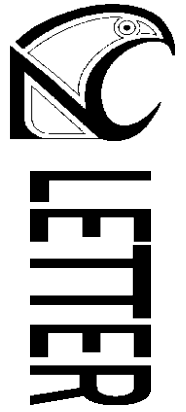


NARRABUNDAH COLLEGE

NEWS



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PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

WHY IS THE CULTURE OF NARRABUNDAH COLLEGE SO UNIQUE?

Two weeks ago three significant and successful events took place here.

We hosted TechLauncher here on Tuesday 8 May late afternoon to early evening. 300+ ANU Engineering and IT students showcased their innovative projects on a wide range of subjects from conservation to circus equipment to an App to support aged patients after surgery.

Our students and staff mixed with Industry participants, ANU academics and other members of the community to discuss real world projects and to share in the latest thinking in the future of technology. A number of our students are planning careers in engineering and IT so this was an exceptional opportunity for our students to learn first-hand what they can expect at university.

On the Thursday morning we hosted students from our local high schools and other schools around the ACT to our Open 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 gym celebrating our students' engagement with diverse subject areas are always a success as is the sausage sizzle in the quad where our music students perform so well.

Finally we welcomed hundreds and hundreds of visitors to the college for our Open 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.

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. And 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 2019

Interest for places at the college for 2019 is already strong. College principals undertake the selection process for the next year's student enrolment using the Education Directorate enrolment policy and criteria. Information on this process is on the Education Directorate website (www.education.act.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 and 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 2019 need further information about the process, please contact the college. Enrolments close on 9am June 11.

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 your scores and grades mean?*" was held on 30 April and was 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), 26 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:

- Krishne T who has just returned from competing in the Asian Physics Olympiad in Vietnam and now has the opportunity to be selected for the International Physics Olympiad.

- Saad K who was the ACT Regional Winner of the ASX Stock Exchange Game and he was placed 14th out of the 18,000 national competitors.
- To all students who were involved in Open Day and/or Night – they really made such a positive contribution to ensure the success of these events.



Krishne T, Member of National Physics Team representing Australia at the Asian Physics Olympiad

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

Kerrie Grundy
Principal

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE NEWS

YEAR 12 IB

PRAGUE IB GLOBAL EXCHANGE EXCURSION

Our students had the amazing opportunity to experience an IB global exchange excursion to Prague with students from Jordan, Mauritius and Bilbao. Students immersed themselves in the cultural delights of Czech architecture, food, art and music and were able to practise their French, Spanish and Italian with other exchange students. Activities included visits to the bone chapel at Kutna Hora; Terezin (Theresienstadt concentration camp); a cooking challenge for the homeless; an organ recital in a 1000 year old church; art graffiti; a treasure hunt around old Prague and Bobsleighting. This excursion will be offered again in April 2019 for year11 and 12 IB students.



Commendatore



Terezin Concentration camp



Sigmund Freud



Street Art



Cooking for the homeless



Kutna Hora

MAY IB EXAMS

Congratulations to the year12 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: year12 students have deadlines in all IB subjects. All Extended Essays and Language B written assignments are due.

YEAR 11 IB

Year11 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).

IB AND UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE

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.

Christine Ward
International Baccalaureate & CAS Coordinator

FRENCH BACCALAURÉAT NEWS

Year11 students.

It has been a busy time for our year11 students.

From Monday 9th to Wednesday 11th of April, they went on a geology trip with Agnès Boutraud, biology and geology teachers. They visited Warri Bridge, 13 kilometres away from Braidwood, Myrtle Beach and the Ulladulla Rock Platform. They also went to Broulee Beach Rocks, before visiting Moruya granite quarry, then Bingie Bingie Point and Narooma rocks where they visited seals and the Narooma breakwall. The students went to the Mogo Gold Rush colony before heading back to Canberra and stopping on the way at Lake George Lookout.

If you're interested in reading their reports and articles, please visit:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hyqTHKvXBndUigfzvkJYCnO1rqmKIXwsBSSySjfa6_c/edit?usp=sharing



Sadly for them such trips do come to an end but there was no rest in sight as they had to sit for their mock examinations in French literature for both streams and in French literature and Sciences for our L-stream students. The students were also given the opportunity to have a mock oral session this semester. Thank you to Bilal Brahim and Muriel Gérard who ran the orals and to all the teachers involved. These mock examinations should help them fare well in the French literature and the Science baccalauréat exams they'll have between the 18th and 22nd of June.

