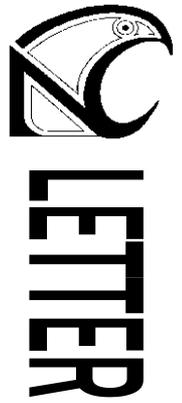


# NARRABUNDAH COLLEGE

# NEWS



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## PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

### WHAT HAS SESSION 2 LOOKED LIKE TO DATE?

I can say it is very different from last year. Students have been able to effect subject changes after receiving their Session 1 results and are now settled in all classes. They have finished their mid-session tests and have undertaken crucial AST training. Our year 12s do the AST tests on August 31 and September 1 and they will be well prepared.

In acknowledgement that National Reconciliation Week is a time to reflect on what still needs to be done to achieve reconciliation in our country, in recent N Groups, all students participated in reconciliation related activities and follow up discussions.

N Group began with an Acknowledgement of Country in Ngunnawal language by Dave Appel followed on by a video, the **Welcome to Country** hosted by Jade Kennedy, a Yuin man from the South Coast NSW. The second video focussed on the Story of Sheila Humphries, a member of the Stolen Generation. Both videos were well received by students and led to rich and enlightening discussions. Please see the two links below: you may wish to follow this up with your child.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BdYmSByzrL8>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5V3SX0H7pHc>

The college maintains our focus on challenging our students through N Group activities as well as improving pedagogy in all classrooms to improve student outcomes. Teacher practice is informed by the work of two critical friends for the Education Directorate, leading educators of international acclaim: Michael Fullan and Mary-Jean Gallagher both from Canada. In their recent publication, **The Devil is in the Details: System Solutions for Equity, Excellence and Student Well-being**, their message is teachers **must immerse themselves in action and reflective practice**. They continue to say that we need systemic thinking **to fashion education as a force for tweaking evolution in a positive direction which features equity, excellence and well-being**.

Their thinking has influenced teacher practice in many ways: through our Professional Learning Communities and in the development of our new School Improvement Plan 2021-2025.

Our Improvement Priorities are:

Priority 1 - Improve Student Engagement in their Learning

- Students' agency and voice will be evident in all classes.
- Students will demonstrate ownership of their learning.
- Students will leave the college with a skillset to manage effectively post college options.

Priority 2 - Improve Student Wellbeing

- Students experience a strong connection to the college.
- Students proactively seek support where required to address learning, connection and resilience.

There will be ongoing discussion with our community about the effect of these strategies though the life of the plan.

### PARENT INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR CHILD'S PROGRESS

During the holidays you will receive information about your son/daughter's progress this session through Mid Term Reports. You will be informed in this newsletter about booking online for the next Parent Teacher Afternoon: Tuesday, 22 July from 4.30 to 7.30.

I invite and encourage you to come to the next Parent Teacher Afternoon and also to consult your child's Student Adviser if you need more information or advice about their package.

I look forward to seeing you at this event.

## FRENCH BACCALAURÉAT

The Year 12 French Bac students are finishing their assessments and will receive their results on June 30. Congratulations to those students who have already been offered places at French universities.

I look forward to attending their Graduation ceremony at the French Embassy on Thursday, July 22nd.

## P & C COMMITTEE'S FLORIADE VENTURE AT NC

Congratulations to the committee for being successful in their bid for Floriade bulbs. Members of the committee and our Student Green Team have been busily planting bulbs around the college and it is going to look wonderful in spring. Thank you to parents and students for their excellent efforts to brighten our environs.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS:

- Eleanor P came third in the National Debating Competition as a member of the ACT team. She has been selected as a member of the Australian team.
- Alejandra A-A who has been awarded a prestigious AEFÉ Excellence scholarship to study post Bac in France.
- CAT Competition: **Distinction** - Alix N, Ren R, William Z - **Credit**: - Aleksandar M, Junyi W, Xiaohan Y

**Kerrie Grundy**  
Principal

## Parent Teacher Interviews Year 11 and Year 12

We invite you to attend a Parent Teacher interview on **Tuesday, 20 July from 4.30pm to 7.30pm.**

The link to the **Parent Teacher Online (PTO) booking system** will be available on the college website from **9.00am, Monday, 12 July to Tuesday, 20 July 2021.**

### Staff Information

The **Careers and Transitions Adviser, Glenda Nimmo** and the **School Psychologist, Rosanne Biernaux** will be available in the student services area from **4.30–7.30pm.**

**Student Services team members** will be available in student services area, A Block from:

5.30 – 7.30pm

6.00 – 7.30pm

**Delisia Wiild**

**Assunta Corrado-Nitz**

**Julie Bauer**

**Birgit Matwijiw**

No bookings are required for these interviews.

