



# Bankstown Senior College Newsletter

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## From the Principal

As we embark on the last term of our academic year, the pressures of study become more intense. All students need to maintain their focus in this term and take advantage of every available minute and all support offered by staff. Attendance is even more important at this time, as is participation in classroom activities and completion of assessment tasks. Year 12, in particular, while completing their HSC written exams, should use their free days to come in and work with their teachers, the learning support teachers and university tutors in the Library. Another worthwhile activity is to access the NESAs website and answer past the exam questions that can be found there. These responses can then be handed to classroom teachers for marking and feedback. I cannot emphasise enough the importance of this support in maximising student results. Students should also be looking carefully at their work/ study balance and aim for a healthy lifestyle including plenty of good healthy food, rest, relaxation and exercise.

Graduation for our year 12 students was held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September in the College Hall. It was then followed by refreshments for students and their guests. This was an important celebratory day as we acknowledged the hard work of the students in the final year of their formal education. I hope that all Year 12 students, their families and friends had a wonderful time celebrating the students' achievements. A special thanks has to

go to Mr Russell, the Yr 12 Adviser, and his team of staff and students that made this event so successful.

Year 11 have been undergoing course counselling prior to commencing their Higher School Certificate course. All students will receive new timetables on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October. I encourage all students to start their new courses with diligence and maximum effort. Students should ensure that their course choices are the correct ones for them, as there will be NO course or level changes after the end of Term 4.

Year 10 have just completed their Authentic Project, a real-life experience of applying for a job. The students have written resumes, prepared for interviews and today were interviewed by outside business people, who then gave them explicit feedback which will be invaluable for them in the future. As Principal, it was particularly pleasing for me to hear the very positive feedback from the outside business people.. they commended our students on their preparedness, enthusiasm and presentation for the interview process. Many thanks to Ms Dokmanovic and her band of helpers for making this process such a valuable part of the college calendar.

**Anne Doyle**

## From the Deputy Principals

### Deputy Principal: Jenni Gardiner

Term 3 is always a very exciting time as Year 12 finish their HSC courses and walk with pride onto the stage at the BSC Year 12 Graduation Ceremony to receive their certificates. I would like to congratulate Year 12 on successfully completing their HSC course and wish them all the best in their future endeavours. Good luck in your HSC exams!

To celebrate the end of their time at the College students and staff all had a wonderful time at the Yr12 Formal which was held at the Rowers Club on the Cooks River. I attended this event and would like to commend Mr Russell and his team for organising such a fabulous evening. The students all looked amazing in their formal dresses and suits and a lot of fun was had by all, especially dressing up in crazy props and accessories in the photobooth!



I would like to congratulate the following Yr 12 students who were the recipients of the 2019 Rotary Youth Vocational Awards:

*Aliou Turay – Construction*  
*Mammy Kamara – Hospitality*  
*Sajjad Begi – Information & Digital Technology*  
*Jeena Akko – Retail Services*  
*Quixia Abanto – Business Services*

These students were nominated by their teachers for their commitment and outstanding application of their skills in the various industry frameworks – we are very proud of you!



*Aliou Turay, Jeena Akko, Quixia Abanto recipients of the 2019 Rotary Youth Vocational Awards*

Year 11 students are now ready to become the new Yr 12 and begin their HSC studies so I encourage you all to attend all classes and focus on learning in order to achieve your best results in your HSC courses. Please remember my door is always open so if you need assistance or advice please come and see me in my office which is located upstairs in C Block.

Year 10 have been incredibly busy developing their resume and practising their interview skills this term so that they are ready for their authentic project job interview in Term 4. This project provides students with valuable practice at developing their employability skills.

Lastly, welcome to our new Preparation and EFS students. We hope you have an enjoyable experience at BSC and take advantage of all the opportunities available to you to help improve your education and social wellbeing.

