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- Fun day at Peer Support training
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## Principal Report - Mr T Noon

As 2015 draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to highlight a few of the key outcomes that the school has achieved this year:

### Ashcroft High School exceptional value-added data

- ◆ Earlier this year the NSW Department of Education released data to show how schools are adding value to student learning across cohorts. Critical to our focus on high-level teaching and learning, and most pleasing, is the value-added between Years' 7 – 9 noted as 'sustaining and growing'. Importantly value-added between Years' 9 – 12 is noted as 'excelling'. Compared to all other government schools in NSW, AHS is positioned within the top 5% of schools that have added exceptional value to student learning.

### Ashcroft High School whole-child support work to be published

- ◆ AHS has developed a unique whole-child approach to learning – a one-stop shop approach to ensure early intervention and support is provided for all students to support educational outcomes. Part of this project is the valuable work of our clinical coordination team – highly skilled registered nurses working with other allied health workers including speech pathologist, psychologists, nutritionist together with learning experts.



This work has evolved in the form of research developed by AHS, and is part of the **Ashcroft Research Centre (ARC)**. We have just learned that the paper initiated and developed by the school with the great support for me by Professor Teng Liaw (Medicine, UNSW) and Dr Sarah Dennis (Sydney University) has been accepted for publication in the *Australian Journal of Primary Health*. The journal is published by CSIRO Publishing on behalf of La Trobe University, which publishes high-quality peer-reviewed research, reviews, policy reports and analyses from around the world. Mr Noon recently presented this unique work at

the Sydney University Emerging Health Policy Research Conference. Sincere thanks to our SSS staff – great work!!

On Friday November 27, students from Years' 5-9 joined with guests to present and celebrate a unique project initiated by AHS: Ashcroft High School & Western Sydney University Learning & Innovation Project. The aim of the project is to extend students' learning across a range of year groups: Year 5 – Year 9, in order for these talented young people to gain confidence in their ability to work collaboratively at a high level





## Principal Report continued.....

in areas of research and innovation and to enable them to eventually attend university and continue their high-order learning. Guests included the Liverpool Director, Western Sydney University academics, primary schools principals, families, teachers and of course these exceptional students. Ms Azzi and Ms Haslehurst are very proud of all the students.

### Ashcroft's Student Leadership Council students' lead the day

- ◆ On a very hot day last Friday, students from local primary schools and high schools were invited to be part of the school's unique leadership program. The four teams: Teaching and Learning; Healthy Schools; Welfare and PBIS; Learning & Innovation, were displayed around the school and each group was led by our highly skilled students. Another truly remarkable display of students leading learning. Sincere thanks to Mr Miller, Ms Margiotta and all the staff assisting the portfolios.

The day is best summarised by our Director Mr. Magriplis:

*"I just wanted to re-iterate how fantastic the Leadership Day at Ashcroft HS was! I'm passionate about the power of student voice in harnessing genuine investment in learning, joy and community spirit, and that's definitely what I saw in evidence today. I'm so glad I got to see it. I told you about the spontaneous singing by two primary school students during the morning tea who were accompanied by piano and fun-loving choreography for a mesmerised and happy audience! This is one of the off-shoots of AHS's and partner primary school's focus on the whole-child - they can feel it! The QT workshop was fantastic. Your students just clicked into gear and had the primary school students working beautifully, and they did this with real initiative and warmth."*

Finally, my appreciation to the PDHPE staff for their organisation of the Year 7 swim school, and the great way in which the students worked through their program over the last week. Congratulations to the many students celebrating success in the rugby league/union evening; sport and academic achievement at the presentation day, and in anticipation of the success and to deliver best wishes for our 2015 HSC students.

Sincere thanks for a great year of achievement – to all the great teachers and support staff, and to all our students and families, have a great Christmas break.



## Year 11 Retail Work Placement - by Ms G Margiotta



This has been a successful term for the Year 11 Retail students. Zayne Kelly and Jihad Omran worked at Best & Less Liverpool and received some really positive feedback. Brodie Anderson was placed in Coles Supermarket Liverpool and received excellent comments and a South West Connect work placement award and

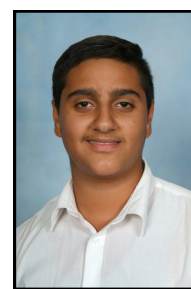
was encouraged to submit his resume. Congratulations to these students.



