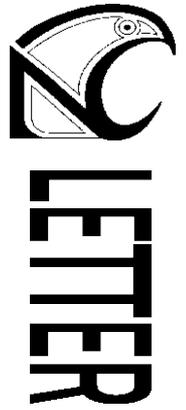


NARRABUNDAH COLLEGE

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PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

WELCOME TO 2018

Welcome to those students new to Narrabundah College and to the returning Year 12 students: I hope you have a most successful year.

I regularly attend system professional learning and a visit last year by Mary-Jean Gallagher who led change to Ontario's schools enabled me to reflect on our practices and to draw on her insights for *Achieving Excellence: Bringing effective literacy pedagogy to scale in Ontario's publicly-funded education system*.

I have already shared some of her key points with you in last November's newsletter.

She also talked about schools being a place of potential and that every classroom must be characterised by high quality teaching and learning.

Further Mary-Jean Gallagher discussed the need for students and teachers to engage in a culture of teaching and learning where shared accountability and responsibility for learning is fostered to pursue a vision for excellence.

To facilitate such a culture, we do create and promote an environment where students are challenged in diverse learning environments to achieve their very best while maintaining a balance in their lives.

Our Strategic Plan 2016-2020 has three goals which underpin our practices:

- To develop Assessment Strategies to improve student outcomes
- To improve student use of Feedback to enhance learning.
- To improve the Quality of Teaching and Learning to enhance student outcomes.

We have created a strong culture of students using feedback to improve performance and we continue to develop assessment strategies to improve student outcomes. We will maintain our commitment to strive for excellence in teaching and learning.

The new year has indeed begun well with the Year11 students settling into the college routine very quickly and

successfully. The year12s are clearly focused on building on their efforts from last year ensuring they will attain the best results possible to take them onto their post college pathways.

Students need to make the most of opportunities on offer to achieve the very best outcomes they can at this college. These include:

- Maths tutorials during school time
- Study Hub on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4-5.30 where students have the opportunity to complete homework under the supervision of teachers from all subject areas and with student mentors. Also the Study Hub runs targeted programs throughout the year including: study skills, time management, essay writing support, how to reference written work, how to develop a creative response with rationale, lab reports, maths assignments, Psychology reports etc.
- Preparing for and spending plenty of time on assessment tasks
- Seeking advice on courses, packages and careers from their class teachers and Student advisers
- Embracing our Curriculum of Giving and getting involved in a wide range of activities within the college and further afield including; Student Governance Group, Peer Ed, Debating volunteering, sport, outdoor ed etc.

CAREERS OPTIONS

In speaking to students since the beginning of this year many clearly do know what career they want to pursue and are focused on achieving the results to get there; however others are not at all sure what they want to do post college. My advice to all students is to make the most of all opportunities concerning careers while at college and do at least one work experience placement as well as connect with the Student Services' Advisers regularly. Please access our Facebook page on the college Website for more information on Careers.

FACEBOOK

Don't forget that we do have a Facebook page for our community to access. Please go onto the website and click onto the icon to access this page. You will find up-to-date information on events and successes at the college. We look forward to your feedback.

INFORMATION EVENING FOR YEAR 11 STUDENTS

A large number of parents and students attended last Tuesday night's Information Evening for Year 11 students. During the course of the evening we ran small groups where information was presented regarding college terms and expectations, and lots of questions were asked. Please continue to access such events including the next information event, "What do Scores and Grades mean?" on April 30 followed by Parent Teacher Afternoon on May 3 where you will have the opportunity to meet all your son/daughter's teachers.

STUDENT SUPPORT FUNDS

The ACT Government has provided the college with some funds to assist those students and families in financial need to provide for some of their education costs. If a student wishes to access the Student Support Fund please come and see me. It is important that every student feels he/she is able to benefit from the range of curricula and extra-curricular activities by the college.