### Deputy Principal: Maria Georgiou

This edition of the Newsletter will demonstrate what a busy term it has been at the College for the whole college community. I would like to begin with: Congratulations Year 12! Formal studies at Bankstown Senior College are complete and HSC exams are well under way. As the Deputy overseeing this group of students from the time many of them were in EFS, I am extremely proud of the progress everyone has made to reach this point. There have been many amazing performances from this year's group, especially in the areas of Visual Arts, Industrial Technology, Music and Drama. I wish these students success in their practicals, as well as in their written exams. Good luck also to all students in their HSC exams and in life beyond the HSC. Having survived the Trial exams means that the HSC process will be even smoother. Students are encouraged to heed the advice given to them by their dedicated and

hardworking teachers and Year Adviser Mr Russell in the Yearly reports if they wish to improve their results even further. Lots of revision, practice, healthy food, exercise and restful sleep are the contributing factors to a successful performance. I will certainly miss all Year 12 and look forward to hearing of their accomplishments after the exams. It was very emotional celebrating everyone's success, be it for academic excellence, perseverance or resilience, at the Year 12 Graduation. As well, I can truly say that I was humbled by the strength of character and communal support this group displayed during a very difficult time earlier in the year.

Good luck also to our hardworking Year 11 students who are soon to become Year 12. I look forward to interviewing some of them regarding their HSC studies. Many students have successfully achieved Level 3 in the HSC Minimum Standard Tests and can focus on their HSC courses next term. Students who have yet to pass this level in Reading, Writing or Numeracy have an extra opportunity to do so in Term 4 this year and two more chances next year at the College. There will be additional support provided to help students achieve this as soon as possible. Students are also encouraged to work hard in the WordFlyers program to help them with their on-line reading skills.

Similarly, Year 10 students have been sitting for the HSC Minimum Standard tests in Literacy and Numeracy. I strongly encourage all Year 10 students to practise their writing skills wherever possible, with special attention given to spelling, punctuation and expression, so that more students can achieve Level 3 in this area in Term 4. Where possible, it is important for students to practise their typing skills, since these tests are all done on line. In addition, Year 10 will be sitting their Yearly exams soon, as well as taking part in the highly successful Authentic Project which will provide them with employability skills for the future. Our Preparation students have completed a term at the College and are busy preparing themselves for 2020. I have been very impressed with the excellent commitment all of the students have shown to their studies and I look forward to getting to know them even better as I work with their Year Adviser Ms Francis.

EFS students have continued to demonstrate their commitment to their studies through their attendance and progress this year. Many students have received Silver and Gold awards from their teacher in recognition of their extra hard work and determination to improve their English and their chances of success in the Australian education system. Well done everyone!

I would like to thank the staff that do so much to help our students achieve as much success as possible. In Term 3, programs like RAW (Ready, Arrive, Work), Macquarie Mentoring, ZONTA volunteer programs, Coffee and Bar Wait Courses, Swimming

and Life Guard training courses, B Street Smart, Elevate and so many other vital opportunities made hardworking the experiences at Bankstown Senior College so much richer for our students.

## English/EALD Report

2019 has been an incredibly busy year for both staff and students, as it was the first year that the 'new look' English HSC was examined. Year 12 students have already sat for these HSC English exams and are eagerly awaiting their results, due on the 17<sup>th</sup> of December. We wish them every success for their future.

Year 11 students have commenced their study of the first Year 12 module "Texts and Human Experiences", common to all courses. Students need to understand that all work studied from now on will be examined in their HSC in 2020, and they are to complete all work as well as maintain excellent attendance.

Year 10 and EFS students should also be getting ready for their final tests and exams. Students need to make sure they prepare thoroughly for each test. Preparation students too will be having an end of year English test that they will need to study for.

Students in both Years 10 and 11, who have not yet achieved the Minimum Standard in either Reading or Writing, will be given another chance this term. Students need to be constantly reading widely and taking every opportunity to write in order to improve in these areas.

**S.Ginis**  
Relieving Head Teacher

## Macquarie Mentoring Report

This semester, a group of Prep and EFS students were given the opportunity to visit Macquarie University. It was a day where we found out lots of interesting and useful information such as that 40% of students who entered Macquarie University last year did not do so because of their ATAR, and that there are eight different ways to enter university, and the ATAR is just one way.