Brodie Anderson



Zayne Kelly



Jihad Omran



## Year 9 Commerce Market Day

by Marina Pastuovic & Ashley Rose

In Term 3 our Commerce class were issued a major assessment task. The assessment task required us to form a group and design our own business. We had to organise our own finances and product supplies and create a marketing campaign where we designed posters and business cards.

Once all of the design and organisation of the task was complete, we had to bring our business to life. We were given the date for our market day term 4 week 5. Once the date got closer every group had to make sure they had everything ready for market day.

The first group was the 'Ice

Cream Brigade' who were selling ice cream and hoping for hot weather. Unfortunately, the weather was terrible and not a good day to sell ice cream which affected sales. Two of the other groups were 'Shu Habibs' and 'Manoosh Pizzeria', they both sold Lebanese pizza. Both groups were successful on the day and made a small profit, however the groups did not sell all of their products.

'Ashcroft's Italian Pizza' sold hot chips and Italian pizzas. This group was successful selling all of their products and making a major profit.

The final group was 'The Chocolate Fountain' which

sold cupcakes, marshmallows and strawberries on a stick with topping and used a chocolate fountain. Although they didn't sell everything they managed to make a profit.

Once the day was all over, the groups had to calculate the money they had made to find the profit made. This money was then divided between how many people were in the group with 5% of the profit going towards the Christmas Hamper charity. Although some groups no profit or only made a small profit, we all agreed that this was a great learning experience and we learned a lot about what running a business entails.



## Business Studies Beacon Blackboard Guest Speaker



The Year 12 Business Studies class studied marketing in term 4 and were lucky enough to have the Marketing Manager of Komatsu Pty Ltd Wafa Ghali come to give the class a talk as part of the Beacon Business Blackboard program. The theme

of the talk was Branding. Komatsu wants to be number one in the market place. They sell highly technical machines but everyone is catching up with the technology so they want to rebrand in order to stay ahead. Wafa took the class through the

process of changing a brands position in the market place. The class asked questions and all got a Komatsu hat at the end. Thanks to Mrs Naidu for organising the talk.

**KOMATSU**



Thank You!





## Dress for Success

Well done to Boushra Awick, Tanaya Edwards, Jayde Griffin, Amarr Kataieh, Nawal Kataieh, Tooa Leiataua, Cynthia Nguyen, Cassandra Vaimoana and Mary Yaco who attended the Dress for Success program run in coordination with the Beacon

Foundation on Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup> of October. The sessions run by Dress for Success developed skills for the workplace and covered professional presentation. On the day the girls also had their own stylist and were fitted with a full interview

outfit generously given by the Dress for Success organisation. A great day was had by all!



## Peer Support Training - by Ms L Campbell



On the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of October a group of Year 10 students completed the Peer Support training program. This two day workshop focused on developing students leadership and communication skills through a range of

challenges, practical games and activities. These skills will no doubt help all students involved when they leave school to find work or further education opportunities. All of the students showed real dedication and

commitment across the two days training which made the final decision of who to pick as 2016 Peer Support Leaders very tough.

Well Done to all the students who took part!





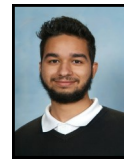
## Mainfreight - by Mr M Cross, Careers Adviser



In 2014 the school was approached by Mainfreight, a global logistics business, that provide warehousing, domestic transport and international air and ocean freight operations at over 240 branches worldwide. Mainfreight wished to work with our school to establish a possible long term link with their local site at Prestons. In March this year seventeen senior students were taken on an extensive tour of Mainfreight's Warehouse facility at Prestons. Staff from various sections gave the students an overview of the logistics industry as well as the history

and operations of the Company. Students were taken on a tour of the facility and were able to see the scale and variety of activities that the company is involved in. Company staff gave presentations to our students about the company's ethos and workplace expectations as well as sharing stories of own their career path and what was involved in their roles at Mainfreight. Interested students were then given the opportunity to apply for casual work with Mainfreight. Five students were initially successful in gaining casual work (four

year 12 students and a year 11 student). All of the year 12 students have gone on to work in a full time capacity at Mainfreight since completing their HSC. The staff at the school would like to acknowledge the efforts of those staff at Mainfreight who have taken the time to ensure that our students' experience was worthwhile and informative. We would also like to congratulate those students who participated in the program for their feedback and appreciation of the opportunities that were offered to them.