2017 RESULTS:

I wish to celebrate the outstanding success of our 2017 Cohort:

- our 2 duxes attained 99.95 and topped the ACT
- 33 students attained an ATAR over 99
- 86 students attained an ATAR over 95
- 144 students attained an ATAR over 90
- 252 students attained an ATAR over 80
- 342 students attained an ATAR over 65
- The top IB score of 44 was equal to an ATAR of 99.85
- The average IB score of 33 was equal to an ATAR of 90.90 (the IB World Median is 29).
- 86.2% of our students of our students attained an ATAR over 65
- 411 of our students attained an ATAR
- The median ATAR for 200 students was 92.950
- Our median ATAR of 411 students who completed the ACT system was:83.75
- 44 students graduated from the ANU Extension Program -8 of whom topped 8 of the 10 courses
- Most students attained ATARs 5-10 marks above their estimate.
- Our students were delighted by their excellent results.

- All data above includes French Baccalauréat results

STUDENT SUCCESSES

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate several of our students for recent achievements:

- Krishne T has been selected as a member of the Australian Science Olympiad Team

- Ziqi Y has been invited to take part in the selection for the Australian Maths Olympiad Team.
- Minsoo K and Joanne N were selected to participate in the 50th ANU National Maths Summer School during January.
- Zac N and Sam P have been invited to compete in the Australian Invitational Informatics Olympiad.
- Rose Z who took in the Australian Science Olympiad School at ANU during the holidays.
- Camille B who was selected to attend the National Science Youth Forum held at UQ in January and to Zac N who was also selected and attended the ANU session of the Forum.
- Emily J won a CWA scholarship.
- The following students have won Capital Chemist Scholarships for 2018: Joanne NG, Ryu C and Sara D.
- Sophie B and Elizabeth D who were ranked in the top 5 the ACT Schools Constitutional Convention last year and will attend this year's convention in March.
- Zac N, Han S, Joanne N, Mohan Q, Ryu C, Zaran Z, Minsoo K, Ranit B, eroc H and Netanya R have been invited to participate in the 2018 round of the Canberra Maths Enrichment Program.
- James M has been selected for the Australian Gridiron team.

NEW STAFF

Finally I would like to welcome the following new staff to the college: Michiko Barber to Languages, Louise Cavanagh and Joanne Archer to English, Chris Zuber to Drama and English, Matin Dean, Vijay Dubey and Kamaldip Kaur to Science, Marian Budos and Alison Bogg to Visual and Performing Arts, Elizabeth Humphries to Humanities and Jenny Howard and Kira Graham to the Library.

I look forward to working with you over the course of this year.

Kerrie Grundy
Principal

Modernisation Update

Work has begun around the college especially on the oval to prepare for the new purpose-built demountables to be installed.

The demountables will start being delivered next week and the fit out should start in term 2.

We are constantly being briefed about this project.

School Administration System (SAS)

This year all ACT Government Schools will transition to a new School Administration System (SAS). This will enable greater portability of data within the school and across the system as student's transition from one sector to the other. Routine checks on data migrated from our current system to the new system may result in some disruption to usual communication channels, including SMS notifications and emails.

This is an exciting project that will enhance the way schools engage with you and streamline our administrative processes to better support our students and wider community. Obviously with any new program there are teething problems and we appreciate your patience during this time.

Attendance

A key requirement of the ACT Board of Senior Secondary Studies is to maintain timely and accurate records of attendance.

A new attendance software application will become available for families to account for absences by mid-2018 and we are currently using the new email/SMS software to notify parents of absences. We understand some families are receiving multiple notifications. Again, your patience with this is appreciated.

In the interim families should continue to use the college absence form-complete all details on this form and place in the box outside advisers' area.

P & C NEWS

Dear Fellow Parents

It was an absolute pleasure to welcome so many new Year 11 parents on behalf of the P&C and connect directly to so many of you. I cannot stress enough the important role the P&C plays in the life of our children at Narrabundah College. One of the P&C's key role is to foster an all-important inclusive College community spirit, as well as support and enhance the life of our children while at school.