We sat in an Economics lecture, which was extremely entertaining, with our own students answering the questions asked. We took part in a science display and went on a tour of the university.

We also heard a very inspirational speech from a refugee student who had overcome difficulties and was studying at university there. He gave our students so much hope that they too could be like him in the

not too distant future.

Our students were really impressed with the kind support shown to them by the mentors, as well as by the beautifully natural setting of Macquarie University.

I would strongly encourage everyone to take part in this worthwhile program next year.

**S.Ginis**  
Macquarie Mentoring Coordinator

## SRC Report

One of the important functions of the SRC is to get involved in community issues. In Term 4 the SRC will be running our annual fundraiser to raise funds to support women and children who are fleeing from domestic violence. We will be making and selling cupcakes, as well as accepting donations. We thank you in advance for your support.

Secondly, the SRC will be placing a box on the counter in the library so that all students from the College and IEC will be able to give us ideas on what you would like the SRC to work on.

Finally, on behalf of the SRC and the whole school, I would like to thank all the Year 12 members of the SRC. This includes our captains Karmeen and Karlo Yalda, as well as our other representatives Mahmood, Marlin Shasho, Dean Ross, Narges Bagheri and Ramsina Oshana. We thank you for your hard work and for being excellent role models.

**S.Ginis**  
SRC Coordinator

## Ready Arrive Work (RAW) Program

A group of Year 12, Year 11 and Year 10 students took part in the Ready Arrive Work program, which is a program aimed at giving students maximum opportunity to prepare for the workforce. This program went for five days and gave students useful information that would help them in getting a job.

The program focussed on writing resumes, preparing for job interviews, informing students on how to answer questions confidently and how to dress for success. Students also learnt about the importance of working as a team through numerous teambuilding activities to improve in all these areas.

The program also involved two excursions. The first was an industry visit, where we toured two worksites, one in Lucas Heights and one in Bankstown, and had lunch with the manager of Bankstown Sports Club. The final day was full of useful information about

contacts and support services that could help us in the future.

I would like to encourage all students to take part in this program if it is offered again next year.

**S.Ginis**  
Transitions Team

## Focus Excursion

Every Monday for the past three weeks a group of Year 11 students have participated in the Focus program at J. P. Morgan in the City. The program was organised by ABCN (Australian Business and Community Network) and aimed at providing young women with the essential leadership skills they need to engage in a successful, meaningful career. To be a selected for the program, students were asked to submit an expression of interest and write about a woman they admire.

In the first session, students worked in small groups with female executives who acted mentors to discuss common leadership qualities and styles. The second session involved reflecting on personal strengths and the importance of goal-setting. While the final session allowed students to discuss areas of improvement and integrate feedback from mentors to develop leadership strengths.

Overall, the experience has allowed students to improve their self-belief and encouraged them to aim high and have confidence in their leadership abilities. Students definitely be bringing these skills back to school and apply them to their leadership around the college.

Congratulations to Zeenat Batool, Vivianne Hamik, Batool Mohammed Hussien, Fatima Mohammed Hussein, Hsu Htet, Shikofa Karimi, Ivy Nguyen and Camila Fuenzalida Segura for their continued enthusiasm and dedication to completing the workshops.

**Ms Richards & Ms Ishak**





## Breakfast Club

Throughout winter, the College generously provides students with free Breakfast to beat the cold.

This is an initiative that allows all students in the College to connect with one another and also start the day off right and go to class eager to learn.



Thank you to the staff who volunteered their time to supervise Breakfast Club and thank you to the SRC students that assisted in cleaning up.

Ms Fajou

## TAS/CAPA Report

### Hospitality

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June 2019, Mrs Parenzee along with some selected students from my hospitality class got the opportunity to complete a cake decoration course at the Australian Patisserie Academy at Ryde TAFE.

This course helped us gain valuable knowledge and skills in cake decorating. We learned how to make buttercream flowers for cupcakes and to make Korean buttercream icing. The TAFE teacher was a professional cake decorator and she was very talented at her job. We met a tourist who did the course with us and she shared how valuable it was for her to be able to do this short course.