Renos  
Ackeil



Ahvneet  
Kumar



Jade  
Towle



Tai  
Ngaau



Iesha  
Morrow

## Year 7 Sky High Excursion - Visual Arts with Ben Hedstrom

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July we went to the University of Technology to look at many different artworks and got a 'behind the scenes' look at a new exhibition that was not open to the public yet. The exhibition was about Mars and had a display of a 'space house' that people might live in if we could live on Mars. We even got to go inside the 'space house' and Adam got to lie on a bed made out of tennis balls and cardboard paper rolls! The exhibition was not paintings but real life objects, like the artists' costumes and props. There was a short film that showed the artist walking around the Northern Territory acting like he was on Mars. It was funny to think that the artist might expect us to believe he was really on Mars and only carrying a rope, goggles and a motorbike helmet.

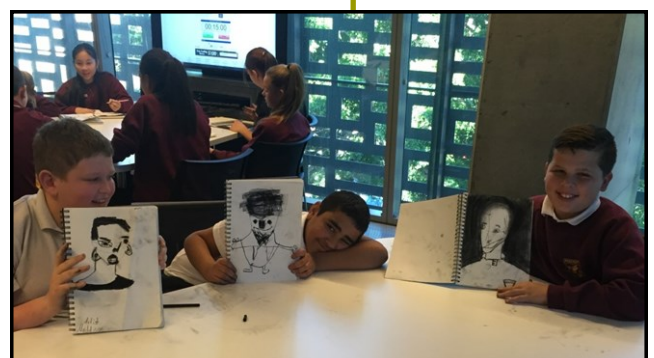
We got a special lesson on how to draw a realistic face

with Ben Hedstrom, a famous artist who even met and painted a picture of the Bulldogs. We all tried to sketch the person next to us and got to make our own portraits. We got to use different materials to make our drawings including: graphite pencils, charcoal and real artists' books. After we finished we were even able to keep these! When we used the charcoal however, everyone's hands went black and it was very difficult to get off. Montilina and Emma used at least 10 wet wipes trying to clean up in time for lunch!

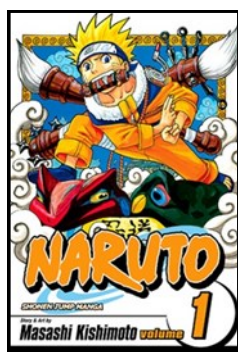
Afterwards we got to sit and eat lunch at UTS and talk to Ben about any questions we had. Adam was lucky enough to get his art book signed by him as well! We listened to explanations about all the artworks and tried guessing the meaning behind the Mars installation. It was an amazing and exciting day for

all of us. We all had a fun time learning how to draw from a professional artist. We had stories to share when we got back to school and have used our expert drawing skills in class as well!

By Kasey, Emma and Adam.







## Library Report by Ms B Giao

The library has been the centre of many amazing events and activities this year. From Sewing and Knitting groups to Book Week, the library continues to invite the community into a buzzing place where everyone can work, relax and share in some fun. Some highlights this year include

Beacon Breakfast, HSC Design & Technology and Woodwork Exhibitions, Book Week, Science Week and SLC Day.

Term Four has always been heralded as our most celebratory term with Halloween decorations welcoming us into the week

of spooky trickery. Remembrance Day saw the library trimmed with red poppies and posters to commemorate our soldiers. Prepare to see the library embellished with Christmas cheer later this term as we hold crafting activities in December to greet the holiday season

This year, the library has taken many requests for books with over 100 new orders ready for next year. We are looking forward to building our collections even further with 60 of the Naruto manga volumes ready to go in Term 1. We also have Assassination Classroom and Dragon Ball Z graphic novels in for the upcoming term. Maggie Stiefvater's books will

also be ready and up on the shelves soon with both "Linger" and "Forever." Both stories narrate the journey between two teenagers battling through supernatural forces.