Year12 students

Our year12 students also had an eventful time.

Brad Tucker is a passionate astronomer. He came an afternoon to share with the year12 French stream students with his knowledge about how to use the different wavelengths to study the universe. Students asked lots of questions about multiverses and the edges of our known universe. They even extended the lecture longer than what was scheduled and they all went out feeling very small in our planet.



Then, just like our year11 students, the year12 students sat for their mock Baccalauréat exams during week 2. Some of the mock orals also ran into week 3. **Thank you to all French and Australian teachers (especially the English, History, TOK, Politics staff) who helped to run this mock week so smoothly.**

Our students will then be ready to face the actual Baccalauréat examinations which will mostly take place

from the 18th to the 22nd of June at the Lycée Condorcet in Sydney. We are looking forward to celebrating with them on Friday, 29th June when the results are published. They have already received their Save the Date invitation for the “Cérémonie de remise des médailles” that will occur **Thursday 5 July, 2018 at 6:30pm at the Residence of the Ambassador of France (Perth Avenue, Yarralumla).**

Nouméa Exchange

Thank you to all students and their families who hosted billets from New Caledonia. It has been an amazing week and the students were very happy about their stay. A big thank you to teachers who welcomed them in their class.



Jillian Erin-Agot
French Baccaauréat Coordinator

CAREERS NEWS

Careers @ Narrabundah

Upcoming Presentations 2018

16 May	MONASH UNIVERSITY
5 June	UNSW- CANBERRA (Defence Civilian Undergraduate Sponsorships)
13 June	AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY
27 June	UNIVERSITY of CANBERRA
14 August	UNIVERSITY of MELBOURNE
17 August	UNIVERSITY of SYDNEY

Where/When: Library Upstairs 1.15 – 2.00pm

Additional presentation TBC
 Australian Defence Force
 Charles Sturt University
 Australian Public Service Career Starters Program
 ICT Apprenticeships and Traineeships
 CIT

All students and staff are welcome

CANBERRA CAREERS XPO – WHOLE COLLEGE EXCURSION

Advance notice: Wed, 15 August 10.00am - 1.00pm

Again this year staff and students will be attending the Canberra Careers Xpo at Exhibition Park (EPIC). The Careers Xpo has been in operation for many years and offers opportunities for students to engage with a wide variety of industry and educational representatives as the students seek to clarify their transition from school to work, training or to university. The Careers Xpo is a great addition to the range of existing career and transition support already provided at Narrabundah College.

YEAR12 MEDICINE APPLICATIONS

To be eligible to apply to begin an undergraduate program in Medicine (and some dentistry degrees) in Australia, it is a requirement of many universities that the student sit the Undergraduate Medicine Admissions Test (UMAT). The selection process for Undergraduate Medicine usually involves consideration of the applicant’s performance in

- a) ATAR
- b) The UMAT exam
- c) An interview

The applicant must be successful in all three of these areas to have a reasonable chance of gaining entry.

Registrations for UMAT via the UMAT website must be received no later than **5.00pm Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST) on Friday 1 June 2018.**

You must first read the UMAT 2018 Information Booklet carefully before you register, available at <http://umat.acer.edu.au>

The UMAT exam will take place on Wednesday 25 July 2018.

White Card and Asbestos Awareness Training

If you are intending to complete work experience, or an ASBA in the Building and Construction industry, you will need to undertake White Card training and Asbestos Awareness training before commencing the WEX placement.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Work experience for Session 2 will run during the week 10-14 September 2018. Some placements require a substantial amount of organisation. So as to avoid disappointment it is important to start planning early.

RECENT ACTIVITIES IN CAREERS

At this time of year, the Year12 students in particular are very keen to find out as much information as they can about possible options for next year. We have recently started our series of lunchtime information presentations with Monash University being the first to visit.

*Glenda Nimmo
 Careers/Transition/WEX Advisor*

STUDENT SERVICES NEWS

Ben H (Yr12) is participating in OakTree's Live Below the Line project. Participants live on \$2.00 per day to replicate conditions in third world countries.