On **Friday, 25 June** you will be sent a login and a PIN number by email. All parents will need a PIN number to access the PTO system and make a booking.

PTO will be available on the College website at:

[http://www.narrabundahc.act.edu.au/contact\\_us/parent\\_teacher\\_online](http://www.narrabundahc.act.edu.au/contact_us/parent_teacher_online)

You can access the PTO by either clicking on the above link or scrolling down the College homepage and clicking on the Parent Teacher Online icon .

1. Access the Narrabundah College website: [www.narrabundahc.act.edu.au](http://www.narrabundahc.act.edu.au).
2. Use the link for "PTO" to gain access to the login page of the online booking system.
3. Use your login/PIN that has been emailed to you to access the PTO portal and make a booking.

If you don't have access to a computer or have any problems accessing your PIN (you may have changed your email address), please call the Narrabundah Office on 6142-3201 between 12 July and 20 July for assistance.

## INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE NEWS

### YEAR 12 NEWS

All students should have submitted their Extended and TOK essays. It is important that you complete these essays as soon as possible so you can concentrate on your remaining assessment tasks. Your list of assignments is slowly getting smaller and you are now in the home stretch. It is important to keep to your due dates and remain as focused as you have all done throughout your IB programme. Keep up the good work!

### YEAR 11 NEWS

The extended essay presentation was held for students on June 3rd. Students started thinking about a variety of topics and the discussion produced some very interesting extended essay concepts. All information about the extended essay is on the IB Google Class page including the PowerPoint presentation. I hope you are also enjoying your TOK lessons and your IB experience at Narrabundah College. Many students have launched into their CAS programme and have started to write some excellent reflective journals. – Well done!

**Christine Ward**

*International Baccalaureate & CAS Coordinator*

## STUDENT SERVICES NEWS

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

### ATTENDANCE

Students should attend all classes. Students can miss vital class content and may not meet the BSSS attendance requirements if too many classes are missed. We do understand students miss classes for legitimate personal reasons and sickness at times. These absences can be covered in **two ways**.

The College uses an automated messaging system for attendance. The preferred system is for Parents/Guardians to **reply directly to the SMS notification within 15 hours**. Otherwise, an email to [info@narrabundahc.act.edu.au](mailto:info@narrabundahc.act.edu.au) or a completed hardcopy of the absence form to be returned to the College will be needed.

Medical Certificates are required for extended periods of sickness and also for missed tests and assignment deadlines.

The College does not authorise or encourage students to miss scheduled classes to complete assignments.

### UNIVERSITY/CIT APPLICATIONS

For students moving on to university, CIT or TAFE next year, it's time to start thinking about the application processes. ANU had an early admission process. If you missed applying in time, there is still the opportunity to apply through UAC.

For university in the ACT or NSW, applications are through the University Admissions Centre (UAC). The 2022 UAC Guide for admission in Semester 1, 2022 is available online. Students should be aware that UAC applications should be submitted online by the end of September. Student Services will advise you of specific dates as soon as they are available. Each state and territory has their own university admissions centre – VTAC in Victoria, QTAC in Queensland, SATAC in South Australia, etc. For students wanting the

option of studying in other states, they need to submit a separate application to the states or territories they are interested in. Students can submit applications to more than one state and may possibly receive more than one offer.

Students who do not think they will get an ATAR or a high enough ATAR should see an Adviser or the Transition and Career officer regarding alternate pathways.

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

## PACKAGE CHECKS

Year 11 and 12 students must ensure they check their packages for the ACT senior Secondary Certificate and ATAR. Year 12 should check their 'Profiles Online' on the BSSS website and check that they are on track to meeting the requirements for the Certificate and ATAR. If students are unsure about any part of their package, they should see their Student Adviser.