The non-fiction section has also gotten new additions with the Guinness World Records 2016 Gamer's Edition. Our new Big Brands

books cover developing markets in McDonald's, Amazon, Samsung and Minecraft which are great for business classes. The New Books section, located opposite the Graphic Novels shelves, is constantly updated with current books. Be on the lookout for titles you may borrow next!

### Readers

Congratulations to our school top readers who are listed below. These students will be attending the top readers excursion to watch The Hunger Games - Mockingjay Part 2 as a reward for their efforts this year!

	1st	2nd	3rd
Yr 7 2015	Tony Lam	Angela Duong	Fou Titio
Yr 8 2015	Angela Huynh	Majed Ayyash	Kiara Tui
Yr 9 2015	Bradley Sutcliffe	Make'ddee Retford	Muzaffar Aishar Ali
Yr 10 2015	Amanda Esapournoori	Tori Tucker	Jayde Griffin
Yr 11 2015	Tenyelle Menzies-Hayes	Naomi Titio	Hayley Gunning

### Lastly...

A bittersweet farewell to Mrs McNamee as this will be her final year at Ashcroft High School. On behalf of all of the staff members, we wish you nothing but the absolute best in all that there is to come. Thank you to Ms Bubalo for all her hard work this year, as we see her departure also. A big welcome back to Mrs Purcell who will be returning to the library team in 2016. Last but not least, a special thank you to Ms Woodford, Mrs Dillon, and the library monitors for all their incredible efforts this year.





## Library Report continued....

### NEED HELP WITH AN ASSIGNMENT?

Check out the Homework Centre which runs on  
Monday-Thursday for 1<sup>1/2</sup> hours



#### Library Hours

Before School	8.00am	–	8.40am
Recess	10.56am	–	11.26am
Lunch	1.30pm	–	2.00pm

Closed Thursdays at recess

Happy Holidays, and don't forget to keep your ears and eyes  
peeled for more exciting news from the library!!!

Years 7, 11 & 12 return to school on  
Thursday 28th January, 2016

&

Years 8,9 & 10 return to school on  
Friday 29th January, 2016





## Industrial Art Report - by Mr T Jones

September/October was a very busy and fulfilling time for students of Industrial Arts and Computers with Major projects due and examinations completed.

HSC Major Projects were realized in Design and Technology and Industrial Technology Wood.

Congratulations to all Year 12 students, particularly **Kirsten Blyton** for first place in D&T and ITW.

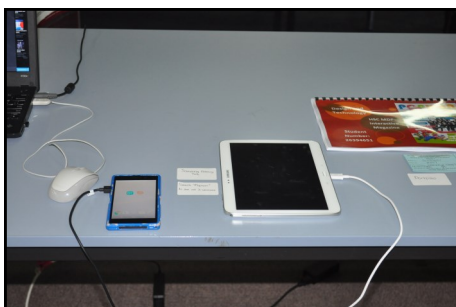
Kirsten designed and created an architectural presentation

that redesigned the school canteen area and a windsor styled rocking chair.

**Jeff Pancho** received statewide recognition in a nomination for the 2016 designTec Exhibition at the Powerhouse Museum in Ultimo. This exhibition showcases the top 15 innovative HSC major project designs from Design and Technology in NSW. Jeff designed and created an anime multi-media magazine. The story and graphics were

all original and created to a professional standard, and in 3 different languages.

Other notable projects included, Nicole Shultz (*Refurbished Desk and Chair*), Jade Towle (*Visual Book for Disabled Children*), Phillip Debono (*Retro Arcade Game Table*), Mahmoud Dandan (*Garden Bench*), and Ghasim Yagoub (*Entertainment Unit*).







## Science News by Mrs D Azzi

Term 4 has once again found our science faculty very busy. In week 2 we had a visit from stage 3 students from Mt Pritchard East primary school. The students spent the morning working in our science laboratories performing first hand investigations. Our year 11 chemistry class worked with the students as mentors to help the students throughout the activities. In the first few weeks of term 1, 2016 we again will be inviting stage 3 students from our five local primary schools to enjoy what we have to offer with fun and inspiring science experiments.