The P&C does it in two very important ways:

We run a busy, fully accredited, highly professional canteen which delivers hundreds of meals every week to students and staff, from 9am to 2.30pm, 5 days a week. We are the only College in the ACT to offer full canteen services and we firmly believe offering good, healthy and very reasonably priced food on site is essential to the life of our students. Their time on campus is precious.

These last two years of secondary education are full on and not having to go off campus to be able to access quality food is essential in terms of time and also safety, two key issues of concern for us parents as well as for students. And fresh, delicious food always lifts the spirit and brightens anyone's day especially during winter months and exams!

We run a number of fundraisers every year in order to gather funds for curricular or extracurricular equipment that cannot be funded in any other way.

The P& C is currently composed of a small group of extremely dedicated volunteers who have fun working together. We have exciting projects coming up and would love it if you could join us, either as office-bearers (we have three current vacancies, Secretary, second Vice-President, Assistant Treasurer) or non-office bearers. Your commitment does not have to be onerous or year-long if this does not suit you. Please remember it is a wonderful way of making new acquaintances and friends quickly and feel you are part of our college.

How you can be involved

Come to our P&C meetings: Our meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month from 6 pm and you are most welcome as a parent to attend any meeting.

Note that you do not have to attend every meeting. All meetings are also attended by Kerrie Grundy, Principal, who has been a fantastic supporter of the P&C and always provides an interesting update on key College activities. All attendees receive the minutes of the meetings as well as the agenda. Please register on our email list as an active member of the P&C Committee.

Come to the AGM, to be held Wednesday 14 March at 6pm in the Conference Room. Please email me should you want to be involved in the Committee.

Read the President's Note in forthcoming Newsletters and contact us whenever or wherever you can help.

Help needed

We are currently looking for a parent who would be interested in independently reviewing the P&C accounts prior to the AGM. The book keeper has all relevant papers ready. Please contact Anne our Treasurer (number below).

The entire Committee and I look forward to working with you in helping make your children's year(s) in Narrabundah are both successful and enjoyable.

Kind regards,

Isabelle Vallin-Thorpe, President, P&C,
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 Anne Scott, Treasurer 0403496166

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.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE NEWS

International Baccalaureate results 2017

Students, parents and teachers attended the IB graduation night on February 14th. Our DUX for cohort 2017 is Esther Suckling with an IB score of 44 (ATAR 99.85). Esther is studying Arts at the University of Melbourne. Leonie Dickson was a close second with 43 (ATAR 99.70). Our students have received early offers to ANU, University of Sydney and Macquarie in line with the early offer International Baccalaureate program and have also been accepted into UNSW. They will complete a variety of degrees including double degrees of Arts/Law; Philosophy, Politics and Economics; Medical Sciences and International Relations. Our students have produced great results and achieved a median of 33 (90.90).



YEAR 12 IB

Our Year 12 IB students are working hard on their Extended essays which are due March 29th and their internal assessment. Two Maths IA mornings have been organised for April 9th and 10th as per the calendar. Details to follow on the IB classroom page.

YEAR 11 IB

A large cohort of Year 11 IB students had an enthusiastic start to the year. All year 11 students attended an IB induction day on 22nd February where they were able to meet the rest of their cohort and were introduced to the requirements of the core (TOK and CAS), Group 4 and each IB subject. It is important that all students have attained permission from parents to access Google apps (as all IB information is contained on the IB google classroom website) and Turnitin.

Christine Ward
International Baccalaureate & CAS Coordinator

FRENCH BACCALAURÉAT NEWS

Year 11 – Welcome to our new students of Première

During our first weeks, students discovered their new environment and participated to N-day organised at Manuka pool. The Proviseur Mr Binan came to welcome this new cohort at Narrabundah College.

They are **22 motivated students**: 17 are taking the scientific stream of the Baccalauréat, while 5 students are taking the literary stream. It is already the second half of the year and they will have to sit for various exams of the Bac.

A meeting will be organised with parents in March. At this occasion, we will present those specific exams and give a detailed calendar. We wish them the best and lots of successes for those different exams.

The first one, the TPE, occurred this last week of February in room C25.

