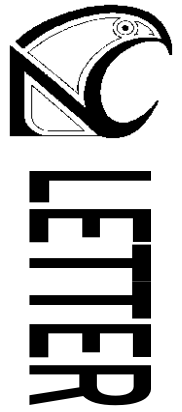


NARRABUNDAH COLLEGE

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PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

WHY IS THE CULTURE OF NARRABUNDAH COLLEGE SO UNIQUE?

On Thursday morning week 3 we hosted students from our local high schools and other schools around the ACT to our Information Morning. A significant number of our students volunteered to be guides for this event and they shared their positive experiences as members of this community with our prospective students. The student performances in the quad by our Chinese language students, Science and Music students were a success as was the sausage sizzle.

We welcomed hundreds and hundreds of visitors to the college for our Information Night. Prospective students and their parents embraced the college experience and were able to meet with teachers and students in all faculty areas to ask lots of questions about our college. The new Village space worked well for this event.

In response to our community's request, the college is offering a forum for parents/carers on Addressing Teenagers' Wellbeing/Mental Health here on Thursday, May 23. The precursor to this was a performance run by Mind Blank for students earlier this semester.

At all these events we showcased the educational, emotional and social opportunities that this college offers our students. Narrabundah College continues to celebrate diversity and connect with our globalised world. We promote a vision for innovative education to develop independent, creative and moral human beings who will be leaders in this century. We embrace Reconciliation Day next Monday within our community to acknowledge the culture, contribution and resilience of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander people.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2020

Interest for places at the college for 2020 is already strong. College principals undertake the selection process for the next year's student enrolment using the DET enrolment policy and criteria. Information on this process is on the DET website (www.det.gov.au) and I encourage any prospective students and their families to understand the process fully. Students living in the

priority enrolment area are guaranteed a place at Narrabundah College as are concurrent siblings. Usually up to 60% of our enrolments are out of area so prospective students need to demonstrate well supported reasons in their applications citing curriculum reasons and Well-Being reasons. If any parents or students looking to come to the college in 2020 need further information about the process, please contact the college. Enrolments close at 5.00pm, June 7.

NEXT INFORMATION EVENING FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

To support parents with their understanding of the ACT senior secondary system, the college holds a series of information sessions throughout the year. The first of these "*What do scores and grades mean?*" was held on 30 April and was very well attended again this year. We hope the meeting helped families better understand the information provided on reports and also on the BSSS printouts students regularly receive. We are holding another parent information session explaining in detail the formation of a student's Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR), 25 June at 6.00pm. Your attendance and questions at these sessions are most welcome.

Congratulations go to the following students for recent successes and contributions:

- Selina L (1st), Sarah M (1st), George L (3rd), Thomas L, Yarran B who won the recent Philothon and next will represent the ACT at national Level.
- Simon Y, Asian Physics Olympiad, now has the opportunity to be selected for the International Physics Olympiad.
- Ryan W who has been selected as a member of the team to represent Australia at the 31st International Olympiad in Informatics being held in Baku, Azerbaijan, in August.
- Vincent G who has won a scholarship to attend the 39th Prof Harry Messel International Science School in Sydney later this term.

- Geoffrey Z, Gordon L, Eliyahu W, Thomas F, Neha K, Selina L, Vivien D and Ziqi Y who obtained Gold Medals in the OzClo Language National Competition.
- Chinese language students who were awarded First Prize in the recent competition run by the Chinese Language Teachers' Assoc ACT.
- Neha K who made a significant contribution to the National Schools' Constitutional Convention.
- To all students who were involved in Information Day and/or Night – they really made such a positive contribution to ensure the success of these events

My best wishes to those Year 12 French Baccalauréat students who will be sitting their final exams in June. *Bonne chance!*

Congratulations to Sanjay Sharma who has won the position of the 12 and Under Boys' ACT Sport Cricket Manager for 2019 and 2020

*Kerrie Grundy
Principal*

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE NEWS

PRAGUE IB GLOBAL EXCHANGE EXCURSION 2019

Year 11 and 12 Narrabundah students took part in an International Exchange programme to Prague in April this year and the students had a life changing experience. Thank you to Sophie Burton who organised this trip with Simon Armstrong CAS trips and Marian Budos who also accompanied our students.

Prague 2019 IB Global Exchange programme

Our students have just returned from a 2 week CAS trip to the splendid city of Prague!



