



QUICKSMART PROGRAM

Year 7 and Year 8 Students are participating in the Quicksmart Program.

The program supports the students to become more efficient readers. We practise our reading skills in small groups to build student confidence and skills. This is done in a variety of ways, reading passages, reading sight words and focus words, and by completing crosswords and word searches. We also play Word Bingo and Word Dominoes too!

The program has been running very successfully for many years and the students and their families have always felt that it is a valuable program that is both enjoyable and a great opportunity to improve literacy.

At the end of the program students who have successfully completed the program get to have morning tea with the Principal, so watch this space for more news from the Quick Smart Crew.



Image: Students participating in the Quick Smart Program. Students pictured (L-R) Jett Jackson, Zander Petrovski, Beau Potterat, Zac Quirk

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IMPORTANT DATES:

- NAIDOC Day - 13th Nov 2020
- Year 12 Graduation & Formal - 20th Nov 2020

JOB OPPORTINITIES:

For updated job opportunities, please follow our School Facebook page.

If you would like assistance in applying for any of the jobs, or if you need help with your resume, please see Ms. Moon - Careers Advisor.

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2020 STAFFING

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| Principal | Ms. K MacPhail |
| Deputy Principal (Years 12, 9) | Ms. S Rojas |
| Deputy Principal (Years 11, 8) | Ms. F Cunliffe |

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| Deputy Principal (Years 10, 7) | Ms. C Henderson |
| Deputy Principal / Wellbeing | Ms. C Magee |

EXECUTIVES

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| Head Teacher Maths | Ms. S Costa |
| Head Teacher Science | Mr. P van Coevorden |
| Head Teacher English | Ms. B Singh |
| Head Teacher HSIE | Ms. M Kamel |
| Head Teacher Autism | Ms. C Giblin |
| Head Teacher TAS | Mr. A Bradford |
| Head Teacher CAPA | Mr. K Thomson |
| Head Teacher PDHPE | Mr. P Janson |
| Teaching & Learning | Ms. J McAlary |
| Head Teacher Professional Practise | Mr. J Varkey |

YEAR ADVISORS

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| Year 7 | Ms. E Winters |
| Year 8 | Ms. S Gomes |
| Year 9 | Ms. A Poynton |
| Year 10 | Mr. N Adams |
| Year 11 | Ms. J Adams |
| Year 12 | Mr. T Rothery |
| Boys Advisor | Mr. L Widdison |
| Girls Advisor | Ms. J Hornidge |

ADMINISTRATION

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| Business Manager | Ms. S Abbott |
| School Administration Manager | Ms. J Beaumont |

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM



Image: 2020 School Captains, Vice-Captains and SRC President

(L-R) Allirah Locke, Kayden Hancock, Jackson Russell, Crystal Cavanough and Madison Peckham.

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| School Captain | Kayden Hancock |
| School Captain | Allirah Locke |
| SRC President | Madison Peckham |
| Vice Captain | Jackson Russell |
| Vice Captain | Crystal Cavanough |
| Prefect | Shavorn Bettridge |
| Prefect | Sean Cannon |
| Prefect | Ardan Elbashir |
| Prefect | Maddison Fullerton |
| Prefect | Chloe Gallagher |
| Prefect | Rhys Leggatt |
| Prefect | Coral Stent |
| Prefect | Patrick Xuereb |

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PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Mrs. K MacPhail

It is lovely to see the restrictions on schools being eased. We are now able to resume excursions and have many of our incursion learning opportunities resume. The physical distancing requirements still remain for adults which is continuing to have an impact on our school celebrations and meetings. Our students and teachers keep up infection control measures and the additional high touch point cleaning continues.