Information Evening- Year 12

Information Evening have been held for Year 12 parents. The session provided opportunities to learn more about the platform Parcoursup, used to apply in French Universities. It was also the perfect time to present the calendar of all exams coming, especially the Bac. It has been reminded to book accommodation and organize transportation for this week. Finally, we went over the expectations for the months ahead.

Mandatory field trip- Year 11

The “sortie géologie” will be from Monday 9th to Wednesday 11th of April. Parents should receive the documentation in the next few days.

During the geology field trip, they will travel along the New South Wales coastline (from Ulladulla to Narooma, passing through Myrtle beach, Bingie Bingie point, and Mogo Gold Rush Colony). They will be studying rocks and other very interesting geological attractions of the area. It's part of SVT and DNL curricula.

Year 11 and 12-

A letter to parents from the Principal Kerrie Grundy and the Proviseur Mr Binan has been sent out by email. This letter presents you with some important information about French Stream contribution paid to Narrabundah College. Should you have any questions about it, please do not hesitate to contact me or Narrabundah College administration.

Reminder: *Swimming PE mandatory classes for Year 11 and 12 have to be paid at the Front Office as soon as possible. As sent by email, the prices have decreased and it is now \$35 per student. If you have paid the former price, you can be reimbursed at Narrabundah's Front Office.*

Jillian Erin-Agot
French Baccalauréat Coordinator

2018 Student/Parent Calendar & ibook

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

STUDENT SERVICES NEWS

The new school year has started and students seem to be settling in very well. Each student has an identified adviser, depending on their surname, who will be an essential contact over the two years for checking progress, explaining packages, monitoring attendance, coordinating leadership and community service opportunities, arranging work experience, helping with career and post Year 12 options or just for advice.

Students and/or their parents are welcome to make an appointment with any of our team. Students can see their adviser by just dropping into the area when they have a free line or by making an appointment by writing their name on the timetables on their adviser's door. Parents can also telephone the relevant adviser for an appointment. Each adviser would like to meet Year 11 students in their section of the alphabet sometime during this first session – just book in on our doors on a free line.

Students are reminded to keep a close check on **absences**. Parents do not need to email into the college on the day their son or daughter is absent.

The section of the *ibook* (on our website) www.narrabundahc.act.edu.au/students explaining absence procedures as follows:

1 ALL absences from class must be explained within ONE WEEK of your return to College. Students needing to miss classes during the day for appointments must provide documentary evidence. Reasons such as studying for another subject are not acceptable.

2 For absences of half a day 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 necessary. On every document, ensure that your full name, year, ID number and date/week of absence/s are given.

3 If you are absent for any assessment item a medical certificate is required.

4 Collect an Absence Note from the Advisers' area, fill in all the details, attach any documentation (i.e. note signed by parent/guardian or doctor's certificate) and place the form with attached documentation in the absentee box located outside the Advisers' area.

5 Always let your teachers know the reasons for absences. Explaining your absences will be important if you are seeking special consideration for assessment.

6 Find out from your teacher what work you may have missed - it is your responsibility to catch up.

7 Students attending excursions should let their teachers know in advance.

NOTE: Absences are checked on a weekly basis. Your parent/guardian will be contacted regarding repeated unexplained absences, or if your attendance falls below 90%, that is more than 3 unexplained absences in

Session 1 and 3 and more than 6 unexplained absences in Session 2.

The ACT Board of Senior Secondary Studies has a strict attendance policy and too many unexplained absences will result in voiding a subject (V grade). Parents are asked to provide a note explaining the absence that the student brings on the day of their return to college. They fill out the form outside Student Services, attach the note and place the forms in the attendance box. Absences will not be corrected until this happens.

In cases of extended absences or when major assessments are missed, medical certificates must be provided. Students who are planning to be absent from college for an extended period must seek approval for leave well before their planned absence from the Principal or Deputy Principal. Leave forms can be obtained from Jenny Budd (Deputy Principal).