Why are you participating in LBL?

I joined Oaktree, because I found it as an excellent opportunity for developing my leadership skills whilst also being active in the community. It is also an exciting hobby to engage in outside of school; something to carry on further into the future.

Plans for the future?

For my year13 I am trying to work in the ADF as a part of the ADF Gap Year program, hopefully join as a reserve afterwards.

Andrea Trappes
Student Advisor

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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.

2018 Student/Parent Calendar & ibook

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

LIBRARY NEWS

All lending for session 2 textbooks is now complete; session 2 textbooks are due back on September 6 (the last day of the session 2 exams), books loaned for the whole year are due back on November 28. Thank you to all students who have returned their session 1 books, a small number of students still have books from session 1 and reminders will be sent via email over the next few days, we ask that you check your email and return all overdue books and any books that you no longer need.

On-Line eResources. All students at Narrabundah College are expected to have an ACT library card and a National Library of Australia reader's card. ACT library cards and PIN numbers can be ordered on-line and delivered to your letterbox. To join the library use this address <https://www.library.act.gov.au/> cast your eye to the right of the page, go to quick links, scan down towards the bottom click on *join the library* and fill in the on-line application. To obtain a NLA readers card go to <https://www.nla.gov.au/> click on EResources (on the bottom right of the page), near the logon screen (top right) you will see the message 'Not registered? get a library card', click on *get a library card*, follow the links, and fill in the online form and then click on *post it* (bottom left of the page) to save yourself a trip to the library.

Your ACT library card gives you access to on-line document servers and data bases such as Academic Search Premier, Mango languages, Digital magazines and much more. The NLA provides access to even further on-line resources all with 24/7 access and all free of charge. Please take advantage of these great resources in an endeavour to boost your assessments and remember you do not even have to leave home to access them.

Malcolm Baker
Librarian

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.**

FIRST AID NOTICE

If your child is unwell please ensure that they bring their own analgesics and Hayfever medication, as the college does not supply them.

LANGUAGES NEWS

The German Exchange Program

Last school holiday a group of students from Narrabundah College and Telopea Park School and their teachers travelled to Germany as part of an exchange program between the two schools and Carl-Bechstein-Gymnasium in Erkner which is southeast of Berlin. The students were billeted and enjoyed very much being part of a family. They had a first-hand insight into the daily life of students in Germany. As well as participating in school days the group visited a number of interesting places in Berlin, Potsdam, Halle and Hamburg. Some of the highlights included the experience of school life in Germany as well as visits to the Australian Embassy, the Bundestag and the Bellevue, which is the official seat of the German Bundespräsident. The students thoroughly enjoyed their time very much and formed strong friendships.

The exchange program started as an initiative of the German Ambassador to Australia. Students from the Carl-Bechstein-Gymnasium visited Canberra in October last year.

All three schools are so pleased with the positive experience for the students that they have committed to continuing the exchange program. A visit by the German students is planned already for May 2019.

Birgit Matwijiw
German Teacher

Japan Trip

In the term one break 14 Narrabundah and Gungahlin College students travelled to Japan for 16 days. Students travelled to Tokyo, Hiroshima, Kyoto, Osaka, Nara and Iiyama. Students had fantastic experiences at all places. Staying in Canberra's sister city of Nara was particularly special as students were hosted by families from Nara University High School. This gave students an excellent opportunity to practice their Japanese while experiencing Japanese culture. Besides home-stay and school visits, the top highlights based on students' feedback were a Baseball game and Iiyama. We were fortunate to view cherry trees in full bloom and snow on the surrounding mountains in Iiyama. During our travel, the students saw traditional and modern Japan and experienced their lifestyle.