On 10<sup>th</sup> November year 8 sat the compulsory VALID (formally ESSA) online test. The students worked through many science questions and submitted their answers online. The students will receive their results early term 1, 2016.

Just recently eight year 8 students were selected to attend the Gifted and Talented day at Western Sydney University, Parramatta campus. The students enjoyed a very full day of hands on science activities which helped extend their knowledge and understanding of a range of scientific concepts.

I would like to remind all students that we still run science club every Tuesday during lunchtimes. That is where we perform activities which we may not have the opportunity to utilise during our set science lessons. I would like to congratulate Jasmine Thode from year 9 on being our 2015 Science Club award recipient.

On behalf of my science staff I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families a safe and enjoyable Christmas. We are looking forward to another year of achievements and high quality activities in the science faculty.



## Healthy Schools Portfolio by Mr L Marsden

This year has been a very successful year for the healthy schools SLC portfolio. The early morning sports program has run a 3vs3 basketball tournament as well as a hand-ball tournament this semester. Both these programs have been very successful and student participation have been outstanding this year. We have also introduced mini tennis games into the canteen area this year which have had exceptional results. The healthy schools portfolio

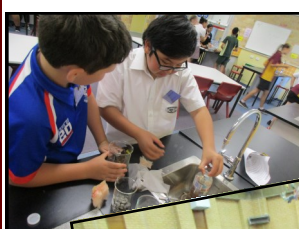
participated in wear red for Daniel Morcombe day this term. Students participated in a range of stranger danger and internet safety - workshops during pastoral care time. As a school we managed to raise over \$200 for the charity which is an excellent result.

The healthy schools portfolio facilitated a range of workshops for the SLC day in term 4. Students who participated in the workshop ran a group team building exercise where participants

were guided through an obstacle course with blind folds on, students also tested their strength in a tug-of-war game and lastly a fun game of exercise gambles.

2015 has been a very successful year for the healthy schools program and I am thankful for everybody who helped in creating a successful portfolio. We are looking forward to taking the program even further in 2016.





## SLC Leadership Day 2015 by Jasmine Thode & Tara Thode

On the 20<sup>th</sup> of November 2015, Ashcroft High School held their annual SLC Leadership Day where many students from a number of different schools in our area were invited to attend.

On this day we looked at the way not only our SLC and its portfolio groups run but also what it means to be a leader. We were divided into groups with members from different

schools and moved around the school participating in different workshops run by the student leaders. During the day we also took part in a range of games and activities where students took this as an opportunity to meet new people and have a great time. We would like to thank everyone who helped out on this day from the catering, to the student

leaders, to the teachers and especially a big thank you to Mr Miller and Ms Margiotta for all their time and effort they put into organising the day. Even though it was an extremely hot day, it was very successful and all the students developed their leadership skills and had a great time.



## Canteen Salad Bar

Don't forget to try our amazing salads from the canteen made fresh everyday!!!!



Yum!





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## Ashcroft High School Football Awards 2015

