for both students and parents. We look forward to seeing you all there!

**YEARS 7 and 10. Wednesday 9 February**

Year 7 5.30 - 6.15pm

Year 10 6.30 - 7.15pm

**YEARS 8 and 11. Thursday 3 February**

Year 8 5.30 - 6.15pm

Year 11 6.30 - 7.15pm

**YEARS 9 and 12. Monday 7 February**

Year 9 5.30 - 6.15pm

Year 12 6.30 - 7.15pm



## Blues Points GoodVibes Announcement

Parents,

PHS staff would like to say a huge thank-you to **Deb Meyers** who has managed an extremely complicated Blues Point system for 15+ years at Pittwater High School. In that time, she has collated over 540,000 Blues Points for more than 1800 students. Deb is standing aside to allow Dave Gleeson to take the reins, so it seems right that we should take this opportunity to acknowledge Deb for her tireless expertise in rewarding deserving PHS students over the years.

At this point of transition, Pittwater High is introducing a new merit structure to shift from the traditional Blues Points scheme to the newly established GoodVibes system. Praise be to George Morton-Ramwell for his ingenuity and tenacity in developing and implementing this change.

Note well that while there will be a 'new face' to the GoodVibes rewards system, previous Blues Points data and awards earned will still be acknowledged going forward. This means that current students are still eligible to achieve the cumulative awards in coming years.

In light of this move to GoodVibes, PHS is looking to *rebrand* the 'Half Blue' and 'Full Blue' Awards, and a competition has been established to gather suggestions and ideas for the titles of these awards. Prizes will be given to short-listed finalists (staff, students and parents are welcome to enter), however the ultimate prize is the satisfaction in naming the prestigious annual PHS Awards for years to come. Please click on the link below to answer a two-question survey where you can provide ideas for the names of the awards:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdeMMH9Ei6-c7zcdSnlneyrvSnDcftydyr1YMxPJfxEDCy6mA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdeMMH9Ei6-c7zcdSnlneyrvSnDcftydyr1YMxPJfxEDCy6mA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Warm regards,

Dave Gleeson.



# Dylan Catterall Year 12 Industrial Technology multi media Winner Shape 2021

Dylan Catterall Year 12 Class of 2021 has successfully been accepted in Shape 2021 at the Powerhouse Museum, Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences, Ultimo, for his HSC industrial technology multimedia major work titled "Dissociate". **Dylan's work will go on display from Friday 4 March to Sunday 14 August 2022, at the Powerhouse Museum.**

Dylan's major project incorporated, 2D, 3D animated an original Soundtrack that Dylan composed himself. From Pittwater High and the TAS faculty we would like to congratulate Dylan on an amazing outcome with getting into Shape 2021. You can watch Dylan's Project on our Schools YouTube channel, click this link: <https://youtu.be/W2TWbeeOSzE>



## TEXTILES TECHNOLOGY



Year 10 Textiles Technologies students are pleased to be in the classroom creating and working on projects again.

We started a unit on Terrific Trends late in Term 2 that was to create an item based on current fashion trends. Those students who had not started have been creating a simple reversible bag.





## BREAKFAST AT FLYING FOX CAFÉ



Ms Lagois Year 10 Hospitality class enjoyed breakfast last week together at the Flying Fox Café.

They all worked hard this year, learning how to operate our school café Gary's Place. This particular morning, they could sit back, relax and be the customers for a change. They observed food plating and presentation, customer service, and how to offer

customer assistance. These are all part of the units of work they covered this year in their course.

It was a lovely morning and those happy faces tell the story beautifully. **Ms Lagois**

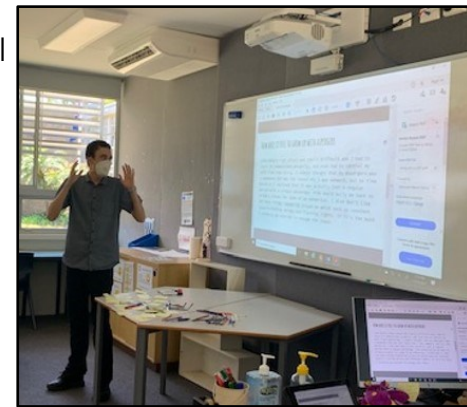


## Cabrananga classroom visits-Understanding diverse learning needs

Week 7 and 8 have been busy down in Cabrananga with talks to all of Year 7-10 English classes (31 groups!) to make them more aware of DIVERSE LEARNING NEEDS in every classroom.