They took part in many educational activities including learning about and working on a sustainable farm, cooking and delivering food to a homeless shelter as

well as running with a Marathon athlete along the Vltava river.



They had the amazing opportunity to share this experience with 200 students from Rwanda, Kenya, Mexico, Peru, Ecuador, Turkey, Qatar, UK, India and USA!

A fantastic opportunity to learn about each other's cultures and languages!



A unique multicultural experience in the Golden city



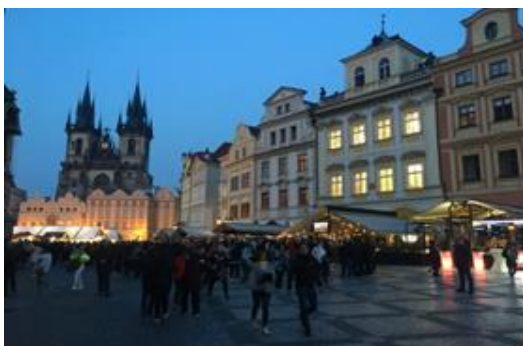
Students immersed themselves in Prague's rich pre-World War I, Fascist and Communist history and visited many places of historical significance.



(Terezin Concentration camp, Kutna Hora bone chapel and the 17th Century Baroque Klementinum library.)



They also discovered the incredible architecture (a mix of Gothic, Renaissance, Baroque and Art Nouveau) of the Czech capital which was once the Capital of the Bohemian Empire.



May IB exams

Congratulations to the Year 12 students who completed their May exams as they have worked exceptionally hard. These are demanding examinations and the students have conducted themselves with grace and maturity.

A gentle reminder: Year 12 students have deadlines in all IB subjects for session 2.

IB and University Entrance Admissions

If you are interested in applying for Universities overseas, please look at the IB website: www.ibo.org University admission/Recognition of the IB diploma by countries and universities. Each university lists their requirements. It is also a good idea for prospective students to attend the University presentations that will be happening regularly throughout session 2. Details of these presentations will be advertised in N group notices.

Year 11 IB

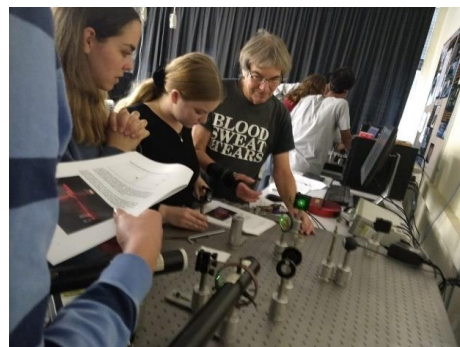
Year 11 students have now settled into their Theory of Knowledge sessions each Thursday afternoon and have been very proactive in starting their creative, activity and service program (CAS).

Christine Ward
International Baccalaureate & CAS Coordinator

FRENCH BACCALAURÉATE NEWS

Everything is relative

For the day before the holidays, the EFS Y12 went to the ANU to attend a workshop about Einstein and Relativity. They first listened to an introduction to relativity from Mr Ruvindha Lecamwasam from the Department of quantum science. Then, they had the chance to manipulate a Michelson to see interferences and recreate the historic experience of the measurement of light speed with the help of Andrew Papworth. At last, they manipulated some mathematical tools to understand time dilatation and length contractions and saw some simulation of what would be seen if we were travelling close to light speed.



It was a very instructive workshop as students were able to manipulate and understand the implications of this amazing field that is relativity.

Accompagnement personnalisé

During AP, these last sessions, we worked on men/women clichés. Y11 and Y12 students found some clichés on songs, ads, videos: Strong and unsensitive men and beautiful and sweet women. They have an assignment to do a song/video/photo to denounce these ways of seeing men and women through a single mould.

Cooperative video

For the chemistry class, Y12 students created a cooperative video about chemistry. Each student was responsible to create a small part of the video explaining one of the 12 principles of the chemistry for the environment or to organise the final video. You can find a link to the video on Telopea Park School Website.

Mock Bac and real Bac

The mock bac started on week one with oral and practical examinations. During week 2, Year 11 and 12 students sat for the paper-based exams in the same conditions as the real one.

Our students will then be ready to face the actual Baccalauréat examinations which will mostly take place from the 14th to the 21st of June for the first time at Narrabundah College. We are looking forward to celebrating with them on Friday, 28th June when the results are published.