AWARD TITLE	RECIPIENT	AWARD TITLE	RECIPIENT
Fullback of the Year	Nepote Kavapalu	Winger of the Year	John Palu
Centre of the Year	Samuel Tifa	5/8th of the Year	Brenton Doyle-O'Donnell
Halfback of the Year	Michael Midson	Prop of the Year	Jurrado Smith & Felix Smith
2nd Rower of the Year	Dylan Edwards & Exodus Semeatu	Hooker of the Year	Tyrone Xuereb-Whitmore
Lock of the Year	Taufa Kavapalu	Utility Player of the Year	Joshua Schuster
Service to Rugby League			
Chad Matapuku	Taufa Kavapalu	Nepote Kavapalu	John Palu
Bailey Wilson	Renouf Semeatu	Manu Leiataua	Kye McBride
Michael Midson	Daniel Parker	Semisi Palavi	Michael Seko
Elizabeth Tuala	Samaria Taia		
U/13 Rugby League Most Improved	Michael Barakat	U/14 Rugby League Most Improved	OT Iosefa
U/15 Rugby League Most Improved	Brenton Doyle-O'Donnell	U/13 Rugby League Coaches Award	Zac Hassoun
U/14 Rugby League Coaches Award	Jenson Setefano	U/15 Rugby League Coaches Award	Benjamin Armstrong
Open Boys Rugby League Coaches Award	Michael Midson	Open Boys Rugby League Coaches Award	Nepote Kavapalu
Girls Rugby League/ Rugby Union Coaches Award	Amber Xuereb-Whitmore	Girls Rugby League/ Rugby Union Encouragement Award	Leticia Doyle-O'Donnell
Girls Rugby League/ Rugby Union Encouragement Award	Natalie Armstrong	U/13 Rugby League Rising Star	Bryce Wilson
U/14 Rugby League Rising Star	Joel Wilson	U/15 Rugby League Rising Star	Dylan Edwards
Open Boys Rugby League Rising Star	Tyrone Xuereb-Whitmore	Girls Rugby League & Rugby Union Rising Star	Louisa Taia
U/13 Rugby League Most Valuable Player	Jurrado Smith	U/14 Rugby League Most Valuable Player	Joshua Schuster
U/15 Rugby League Most Valuable Player	Felix Smith	Open Boys Rugby League Most Valuable Player	Taufa Kavapalu

Girls Rugby League & Rugby Union Most Valuable Player	Rosaline Aumale
AHS Rugby League & Rugby Union Ambassador Award	Tanaya Edwards
AHS Junior Paulo 'Rugby League Player of the Year'	Taufa Kavapalu



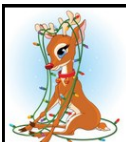




## 2015 Sports Awards



Award	Female Recipient	Male Recipient
Swimmer of the Year	Tara Thode	Benjamin Armstrong
Runner of the Year	Rianna Cooley	Bryce Wilson
Athlete of the Year	Amber Whitmore	Moroni Rai
Junior Knockout Player of the Year	Taylor Rawlings	Joshua Schuster
Senior knockout Player of the Year	Rosaline Aumale	Samuel Tifa
Year 11 Leadership	Lyndsay Lemalu Tara Thode	Michael Midson Tyrone Whitmore
Sportswoman of the Year	Amber Whitmore	
Sportsman of the Year		Tyrone Whitmore
Year 12 Service to Sport	Samaria Taia Elizabeth Tuala	Chad Matapuku Taufa Kavapalu Nepote Kavapalu Kye McBride Manu Leiataua Daniel Parker Antonio Pavez Gasim Yagoub Renouf Semeatu
Davern Lewis Rising Star	Angel Taupau	
Steven Davies Encouragement		Rafael Moanunu
Danny Cave		Exodus Semeatu
Doreen Smith	Tanaya Edwards	



## Year 10 Work Experience

As a part of the Year 10 block work experience program this year students were able to gain experience in a variety of industries including retail work, stainless steel manufacturing, office work, primary teaching, youth work and materials handling. In addition to the block work experience

program several senior students undertook work experiences as a part of their post school transition planning. Once again several students were fortunate enough to gain employment following these work placements. We would like to thank the following employers for supporting our students:

Coles  
Stain Ash  
Ashcroft Primary School  
Macquarie Accountants  
Mainfreight  
The Street University  
Toyota Material  
Handling  
Activ Therapy  
Liverpool  
RM Financial Services



## Make Online Payments

It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting **\$ Make a payment**

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include band, drama and dance). There is also a category called Other this to cover items not covered in the previous headings, Other can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the **\$ Make a payment** you must enter:

the students name, and

class and reference number OR

the students name, and

date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number if you are aware of them, these are optional fields.