The talks briefly covered the following areas:

- ♦ Introducing and/or reminding students that Cabrananga is a learning support area of the school where wellbeing and integration is our main goal.
- ♦ Explaining to students how important it is to understand that every classroom has students with diverse learning needs (not just Autism) and that we need to support and respect all students regardless of the fact they are the top end 'Gifted and Talented' students or struggling to complete work due to a learning difficulty or disability.
- ♦ Year 7 were given information on the characteristics of ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) whilst Years 8-10 were given a quick refresher on these characteristics and further discussions on how they are working together to build such an inclusive school community. We touched on bullying and strategies to help people not be a bystander and stick up for vulnerable people.



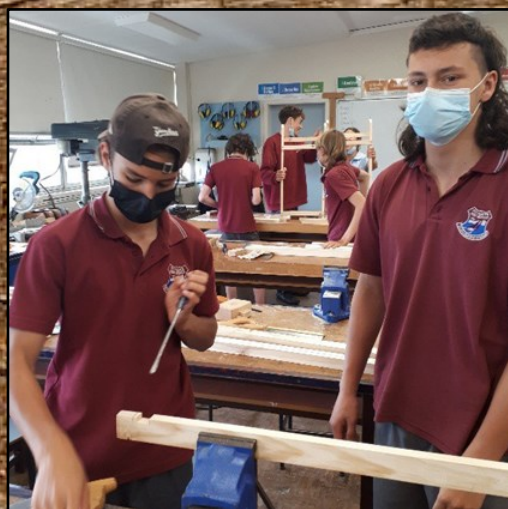
Cabrananga students bravely shared some of their own stories which was incredibly empowering for all.

The underlying message was to promote students to continue to look out for each other and be kind. We have been blown away by the respect and open mindedness of all the students who attended.





**Year 10** have been working with great gusto to finish their Tasmanian Oak Bedside Tables before the year's end. Despite the setbacks that have occurred along the way, they are now racing to the finish line and will have something quite marvellous to mark a year that was quite extraordinary.



Just in time for a relaxing summer vacation, the **Year 9** Timber students are producing foldable pine deck chairs. The students learn how to expertly hand saw, chisel and produce a dovetail joint. The finishing touch is a bespoke canvas backing, perfect for lazy days at the beach.

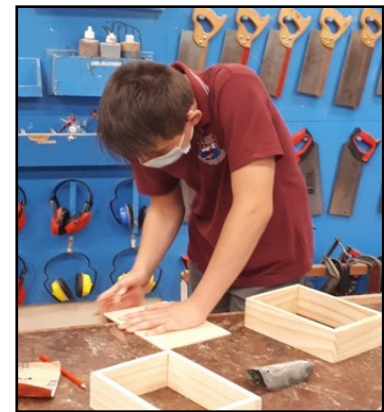




# Year 8 TIMBER

The **Year 8** Timber Box is a fabulous introduction to the world of carpentry and design. The students learn the fundamental skills of measuring, hand sawing, nailing, gluing, sanding and finally finishing off with a clear lacquer. Time permitting, the students will have an opportunity to design and laser cut an image on the lid to personalise the box.

With the added time limitations that online learning presented, the students are to be commended on the energy and commitment they have shown to getting the job done. Well done everyone!



## FOODTECH

### Corn Fritters Extraordinaire!

It has been a challenging term for all students, however, particularly challenging for our **Year 9** Food Technology students. We were mandated of course, to wear masks in every cooking lesson, making it even more difficult to taste our food, during preparation, as we would normally do before serving. The students were very mindful of following all protocols and did so willingly and professionally.

This lesson showcases corn fritters which were served with a fresh avocado salsa. Even the students who had never tasted corn fritters before, thoroughly enjoyed making and eating this delightful dish. So easy and delicious, they should be able to whip these up at home and give their parents a night off from cooking. You can only ask!

**Ms Lagois**





# HOSPITALITY

The **Year 12** students this term have certainly demonstrated their amazing capabilities with their practical work in Hospitality Kitchen Operations.

Even though during home learning, most students practised their skills at home, it was fantastic being back in the Trade Training Centre at school. This term, the students focused on simple dishes, incorporating salads, sandwiches and appetisers. They made a classic club sandwich and learnt that CLUB actually stands for "Chicken and Lettuce Under Bacon". The students also made an outstanding Antipasto platter, including homemade hummus, nut free pesto and deep fried crumbed olives.

The salads they prepared were a combination of cold and warm, with a fresh and tasty Greek salad, Caesar salad, Thai Beef salad and a knock out Warm Lamb with Roasted Vegetable Couscous salad. Keep up the great work Year 12.