**Delisia Wiild**

*Student Services, Executive Teacher*

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The Universities Admissions Centre is an organisation that processes applications for admission to tertiary education courses, mainly at institutions in New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory

**Parent updates**

Parents can sign up to receive regular updates from UAC. Subscribers are enjoying being kept in the loop with uni entry news and new UAC resources.

[Sign up for UAC parent updates.](#)

## STUDENT ABSENCE PROCEDURES

If a student is absent from College, an SMS absence notification will be sent to the student's primary parent/carer's mobile contact number. The SMS will be sent in the afternoon of the student's absence. Parents/Carers have 15 hours to respond to the SMS message. After this time, or if you do not receive an SMS, a written response, signed by the student's parent/carer, is required. The Student Absence Form can be found under "Resources & Forms" on the college website. Alternatively, an email can be sent to [info@narrabundahc.act.edu.au](mailto:info@narrabundahc.act.edu.au). Ensure you include the student's full name, year, ID number and date/week of absence/s. Notifications made over the phone cannot be accepted.

We strongly encourage parents to reply to absences using the SMS notification within the 15-hour time frame.

**If a student is absent for any assessment item or exam, or absent for four days or longer, a doctor's medical certificate is required.**

## CAREER NEWS

### RECENT ACTIVITIES IN CAREERS

At this time of year, the Year 12 students in particular, are very keen to find out as much information as they can about possible options for next year. Australian National University representatives visited in April to present information about some of the great opportunities at the ANU.

Last month a large number of students made direct applications to the ANU to be considered for early degree offers. These offers come out on 9 August. As part of this direct application process, students needed to verify co-curricular activities and a number of associated skills.

Now that mid-session testing is completed, many students will now focus on their applications for the University of Canberra Early Offers. We have a representative from UC visiting on Wednesday, 23 June. She will be presenting at lunchtime in the Library, beginning at 1.15pm and will talk to students about the Early offer Application process. Again, these come out in August.

Recently we have had a number of students sign into an Australian School-based Apprenticeship. These students should be commended as ASBAs are not easy to acquire and students need to be able to juggle the demands of college as well as the "on the job work" and the "off the job study" required to succeed and gain their qualification. The qualification is usually a Certificate II or Certificate III in one of a wide range of industries.

Other Careers presentations are currently being negotiated and once confirmed information about these will be posted in **Google Classroom - Careers 2021- Code mxklpcq**. Is your student a member? If not, they are missing out on valuable Careers information. Recent posts include dates for OPEN DAYS, and information about Construction careers, American universities' applications, Careers in STEM, The University of Wollongong and many more.

### WORK EXPERIENCE WEEK

Work Experience Week is **30 August - 3 September**. Classes are not held during Work Experience weeks. Year 11 and 12 students should now be in the process of setting up their Work Experience Placements. Year 11 students are expected to complete at least two placements in their first year at college and Year 12 students are expected to complete at least one in their last year. This is a minimum and many students will do more. With AST to be held during the work experience week, year 12 students will need to see Glenda about the timing of their work placement. The first step in setting up your placement is to call into the Careers Office, next to the Library and let's start a *careers conversation*.

Employers will already be allocating many good placements, so don't delay. Applications definitely close on 2 August.

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Information from the universities indicates that many scholarships are never allocated. Students are advised to thoroughly research university websites to ensure that they are aware of the large number of possible scholarship opportunities.

## 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.

## YEAR 12 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 University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT). The selection process for Undergraduate Medicine usually involves consideration of the applicant's performance in:

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

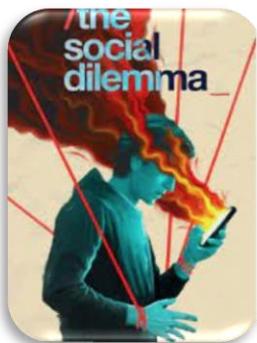
The applicant must be successful in all three of these areas to have a reasonable chance of gaining entry. *UCAT exams will be taken online on allocated dates in July 2021.*

**Glenda Nimmo**  
Careers/Transition/WEX Advisor

## FRENCH BACCALAURÉAT NEWS

### THE SOCIAL DILEMMA DOCUMENTARY

"Only two organizations call their customers "users": illegal drugs & software".



Last month, our Year 11 and 12 students watched the documentary-drama hybrid which explores the dangerous human impact of social networking, with tech experts sounding the alarm on their own creations.

Then in class, they discussed the questions and problems raised by the film and the impacts on individuals and society.