At the end of the day, we were given a certificate of participation for creating buttercream flowers, foundation level 2.

With the support of Mrs Parenzee, we were able to put our skills into action on Graduation Day and made 120 beautiful cupcakes.

It was beneficial and worthwhile to be introduced to the course, be able to use the skills and to make the day more memorable for our seniors.

By Mina Yr 11



Amazing cupcake decoration by students

## Year 12 Visual Arts, 2019

### It's been a great year!

All year 12 art students begin with a vision, an idea about the art they dream to make in their final year. Try and imagine their journey at the beginning of year 12 their idea is the size of a small seed which starts to grow, to take on a form with the art materials they choose and the skills they wish to employ. It is the creative process that makes art an exciting subject for students, they are exploring, growing and evolving with each lesson, moving closer to an end result. Wondering how will their work finally unfold?

To begin the journey of art making, students look at the world around them, they may look to their memories, reflect, question and observe and try to make sense of their world or they could respond to a dream. There are only a few rules and four terms to

create their art. The creative process belongs to each individual student and what they show the audience and markers at the end is part of themselves and their world. I hope this year's artworks make a connection with you.

I sincerely thank the year 12 art class of 2019 for sharing their journey and vision.

I wish you all the best for the future.

Ms Fiona Pascalis-Assi



Alieu Turay



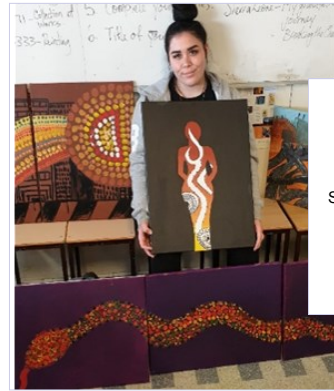
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Lucas Boyer



Year 11 Visual Arts students take their skills to Bankstown, Lidcombe Hospital to support this year's World Breastfeeding Week.

The theme for this year was 'Breastfeeding Support: Close to Mothers', highlighting how the support of family and community are crucial for the health of both mothers and babies. Before visiting the hospital students prepared by watching a video, discussing and understanding how all the community can help. Year 11 students planned and created designs which they would execute at the entrance to the hospital on the 6<sup>th</sup> of August. Mrs Wehbe-Harris escorted the students who were equipped with art materials so they could create while people passed in and out of the hospital. The artworks were positive, colourful and sensitive to the issue of breastfeeding and the staff at the hospital were thrilled by the students' effort on the day.

Thank you very much to Zioweh Al-Zuhairi, Camila Fuenzalida Segura, Fatima MohammednHusein, Ivy Nguyen, Shaher Bano, Maria Tapatas, Shazada Taqizada, Eleni Volou, Shamsia Yousif and many thanks to Mrs Wehbe-Harris for supervising on the day.

**Ms Fiona.Pascalis-Assi**



## RSS Report (Refugee Student Support)

### Term 2 Ramadan – the month of giving

In the month of Ramadan, Muslims fast during the day and eat once the sun has set. But Ramadan is also the month of giving to the needy and of doing good deeds for the least fortunate.

This year in Term 2, one of our Year 11 students actively followed the belief of giving to the needy by donating her healthy long hair, a gesture which she had been pondering since the beginning of the school year.

With the help of Vivianne HAMIK, one of her classmates and a qualified hairdresser, Zahira YOSUFI donated 57 cm of her healthy long locks to Variety, The Children Charity. The well-looked after hair will become a wig for a child who does not have hair because of Alopecia (a condition where the hair does not grow back) or having chemotherapy treatment to fight cancer.

Thank you Zahira for your thoughtful and caring gesture and Vivianne for helping a friend to fulfill a dream. We, at BSC, are very proud of both of you!