**Ms Lagois – Hospitality teacher.**



## Year 9 Spice Racks

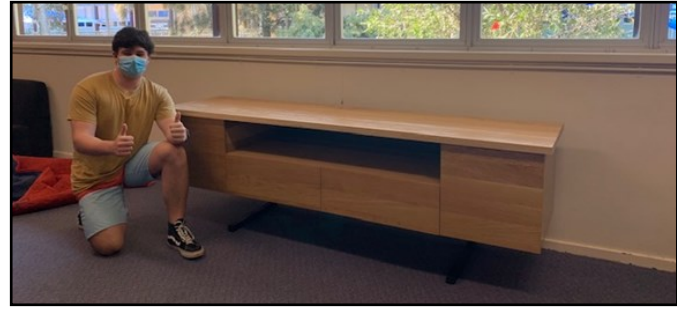
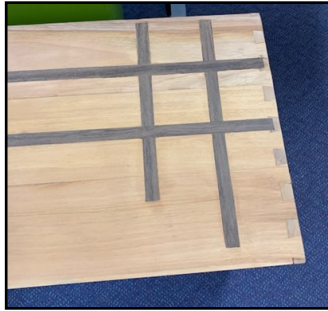


# YEAR 12 INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY TIMBER AND FURNITURE TECHNOLOGIES

Congratulations to the Industrial Technology Timber class who managed to achieve success with their major works this year. It was a very challenging time as there was reduced access to the workshops due to the extensive learning from home period. The students took it in their stride and did themselves proud. They were an enthusiastic, pleasant and respectful class, I wish them well in their future endeavours.

A special mention goes to Talia Dunning for her high-quality hollow core surfboard that was nominated for inclusion in the Shape and InTech exhibitions. This is an impressive achievement that resulted from thorough research, consistency in application and essentially meeting the highest level of the marking criteria with her practical project and folio work.

**Ms Samojlowicz**





# Champions Never Really Tested

A talent laden senior boys grade soccer team dominated the Warringah zone, winning all five games. Unfortunately the competition was curtailed due to Covid, robbing this fantastic team of being officially crowned Warringah zone champions and of a chance to compete against the North Shore grade champions for the Superzone title. The team scored 18 goals and only conceded two, with an incredible nine players adding to the scoresheet, a testimony to the tremendous breadth of attacking ability across the squad.



The squad (from L to R) Xander Kessen, Thymo Van Geest, Linus Wang (GK), Noah Haygarth, Nicolas Grazziano (C), Kai Dryden, Harley Sinclair, Matthew Lucchese, Avesta Assassi Yazdi (VC), Tyler Nuttal, Oliver Field, Josh Beneke, Will Burke, Alan Harford, Dylan Hurst, Wunnam Lagchie (absent)

## Results

Won v Cromer 4-1 (Xander 2, Nic, Dylan)  
Won v Manly 5-0 (Tyler, Thymo, Harley, Matthew, Wunnam)  
Won v Narrabeen 2-0 ((Josh 2)  
Won v Barrenjoey 5-1 (Harley 3, Wunnam, Tyler)  
Won v Cromer 2-0 (Tyler, Nic)

It was a short but very sweet season as the boys combined so well and were a pleasure to coach.

**Coach: Mr Dailhou**

## Goalscorers

Harley 4  
Tyler 3  
Wunnam 2  
Nic 2  
Josh 2  
Xander 2  
Dylan 1  
Thymo 1  
Matthew 1

# Peer Support

I take great pleasure in announcing that 60 Year 9 students were successful with their applications to become Peer Support Leaders for 2022. It was incredibly difficult to select from so many very worthwhile and suitable applicants, and I would like to thank the many students who put the time and effort into applying for this role.

The selected students will spend 2 full days in leadership training where they will learn about and put into practice many of the skills required in leadership and managing a small group situation.

The new Year 7 cohort for 2022 will be very fortunate indeed to have such enthusiastic Peer Support leaders to embark on the new journey of High School with them.

Both Ms McClean and myself would like to congratulate our new leaders and look forward to working with them over the coming months.

**Mrs T Lagois**

**Peer Support Coordinator.**

# Orientation Day 2021

Our current Year 10 Peer Support Leaders for 2021 absolutely shone, as they welcomed Year 6 to our school on November 23 for Orientation Day.

Whilst parents were not allowed on site, the Year 6 students enjoyed a tour of the school with our Year 10 leaders and played some valuable "ice breaker games", to encourage the students to get to know each other. The weather was on our side for most of the morning to enable Year 6 to see what a fabulous school we have and to even get a glimpse of our Alpacas and sheep on their welcome tour.

Thank you to our wonderful Peer Support Leaders who have been excellent role models throughout this year.

In 2022, Ms Seares is running white card training for 14 year olds and over – specifically Years 9 and 10.