### PARCOURSUP RESULTS (ADMISSION POST BACCALAURÉAT IN FRANCE)

As in previous years, some of our year 12 students received many offers for post-Baccalauréat studies in France.

Amongst them is **Eliza B**, who had been offered a place at La Sorbonne University in Paris to study history.

Here is her testimony.

*“When I was first considering what I wanted to study in university, it never occurred to me to travel to France - despite knowing the language and the culture quite well. But over the years, and as my interest in history and literature grew greater and greater, I realised there is no better place in the world to pursue those dreams than a country that is so rich in knowledge, in art, in philosophy... When I first applied for the Sorbonne I never expected to get in - let alone to travel across the world and start my own adult life far from home - but this was a curveball I was very happy to catch. I very much value the education and opportunities I have received and I cannot wait to live and study in one of the historical hearts of Europe!”*

**Eliza B**  
Student

## **AEFE EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP: A LAUREATE FROM NARC AMONGST 755 APPLICANTS**



One of our EFS Y12 students, **Alejandra A- A** is laureate of the AEFE Excellence Scholarship which provides financial support and assistance to foreign students for their post Bac studies in France (visa application, finding accommodation).

With her excellent academic results, Alejandra is the only student in Australia and in Oceania to win this scholarship, this year.

The highest level of scholarship was awarded to her. The 5 year scholarship provides a monthly stipend to help cover academic and living costs.

Here is her testimony.

*“Interested in a career in engineering and wanting to pursue my degree in France, I had the honor of being preselected for the excellence scholarship offered by the AEFE. This immense opportunity will allow me to continue my studies serenely while benefiting from a high-level education. I am deeply grateful for the support and help my professors and the school have provided me with during this process.”*

**Alejandra A-A**  
Student

## **JUNE IS THE MONTH OF FRENCH BACCALAURÉAT EXAMS.**

We all wish French students good luck for the final exams and the success they deserve for their post Baccalauréat studies either in France or Australia!

To allow students to revise, **Year 12** will finish their courses on **11 June** and **Year 11** the **16 June**.



## **YEAR 12 FINAL EXAMS 2021**

- DNL oral exam, the 7 and 8 June.
- Philosophy paper-based exam, the 17 June.
- Grand oral, from 18 to 24 June.

## YEAR 11 FRENCH LITERATURE EXAMS 2021

- French literature paper-based exam, 18 June.
- French literature oral exams, from 23 to 25 June.

The results for Year 12 Baccalauréat will be posted in front of M. Binan's office at Telopea Park school on **30 June**, at around 8pm.

The awards ceremony at the Residence of the French Embassy will be held on Thursday, 22 July.

**Aurélie Le Nevez**

*French Baccalauréat Coordinator*

## LIBRARY NEWS

Library orientation lessons were conducted during May for all year 11 students. Students were introduced to Turnitin which is a plagiarism checking site. All assessment tasks are expected to be loaded and checked on Turnitin - this eliminates concerns over the authenticity of one's work and eliminates discrepancies over plagiarism. Students were also introduced to CiteMaker the College's online tool for citing sources and creating bibliographies that are academically compliant. Students were shown Inkl, a news site that continuously updates breaking news from around the world while indexing and archiving aging and non-current news.

Demonstrations on the use of document servers from the National Library of Australia (NLA) and the ACT library service were conducted. All students at Narrabundah College are expected to have a NLA readers card and an ACT library card. These cards give online access to digital e-Resources. Remote access to each student's online backpack and access to the college's other resources were demonstrated giving access to the 2021 Student Info Handbook, the college's student calendar and much more. The library staff thank all year 11 students for their participation and all members of the English faculty for making this possible. To obtain an ACT library card go to <https://www.library.act.gov.au/> click join the library online and follow the prompts. To obtain a NLA Readers Card go to [www.nla.gov.au](http://www.nla.gov.au) click on get a library card and follow the prompts. Remember Narrabundah College's web site <http://www.narrabundahc.act.edu.au/> has links to many curriculum relevant resources and learning support materials.

With the end of the midsession exams, we ask that all students with books that are no longer needed or books that are overdue to kindly return these over the next few days. Books should be placed in the returns box located beneath the circulation desk in the library foyer.