**Mrs Brunet, Mrs Pascalis and Mrs Rahimi**



## BSC students tell their incredible life stories to a most receptive Mercy Connect volunteer team

On Monday 12 August, Ms Brunet, Ms Rahimi and Ms Pascalis accompanied four of our very courageous students – Christine DANIEL, Batoool MOHAMMED HUSSEIN, Kamila ASGHARI and Mohammad KHAWARNIA who confidently told their amazing life stories to a group of dedicated former teachers and professionals who have committed themselves as volunteers of the Mercy Connect program.



Mercy Connect is a dynamic organization who invites volunteers to be trained to support refugee and asylum seeker students in their learning at various schools throughout Sydney and beyond. Paul Taylor, a highly committed and compassionate coordinator of the program, invited our students and gave them a valuable opportunity to talk about their journeys to Australia. At this session, the students touched the hearts of many with their heartfelt experiences. Ms Brunet and Ms Pascalis delivered a presentation about BSC, its unique nature and the support offered to our hard working, resilient students. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our current highly committed Mercy Connect tutors, Ms Chris Jinga, Dr Allen Conduit, Ms Bronlyn Schoer and our recent new member Ms Lorraine Manning. These highly generous and valued tutors have shown their genuine interest, devotion, flexibility, patience and expertise to effectively support our students with their wellbeing and learning. Our sincerest thanks are expressed to Paul and Sr Jennie Ryan, Manager of Mercy Connect, for their warmth, hospitality and thoughtful initiatives to support our students in so many ways. The Refugee Support team truly values its established, long term partnership with Mercy Connect.

Ms Brunet & Ms Pascalis

## BSC students enjoy Hospitality courses at Canterbury Hurlstone Park RSL Club

Every year since 2014, BSC has offered Hospitality courses through the Canterbury Hurlstone Park RSL club in order to increase the work skills and knowledge of our students and help them build their working opportunities. Students have enjoyed training in hygiene, coffee -both theory and practical, in the responsible service of alcohol (RSA) and responsible conduct of gaming (RCG) as well as waiter and bar etiquette. The fun aspects of the course have been the barista and mocktail making sessions. We are most fortunate that the Refugee Student Support Program and Club funding have been highly supportive of the students in acquiring these valuable qualifications. Students also made a small financial contribution to the course. The course has been appropriately designed to teach students on Fridays when BSC is closed which has helped to manage their time efficiently. We are grateful to Kim and Kate Canterbury Hurlstone Park RSL club. They are the key staff organising the course and always accommodating our needs so well. We are pleased to say that 28 students have been trained in Term 3 showing their commitment to learning and developing their profiles. We look forward to offering it again in 2020 for the next 30 students of Year 11 and Year 12.

Ms Pascalis & Ms Brunet





## Auburn Aquatic's Growing BSC Working Team

Through the RSS program and the efficient co-ordination of Ms Qudsia Rahimi, students have continued to attend FREE swimming lessons, generously funded and organized by Alison Jones at ADSi and initiated by David Burns, former Regional Manager of Belgravia Leisure and his committed staff, Pauline McCann, Jake Cremona, Jonathan Jamsek and Kristen Romero at the high-grade pool facilities of Auburn Ruth Everuss Aquatic Centre.

There have been two committed groups of females and males learning water confidence and swim stroke techniques. Students have been enjoying this valuable learning experience which has been building their fitness levels and offers great therapy for their mental and emotional state. From this, various students have committed to a swim teacher program and/or Royal Life Saving intensive training to acquire First Aid with CPR qualifications. As a result, students have received certificates making them eligible for working roles as Pool Lifeguards. Narges Bagheri and Farzana Zargar, female students in Year 12, have shown a huge commitment managing their HSC studies and their new working roles as Swim Teachers at Auburn Ruth Everuss Aquatic Centre. We wholeheartedly congratulate them on their impressive achievements overcoming any cultural barriers to successfully pursue these great community roles.

