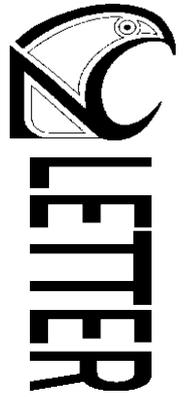


NARRABUNDAH COLLEGE NEWS



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PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

ENROLMENTS FOR 2016

Our applications for new enrolments into year 11 in 2016 are conservatively up 10% on last year's applications. Our in-area applications have increased and out of area enrolments are approximately 60%.

When the panel meets to process these applications we follow the guidelines set down by the Education and Training Directorate. We have just sent out enrolment packages to successful prospective students after following this enrolment process.

Students who have missed out on a place can apply for a review. We continue to be a high demand college.

GOOGLE APPS FOR EDUCATION

The Education and Training Directorate is supporting and promoting the Google Apps for Education (GAFE) online learning platform. We have consulted with our stakeholders and have decided to take on GAFE as our technology platform. We will undertake a transition period for the rest of the year and in 2016 GAFE will be embraced by the whole community.

GAFE offers:

- a wide variety of educational tools including apps like; Google Classroom, Google Site, Google Drive
- flexibility of having files more accessible anywhere
- opportunities for e-learning

We held a forum for our community on Tuesday 23 June to enable you to learn more about this educational tool and how it will be adopted in our classrooms.

WHAT'S THE ATAR?

Also on Tuesday 23 June, we ran the second information evening for parents/carers to learn more about assessment and reporting at our college. It is important that our students and you, their parents/carers fully understand how the ATAR is generated. To this end I invite and encourage you to come to the next Parent Teacher Afternoon next term on July 28 from 4.30-7pm and also to consult your son/daughter's Year Adviser if you need more information or advice about his/her package.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR STUDENTS

Each year our students have a number of exceptional opportunities to expand their learning experiences at this college by hearing from guest speakers and some of the most recent opportunities are listed below.

In Humanities:

- Guest speakers have included: Chris Richardson from Access Economics and Paul Tilley from Treasury
- Lyle Swan and Rod Little to talk about Australia's First People.

In Politics:

- Speakers from the US Embassy's Cultural Affairs Office who spoke on the American government, policy and trade.

In Music:

- Music students have benefited from the SongMakers two day workshop course which was undertaken by 16 of our students. This is the second year in a row when we have been offered this opportunity to work with musicians and producers of national standing.

In English History and TOK:

Dr Russell Smith to speak on Virginia Woolf and Mary Shelley, Alexandre Raphael on Camus; Dr Elizabeth Minchin on Sophocles.

- Dr Julian Lamb to speak on Wittgenstein; Prof Anna Wierzbicke on Cloud Ethics and Dr Paul Miller on Emmanuel Levinas.
- Ben Penny and Nathan Wooley who spoke on Chinese History.

In the French Bac:

- Nick Horn on the law
- 2 scientists who spoke about climate change. (These presentations were attended by students from across the college.)

Careers Advice:

Students have recently had access to representatives from ANU, Monash University, UC, Charles Sturt

University and Hilda's Residential College Melbourne University.

Our students have recently taken part in raising money for Compassion to enable African communities to buy water filters and they continue to contribute to a number of organisations to raise community awareness about those in need.

And some further opportunities:

- The Careers Market on July 29 for all students where they can discover what careers are on offer so they can make informed choices for their future.
- The Physics, Chemistry and Biology Olympiads are coming up.
- We are anticipating a Microbiologist from UNSW to speak to students by the end of this term
- Next term there will be representatives from UNSW, Melbourne Uni, UNSW Co-op and Monash Uni too.

We encourage our students to make the most of these opportunities to enhance their college experience.

AST

We have run the AST preparation in all classes again this term to enhance all students' AST skills.

This is an especially important time for Year 12 students, leading up to and sitting the ACT Scaling Test (AST) at the end of this session. Year 12 students who want to gain an ATAR for university entrance must sit all components of the **AST**, which will be held on **Tuesday 1 and Wednesday 2 September**.

A student's performance/results in this test can make a significant difference to the ATAR and everyone depends upon each student performing to the best of their ability. Being well prepared and understanding the nature of the tests makes a real difference. Final **AST Trials** will be held on **10 and 11 August**.

FRENCH BACCALAURÉAT

The Year 12 French Bac students have just finished their exams and are awaiting their results. Congratulations to those students who have already been offered places at French universities.

I look forward to attending their Graduation ceremony here next Wednesday night, 1 July, at 5.30pm.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS:

- Enki R who recently won Gold at the Australian Judo Nationals in Wollongong. His win has placed him as the number 1 in his age to represent Australia in the Worlds in Sarajevo in August.
- The 8 students who were finalists in Fast and Furious.
- Alison L who won a prize for her pencil drawing at the Tuggeranong Rotary Youth Art Award.
- Chloe K and Laurel T who recently represented the ACT in the recent National Schools' Debating Championships in Adelaide.

- Our students who took part in the ACT Interschool Parliamentary Debating at the Legislative Assembly
- The 8 students who recently took part in the World Vision Leadership Conference. Over the last 40 years our students have raised \$112,000 for World Vision.
- Leila B who was nominated for the Pierre De Coubertin Award
- Nick C was acknowledged for his significant contribution to the 20th National Schools' Constitutional Convention.
- Sarah B for her choreography of the Skate in City performances in June/July.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Hee-Kyoung Lee who was invited to present recently in Sydney to **The National Strategic Workshop on-Towards a Better Environment for Australia's Korean Language Education: Korean in Schools**.