**Malcolm Baker**

*Teacher Librarian*

## INTERACT NEWS

Narrabundah College Interact club ran a fundraising event for Pride Month. Students baked fresh cupcakes and lamingtons to sell in the quadrangle along with making milkshakes using fresh milk, vanilla ice cream and a range of flavourings. The club raised \$161 and this will be donated to Pride Mental Health - a charity and priority chosen by the students themselves. We thank the Interact members and the helpers for organising and running the Pride fundraising event and we thank the students and staff who took time to spend some small change and make a difference to the mental health of the nation's pride community.

Narrabundah College Interact is a leading leadership and fundraising club with International connections and support. Interact students raise money for social issues that they see as important and choose to support. So if you would like to take a leading role, have a say in the future and make a real difference to the way young people live and think then Interact is for you, so please join us in B10 each Wednesday lunch at 1.15 - be inspired and make great friends along the way.

**Malcolm Baker**

*Interact Coordinator*

## Library Opening Hours

The opening times are:

<b>Monday</b>	<b>8.30am – 5.30pm (Study Hub)</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8.30am – 4.00pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8.30am – 5.30pm (Study Hub)</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8.30am – 4.00pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8.30am – 4.00pm</b>

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 8.30am - 4.00pm.

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

## Study Hub

**3.00pm - 5.30pm Monday & Wednesday**

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

## VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

### ARCHITECTURE

Second Year Architecture students were given an Architectural tour of New Parliament House. The students were given a rare insight into the design ideas behind one of our country's most famous buildings. We were all surprised by the many secret details in all areas of the building and were given a unique new perspective on the ideas and workings of the architect Romaldo Giurgola.

### ENGINEERING

Engineering students were given a tour of the ANU Engineering and IT faculty. Key lecturers and PhD students presented on their work and the many opportunities provided by the courses there. Our students were inspired at the breadth of thinking and impact Engineers have in Australia and the world today.

### VISUAL ARTS

Visual Arts students went to the National Gallery of Australia to tour the blockbuster exhibition *Botticelli to Van Gogh: Masterpieces from the National Gallery, London*. Over June 2nd and 3rd, two groups of students explored the various painting genres on display and then participated in a workshop where they made an artwork inspired by the exhibition. Students left with greater insight and understanding of composition, meaning and message, and cultural and historical context of renowned artworks, featuring paintings such as Vincent van Gogh's *Sunflowers* and Rembrandt's *Self-portrait at the age of 34*. Drawing from this experience, students completed an assessment task where they reviewed the exhibition, acting as professional art critics. The museum docents praised our visual arts students and said they had never seen students so talented and hardworking, showcasing the focused dedication and talent that Narrabundah College is well-known for.

### ART

Sculpture students attended an excursion to The Green Shed to find various found objects to work with for their next assemblage art project. Students were curious and eager as they rummaged through The Green Shed, finding all sorts of 'treasures' to appropriate and recontextualise. Students are now in the midst of their creative process, reforming and transforming recycled mediums (that would have otherwise ended up in land waste) into inventive and conceptual artworks.

## DRAMA

Drama students have been out seeing live theatre with the Comedy class seeing an interactive, physical, and comic reimagining of “Jekyll and Hyde” by the Slightly Isolated Dog theatre troupe. While the Experimental Theatre class saw “Grace Under Pressure”, a piece of verbatim theatre on tour from the Seymour Centre, which explores the pressures, absurdities, and culture of being a health care worker. The Year 12 production class will be taking a short break from rehearsal to see the Sydney Theatre Company’s production of “The Seven Stages of Grieving” – an iconic Australian play that explores what it means to be an Aboriginal woman in contemporary Australia. All Drama students will then take on the role of critic and write a review for assessment.

*The Arts Faculty*

## MUSIC

### Winter Concert

The Music Department is holding its **Winter Concert** on **Wednesday, 28 July at 7pm** in the **Auditorium**.

There will be some amazing music from our year 11 and 12 Classical, Electronic, Contemporary, and Jazz students, so don't miss out on this opportunity.

**Entry:** Gold coin donation.

**Marian Budos**  
*Music Teacher*

## MATHS NEWS

### COMPETITION SUCCESS

#### CAT Competition

Six students took part in the Computational and Algorithmic Thinking (CAT) Competition on 24 March. Congratulations to the following students for their excellent results:

Distinction:     Alix N, Ren R, William Z  
Credit:           Aleksandar M, Junyi W, Xiaohan Y

#### ANU Maths Day



The annual ANU Maths Day was held on 28 May. This was a fun day of competitive problem-solving against a total of 28 teams from other ACT colleges and interstate schools.