Could we also please ask all parents/guardians and students to ensure you have supplied up-to-date mobile and email contact details to the college. The school often uses a messaging system to inform parents/guardians of absences in a timely manner. Students can miss vital information because contact details have not been supplied. Please email or deliver any change of contact details to the Front Office email: info@narrabundahc.act.edu.au

All Year 12 students are encouraged to see an adviser during this session for a package check. They should now have completed enough units to have at least minors in most courses and would have been given an estimate of their ATAR at the meetings with parents at the end of Year 11. Also for Year 12 students interested in careers in the health sciences (eg medicine, dentistry, physiotherapy, and optometry) will need to sit the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (**UMAT**) on 26th July this year. Any students interested in these pathways please inform an Adviser for more information and also contact either, Glenda Nimmo, Julie Bauer or Delisia Wiild for relevant Work Experience placements.

This week Year 12 students will need to indicate their intention of a T (ATAR) or A package. Students intending a T package will be required to sit AST 4th & 5th September. **If any students are undecided – sign yes at this stage and see an adviser soon.** Many alternative pathways to university are available for students doing an A package.

We would like to say a big thank you to the Peer Education Team for their work with the Year 11 transition.

NARRABUNDAH COLLEGE STUDY SUPPORT 2017

The following learning and study support services are available for all students:

Study Hub: Mondays and Wednesdays 4.00 – 5.30pm in the library. Assistance from teachers and some peer tutoring available for all subject areas.

Maths tutorials – Tuesday and Wednesday lunchtimes – S12

Students are also advised to:

Consult the class teacher if unsure what an assessment task involves.

Ask questions if there is any difficulty understanding information - others will be grateful!

Use the Student iBook (on the College website) as a 'cross-college' assignment resource. This highlights a range of information from library resources and websites to help with study skills, to essay writing tips and information about written assessment requirements from all faculties including general report writing and science practicals.

Use the 'drafting' process offered by English/History and Humanities to gain valuable feedback on structure and writing skills.

Inform the counsellor or student adviser about any personal, physical or learning difficulties – additional support may be available.

Delisia Wiild
Student Services

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Elisha Richards - School Psychologist

Supporting Notes from Parent Information Evening for Yr11 students – 20 Feb**1. Certificates you can obtain:-**

ACT Senior Secondary Certificate (ACTSSC)
Tertiary Entrance Statement (ATAR)
Statement of Attainment

2. Standard Units – Session 1 and 3 are worth 0.5 of a standard unit per subject.
Session 2 is worth 1 standard unit per subject.

3. ACTSSC – 17 standard units and at least 4 minors including English.

4. ACTSSC with an **ATAR** (Tertiary Package) – 20 standard units and a combination of 3 majors and 3 minors **or** 4 majors and 1 minor, **or** 5 majors (minimum requirements).

Courses must come from 4 DIFFERENT course areas.**5. Course patterns**

- MINOR – a minimum of 2 standard units –Equivalent to one year of study
 - MAJOR – a minimum of 3.5 standard units- Equivalent to two years minus one short session of study
 - MAJOR/MINOR – a minimum of 5.5 standard units
 - DOUBLE MAJOR – a minimum of 7 standard units
- NB.** Some courses are sequential and must be completed in the order delivered

6. AST – Australian Scaling Test

- 2 hr 15 min Multiple Choice questions
- 2 hr 30 min Writing Task
- 1hr 45 min Short Response (short answer) questions
- Yr12 2018 4th-5th September
- Yr12 2019 TBA (approx.-3-4th September)

7. ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank) – Percentile Rank is made up from the student's best 3 majors and 0.6 of the next best major or minor.

8. AT/H/V Accredited Units/ Registered Units

9. A-E Achievement **Grades/ V Grades/ S grades**

10. Assessment is likely to be more challenging than high school. Usually no students achieve 100% on an assessment item. It can also take time for students to adjust to the pace of delivery of subject matter.

11. Student timetable/ N.Group function/ role of the advisers.

12. Unit outlines are issued for all subjects. The use of unit planners is encouraged for organisation.

13. Rolls marked each lesson. BSSS policy of 90% attendance, 70% assessment and plagiarism policy- definition and penalties. College uses SMS/email to notify parents of absences from previous week.