I wish to acknowledge her significant contribution to the development of Korean language curriculum in preparation for the implementation of the Australian curriculum.

And now to some very sad news:

Fiona Arthur, who worked at our college from 2007-2012, passed away on Friday.

I wish to acknowledge her contribution as the leader of the Languages Faculty for 6 years and in this role she promoted languages and oversaw the building of the new Languages Centre which opened for classes in 2011. Fiona taught French, English and EAP at our college. She was student focussed and she shared her passion for teaching languages amongst her students and staff.

She will be sorely missed by many members of our community who remember her so well as a dear friend, a passionate educator and a good person.

*Kerrie Grundy,
Principal*

P&C NEWS

A big thank you once again to all of you who were able to help out with our P&C fundraising sausage sizzle and cake stall last month. What we raise through the P&C gets channelled back into services and support for our students and we will be continuing our fund raising efforts throughout the year. So I hope you will keep this date free – **5 November for the Annual Trivia Night!** It's a night of fun and fundraising and I hope to see you there! Look out for more updates in the newsletters, or better still, come to a P&C meeting - our next one will be on Wednesday 12 August 6.30pm here at the college. Hope to see you then.

*Regards,
Susan Rogers, President*

YEAR 11 AND YR 12 PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

We invite you to attend a Parent Teacher interview on **Tuesday 28 July from 4.30pm till 7.00pm**. The **PTO booking system** will be available from **9.00am Monday 20 July onwards**.

Staff Information

The following **staff members** will be **not available** for the parent teacher interviews –

Celia Stott, Nicole Burg, Judy Walding, Andrew Trost Joe Davis

Three **Student Services team members** will be available in the Student Services area from 4.30 – 7.00pm

Delisia Wiild, Caroline Dawson, Julie Bauer

The other **Student Services team members** will be available for **subject interviews only** in the gym from **4.30pm to 5.55pm**. Bookings for these can be made in PTO. These advisers would then be available in the student services area in A block from 6pm to 7pm; no bookings are required for these interviews.

Birgit Matwijiw, Andrea Trappes

You are able to make subject interview booking on the Parent Teacher Online Booking system;

PTO is available on the college website (http://www.narrabundahc.act.edu.au/contact_us/parent_teacher_online).

All parents will need a PIN number to access this system. These will not be forwarded automatically. You will need to request your PIN number via email as follows:

1. Access the college website (www.narrabundahc.act.edu.au)
2. Use the link for "PTO" to gain access to the login page of the online booking system.
3. Click on the "Obtain PIN/Password". Enter your Surname, then in the next space type in the current email address that you have supplied to the College. Your PIN will then be forwarded to you via email.

Once you have received your PIN, you then return to the LOGIN screen, type in your Surname, then your PIN number. You will then have access to all the times available for you to book a time.

If you don't have access to a computer or have any problems accessing your PIN (you may have changed your email between 20 July – 28 July for assistance.

Archana Aggarwal
SLC Certification and IT
Narrabundah College

STUDENT SERVICES NEWS**Student Adviser and Student Surname Alphabet:**

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We are close to the well-earned winter break and students will have completed assessments in all their classes. V-Grade warnings have been recently issued but these are only warnings at this stage – either for unexplained absences or missed assessment. If students have a warning, they should talk to their teachers to ascertain the reason and determine how the warning can be withdrawn. Come and see the advisers if there are issues with this as there are always options of which students may not be aware.

ABSENCES

If a student is absent, an absent note is required to be submitted when the student returns to College. All absences from class should be explained within one week of returning to college.

Please ensure the **date, and lines** if appropriate, is given and the **reason for the absence** is stated. The note must be **signed by the parent/guardian** whose signature appears on the student's enrolment form. If someone else is authorised to sign notes, then an authorising letter including a sample of that signature needs to be provided for the student's file. For absences for part of a day up to three days a note from parent/guardian or doctor's certificate is required. For four days or longer periods of absence a doctor's certificate is preferable.

The College does not authorise or encourage students to miss scheduled classes to complete assignments. Students cannot be given approved leave for this purpose and the absences must remain as "A" (unexplained or an unsatisfactory explanation).

UNIVERSITY/CIT APPLICATIONS

For students moving on to university, CIT or TAFE next year, it's time to start thinking about the application processes.

For university in the ACT or NSW, applications are through the University Admissions Centre (UAC). *The 2016 UAC Guide* for admission in semester 1, 2016 will

be available at college for all Year 12 tertiary bound students in August. Students should be aware that UAC applications will open in August and applications should be submitted online by the end of September. Student Services will advise you of specific dates as soon as they are available. Each state and territory has their own university admissions centre – VTAC in Victoria, QTAC in Queensland, SATAC in South Australia, etc. For students wanting the option of studying in other states, they need to submit a separate application to the states or territories they are interested in. Students can start looking at the relevant websites for this information.

Look out for information concerning School's Recommendation Scheme (SRS) for 2016 University intake. Information will be via N groups and newsletters. CIT will also visit the college in Session 3 and meet with students who are interested in following diploma qualifications as a pathway after Year 12.