To see photos from our adventure please visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/Gungahlin-College-Japan-Trip-2018-167267613990962>

Michiko Barber
Japanese Teacher/IPS Coordinator

Nara University High School Visit



I always hoped to explore Japan one day and I am so grateful I was given the opportunity to at such a young age and in such an immersive and educational way as this Japan trip. The itinerary was brimming with cultural experiences and tourist destinations such as towers and shopping centres and monuments and famous shrines. These places far exceeded my already high expectations, but what surprised me most was how vitalising it felt to visit the quiet shrines and temples of small towns and side streets. My favourite day was close to the end of the trip, when we day tripped to a town outside of Kyoto named Arashiyama- directly translated as "Storm Mountain". It poured down all day as we explored the many temples and shrines in small groups by bicycles. The rain soaked us all to the bone, however, it caused what was possibly the most beautiful and peaceful sight I've yet seen: through forests of unbelievable green, low yellow lights peeking out of temple windows, promising warmth. This is a moment, I find, that has stayed in my mind since returning home.

I miss everything - my host family, the food, the kindness of strangers, cleanliness in the bustling city and the serene nature of the countryside. I miss the peculiar fulfilment that comes from communicating across language barriers and forming friendships that last the distance. I hope to return as soon as possible. (Year12 Student)

Kyoto Golden Temple



Italian News

Year10 and Year9/10 Italian classes from TPS and ADHS visit our College

On Tuesday, 1st May Narrabundah College and the modern Languages Department had the pleasure of welcoming two Year10 classes from different schools. For the fifth year in a row the Year10 Italian class from Telopea Park School and for the first time, the Year9/10 Italian class from Alfred Deakin High School (ADHS) came to experience Italian in a college environment.

The ADHS students arrived first, all excited and willing to see how Italian is taught. After taking part in some activities revolving around the Italian language and culture they joined the Beginning Italian class. Our visitors had an opportunity to enquire about the College in general, the languages faculty and in particular Italian. The visit for the ADHS students concluded with a relaxed lunch in the Quad. They continued to ask questions and mingle with our students while enjoying some pizza. Miyuki Shino, Head of Languages, and our principal Kerrie Grundy joined us for some time and took the opportunity to talk to our visitors.

Once the ADHS students left, we welcomed the students from TPS, who started their visit in the Quad with the same pizza based lunch. You may be forgiven for thinking that the school visits were just about eating pizza. Once again we were lucky to have Kerrie Grundy available to spend some time with our group, before we went to our classroom where the students enjoyed other fun language activities and tried to find out what to expect during their time studying Italian at Narrabundah College.

It was fantastic to see so much enthusiasm and interest from the students, especially from the ones who are planning to continue their studies at Narrabundah College. Hopefully the few hours they spent with us, not only, will make their transition to College a little easier and encourage them to continue with the study of Italian, but also convince the more hesitant students that our College is a great place in which to learn a language.

Assunta Corrado-Nitz
Italian teacher

SCIENCE NEWS

Krishne T has just returned from Vietnam where she represented Australia in the Asian Physics Olympiad. She spent two days 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 also had an opportunity to travel and explore Vietnam. We are all extremely proud of her efforts and wish her the best of luck in qualifying for the International Physics Olympiad later this year.

Liam Kirwan
Science Teacher

HUMANITIES NEWS

All students have settled well into their classes for session 2 and they are gearing up for their first assessments.

Business, Accounting and Economics

Alex Luong, Class of 2014, shared his experience of and enthusiasm for the Department of Finance Career Starter Programme. His presentation was attended by approximately 30 Narrabundah College students on Friday 18th May during the lunchbreak.

Congratulations to Saad K, Year11 Economics student who was the ACT Regional Winner of the National ASX Schools Sharemarket Game 1, 2018. He was informed by the ASX of his win on Thursday 17th May.

Behavioural Sciences

ANU Engineering and Computer Science students, Ellen Lynch and Nicholas Tugwell visited the year11 Sociology students to discuss their involvement in the NSW Environment Protection Agency Cigarette Butt Litter Reduction program taking place in Queanbeyan. Cigarette butts are easily carried into local streams, rivers, and waterways where they do harm to the environment. The litter reduction program involved an observational research methodology. The strengths, weaknesses and experience of being involved in this research was discussed with the class.

All year11 Psychology and Sociology students will have the opportunity to participate in a national survey on Monday 4th June. Cancer Council Australia is conducting the survey which will enable them to learn about young people's physical activity and dietary habits and help them to understand how they can encourage young people to be active and eat well. The results of the survey will help develop education programs and policies to improve the health of young Australians. Please keep an eye out for the consent forms which will be coming home for signing in the near future.