14. GAFE (Google Apps For Education) is the IT platform used at Narrabundah college. Students must access this as teachers leave resources here, including work, if teachers are absent.

15. iBook- This resource has further useful information for students and parents and can be found on the College website.

'What do your scores and grades mean?	30 April
Parent/Teacher meeting for Session1 results	13 May
'What's the ATAR?'	26 June
Year 11 Review Interviews (Parent/Student/Staff)	10-12 December

FACILITIES The Student Services area has 4 Student Advisors, a School Psychologist, a Transition and Career Officer and a Special Needs teacher. Our role includes academic and career advice; work experience, attendance monitoring and personal support / counselling. We can be most effective if we are kept up to date with information that is relevant to your student's progress. Prompt contact regarding absences, illness or changed family circumstances is essential if we are to implement recommendations for special consideration.

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.

STUDENT STUDY HUB

Staffed by a teacher and qualified peer mentors (alumni students) that can support students in many curriculum areas including English (includes the drafting process and preparation and presentation of orals), History, TOK, all Sciences and all levels of Mathematics. Also some H course (ANU) support and specialised IB support. FREE to Narrabundah students.

The Library is open to all students as a study space. Computers and seating areas can be used for private study.

We hope this information covers any immediate questions. Please contact us if you need to discuss any further issues.

CAREERS NEWS

WORK EXPERIENCE

The Work Experience Program at the college provides an excellent opportunity for students to experience potential career options. Work experience helps students to develop employability skills and points are allocated for each completed placement. Some successful work experience placements have also led to employment at a later date.

Students who participate in our Work Experience Program gain valuable insights into specific career and employment areas and this knowledge can be most valuable to draw upon during interview processes.. Applicants for some tertiary institutions may also be given preference where the applicant has participated in relevant work experience.

In session one work experience is open to year 11 and year 12 students and will take place from **9 – 13 April**. Students will not miss classes during this time.

Remember, this is the second last time that year 12 students will have the opportunity to participate in the Work Experience Program and some students may need the points to go towards their Year 12 Certificate. Places are filling up quickly so don't leave it too long.

Call into see Glenda in Student Services. Applications are due by **Tuesday 13 March**

WHITE CARD AND ASBESTOS AWARENESS TRAINING

This is required for anyone who wants to work in the Construction Industry. If you are thinking about Work Experience in any areas of construction, you will need to have a White Card. See Glenda in the **Careers Office** for further information.

Can you host a Student for Work Experience?

Parents and other members of the Narrabundah College Community, if you can help support our WEX Program by hosting a student for Work Experience, I would be very pleased to hear from you

Phone Glenda: 6142-3200

ROAD READY

Road Ready training will take place at the college on 6th and 9th April with testing to be carried out on the 10th April. We can only accommodate **40** students. A sign-up sheet will be on the notice board outside the Careers office at the end of N Group on Wednesday 28 February.

STUDENT PATHWAY PLANS

Students are asked to create /update to year 11/12, their account in preparation for future WEX/career discussions and planning for university. Log on to <http://pathways.act.edu.au> to start or update your account.

CAREERS 2018 – GOOGLE CLASSROOM

It is important that every Year 11 and Year 12 student becomes a member of this class. This is where most Careers information will be posted, including university, training and employment news and opportunities. To join, use the code: **e2p1p8**

Glenda Nimmo

Careers/Transition/WEX

LIBRARY NEWS

A GREAT START TO A GREAT NEW YEAR.

Thank you to all students and staff for your promptness and patience when borrowing class texts during week one, all classroom texts have now been distributed. Students who for any reason have not collected texts, due to unplanned absence or change of subject, should borrow their books at recess or lunchtime. Thank you to last year's year 11 (now year 12) students for returning your books. There are still a small number of students dragging the chain on this matter and we ask that any books remaining overdue from last year be returned over the next few days.