Most institutions that participate in the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) have an Educational Access Scheme (EAS) for applicants who have experienced long term educational disadvantage. To qualify applicants must demonstrate, with supporting evidence, that during years 11 and 12 or equivalent, they have been seriously affected by circumstances beyond their control. Forms and eligibility criteria are available from the UAC website and any enquiries should be directed to Caroline Dawson, our College Counsellor.

PACKAGE CHECKS

Yr 11 and 12 **students must ensure they check their packages for Yr. 12 certificate and ATAR.** Yr 12 was issued with an academic record in N groups (week 6, June 4) and should have checked that they are on track to meeting the requirements for Yr. 12 certificate and ATAR. If students are unsure about any part of their package they should see their Student Adviser.

AST PREPARATION

AST preparation is well underway for Year 12 and **Group 2 Gu-Mo, + all IB** for Weeks 5-7 and 9 is running at present. The last group, **Group 3 Mok- Z**, will be in Weeks 10-13. Students - please check your group in B Block Foyer.

Remember these preparation sessions are on **Thursday afternoon from 1.30-3.30.**

LEADERSHIP/COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

We would like every student to take advantage of the leadership and community service opportunities available during their two years at the college. Narrabundah students have always had excellent participation in programs at the college such as UN Day, N Day, the 40 Hour Famine, the College Ride, Peer Education, The Environment Group, The Amnesty International Group, the Student Governance Group and other fundraising events for charities and community organisations. All these contribute to the spirit of Narrabundah College and to making both the college and the world a better and more equitable place.

Delisia Wiild, Student Services

TRANSITION AND CAREERS

CANBERRA CAREERS MARKET

This year the Canberra Careers Market at EPIC will be even bigger. It will be held over two days Wednesday 29-30 July and is **open from 9.30 am to 2.30pm and 4.30pm to 7.00pm on Wednesday and 9.30am to 2.30pm on Thursday.** On 29 July, Narrabundah College will be sending **all students and staff** for a small cost towards buses of \$2.50. Permission notes will be given out in N-groups, available at reception and are attached along with this newsletter. Students will attend first lesson and then board the buses, we will be at Epic 10.30-12.30 and be back at the College by 1.00pm for lunch and then the last two lessons. There will be no classes, library or computer facilities available at the college during this time as it is a compulsory activity. Minimal supervision will be provided at the college during this time. All students are expected to be on the return buses by 12.30 as ACTION runs a tight schedule that day and will not wait for late students.

UNSW, UTS and University of Melbourne Visits

As many tertiary institutions are in Canberra for the Xpo we have organised individual visits from:
University of Technology Sydney Monday 27 July
University of Melbourne Tuesday 28 July
UNSW Friday 31 July.

Scholarship Opportunities

Information from the universities indicate that many scholarships are never allocated. Please have a look at the myfuture website. There may be an opportunity for your student.

My Future Scholarships

The My Future website currently lists over 4000 undergraduate and postgraduate scholarships. The type of support ranges from course fees, accommodation, grants, and travel within or outside Australia, and covers fields of study across all Australian universities.

<http://www.myfuture.edu.au/tools-and-resources/study-or-training-options/scholarshipsearch>

Glenda Nimmo, Transition and Careers Officer

CENTRAL AUSTRALIA TRIP 2015

Building on the sister school relationship established with the remote indigenous community of Nyirrpi in the Northern Territory, Narrabundah College is proposing a trip to central Australia in September, visiting Nyirrpi School and the Newhaven Wildlife Sanctuary.

Dates: 20th – 28th September 2015

- At the **Nyirrpi School**, Narrabundah students will observe in the classroom and be involved assisting students with English reading and written comprehension.
- Students from Nyirrpi School will work with Narrabundah students assisting them to learn Warlpiri words and phrases.

- Narrabundah students will be expected to develop a short lesson to present to students at Nyirrpi.
- Students will visit culturally significant sites accompanied by indigenous elders.
- Students will develop understandings of issues particular to people living on remote indigenous communities, including education, health, policing, employment and land management.
- Students will develop understandings of the significance of the **Newhaven Wildlife Sanctuary** and be involved in land rehabilitation activities. Covering 262,000 hectares, and located near the intersection of three central Australian bioregions, Newhaven Wildlife Sanctuary is one of Australia's largest non-government protected areas.
- There are places for a maximum of 9 students

Itinerary

- 20/9 Fly to Alice Springs, pick up 4wd and trailer and food - drive to Nyirrpi, camping at Napperby Creek
- 21- 25/9 Arrive Nyirrpi, camping at the school
- 25- 27/9 Newhaven Wildlife Sanctuary
- 27/9 Drive to Alice Springs via Western MacDonnell Ranges
- 28/9 Fly to Canberra

For further information please contact Charlie Freer in the Outdoor Ed office 61423233

NEWS FROM ART

TRYA 2015



The *Tuggeranong Rotary Youth Art Award* has just celebrated its 21st year with the opening of their annual exhibition and competition on June 4th. This year, Narrabundah College students studying Art and Photography represented significantly in the show, which is open to ACT residents aged between 15 and 25. Alison L in year 12 took home the Academy of Interactive Entertainment prize for her pencil drawing, *A Bump in the Night*, and Evelyn M in year 11 also received honourable mention for her colourful digital photograph, which employed the use of black-light and fluorescent body paint. Other students featured in the exhibition included Frankie E, Triska H, Yun Ki C and Narrabundah Alumni Amelia E. The exhibition is now on display at the Tuggeranong Arts Centre until June 27.