Wednesday, July 3, in the evening, a ceremony will be held to deliver the Bac medals by the Ambassador of France at his Residence.

Floriane Michel
French Baccalauréate Coordinator

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LIBRARY OPENING HOURS

The opening times are:

Monday 8.30am – 5.30pm
Tuesday 8.30am – 4.00pm
Wednesday 8.30am – 5.30pm
Thursday 8.30am – 4.00pm
Friday 8.30am – 4.00pm

This may help some students who are collected from the college after hours. The Library will also open at 8.00am during exam periods.

Each day borrowing and returning will be available from 8.00am – 4.00pm.

Monday and Wednesday afternoons the Library has extended opening times (4.00pm – 5.30pm). Free qualified tutorial help in most subject areas.

2020 Student/Parent Calendar & Student Info Handbook

can be found on our website,
www.narrabundahc.act.edu.au/our_students

LIBRARY NEWS

Borrowing for session 2 is now complete. All session 2 books are due to be returned no later than September 5 (the last day of the session 2 exams). Books that have been loaned for the entire year are due on November 28. Thank you to all students for your patience and cooperation during the first few days of session 2. All session 1 books should now be returned, and a small number of students have overdue books from last session, and we ask that these books be returned over the next few days.

Thank you to the terrific response to Cite Maker (our free bibliographic tool) help posters have been displayed throughout the library. Furthermore, we encourage all students to access the Library Google page code 8mkly8 for great resources and information to help all students in their studies.

The Children’s Book Council of Australia (CBCA) has released their Book of the Year 2019 nominations shortlist. Six books have been nominated in each of the six categories and the staff at Narrabundah College library congratulate each author and illustrator for their nomination. Further details can be found by exploring the CBCA website at <https://cbca.org.au/>. Nominated books will be displayed in the library in the lead up to Book Week.

2019 is the International Year of Indigenous Languages. The survival of Indigenous languages is of cultural and international significance to us all. 370 million people from 5,000 different Indigenous cultures in 90 countries speak 7,000 different languages and of these 2,680 languages are at risk of being lost to humanity. During 2019 Narrabundah College library will be displaying the importance of Indigenous languages to our students.

Malcolm Baker
Librarian

SPORTING NEWS



Devraj G., a Year 11 student at Narrabundah College, competed as the Under 19 Men’s ACT Road Cycling Champion at the Canberra Junior & Women’s Tour 2019, Stromlo Forest Park. Dev came away with an overall 2nd place general classification.

FIRST AID NOTICE

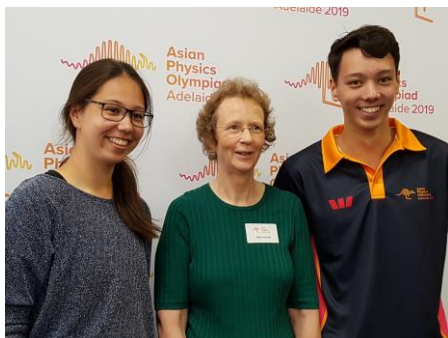
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GENERAL NOTICE FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Parents are welcome to visit the Narrabundah College front office or call on 61423200 to make enquiries regarding their sons & daughters. Please do not walk around the college looking to make contact with staff.

SCIENCE NEWS

Simon Y was named as a member of the Australian Team to represent Australia in the Asian Physics Olympiad. He will spend time competing with some of the best and brightest



Physics students in the world, solving complex problems as part of the Australian team of 8 students and will also have an opportunity to travel and explore Adelaide. We are all extremely proud of him and wish him the best of luck in qualifying for the International Physics Olympiad later this year.

Vincent G has secured a place for the International Science School in Sydney in July, as one of the two representatives from the ACT. Congratulations and we hope you have a great time at such a prestigious event.

The Australian Society for Medical Research has a Quiz which is open to students in various age groups (Yr 11 and Yr 12 is one of these). The quiz is open from the 1st of May to the 1st of July, with 20 multiple choice questions to pique students' interest. It is all on line, have a go. Link is <https://asmr.org.au/asmr-mrw/asmr-mrw-schools-quiz/>.

Cate Rosier
Executive Teacher Science

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.