The annual Street Retreat excursion is planned for Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd July. Thank you to all those who have already completed their forms and paid their money, we are looking forward to a great trip!

In week 5, MIEACT will present the Stress Better program to all Year12 Psychology students. Stress Better is designed to assist young people to better understand stress, anxiety and worry, and the connection between the three. It equips students with tools to manage their stress more effectively. The session is punctuated with the presentation of a real life story as told by a MIEACT Volunteer Educator who has been living with mental illness.

Legal Studies

Two new courses are well into their stride with year11s researching in more depth the Australian criminal justice system.

The year12 cohorts meanwhile are researching their own topics (depth studies) on the role of the UN and major powers in the settling of disputes around the world. Appreciatively they were provided with the

opportunity to listen to the Director of the United Nations Information Centre (UNIC) here in Canberra. This was an opportunity for an insight into the structure and workings of the UN.

Information Technology

Students are enrolled into the following units:

- Computer game design
- Microcontrollers
- Advanced Website Design
- Intermediate / Advanced C++ Programming

They are gearing up to start their first project for the unit.

Select students have signed up to compete in the UNSW ProgComp which is the largest school programming competition in Australia, with teams from every state and territory competing for prizes. They will be completing online assignments over the next three weeks and will complete the programming competition on 12 June.

Hamzah B completed an interesting work experience with SOAPdrones, an Australian company that builds heavy lift drones.

Archana Aggarwal
School Leader C

SAS Change Rep and Timetabling solutions, Humanities & Information Technology, Certification and Learning Technologies

HISTPHILENGPOL Happenings

[News from the English/History Department]

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 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.

Year12 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 KNOWLEDGE

Year11 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.

Year12 IB Literature Students

Our Year12s have just completed their Individual Oral Commentaries and this marks the end of their internal oral assessment in the Literature course. We were very 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.

Guest Speakers in Philosophy this term...

Philosophy events in May ...

On Friday, May 11th, *Dr Julian Lamb*, a former Narrabundah student, now teaching Literature and Drama at the Chinese University of Hong Kong gave a guest talk to the Year12 Philosophy Students on 'Performative Utterances & the National Apology'. Julian has written on the subject of philosopher, JL Austin's notion of Performative Utterances.

HISTORY & POLITICS

HISTORY HAPPENINGS

Students are looking forward to our upcoming excursion to the **Australian War Memorial** to see "Dusted Off" –a play about our involvement in the Vietnam War. This was so well received by students last year we're taking a larger group this session.

POLITICS

National Schools' Constitutional Convention

At the end of last term, we had the fantastic opportunity to attend the National Schools' Constitutional Convention for 2018 as part of the ACT delegation. The Convention was held right here in Canberra over three days and was an amazing learning and discussion experience. The Constitutional Convention is an event which brings together dozens of students from all states and territories in Australia to debate a particular aspect of the Australian Constitution and whether it should be changed.

This year the topic of the Convention was the now very well-known Section 44, which lists the things that can prevent a person from sitting in federal parliament, with the rule on dual citizenship a particular focus. The first half of the Convention was involved learning about this section of the Constitution, its history, past cases where it has been important and the general purpose of and processes involving the Constitution. We were really fortunate as all of this information was revealed to us by numerous academics and experts on the Australian Constitution and Australian politics, all of whom were very generous with their knowledge and time. We were also visited by representatives from Canada and New Zealand who presented talks on their Constitutions, and had the opportunity to visit the home of Australian democracy, Parliament House. While there, we were able to sit in on Senate Question Time and meet some federal Senate politicians. The second part of the Convention, held at Old Parliament House, was the debate, where we discussed what we had learnt and our various solutions to the problems presented to us, before finally putting the question of whether we should change Section 44 of the Constitution to a referendum.

The two of us, at the end of the three days, were able to sum up the whole experience as we were invited to speak on ABC Radio about the Convention. We learned so much from this event and it was great to take part. The ACT Schools' Constitutional Convention is being held early next term, and Year11 Politics students are welcome to take part.

Sophie B and Elisabeth D

DEBATING NEWS

Narrabundah College entered six teams into the ACTDU Advanced Open DOUSE Competition.