Ten students from our college attended and were excellent representatives of Narrabundah. The two teams had a great day, coming fifth and tenth overall.

Congratulations to:

5th place:       Lily C, Ananya A, Sreeya D, Ren R, James D  
10th place:     Cindy Z, Sky H, Kushal K, Aedan M, Awad Z

## GENERAL NEWS

All Maths students have now completed their mid-unit test and their first assignment. On the basis of their marks, some Year 11 students are reconsidering whether they have enrolled in the correct Maths course. Any student who is thinking of making a change needs to speak to their Maths teacher, their student adviser, or me. Year 11 students are able to change courses right now, if that decision is in their best interests and there is room in the course. It is important that students are enrolled in a Maths course that challenges them, but where they can also see that their efforts lead to an improvement in their understanding.

For those students seeking extra support with their learning in Maths, a reminder that help is available at Study Hub after school on Mondays and Wednesdays in the library. Teachers are also available on most lines in the Maths staffroom and we are happy to help if students come and ask.

**Taneile Harris**

*A/Executive Teacher, Maths*

## LANGUAGES NEWS

### JAPANESE BEGINNING CLASS ONLINE EXCHANGE WITH NARA UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL (NUHS)



The 2nd year of Online Exchange program with NUHS launched on Monday, 7 June with the Beginning Japanese class. The session started with a Japanese way of classroom greeting, 'Stand up – Bow – Sit down' in English from Nara students and we did it in Japanese. Beginning students asked Japanese students about their school days which is the current unit topic, such as subjects they study, favourite subjects, the time they get up and about breakfast, etc. Then our students responded to Nara students in English about Canberra which NUHS students are currently studying. Beginning students confidently displayed their

communication skills by spontaneously interacting with Japanese students. This clearly shows the benefits of this program which makes learning Japanese meaningful. Next session will be later this year and video exchanges will be organised before the next meeting.



### JAPANESE COOKING LESSONS



Japanese classes have had hands-on experience of Japanese cuisine. Year 12 Continuing and Advanced class made regional food such as Hokkaido Tokachi pork on rice, Osaka Okonomiyaki, Takoyaki, and Nagoya Miso pork cutlet. Students selected the food from the regions they have researched about in class.

Beginning class cooked their favourite Japanese food, including fried noodles, rice balls and sushi. This lesson was organised by the pre-service teacher Grace Fox. Rice balls were decorated with seaweed as seen in the photos.

Year 11 Continuing learnt about Japanese school lunch made by parents or supplied from the regional council that is considered a balanced nutritional and colourful arrangement. Students decided to make Obento box and discussed menus that included shaped rice balls, octopus sausages, egg rolls and rabbit apples. The students displayed their excellent-organisation, great teamwork and enjoyed their beautiful Obento boxes.

The students have demonstrated their knowledge of Japanese cuisine and cooking skills, which are part of language learning objects.



**Michiko Barber**  
Japanese Teacher

## HISPHILENGPOL HAPPENINGS

### POLITICS NEWS

#### US Embassy Incursion



On Wednesday Week 7, representatives from the US Embassy visited Politics students to talk all things America. Our students were given the opportunity to ask questions on all sorts of political topics, including US foreign policy, police brutality and racism, increasing political polarisation and the US-Australia relationship. Narrabundah's Politics students were given plenty of things to ponder in the lead-up to their exams.

#### Q+A



On Thursday Week 8, some of Narrabundah's Politics students had the opportunity to attend Q+A at the Canberra Theatre, which was organised at the last minute due to a change of location following Melbourne's lockdown. Narrabundah student Madeleine L did us proud by being selected to ask her question about the treatment of the Tamil asylum seeker family on live TV. The growing media coverage of this issue following the airing of this Q+A episode shows the powerful impact that young people can have on political issues.

*Image: Politics students Elanor P. (L) and Madeleine L. (R)*

## SPORTS NEWS

Session 2 has seen the college move to a new and improved online system of sports registration, which has resulted in Narrabundah entering more teams and events than ever before. Let's have a look back at the session so far in sports.