HISTPHILENGPOL HAPPENINGS**ENGLISH**

As we begin Term 2 our students are gearing up to submit their first assignments of the session. Many will be reflecting on their feedback from Session 1 and their achievements with satisfaction, but some will be seeking to improve on their performance. As well as the scaffolding of this task in the classroom, we have a **number of past students who have achieved outstanding results in English, History, Philosophy, Legal Studies and Politics who are available at Study Hub on Monday and Wednesday 4:00-5.30pm each week**. Please encourage your students to avail themselves of this expertise.

Year 12 students should show a **detailed plan** of their Creative Response 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.

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.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE ENGLISH & THEORY OF KNOWLEDGEYear 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.

Year 12 IB Literature Students

Our Year 12s have just completed their Individual Oral Commentaries and this marks the end of their internal oral assessment in the Literature course. We were generally pleased with their level of preparation and the mature way in which they conducted themselves throughout this somewhat nerve-wracking oral assessment. The novels our students are currently studying in Session 2 are those they will prepare for the November examinations, so this session offers an opportunity to lay careful groundwork in terms of exam preparation.

Philosophy events in May...

FIRST ACT PHILOSOTHON

Narrabundah College and Telopea Park School students won the ACT Philosothon held at Radford last night, 8 May.

Selina L. won best Year 12 student, Sarah M. and George L. Year 11, came 1st and 3rd respectively. Thomas L. and Yarran B. shared their role in the team and as such were not eligible for an award. However, they made a significant contribution to the team effort. The team will represent the ACT at the Australasian Philosothon in October. We were the only government schools competing.

Congratulations to our students and to Winifred Lamb for her coaching and support essential for such a significant success.



HISTORY & POLITICS

HISTORY HAPPENINGS

Students are looking forward to our upcoming excursion to the **Australian War Memorial** to see the World War One gallery. In classes, history students have been learning about what caused this tragic conflict and the fascinating events and stories from the years of the war. The opportunity to see real artefacts from WWI will allow us to feel closer to its history and to better understand the experiences of those affected.

POLITICS

National Schools' Constitutional Convention

After attending the ACT Schools' Constitutional Convention last year, politics students were given the opportunity to attend the 2019 National Convention in March of this year, representing the ACT. Held here in Canberra over the course of three days, the Convention is an annual event which brings together passionate young minds from across Australia to debate and learn about our Constitution. The focus of this year's Constitutional Convention was the Preamble to the Australian Constitution. Within this, we focused on increasing Indigenous Australian representation and the inclusion of Australian values within the preamble. The first half of the convention was focused on learning about the preamble to the constitution through a variety of speakers' panels and workshops, whilst the second half was focused on constructing a new preamble. A Communique of our conclusions and the final preamble were tabled in the Senate. In addition, as a part of the Convention, we visited many of the fundamental democratic institutions, including Parliament House, Old Parliament House (the Museum of Australian Democracy), and had dinner at the High Court of Australia. The convention was a highly enriching experience that provided an insight into our democratic system and the values and laws that shape our society. The knowledge I have gained from this experience is invaluable and it was an amazing event to have been a part of. I would highly recommend that Year 11 Politics students participate in the 2019 ACT Schools' Constitutional Convention, which is to be held later this year!

Neha K

LEGAL STUDIES

In Week 6 students doing the 'Crime, Justice and the Law' unit will attend an excursion to the newly refurbished law courts. Students will have the opportunity to see the layout of a vacant courtroom and have explained to them the roles of the various people. After this, students will visit the public gallery and hear cases being heard in the ACT Magistrates Court and in the Supreme Court. Notes have already been distributed to students. This excursion will enable students to see the law in practice and connect this with what they have been learning in class.

DEBATING NEWS

Narrabundah College entered five teams into the ACTDU Advanced Open DOUSE Competition. Topics for debate have been interesting and wide ranging. Congratulations to all participants who partook in the competition and thank you for being argumentative and persuasive!!!

Narrabundah will be debating against politicians at the AIA Artificial Intelligence Summit in ACT in June. The topic is: Will AI steal our jobs?

Catherine Phillipps

Wishing you all a productive start to Session 2.

Anni Medway
SLC English/History

P & C NEWS

Notice of Special General Meeting of the Narrabundah College P&C Association.

The P&C proposes to replace our current 1993 Constitution with a new constitution based on the new model rules under ACT legislation.