We have 3 more HSC examinations to go before we can close the chapter on the most remarkable HSC. Our Year 12 students have given us a masterclass in resilience, grit, good humour and flexibility. We are so proud of their focus and ability to continue learning when the curve balls kept coming. This year we have 29 offers of early entry to Western Sydney University, two Macquarie University Leaders and Achievers early entry offers for Bachelor or Cognitive and Brain Sciences or Bach Medical Sciences and Bachelor Science, one University of NSW gateway early entry Bachelor of Science and we are eagerly awaiting the Educational Access Scheme offers after the HSC. As you can see, this Year 12 group has really excelled and it will be wonderful to celebrate their successes at Graduation and Formal in a couple of weeks.

The new industry standard kitchens are being handed over to the school next week and we will commence practical classes towards the end of the week. We have some very patient Hospitality and Food Technology students who are eagerly awaiting their first practical lesson. Perhaps less patient but just as excited are the TAS teachers who will be putting the rooms back together with all the new equipment in readiness for the lessons later next week. The Kitchens are one of a kind and will provide Cambridge Park High School students the

opportunity to study to be a chef whilst at school through the Kitchen Operations School Vocational Education and Training course (SVET).

Congratulations to all of our students who have shown focus and diligence in completing their formal end of year examinations.

Cambridge Park High School have reformed their Parent & Citizens (P & C) Committee with the first meeting taking place in October 2020. The P & C is a school based organisation bringing parents, citizens, students and teaching staff together. It gives parents a chance to keep up to date with activities and contribute ideas. Congratulations to the P & C President - Janmaree Martin, Treasurer - Jayde Edwards and Secretary - Larissa Boorer on their appointments on the committee. The next meeting will be held at 3.15pm - Wednesday 11th November.

Congratulations to Suzie Coratza on her full time position as School Administration Officer, and Jaden Lach as full time Maths Teacher.

Lastly, congratulations to Tahir Issa on being presented the Youth Award from the Rotary Club of Nepean.

Kristine MacPhail





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"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams"

- Eleanor Roosevelt



I hope your dreams take you...
to the corners of your smiles,
to the highest of your hopes,
to the windows of your opportunities,
and to the most special places
your heart has ever known."

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL REPORT

It is hard to believe we are almost half way through Term 4 and racing towards the finish line of 2020.

We started the term sharing the last week of formal schooling with Year 12 as they successfully completed 13 years of education. Thank you to all the Year 12 teachers who came in during the holidays to work with their students and support them in their preparation. The HSC examinations commenced on the 20th November and from all reports they are progressing well with the invigilators praising our students for their diligence and manners. We look forward to receiving their results for all their hard work on 18th December 2020.

I want to congratulate all Year 12 on their efforts throughout the year. I have seen your ability to adapt and stay positive and am very proud of your continued effort and enthusiasm despite the challenges of 2020. You have all shown great resilience and strength. I look forward to acknowledging and celebrating your success at your Graduation Ceremony on 16th November and the Formal later that evening. I would like to thank Mr Rothery, the Year 12 Year Advisor, for his work and support of Year 12 over the past two years.

Year 9 have been completing their final assessments tasks for this year. It was wonderful to see their positive and focused

approach to their examinations.

A number of Year 9 students have had the opportunity to participate in a variety of programs being offered this term, including the YES Landscaping program and the ABCN DIGITAL GOALS Program.

The YES Landscaping program, which takes place each Friday on school grounds, has seen students working with their TAFE teacher, Damian, to develop a range of practical skills and improve the school environment and learning areas.

The ABCN DIGITAL GOALS Program provides the opportunity for Year 9 participants to meet weekly with mentors from Microsoft Australia via MS Teams. The program is designed to help build student confidence and support their ambitions at school and beyond with a focus on goal setting and decision making.

I encourage all Year 9 students to embrace the programs on offer in order to develop their skills and broaden their schooling experiences. So, don't forget to see Ms Moon to sign up for White Card Training if you are over 14 and listen to the daily notices for other exciting opportunities.