### WEEKLY INTERCOLLEGE FUTSAL (BOYS AND GIRLS)

This session, Narrabundah entered teams in both the boys and girls intercollege futsal competition. Both teams represented the college each week with skill and sportsmanship, as well as improving with each game. Thank you to everyone who participated and supported the teams.



**Weekly Futsal Boys (2021)** Pictured (left to right, back to front): Matthew D. (Teacher), Berge M., Elias B., Yusuf A., Shanil J., Conor D., Kavindra W., Miguel P., Benjamin S., Ibrahim O.



**Weekly Futsal Girls (2021)** Pictured (left to right): Matthew D. (Teacher), Zoe W (Lake Tuggeranong), Sofia C., Zainab A., Bethany R., Sienna H.

### WEEKLY NETBALL GIRLS



Narrabundah also entered a team in the weekly intercollege netball competition. The girls represented the college each week with great effort and sportsmanship, improving each week and having a lot of fun in the process. Thank you to everyone that participated and supported the team.

**Weekly Netball Girls (2021)** Pictured (left to right, front to back): Isabella M., Katya O., Ari M., Rohan M., Julie B. (Teacher), Ava V., Talia B., Bidushi P., Georgia P.,

### ACT MIXED TOUCH FOOTBALL (11/05/21)



On the 11<sup>th</sup> of May, Narrabundah entered two teams in the ACT Mixed Touch Football event. It was a great day out that started out a bit cold, but both teams demonstrated great resolve and effort throughout the day. A particularly commendable effort by the girls, who played on both teams. Thanks to everyone that participated and helped make it a great day out!

**ACT Mixed Touch Football (2021)** Pictured (left to right, back to front): Lachlan B., Rahul K., Noah W., Kyle M., Conor F., Will R., Lauren M., Bethany R., Sukhdip S., Shah G., Sydney A., Nicholas P., Ashlea W., Gertrude F., Ari M., Jack W., Ben N.

## ACT MIXED NETBALL (28/05/21)



**ACT Mixed Netball (2021)** Pictured (left to right, back to front): Sol K., Conor F., Oskar G., Conor M., Victor L., Andrew R., Yasiru B., Aden H., Emily L., Pantho A., Cameron W., Rosie K., Rohan M., Noah W., Ashlea W., Joshua H., Talia B., David S., Theresa J., Olivia K., Mia F., Charlize C., Luca M., Odessa J., Eleanor M., Grace H., Mahi G., Yaye A., Nandini R., Jayavi K., Matthew D. (Teacher), Katya O., Lauren M., Charlotte S., Alyssa F., Bethany R., Lena B.

One of the final events of the session was the ACT Mixed Netball event, which is always a great social event. Narrabundah entered 3 mixed teams on the day, who represented the college excellently in their bright yellow uniforms. It was a good day out, with some great games played and friendships made. Again, thank you to all the students who helped make it a great day out.

2021 has been one of Narrabundah's most successful years for sports participation, so I want to personally thank everyone, teachers and students, who are involved in making the program a success. It has been a real pleasure to see a different side of our students and I look forward to seeing this continue in the future.

**Matthew Diep**  
Sports Coordinator

## P&C NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope your kids made it through the exams and can enjoy some relaxing time over the Winter holidays.

### FLORIADE

Despite a rainy day, the P&C organised a fantastic Floriade planting session at the College on 3 June when we planted 800 bulbs and annuals.

These should create a colourful display in the Village Square and main Quad in Spring beautifying the campus and supporting student wellbeing.



The soil preparation and planting was supported by enthusiastic parent volunteers Betsy, Emma, Ian, Ric, Jacqui, Paul, Kristina and Bina. A group of wonderful students including Max MB, Spencer D, Theresa J, Angus W and Lillian W from the Green Team volunteered their afternoon and designed the beds in the Quad. Thanks to Green Team convenor Lucy P for coordinating volunteers and to Betsy for writing our successful Floriade grant.

It was a great example of collaboration between the P&C parents and students of the Green Team environment group at our College.

Principal Kerrie Grundy also attended in support.

Thanks to Floriade for supplying the bulbs and plants. We look will share more photos as the tulips blossom!