A Special General Meeting to consider this proposal will be held on **Wednesday, 19 June 2019 at 6pm** in the College conference room. A special resolution to adopt the new constitution must be passed by a quorum of P&C members.

We urge any interested parents to attend that meeting to meet our quorum requirements. The proposed constitution can be read here: http://www.narrabundahc.act.edu.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0009/446589/Narrabundah_College_Constitution_P_and_C_2019_-_FINAL_2.pdf. Contact Kath Montefiore-Gardner, Vice President, P&C on kathmg.emma_page@hotmail.com for any further information.

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The P&C are urgently seeking a qualified and experienced auditor to volunteer their services to audit their accounts after the end of this financial year. Please contact the P&C Treasurer, Craig Boyle, at craigboyle@hotmail.com.

Protect yourself and your family from the flu

Getting vaccinated is the best way to prevent your family getting the flu this winter. The flu vaccine can save a child's life.

The vaccine is safe, and everyone 6 months of age and over, including pregnant women and young children, should get the vaccination.

Children are more likely to contract the flu, spread it around, and are at a higher risk of serious complications if they get sick. The flu is highly contagious and is spread easily through childcare centres and schools.

The flu vaccine is free in the ACT for:

- children aged 6 months to under 5 years
- pregnant women
- people 65 years of age and older
- all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 6 months and older, and
- people aged 6 months and older with some medical conditions such as severe asthma, heart or lung disease, diabetes or weakened immune systems.

Where to get your flu vaccination

Everyone can get a flu vaccine from their GP or immunisation provider.

People over 16 years of age can also get a vaccine at some pharmacies.

ACT Government Early Childhood Immunisation Clinics provide a free flu vaccination for children aged 6 months to under 5 years. To book an appointment, call Community Health Intake on 02 5124 9977.

Learn more about influenza and where to get your vaccination at: health.act.gov.au/flu



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MyWay REMINDER



The month's free travel period comes to an end on Sunday, 26 May 2019. With paid services starting next week on Monday, May 27, students are being reminded to top up their MyWay cards or purchase tickets to avoid fines of up to \$181 for travelling without a ticket.

	A select number of newsagencies, post offices, and Access Canberra outlets. For the full list, visit: https://www.transport.act.gov.au/tickets-and-myway/get-myway/recharge-agents
I'm a student, how much does it cost?	A MyWay card is \$2.50, and then you'll need to top it up for travel. Concession: Tertiary: \$1.61 School student – school day: \$1.22 School student – non-school day: \$1.61 Weekday cap: \$4.80 Weekend/public holiday cap: \$2.17
I want to catch a bus and light rail – will it cost me two tickets?	All MyWay fares include a free 90-minute transfer period so you can connect to a different bus or light rail service or commence your return journey using the same ticket within 90 minutes of purchase. Daily tickets are valid until midnight on the day of purchase.
What if I forget to tap on/off?	If you don't tap on, you could be fined up to \$181. If you don't tap off after a trip, you'll be charged a default fare.
My balance is low, how do I recharge?	You can instantly top up your card at a recharge agent, set up an autoload direct debit online, or top up at a ticket vending machine at all light rail platforms and major bus stations.



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Important Dates

27 May	Reconciliation Day – Public Holiday
31 May	ANU ASA applications close
10 June	Queen’s Birthday – Public Holiday
11-14 June	Music Assessment Week in the Quad
18-21 June	Excursion Free
20 June	1.30-4.00 Mid unit tests (gym)
21 June	9.00-12.00 Mid unit tests (gym) 2.00-4.00 Mid unit tests (gym)
24 June	9.00-12.00 Mid unit tests (gym)
25 June	6.00pm Info Evening for parents “What’s the ATAR?” (music auditorium E Block)
1 & 2 July	Behavioural Science Trip, Sydney
8-19 July	School Holidays

2019 Parent Information Evenings, Parent Teacher afternoons & other evenings

24 May	May Newsletter posted
27 May	Reconciliation Day – Public Holiday
7 June	Online applications close at 9am for Yr11 2020 prospective students
10 June	Queen’s Birthday – Public Holiday
12 June	4.30pm Board Meeting
19 June	6.00pm P&C Meeting
25 June	6.00pm Information Evening for parents “What’s the ATAR?” (music auditorium E Block)
28 June	June Newsletter posted
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