## NSW WHITE CARD TRAINING

A white card, also known as a general construction induction card, is a necessary certification for operating in the construction industry. Students who complete the course get a Statement of Attainment and SafeWork NSW Statement of Training. The approximate course costs will be \$100. If you are interested in joining the list of students, please email Ms Seares: [Elizabeth.Seares1@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Elizabeth.Seares1@det.nsw.edu.au)



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## TESTIMONIALS

Thank you for the wonderful training and service that you continually provide to our students at Gorokan High. It has been a pleasure to deal with Coastal OHS and with your friendly phone follow ups after the training. You have always made me feel like a valued customer.  
**Susanne T - Gorokan High School**

Gino was awesome. The boys and myself were very happy with the day and Gino was a pleasure to work with and we will definitely be keen to get him back next year.  
**Paris H - Strathfield South High School**

Hi Coastal OHS team. Thanks for giving us Tim last week. He was great.  
**Soosie T - Bonnyrigg High School**

Everyone was happy with the training provided by Ray and Greg. We would be happy to use your services again and may have to do so shortly. Thanks again for your assistance and patience in this process of organizing and delivering the White Card.  
**Richard T - Westfield Sports High School**

Coastal OHS responds to emails immediately, provide excellent trainers and are flawless when it comes to providing the appropriate paper work. I highly recommend this service!  
**Nicolas L - Marcellin College Randwick**

Over the past 4 years our school has used Coastal OHS Services to deliver the White Card training in our school. Every time the presenters were organised, informative and engaging with the students.  
**Sophia K - Blakehurst High School**

Coastal OHS provide excellent trainers for White Card, they 'know their stuff' and they manage to keep a room of young men engaged and learning for a whole day.  
Highly recommend Coastal OHS for in school White Card Training  
**Gina L - Rose Bay Secondary College**

Coastal OHS have been easy to work with to provide Whitecard training for our students over the last three years. Their trainers are very knowledgeable, have industry experience and engage students with relevant examples to enhance the content being delivered.  
**Linda D - Bulahdelah Central School**

For the past 5 years that I have been the Career Adviser at Narrabeen Sports School I have used your company to deliver the White Card Course to our students. I would like to compliment you on your expertise and professionalism in delivery and in customer service. It definitely is hard work keeping High School Students engaged for an hour and your presenters always manage to keep our students engaged and focused on their end goal. Your customer service is extremely reliable and professional. Your company is always contactable, never put on hold for endless minutes and always reply to emails immediately. I definitely recommend your company to anyone wishing to complete their White card Course.  
**Tracie M - Narrabeen Sports High School**



# PITTWATER HIGH SCHOOL SPORT HOUSES

HOUSE	SURNAME	COLOUR
Barrenjoey	A - D	Blue
Lion	E - K	Green
Scotland	L - R	Yellow
Warringah	S - Z	Red



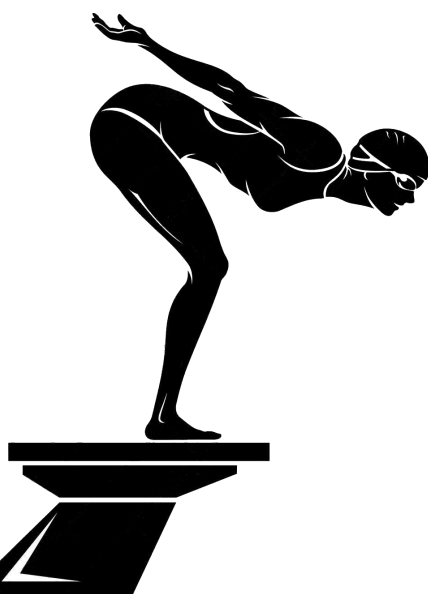
## PITTWATER HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

**Thursday 10th February, 2022**

**VENUE:** Ku-Ring-Gai Fitness and Aquatic Centre, Pymble

**TIMES:** 8.45am – Roll Call in the school quad  
9.00am – Buses depart (all students must travel by bus)  
1.45pm – Buses depart pool  
2.25pm – Students dismissed from quad

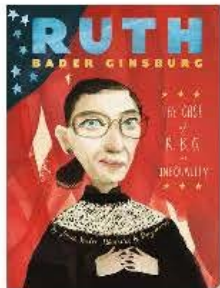
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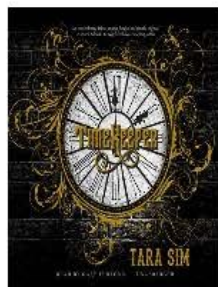
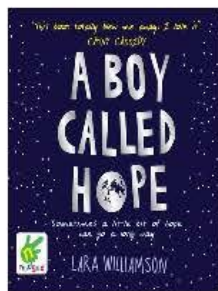
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