## GRANT FUNDING

Our P&C has been busy investing the almost \$16,000 Parent Engagement grant from the ACT Education Directorate. This includes over \$9,000 for furniture in the canteen area which is being developed into the Engagement Hub. New leather lounges, tables and chairs have been purchased. Parent Angelique will soon chalk up the menu on the new wall blackboard. We want the Hub to be a space that is welcoming for students and families alike and a place that we can use after hours for P&C events, concerts and gatherings.

The grant funds will also cover pull up banners, a College pop-up gazebo for outdoor and summer events, and Survey Monkey subscription. Unfortunately, the Bundah Bliss cookbook did not get off the ground as we received only 6 recipes. Big thanks to parents Michael and Frieda who invested a lot of time developing the project. We will try to find a different project to support those funds.

## PARENTS SOCIAL EVENING

Please join us for a Narrabundah College parents' social night at Gryphons Bar, Griffith at 7pm on Wednesday, 21 July. A good chance to get to know other parents. We will provide some food platters while drinks are self-purchase. Drop us a line if you plan to attend on [narrabundahpc@gmail.com](mailto:narrabundahpc@gmail.com).

## NEXT MEETING

Our next P&C meeting will be at **6pm on Wednesday, 4 August** in the Narrabundah College staffroom.

See you soon,

**Jenny Grant-Curnow**

President, Narrabundah College P&C

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A reminder that the COVID-19 pandemic is still with us and while many restrictions have been eased since last year, some restrictions are still in place in our school.

It is important that students stay home and get tested if they are unwell.

Visitors to our school, including parents and carers, should sign in using established processes, meet density requirements of one person per two square metres, and maintain physical distancing of 1.5m from other adults. Students and visitors also need to practice good hand and respiratory hygiene. You can find more information on COVID-19 and ACT public schools on the Education Directorate website.

## Parent Teacher Interviews Year 11 and Year 12

**Tuesday, 20 July  
4.30pm to 7.30pm**

Online Bookings Open  
Monday, 12 July  
9.00am

## **FIRST AID NOTICE**

**Please Note:  
We DO NOT supply  
ANY medication  
to students.**

## **GENERAL NOTICE FOR PARENTS/CARERS**

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Featuring music students from Contemporary, Jazz, Electronic and Classical Music



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## 2021 COURSE CONSUMABLES – 2ND SESSION

<b>STUDENT'S NAME:</b>	<b>FAMILY KEY:</b>
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	\$	Amount Paid
Ceramics.....	1570	100
Creative Art.....	1565	100
Design.....	1630	60
Digital Photography.....	1600	80
Food and People.....	1635	100
Graphic Design/Architectural Studies/CADD.....	1630	60
Music.....	1590	60
Photography.....	1600	110
Textiles & Fashion.....	1650	80
Woodwork.....	1655	100
Information Technology.....	1620	40
<b>Media:</b>		
Film Making (Super 8).....	1585	100
Media.....	1585	40

**TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: \$** .....

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## Important Dates



EVENT	DATE	TIME
Mid-session progress and absence reports emailed to parents. Parent Teacher Online information emailed to parents.	25 June	
<b>School Holidays</b>	<b>28 Jun to 11 July</b>	
Students Return	12 July	
Parent Teacher Online Bookings <b>OPEN</b>	12 July	9.00am
Parent Teacher Evening	20 July	4.30pm-7.30pm
P&C Parent's Get Together	21 July	7.00pm
First Aid Course	22 July	8.45am-3.00pm
School Census Day	23 July	
Winter Concert	28 July	7.00pm-9.00pm
ICQ International Chemistry Quiz Australian Science Olympiads Exam (Biology)	29 July	
Australian Science Olympiads Exam (Chemistry)	30 July	
Work Experience and Voc Placement applications <b>CLOSE</b>	2 August	
Music Performance Assessment	3 and 5 August	
Session 3 Grid available to students	4 August	
Board Meeting	4 August	4.30pm
P&C Meeting	4 August	6.00pm
Canberra CareersXpo (EPIC)	4 and 5 August	
IB Music Recital	6 August	
ESL Census	6 August	
Test Timetable Published	11 August	
Session 3 Student Choices Due	11 August	
Drama Production - " <i>Love and Information</i> "	12, 13 & 14 August Friday, 13 August	7.30pm 2.00pm <i>Matinee</i>
Moderation Day (Student Free)	12 August	
August Newsletter emailed to parents and carers	13 August	