Topics for debate have been interesting and wide ranging including:

- That we should ban super heroes (in a world where they exist)
- That Trump should be removed from office
- This house would introduce quotas for men in typically female dominated fields
- That exit rankings for Year12 should be abolished
- That parents should foster their child's physical appearance and attractiveness

Two of our teams made it through to final rounds. A year11 team (with one year12 member) and with no previous debating experience made it through to the quarter finals. Congratulations go to, Ruby D, Ryan H, Callum C and Parker S. A year12 team comprising of Joanne N, Alison N, Sophie B and Sam P made it to the semi-finals, but were defeated.

Congratulations to all participants who partook in the competition and thank you for being argumentative and persuasive!!!

Catherine Phillipps

Wishing you all a productive start to Session 2

Anni Medway

SLC English/History



2018 BLACKFRIARS LECTURE SERIES
'First 1000 Days of Life'
Public Lecture by
Dr Mike Freeland MP

Dr Mike Freeland was elected as the Federal Member for Macarthur (South West Sydney) in the 2016 Federal election. Previous to this Dr Freeland was a paediatrician in Campbelltown for 32 years, dedicating his life to make sure the kids in the area got the best start in life. Dr Freeland trained as a paediatrician at the Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children in Camperdown. In 1984, Dr Freeland and his wife Sharon moved to the Macarthur Region where they raised their six children. At this time Dr Freeland commenced work at Campbelltown Hospital where he took on the role as Head of Paediatrics from 1989 to 2013.

Dr Freeland decided to run for federal parliament because he was increasingly seeing his patients and their families face issues of access, access to healthcare, access to work, access to housing and access to education.

Dr Freeland is currently on the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Health, Aged Care and Sport, as well as the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs.

Lecture Synopsis
The 'first thousand days' - the period of time covering preconception through to a child's second birthday is critical in shaping health and wellbeing over the life course.

Intervention in this period is critical to breaking the cycle of intergenerational disadvantage and as a policy proposition has significant economic benefits as earlier investment in health, education, and family support yields higher returns for every dollar spent.

In Australia, a first thousand days model specific to Australian Indigenous communities had been developed by Professor Kerry Arbuthnot. At the heart of the Australian model is the idea that in order to have the best start in life, children must be born and raised in happy, healthy, loving families. The approach is family centred, enabling families to draw on existing strengths in the community and indicate what additional help and supports they may need.

While applicable to all families, the Australian model currently focuses on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families, who experience higher rates of entrenched disadvantage.

Date
Wednesday 13 June 2018

Time
5:30pm Registration & refreshments
6pm - 7pm Lecture

Cost
Free. Please pass on this invitation to your family, friends and colleagues

Where
Room 202 C.13, Signadou Building
Australian Catholic University Canberra
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When: Tues 19 June 2018, 7-9pm, Hellenic Club, Woden

More info: Phone: 6296-9900 or email

mhcarers@carersact.org.au

Register: through Eventbrite <http://bit.ly/2HlqSiy>

Cost: free

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Important Dates

28 May	Reconciliation Day – Public Holiday
29 May	ICAS Science Competition
1 June	5.00pm Registration closes for UMAT
11 June	Queen's Birthday – Public Holiday
12-15 June	Music Assessment Week in the Quad
19-22 June	Excursion Free
21 June	1.30-4.00 Mid unit tests (gym)
22 June	9.00-12.00 Mid unit tests (gym) 2.00-4.00 Mid unit tests (gym)
25 June	9.00-12.00 Mid unit tests (gym)
26 June	6.00pm Info Evening for parents “What’s the ATAR?”(music auditorium E Block)
2&3 July	Street Retreat – Psychology Trip, Sydney
9-20 July	School Holidays

2018 Parent Information Evenings, Parent Teacher afternoons & other evenings

23 May	May Newsletter posted
28 May	Reconciliation Day – Public Holiday
3 June	P&C Sausage Sizzle @ Bunnings, Fyshwick
11 June	Queen's Birthday – Public Holiday Online applications close at 9am for Yr11 2019 prospective students
13 June	4.30pm Board Meeting 6.00pm P&C Meeting
26 June	6.00pm Information Evening for parents “What’s the ATAR?” (music auditorium E Block)
27 June	June Newsletter posted
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