Narrabundah College text books that are lent for session 1 are due back on Thursday April 5, books lent for sessions one and two are due back on September 6 and books lent for the whole year are due back on November 28. Should a student withdraw from a subject, where text books have been borrowed, these books automatically fall due on the day that the withdrawal occurs. Students who leave Narrabundah College must return all books prior to leaving.

The Narrabundah College library has an extensive collection of non-fiction books (including foreign language books) for research and study purposes and a large collection of fiction books for recreational reading, these books can be borrowed for periods of two weeks (14 days) and fall due on the day that they were borrowed a fortnight later.

LIBRARY STAFF NEWS. Narrabundah College library welcomes Jenny Howard and Kira Graham to the library team. Jenny is an experienced teacher-librarian, formerly from Stromlo High School, and has been appointed to the library to work from Tuesday to Friday each week. Kira has just completed her Diploma of Library and Information Services at CIT and undertook a professional placement here last year; Kira's appointment is for five days each week.

*Malcolm Baker
Librarian*

MATHS NEWS

Welcome back to our year 12 students and welcome to the year 11 students. Over your time at the college, you will meet some challenging ideas and be exposed to new ways of thinking and communicating. We hope that this is the beginning of an exciting journey for you!

General Information:

All students in Maths have received their unit outlines via Google Classroom. If they need a hard copy they can ask their Maths teacher for one.

All classes are well underway in their work with several units already having completed assignment tasks. If students are unsure of the standard required for assignments, then they can ask their teacher for advice and assistance.

There is an expectation that students complete homework exercises and general study in order to consolidate their learning. Students should be spending a minimum of 30 minutes on homework for every 1 hour lesson, which equates to 2 hours of homework per week (or 4 hours if they are studying Specialist Options and Core).

Diagnostic Tests and Student Support:

At the beginning of this session we conducted diagnostic tests for year 11s in Specialist Core 1 and Maths Methods 1. The purpose of these tests is to indicate to students the expected level of knowledge for the course they have chosen to study and to identify any weaknesses in their understanding. All students in Core and Methods have received feedback and have been encouraged to discuss their results with their parent(s) or carer(s).

Students in Maths Applications 1 and Contemporary Maths have not been given a diagnostic test. Instead

students are doing regular revision throughout the session to help them identify their own strengths and weaknesses and to consolidate important maths skills.

If students in any course are having difficulties in their Maths they should start by getting extra help from their teacher. Maths Help sessions are run Tuesday and Wednesday lunchtime in S12; students can attend regularly or just drop in occasionally to get one-on-one assistance. There is also help available on Monday and Wednesday afternoons at Study Hub in the library.

Calculators:

All students studying Specialist Maths and Maths Methods are required to have a non-CAS graphics calculator. These calculators are used extensively in all Specialist Maths and Maths Methods units and students without them will be at a disadvantage in both their skill development and assessment tasks. The calculators can be bought from any supplier, but one recommended model, the TI-nSpire is available for purchase from the front office.

A lunchtime session on how to use the basic features of graphic calculators has already been run and if there is sufficient demand a follow up session will be held later this term.

Good News:

Congratulations to Ziqi Y in year 11 who recently sat the Australian Maths Olympiad paper. This is a highly selective competition, as only 100 students in Australia are invited to take part each year.

Congratulations also to Sam P and Zac N in year 12 who were selected to compete in the Australian Invitational Informatics Olympiad last week.

Competitions:

The Computational and Algorithmic Thinking (CAT) Competition will be held on Tuesday 27 March. This is a competition that is ideal for students who enjoy solving puzzles (no programming skills are required). Students need to sign up on the list outside the Maths staffroom by Monday 5 March.

The AMT Australian Maths Competition will be held on the 9 August. More details will be given closer to the date.

The ANU Maths Day is coming up on Friday 25 May. A team of 5 year12 students will be invited to participate in this fun day of problem-solving.