NEWS FROM LANGUAGES/ESL

On Sunday 31 May, during the Italian National Day Festival, three beginning Italian students took part in the launch of the book *Valerio De Simoni's travel Journals*. The book, which is written in English and in Italian, was presented by Dr Gino Moliterno (Book Editor, ANU School of Literature, Languages and Linguistics) and Vittoria Pasquini, Valerio's mother.

The launch was attended by a number of representatives of the Italian community in Canberra, including His Excellency Mr Piero Francesco Zazo, Ambassador of Italy. Serena, Jaye and Evelyn, who have been studying Italian for only four months, read a few excerpts in Italian. They did a brilliant job, earning compliments for their efforts and their beautiful Italian, not only from Mr Moliterno and Ms Pasquini, but also from many people in the audience.

I would like to thank and congratulate Jaye, Evelyn and Serena for giving generously of their time, both on Saturday for the rehearsal and Sunday for the official launch, and for being such good ambassadors for the College.

Assunta Corrado-Nitz



INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE NEWS

YEAR 12 NEWS**Extended essay DUE 30th June.**

Please submit 3 copies: 1 electronic copy for our records; 1 hard copy to be mailed to the IB and the final hard copy to be placed in the library. Your essay will be bound like the past extended essays. In this copy, please put a small biography of yourself and photo. (Look at past years EE for example).

Make sure that you put your essay through Turnitin as you have done with your TOK and World Literature essays. Any issues – please see me a.s.a.p.

Please do not bind your work as all essays are linked together by a toggle and put in a folder.

Remember the Extended Essay and TOK combined can equate to 3 points so it is important that you complete these essays as soon as possible.

Maths assignments are also due and you should all be writing up your CAS journals.

Your list of assignments is slowly getting smaller and you are now in the home stretch so it is important to keep to your due dates and remain as focused as you have all done throughout your IB program. Keep up the good work!

BEAT THE DRY

Congratulations to Harriet M and Taylor W for their amazing efforts in raising money for this very worthwhile cause.

YEAR 11 NEWS

I hope you are enjoying your TOK lessons and your IB experience at Narrabundah College. Many students have launched into their CAS program and have started to write some excellent reflective journals. – Well done!

WORLD VISION LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

8 students (including 6 IB students) Jaye, Adeline, Yi Lerk, Melissa, Sophie, Melissa, Alexander and Reuben participated in the leadership conference that was held at the A.I.S. on June 5th. This was a conference that enabled our group to collaborate with students from government and private schools in NSW and Canberra to address issues of poverty. Our group was amazing and as one of our students stated “we were forced out of our comfort zone as we had to recognise certain issues that still greatly impact on the world such as poverty and disease. The activities were challenging as they put you in role plays as leaders of poor and rich countries and you had to win and often ethics went straight out of the window....in the end we all had to reach a mutual understanding.” Students also learned governance skills and will organise the 40 hour famine at the college June – August.

I know you will all be working hard over the holidays but please try to have some time to yourselves over the break. If you need to contact me over the holidays, please do on my school email:

christine.ward@ed.act.edu.au

Chris Ward, IB Coordinator

HISTOKENGPOL HAPPENINGS**[News from the English/History Department]****ENGLISH**

As we approach the end of Term 2 our students are receiving their first assignments back and working on the Textual Inquiry. Many will be reflecting on their feedback and achievements with satisfaction, but some will be seeking to improve on their performance. We were very pleased with attendance at the Study Hub presentation on the attributes of effective creative responses given by **Catherine Phillipps and Jane Hooper**. We will present on Wednesday Week 11 on **Expectations and Guidelines for the Textual Inquiry** which is due at the end of Week 12.

Year 12 students should submit a **detailed plan** of their Textual Inquiry essay to their classroom teacher to check ideas and their overall structure. We encourage Year 11 students to present a **full draft**, along with any planning, to allow us to address any issues they may have with the fluency and clarity with which they express their ideas.

Staff will also be available for assignment assistance at the **Study Hub** as due dates loom. **Hilary Brettell** offers regular assistance with assignment plans **upstairs in the library 2 - 3pm** every Thursday and Hilary is also available to offer assistance from 4-5pm at the **Study Hub on Monday afternoons**. **Sometimes students benefit from one-on-one tuition over a sustained period and we have a list of past students who are available as tutors. Please email or call and I will send you the list of students and their contact details.**

GUEST SPEAKERS IN ENGLISH THIS TERM

Virginia Woolf- A Room of One's Own-Friday 22nd May

& **Mary Shelley-Frankenstein**-Wednesday 17 June

Dr Russell Smith -Lecturer and Graduate Convenor in Literary Studies, School of Literature, Languages and Linguistics

Sophocles-Oedipus Rex & Antigone- Wednesday May 27

Dr. Elizabeth Minchin - Classics department, ANU

How is Camus' philosophy reflected in the style of The Outsider?-Monday 15 June

Alexandre Rappel-Teacher of Philosophy & Literature, French Baccalaureate programme, Narrabundah College

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE ENGLISH & THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE**Year 11 IB Literature Students**

Our IB students are currently studying literature in translation with a view to choosing one of their three

novels on which to base their externally assessed written assignment for the IB Literature course. Students should be making early decisions about which text they would like to make the subject of their essay and devising a topic which allows them to showcase their understanding of that chosen text in close textual analysis.