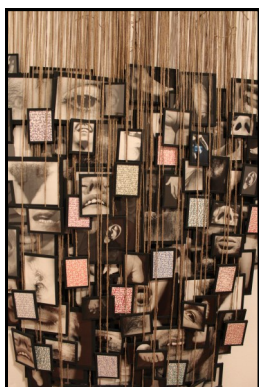
This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

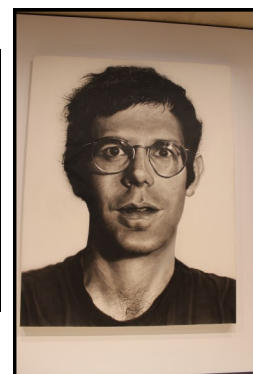
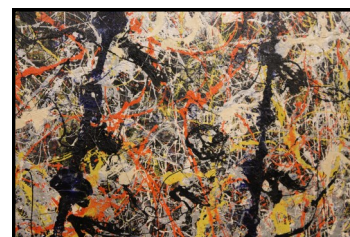
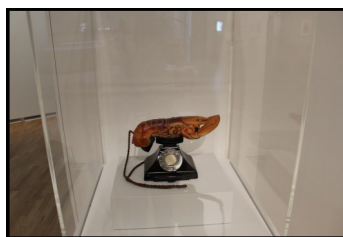
Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office.





## Year 7 - 11 Visual Arts Excursion to Canberra Art Gallery



## School Opal Card Introduction

The School Transport Scheme (SSTS) gives eligible students free or subsidised travel between home and school, on approved train, bus or ferry services.

From Term 1 2016, Transport NSW will be issuing School Opal Cards to students eligible for travel under the School Transport Scheme via a new online process.

The introduction of the new School Opal card and online application form will provide significant benefits for school; **Automatic renewal:** most parents, carers and students won't need to apply for a School Opal card if they have already been given a school student travel pass and will automatically receive a School Opal card in 2016.

**However, parents, carers and students will need to apply if the student;**

1. is just starting school and has not had a pass before

2. Is moving from Year 2 to Year 3 or from Year 6 to Year 7
3. Is changing schools, including going between primary and secondary school
4. Or, if the student's personal details have change (eg. Address)

**Reduced Distribution:** while School Opal cards will automatically be sent to schools for existing pass holders distribution for travel in term one, all new applications received for travel from the start of 2016 will be sent directly to the student's nominated address.

**Online application form:** schools will no longer need to keep the SSTS application form as parents, carers and students can **go online** from November 2015 to **complete** their **application form**, print it out and **return it to school**.

**Simplified replacement process:** schools won't need to endorse additional

applications for lost or damaged passes, as parents, carers and students simply need to visit

[www.transportnsw.info/school-students](http://www.transportnsw.info/school-students) or call 131-500 to order a new School Opal card.

**Online eligibility assessment:** the new online application portal will automatically assess eligibility based on distance rules which have not changed.

Year 7-12 Secondary students 2.0kms straight line distance or 2.9km walking distance or further.

You can find out more about School Student Transport Scheme at

[www.transport.nsw.gov.au/customers/ssts/schools](http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/customers/ssts/schools)







On behalf of the Ashcroft High School community, I would like to wish two very important staff members our very best wishes for the future:




**Gail Jamieson** (Head teacher English) is retiring, and moving into the next exciting phase of life. Gail has been at AHS for 19 years, and has provided her leadership for not only the English staff, but the many students who have graduated throughout this period of time. We are most grateful for the times she relieved as deputy principal in years' past, and the work with literacy across the school and our feeder primary schools. We will miss Gail's great sense of humour and the laugh that goes with it. Congratulations Gail on your wonderful contribution to public education in NSW.



**Carmel McNamee** (Community Liaison Officer) will leave us after 11 years as an important member of our school community. Carmel began her association with the school while her daughters attended, and was a devoted contributor at our parent/teacher meetings and events. She then moved into the formal role as a CLO. Carmel established many important links in our community over the years, including with Miller Tafe, as part of the 'Angels' each morning at the school; school and community based courses; Miller midnight basketball on Friday evenings amongst many school and community programs. We are most grateful for her contribution to our community, and we wish her every success in her next endeavours.





Wishing everyone a happy  
Christmas and New  
Year and a safe holiday!!

School returns in 2016  
Thursday 28th January 2016 for  
Year 7, Year 11 & Year 12 students  
And  
Friday 29th January 2016 for  
Year 8, Year 9 & Year 10  
students