Ms. Sara Rojas – Deputy Report

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YEAR 9 ADVISOR

Students who are 14 years and older may engage in school endorsed work experience through the Department of Education supported careers learning program at Cambridge Park High School. Several of our Year 9 students have voluntarily engaged in this program this year with great success. Two students who have stood out in their work experience week are Joshua Frawley and Phoenix Mundy of Year 9. Joshua completed his work experience at Hickeys Metal Fabrication in Penrith, whilst Phoenix completed his week at Premier Automotive Centre in Mt Druitt.

Both employers were so impressed by their work ethics, that they have been offered an opportunity known as “partial work experience”.

Partial work experience allows a student to engage in ongoing work

experience (usually one or two school days a week) in conjunction with their school studies. This is an extremely valuable opportunity, particularly for students who are planning a transition from school to work after Year 10, or a school based Apprenticeship or Traineeship.

This experience for Phoenix, who is considering a career in an automotive trade following school, is an excellent opportunity as he will be mentored and building his skills to help him apply for an apprenticeships once he completes his school studies.

Joshua’s employer has been so impressed with him that he has expressed Joshua may be offered an apprenticeship when he finishes school.

Congratulations to all students, and what a fantastic opportunity you’ve

secured Josh!

Some of our Year 9 students have also been engaged with a digital mentoring program this term. The students have been meeting with mentors who are employees from Microsoft Australia each week through MS Teams through a program called ‘Digital Goals’, organised by the Australian Business and Community Network. The aim of the program is to build students’ confidence and capacity for goal and decision making and support their ambitions at school and beyond.

Thank you to ABCN, Microsoft Australia, Hickeys Metal Fabrication and Premier Automotive Centre for supporting our students with a range of industry based skills, mentoring and experiences.

Ms. Alice Poynton – Year 9 Advisor

Ms. Brooke Moon – Careers Advisor

CAPA REPORT

Congratulations to Peta-Renee Ward of Year 7 for receiving 3rd prize, from over 1500 entries, in this years Naidoc Day Art Competition. The theme explored was ‘Always was, Always will be’.

Peta-Renee’s work is a balance of image and text, using traditional techniques and contemporary colours. Whether interpreted as a sunrise, sunset or rainbow this image represents hope. This is reinforced with the words ‘The pain you feel today, is the strength you feel tomorrow.’

A commendable effort to the other twelve students who also submitted entries into this year’s competition.

Mr. Kieran Thomson – CAPA Head Teacher





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"A positive attitude causes a chain reaction of positive thoughts, events and outcomes.

It is a catalyst and sparks extraordinary results"



Image: CPHS Year 12 Class of 2020

YEAR 12 ADVISOR

The Year 12 cohort has shown a positive attitude as they finished of their last teaching week this term. The students are already missed in classes by their teachers, but we know they are all working hard and succeeding with their examinations. As we continue this term, we are getting closer to both the Graduation and Formal. The following is a reminder about the details for these two events. Both events will be taking place on the 20th of November, Graduation will be starting at 9am and will finish at approximately 10am and the Formal will be running from 6pm – 10pm.

For Graduation, students may have two members from their immediate family or household attend the event with all visitors needing to complete the external visitor form provided by the school prior to entry and should arrive at the top school gate no later than 8:45am. Students are also required to wear full school uniform

and will be provided with light refreshments after the event ends.

With the Formal, students are invited to attend the venue at 5:30pm to participate in photographs, though unfortunately with current restrictions, parents are only able to drop students off in the carpark and will be unable to participate in these photographs at the venue. We are looking forwards to both of these positive events to not only celebrate our student's success in the completion of their HSC examinations, but all of their effort and dedication they have shown throughout the difficult year we have had.

Thank you.

Mr. Trevor Rothery - Year 12 Advisor

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BOOK WEEK 2020

Our school celebrated Book Week! Reading is a lifelong love and it is important to foster this in our students. The English Faculty celebrated by dressing up as characters from a well loved novel filled with curious creatures and wild minds.

"So please, oh please, we beg, we pray.