Guest Speakers in Theory of Knowledge this term...

Wittgenstein on Language-Tuesday 19 May [Week 4]

Dr Julian Lamb-Chinese University of Hong Kong (former Narrabundah student)

A Charter of Global Ethics, in Universal Words-Friday 26 June

Prof Anna Wierzbicka-ANU

Emmanuel Levinas and the Face of the Other-Tuesday 11 August

Dr Paul Miller-Dept of Social Services

IB TOK

In addition, the Year 11 IB students had the pleasure of listening to 3 Year 12 TOK presentations. We are grateful to Farah Manuelli, Dorothy Mason and Joseph White for offering strong yet different exemplars of this IB TOK assessment task.

HISTORY & POLITICS

History Happenings

The Manchu to Mao students were treated to two excellent speakers on Chinese history: Ben Penny and Nathan Woolley from the ANU. The speakers gave very relaxed and informative insights about the period studied in class which stimulated discussion amongst the students and with these experts.

A number of history students have planted 260 poppies in preparation for the college Remembrance Day service in November. We were very lucky to get these in before the last few days of ground-soaking rain. Our poppies are off to a great start and we hope that this year they are not mown over by the gardeners!

Anni Medway SLC English/History

HUMANITIES NEWS

MEDIA

Students from Year 11 and 12 Media travelled to Sydney on the 11 and 12 June. On the first day students visited the Australian Film Television and Radio School (AFTRS) where they participated in Scriptwriting workshop; caught up with ex-Narrabundah College students Andre and Freya, who are currently studying the Bachelor of Arts (Screen) at AFTRS; and a tour of the facilities. In the evening students went on a Ghost tour of the Manly Quarantine Station. The second day saw students go on a tour of the ABC facilities at Ultimo. Some of the students were lucky enough to meet Matt

and Alex from the Triple J Morning show and Yr 11 student Eugenia had the opportunity to interview Triple J presenter Lewis McKirdy. After a quick lunch in Broadway, media students then visited the Powerhouse Museum. Media students were extremely well behaved; engaged with the activities and everyone who we encountered commented on the high calibre of student from Narrabundah College.



Yr 12 media students Kate and Glynis, who both worked on the Pop Up Live and ReelACT Film Festival, presented Zack from YouthCARE Canberra with a donation of \$220 at the most recent school assembly. The money was raised at both the Pop Up Live and ReelACT Film Festival earlier in the year. YouthCARE Canberra provides outreach services to young people (12 to 25 years) at risk, including those who face homelessness and violence. Congratulations to all students enrolled in the Public Relations unit for raising money for such a great cause.



Students from the Documentary unit were enlisted to film the MS Walk and Fun Run ACT on Sunday 31 May. Students were briefed on the event by ex-Narrabundah College students and MS Society volunteer Zach Ghirardello, who spoke to students about the charity sector and pathways after College. Students had a lot of fun on the day meeting and interviewing participants and organisers of the event. Congratulations to Alex, Eugenia, Fadilla, Jewel, Liana, Matt, Ruby, Sofie, and Taylor for their efforts on the day.

Media students will assist Telopea Park School in Week 10 as part of Australian Business Week. Students will film, edit and judge commercials for the Year 10 students involved in Australian Business Week.

DANCE

Preparations for Ausdance ACT's Youth Dance Festival are well underway in dance. Students hoping to participate need to have their permission note and money into the Front Office by Friday of Week 10. After school rehearsals will commence on Thursday afternoons after the two week break.

Students Caroline and Ursula will be performing in Quantum Leap's Reckless Valour at The Playhouse in late July. A group of dance students will attend and support their fellow dancers. Students hoping to participate need to have their permission note and money into the Front Office by Friday of Week 10.

Pippa Wright from The Australian Ballet came and spoke to dance students on May 25. Pippa is a Stage Manager with the company and spoke to students about careers in the industry, how the company works and shows she has worked on nationally and internationally.

DEBATING

Congratulations to Chloe and Laurel who recently represented the ACT at the National Schools Debating Championships in Adelaide. The ACT team came fifth overall in the competition.



Four of the eight Narrabundah College debating teams have made it to the Finals in the ANU Douse competition. Congratulations to Chloe, Max, Bryce, Maeve, Laurel, Karl, Matt, Alexandra, Afif, Sharmila, Nick, Ethan, Dorothy, Sofie, Maddy, and Eugenia for making it this far and good luck in the finals.

Amelia Ghirardello

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Narrabundah College library provides 24/7 access to the College's library catalogue called Oliver. Oliver can be accessed through the ACT Education Department's digital backpack there is a link on the Narrabundah College web site. The web address backpack.ed.act.edu.au will take you directly to the backpack. Students use Narrabundah College's

credentials (user name and password) to access the backpack.