*Nicole Burg
Executive Teacher*

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SCIENCE NEWS

Congratulations to Krishne T for winning a coveted spot in the Australian Science Olympiad team! Having achieved an excellent result in the qualifying exam held at Narrabundah College in 2017, she was invited to attend the exclusive Australian Science Olympiad Summer School at the Australian National University during the school holidays. Based on her performance at the Summer School she was then selected to represent Australia at the Asian Physics Olympiad in Hanoi, Vietnam in May of this year. Only 8 students make up the Australian Physics team, so we are very proud of her achievement and wish her the best of luck!

Congratulations to Rose Z who was also invited to attend the exclusive Australian Science Olympiad Summer School at the Australian National University during the school holidays, based on her results in the Earth and Environment Science Olympiad qualifying exam in 2017. The program, according to Rose, was intense but interesting and enjoyable.

Cate Rosier
Executive Teacher

HUMANITIES NEWS

All students have settled well into their classes, are learning new concepts and are getting ready for their first assessments.

Staffing

2018 brings 1 new teacher and two returning teacher to our Humanities staffroom:

Mary Woodhouse is teaching Media.

Elizabeth Humphries and Anda Weir are teaching Psychology.

Behavioural Sciences

The Psychology and Sociology classes are all off to a flying start. The introductory units are covering important foundations in each discipline and the continuing year 12 classes are furthering their expertise. First assessment tasks are due in early March.

We are also looking forward to running our annual Behavioural Sciences Sydney trip called the "Street Retreat" during session 2 so keep an ear and an eye out for more information coming soon!

Legal Studies

The year 11s are starting an introductory course where they will gain knowledge about the Australian legal system. Basic terms and concepts are broached underwriting the following longer session two unit which deals respectively with crime and justice.

Year 12s are being introduced to commercial law, specifically, contract law in all its complexity. Essentially, offer, acceptance, formation, terms, breach and termination of contracts are researched.

Legal research and writing techniques and analysis of documents are two major areas of focus this session

with a research essay and document study each worth 50 percent.

IT

Students are undertaking the study of one or more of the following units –

- Website design
- C++ Programming
- Digital Media Graphics

They are familiarising themselves with the coding and the interfaces. They are completing concepts and class tasks. All resources are available on Google Classroom. In week 5 they will start work their major project for the session.

Archana Aggarwal

School Leader C

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ANU Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences (HASS) & Languages Showcase.

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The day will feature both short presentations and interactive activities from our leading experts.

The HASS disciplines will be featured on day one, and languages on day two. You can register for both or either day.

Lunch will also be provided.

Date: Wednesday and Thursday 11-12 April 2018

Time: 10:00am-3:00pm

**Location: School of Music, Building 100, ANU, William Herbert Place, Canberra, ACT 2601
(Details to follow upon registration)**

If your school would like to attend this event, please register to ensure you don't miss out:

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Important Dates

6 March	Moderation Day (student free)		
9 March	Last day withdrawal from units		
12 March	Canberra Day – Public Holiday	28 & 29 March & 3-5 April	Test Week – Excursion Free
13 March	Work Experience & Vocational Placement applications close	30 March	Good Friday – Public Holiday
14 March	Session 2 grid available to students 12.00pm Yr11 & Yr12 separate assemblies Test timetable published 4.30pm Board Meeting 6.00pm P&C AGM & Meeting	2 April	Easter Monday – Public Holiday
16 March	PTO booking information posted	3 April	March Newsletter posted Parent/Teacher Online (PTO) bookings open
19-27 March	Music Performance Assessment Week	4 April	Return library books & Session 1 textbooks
20 March	4.00pm Conseil de classe Terminales – 2 nd trimestre, EFS French Bac students 6.00pm IB Information Night for 2019 prospective students & parents	6-12 April	Assessment Week – Excursion and Student Free
21 March	Session 2 student unit choices due 7.00pm Autumn Concert	11 April	4.30pm Board Meeting 6.00pm P&C Meeting
		13 April	Unit scores displayed
		16-27 April	School Holidays (includes Anzac Day-Public Holiday)
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2018 Parent Information Evenings, Parent Teacher afternoons & other evenings

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