Go throw your TV sets away,

And in its place you can install

A lovely bookshelf on the wall.

Then fill the shelves with lots of books"



Image: English Faculty Book Week 2020

WORLD TEACHERS DAY

This year the theme for World Teachers' Day in NSW was *Teaching – a Bright Future*. As Mark Scott, Secretary of the Department of Education said "...World Teachers' Day – a wonderful opportunity to thank the great teachers that change students' lives every day. They are always incredible, but this year our teachers stepped even further into the spotlight and shone. World Teachers' Day was our chance to say thank you for your great professionalism, dedication and resourcefulness".

Teachers were invited to grab their sunnies and take photographs. Below are just a few of photos of the fantastic staff at Cambridge Park High School.





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YES PROGRAM



Image: YES program - Landscaping students

The YES program stands for Youth Engagement Strategy. They are short TAFE funded taster courses intended to highlight a range of TAFE courses for students. They are free of cost to students and allow them to explore areas of interest before engaging in full time TAFE or TVET courses in Year 11 and/or Year 12.

Our YES Landscaping program began in October 2020, and our future tradies have been working hard to improve our school by building an HSIE learning space. Students have so far excavated the dig site, prepared the formwork and began concreting in various areas.

The YES program at Mount Druitt TAFE NSW introduced a new program this year - Forensic Science. Students have had a fantastic time investigating fingerprinting in the first lesson, and by the end they will be investigating a crime scene.

Students, as part of the Hair and Beauty YES program learned correct washing and blow drying techniques, and the plumbing students were prepped with their overalls and steel cap boots ready for their programs!



Image: YES program - Landscaping students

CAREER NEWS

Female students in Year 11 enjoying mentoring through online platforms. Mentors from Allen & Overy (international law firm with an office in Sydney) have been meeting with our students over three weeks as part of the 'Digital Focus' program.

The program is designed to build females students' capacity to take on roles in leadership and navigate the challenges of being women who lead.

Ms. Brook Moon – Careers Advisor



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TAS REPORT

Good luck to all Year 12 students who are currently completing their HSC Examinations!

Year 12ITT classes have completed some amazing projects and design folios, we are now waiting for the marking process to be completed and examinations to finish before we find out the overall results.

TAS have been trialling an outdoor garden program with Years 7 and 8 students in partnership with 'Penrith Lakes Environmental Education Centre'

called 'Kitchen Gardens'. The students learn about the environment, sustainability, recycling and growing produce for consumption. The gardens look fantastic and the students are very positive and enthusiastic about this program as it involves a lot of hands on preparation and work. Well done to all involved!

Years 9 & 10 Timber classes have been working well and are now completing their End of Year Examinations, good luck to all students. The project development & designs have been fantastic

with some very good projects completed to a high standard. Well done to all!

Our kitchens should be up and running very shortly, our students and teachers have been waiting for a while now and all are very anxious about working in a first class environment. Also our wood work rooms will be getting a small renovation shortly, so we'll also have better looking wood work rooms for our students to work in.

Mr Tony Bradford - Head Teacher TAS



Getting to school on time every day is a goal we want all our students to achieve. DID YOU KNOW?

Students who attend school are more likely to be successful at school and have better **career and life choices** than students who are often absent from school.

If your child has a record of 90% attendance this also means they are missing 10% of their school time. This averages out to 20 days per year: five days per term. 20 days of missed classes – lessons, explanations by teachers on class work and assessment tasks, assemblies, year meetings, practical lessons with friends and general disruption to routine. This does not include catching up on missed work as well as

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learning new work.

Getting your child into regular routines will help them be prepared for school. Routines such as regular mealtimes, preparing their uniform for the next day, checking their timetable to make sure they pack the right equipment and a set bedtime will get them on the right path to success at school.

Please ensure your contact details are up to date as it is important that we are able to contact you readily. Your child can pick up a Student Records Update Form from the Office.