The library staff are always happy to assist students with problems including saving work, opening files and printing. We ask in the first instance that students save their work frequently and back up that work just as often. Best practice includes saving work to three locations, all of which can be accessed when at school. This would include a portable USB drive or similar, the cloud eg Google Drive for Education (all students who have returned their Google Apps for Education permission notes, that were distributed during N-Group on April 29 and again on June 17, have unlimited storage on the Google Apps for Education Drive) and College student drive as all students have secure space on this drive.

Caring for our books is an ongoing request from library staff and we ask that books be cared for and not written in. Damaged and written in books cannot be returned to the library collection. Should at any time students feel a need to make notes in library books we encourage the use of temporarily adhesive and removable Post It Notes[®] and bookmarks or similar and that these be removed from the books prior to returning them to the library.

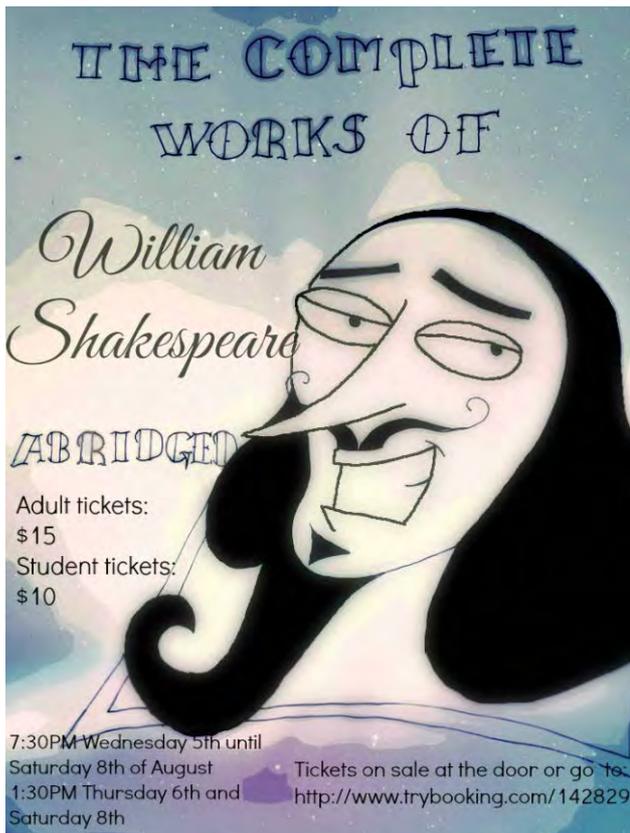
The library provides shelving in the library foyer for the storage of bags, we ask that bags not be brought beyond this point to avoid clutter and to save space for the maximum possible number of students to study. Fire Regulations and Work Place Safety practices require us to keep fire and emergency exits, and evacuation paths (including the special needs ramp) clear of obstructions at all times.

Library notices will be distributed to all students across the College during week 9. These notices will include all overdue books and all books currently on loan. Should you feel there is a discrepancy between what you have borrowed and what is on the notice please bring this to the attention of library staff before the end of term 2. Notices to French Baccalauréat students were distributed by the French staff during week 7 and all French Baccalauréat students who are completing their studies during the end of term 2 and the start of term 3 must return their books before leaving. Should any student change subjects, transfer to another school or leave altogether all books (and other items) fall due on the day that the change takes place.

We thank all students and staff for their continued enthusiasm for the use our library.

Malcolm Baker, Teacher Librarian

THEATRE NEWS



The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged) (Revised)

Here ye! Here ye!

This August bringeth a chance to see some of Narrabundah's finest in action, performing the bawdiest version of the Bard's works you are ever likely to see – in their entirety. Ok, not strictly true. Abridged. Severely foreshortened (yet curiously improved). Hey – some shows only get a line or two. But they're all in there somewhere!

And even if Shakespeare is not your cup of tea, it'll be worth it to see our finest young men and women cross-gartered and cross-dressed and at cross purposes as they muddle their comic way through this absolute zinger of a script written by three comic gurus back in 1987 – instantly crowned a modern classic.

Earning the title of London's second longest running comedy EVER after a decade on stage in the 1990s, The Complete Works of William Shakespeare is one of the world's most frequently performed plays – and yet awaits its finest hour when Narrabundah College takes it on in August 2015.



Will Romeo and Juliet kiss – like, really? Hey – aren't they both being played by men? Is that – is that a dude in a corset?? Why does Yorick's skull bounce like a baseball? Is that Julia Gillard making a guest appearance? Can football actually be played in slow motion with a plastic crown while Henry VIII decapitates his wife (again?). Will Kanye be co-starring in the Othello Rap?

For answers to all these questions and more, come to the funniest show in town. It's not like you've got anything better to do – it's mid-August for cripes sake and the icicles will be forming on your windscreen. So warm the cockles of your heart and imbibe a non-alcoholic ale with a completely non PC and utterly inappropriate play at:

The Hawke Theatre

5-8 August

7:30pm Wednesday - Saturday

1:30pm Matinees Thursday and Saturday.

Bookings: <http://www.trybooking.com/142829> or tickets at the door.

Prices: \$15 / \$10 (conc.)

You'll laugh. A lot. We promise.

Emma Wood (Director)

FAST AND FRESH – SUCCESS FOR NARRABUNDAH

2015 *Fast and Fresh* at the Canberra Theatre provided a great platform for our students to try their hands at both playwriting and performing. *Fast and Fresh*, a short play competition for school age performers, enabled two groups of keen drama students this year to create and perform their own work.

Ofek Z and Callum W created a daring movement piece which explored the nature of power and dominance, with one actor representing the subconscious status of the other. A powerful struggle with spare dialogue and intense physicality, the piece was intriguing and original and drew favourable comments from the judging panel.

'Elite', scripted by Nyssa M, was performed by a group of seven actors, including Nyssa, Brendan W, Jamie D, Margot S, Isobel T, Glynis S and Harry T. This ensemble piece depicted a scenario in which deliberate peer exclusion and playing status games led to a tragic accident, and the demise of group who once saw themselves as 'elite'. The judges were tremendously

impressed with the script and the ensemble acting, and awarded this piece the winner of the heat.

'Elite' was staged again at the Courtyard Studio, Canberra Theatre, a week later in the finals. Although the piece once again drew praise from the judges, it was not the winner that evening. However, all performers were excited to see their photo in the Canberra Times the following week!

Congratulations to all participants in this exciting venture.

Emma Wood (Drama teacher)

ALUMNI

Catherine G (Narrabundah student 1994-1995) is a postdoctoral researcher in music at the University of Newcastle. After some years teaching English as a Second Language in continental Europe, she completed a Bachelor of Music and then a PhD in Ethnomusicology at Griffith University in Brisbane, and her first book, "Music Endangerment", was published last year by Oxford University Press. She received the 2014 National Future Justice Medal for her work on issues of cultural sustainability, and for the rest of 2015 is an Endeavour Australia Fellow in Cambodia, where she is researching the links between cultural revitalisation and poverty alleviation among youth.

Sally W (Narrabundah College student 1990-1995) is Lecturer in Flute at the University of Newcastle and has been a guest lecturer in Sweden, Ireland, Germany and Argentina. She completed undergraduate studies in Sydney and postgraduate studies in Germany. She was Grand-finalist in the Leonardo de Lorenzo International Flute Competition (Italy), won 2nd Prize in the Friedrich Kuhlau International Flute Competition (Germany) and was awarded prizes from the DAAD, Ian Potter Cultural Fund and the Queen's Trust. She has toured and recorded with the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra, is a former Principal Flute of the Deutsche Kammerakademie Neuss and has performed as Guest Principal Flute with the City of Birmingham Orchestra, BBC National Orchestra of Wales and the Australian Chamber Orchestra. She has worked with conductors including Sir Simon Rattle, Riccardo Chailly, Gustavo Dudamel and performed in the Festivals of Salzburg, Lucerne and the London Proms. From 2003 - 2005 she played full-time with the Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra. Alongside her chamber music activities, Sally devotes herself passionately to both Early and Contemporary Music. She has performed in over twenty countries and numerous composers have dedicated works to her. In 2013 she premiered Andrew Ford's piece composed for her entitled *Once Upon a Time There Were Two Brothers* with the Shanghai String Quartet at the Melbourne Festival. This year she will premiere Elena Kats-Chernin's flute concerto for her.

NARRABUNDAH COLLEGE

STUDENT TRIVIA NIGHT

THURSDAY Week 10
(2 July) 6.00PM – 9.00PM
UPSTAIRS LIBRARY

Heaps of prizes – vouchers, movie passes, chocolates...
 Money raised supporting *Nepal Earthquake Relief*




Prizes also for best dressed person and best dressed table – but you don't have to dress up!

8 rounds of general trivia questions – teams of 8 @ \$5 per person

Sign up your team in the library NOW!!!

Australian of the Year Awards – worthy of your attention

Each year the Australian of the Year Awards recognise Australians worthy of attention. Who would you nominate for the Awards?

Throughout June and July, Canberrans are being encouraged to nominate someone they know or admire for the 2016 Australian of the Year Awards. If you know someone who inspires you through their achievements, or challenges those around them to make their own contribution to creating a better Australia, then nominate them today.

Every year the Awards recognise 128 remarkable Australians across eight states and territories in four categories. You can nominate an Australian of the Year, Senior Australian of the Year (aged 65 and over), Young Australian of the Year (16 to 30) or an Australian Local Hero.

Winners of the ACT Awards will be announced on 2 November and will represent Canberra at the national awards held on the eve of Australia Day.

The Nomination process is easy and it only takes one nomination to put someone you're proud of in the running. To get started visit www.australianoftheyear.org.au/nominate.

Nominations close on 3 August 2015.

FRENCH BAC NEWS

YEAR 12 NEWS

Having taken their last examination at Narrabundah College on the 9th and 10th of June (Biology & Geology in English), the French Baccalauréat Year 12 students finished their school year. Many of them have been together in the English French stream at Telopea Park High School since kindergarten and for some of them the journey started even before at the French Australian Pre School in Red Hill. They sat for the exam at the Lycée Condorcet in Sydney between the 15th and the 19th of June and are now waiting for the results later this month.

The students who applied to study in France have received their acceptances from the French universities and Post-Bac Schools in different towns such as Paris, Montpellier, Lille... Many students have also chosen to study in Australia (at the ANU, the UC, in Sydney, Melbourne or elsewhere). Their Baccalauréat mark will then be converted into an ATAR. These students will have the opportunity to enjoy a six-month gap and for some of them, travel to Europe and practice their French even more.



The Proviseur Emmanuel Texier, and the teachers wish all the Year 12 students good luck for their Baccalauréat and for their tertiary studies.

Students who still have not done so are invited to register on the website <http://www.agora-aefe.fr>. This website was opened last year with the goal of uniting all the alumni of the French schools abroad.

Agenda: 1 July - 17h30 : Graduation ceremony at Narrabundah College

YEAR 11 NEWS

After the French Literature and Science tests for their Baccalauréat, the year 11 students will have to resume their English class on the 22nd of June. The regular French Baccalauréat classes will resume on the 20th July at 9AM. They will receive their timetable for Term 3 on that day.

Eric Dostal
French Baccalauréat Coordinator

Expert Panel **Students with Complex Needs and Challenging Behaviour**

Professor Anthony Shaddock | Dr Sue Packer | Mr Alasdair Roy

Does your child need support to manage their behaviour so that they can learn at school?

The Expert Panel has been appointed by the Minister to review policy and practice for supporting and teaching students with complex needs and challenging behaviours in ACT public, independent and Catholic schools.



Public consultation

Students with Complex Needs and Challenging Behaviours
A review of policy and practice in ACT schools

We want to hear from you

The Expert Panel would like to hear from families and students about your experiences at ACT schools.

We are also interested in your suggestions for improving policy and practice in ACT schools for children with complex needs and challenging behaviours.

How to contact us

Written comments can be provided to the Expert Panel
by email: expert.panel@act.gov.au
by mail: Expert Panel
GPO Box 730
Canberra ACT 2601

Submissions will be kept confidential but may be quoted without names or identifying information in the Panel's Final Report.

If you would like to speak with the Expert Panel please call us on 0457 631 184.

Submissions are due by 31 July 2015.

EXCURSION ACQUITTALS

Caving – Wee Jasper 21 May 2015

Income	\$225.00
Total expenses	216.88
Surplus	\$ 8.12

Creative Art-Sydney-White Rabbit Gallery 20 May 2015

Income	\$1954.55
Total expenses	1800.00
Deficit	\$ 154.55

Action Bus Service Notice:

On Monday 29 June 2015, ACTION will be implementing the below change to your dedicated school service.

Service 484 will **no** longer service Narrabundah College.



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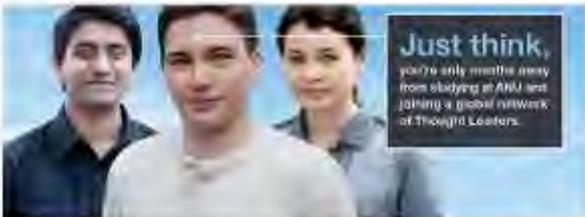
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TELL US WHAT YOU AND YOUR CHILD WANT FROM A UNIVERSITY DEGREE IN PSYCHOLOGY!

Researchers at the Australian National University Research School of Psychology are conducting a study to find out which factors are important to prospective university students when making enrolment decisions.

To deliver the best undergraduate experience, we are inviting prospective university students and parents to participate in 1 hour focus groups.

If you are a parent or guardian of a prospective undergraduate student who is considering studying psychology at university (as a degree or elective), we wish to extend an invitation to participate in focus groups to be conducted at Narrabundah College.

These focus groups of 6-10 parents/guardians will involve a facilitated discussion regarding the important factors for consideration when making university decisions.

To participate in focus groups, register your interest, or for more information please contact Alex at the ANU.

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Important Dates

2 July	6.00-9.00pm Student Trivia Night (Library)
4-19 July	School Holidays
20 July	Parent Teacher Online (PTO) bookings open
22 July	Reference application forms distributed to students
28 July	4.30-7.00pm Parent Teacher Afternoon
29 July	Career Xpo at Exhibition Park 9.00-4.00 PISA International Student Program
4 Aug	7.00pm Winter Concert – Narc Music Auditorium
12 Aug	Session 3 Grid available to students 4.30 Board Meeting 6.30 P&C Meeting
13 Aug	Moderation Day 2 (student free)
21 Aug	Aug newsletter posted
27-31 Aug	Test Week Days 1 to 3
1 Sep	AST – Day 1
2 Sep	AST – Day 2
3 – 4 Sep	Test Days 6 and 7
7-11	Assessment Week (student free)
11 Sep	Unit scores displayed

Reception Cash Register Times:
8.45am – 2.00pm

INTERNET BANKING - DIRECT PAYMENT

There is a 'Payment' option on the school website (www.narrabundahc.act.edu.au) – Westpac Quickweb. Go to: **contact us, Payment**. Please identify your payment by including the student's name.

NARRABUNDAH COLLEGE:
Reception: 614 23200



WINTER CONCERT

7:00PM

TUESDAY 4 AUGUST (PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE)

MUSIC AUDITORIUM

2015 Parent Information Evenings, Parent Teacher afternoons & other evenings

28 July	4.30-7.00pm Parent Teacher Afternoon
4 Aug	7.00pm Winter Concert (please note new date – error in last newsletter)
24 Sep	5.00-6.00pm IB Information Meeting for current Yr11 Parents
5 Nov	P&C Trivia Night
12 Nov	6.30-7.30pm Fashion Parade in Theatre
17 Nov	5.00-7.00pm Visual Arts Exhibition (A&F Block) accompanied by music students 7.00-8.00pm Dance Concert
16 Dec	5.00-7.30pm Presentation Night

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