Further to that, siblings Fadi Sako in Year 11 and Noor Sako in Year 12 as well as Year 12 students, Karmeen and Merna Yalda, Jeena Akko, Mahmood Mahmood and Jesus Porras have recently acquired their Royal Life Saving certificates. Mahmood Mahmood has been working in customer service at the reception and thoroughly enjoying his position which earned him 'Employee of the Month' for September. He also recently acquired a new role as Pool lifeguard together with Fadi, Merna, Karmeen and Jeena. Once the HSC exams are completed, Karmeen Yalda will be working in the double role of customer services and Pool Lifeguard. Vivianne Hamik (Year 11) has completed her first work-placement for Business Services, practising the skills learnt in class at the reception of the Aquatic Centre, thanks to the initiative of Ms Brunet. Vivianne is in the process of acquiring a working role at the Centre in the reception section.

We express our sincere thanks to Kayla Fletcher and the team of Royal Life Saving for providing the funding to pay for the training provided by Jenni, a most supportive coach and assessor. Thank you to David Burns for his great initiative to seek funding for BSC students. We also thank wholeheartedly, Pauline McCann, Centre Manager of Auburn Ruth Everuss Aquatic and Kristen Romero for providing unlimited access and some training to the students to build

their skills.

There have been many more BSC students working hard, training behind the scenes and we look forward to announcing their achievements once they have completed their courses. BSC is extremely grateful to the dedicated staff of ADSi and Belgravia Leisure for offering great training and work opportunities to our students. We thank former students, Rami (Suleiman) Botani, Eisha Yawarish, Fareed Murad Hanna and current Year 12 Marko Chiba who have shown a positive performance and created a good reputation for BSC with its hardworking students. Rami has been the best guardian of all new BSC students who have recently joined the team of staff at Belgravia Leisure, the management group operating Auburn Ruth Everuss Aquatic Centre.

### Ms Pascalis & Ms Brunet



## STARTTS Celebrates its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Ms Rahimi and Ms Pascalis attended the STARTTS 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration event on 20<sup>th</sup> September. This was a mammoth and eventful day given the extensive team of people who have served the ever growing refugee and asylum seeker communities over three decades. The day included inspiring and reflective speeches from key figures, musical performances and personal anecdotes from some high achieving refugees and asylum seekers. BSC is highly grateful for the counselling and workshop services that STARTTS has offered its students and staff for about ten years. We are especially grateful to Lina Ishu, Nercy Clark and Rachelle Coe who have worked closely to provide effective counselling to our

students and informative workshops ranging from refugee/asylum seeker awareness to self-grooming/ hair & make-up workshops.

We continue to welcome in the future, the great initiatives that STARTTS offers to BSC.

**M Pascalis**



Ms Pascalis and Ms Rahimi at the STARTTS 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

advised putting down cardboard to kill the grass, then putting mulch on top of the cardboard and planting the plants directly into the mulch. This is a natural and safe alternative to using sprays and chemicals.



More is planned for the garden, including a birdbath or flowers for the pot in the middle, pavers and possibly park benches and bird boxes. It is hoped that this area will make a great and natural contribution to the college focus on Mental Health. I would like to thank all those teachers who graciously donated their cardboard boxes. I would also like to thank Ho, the GA, for his assistance with the mulch and the bricks, as well as the beach chairs. With the planting, the library has also been composting veggies and fruit scraps. Thank you to everyone, especially Hospitality, the canteen, Mr Terzic, Ms Meissner, teachers and students, who have donated their veggie and fruit scraps, and shredded paper. Looking good.

## Library Report

### Lots going on

This term a lot has been going on in the library. The new sofa and the two armchairs that were ordered last term finally arrived. It is hoped that the new furniture will encourage more collaboration, relaxation and reading for pleasure.



As well as in the library, much has been happening outside the library, especially the back. As part of their community greening program, the Canterbury-Bankstown Council donated a number of native plants to the BSC library. These have been planted out the back of the library and on the side of the library facing the carpark. In creating the garden, we received much assistance and guidance from Peter Dawe, the Youth Community Greening Coordinator, of the Botanic Gardens & Centennial Parklands. He



I would also like to thank all the teachers and staff who donated their Woolworths seed kits to the library. They have been started and it is hoped that we will be able to plant them out in raised garden beds.

**Mr Lowe**

**Bankstown Senior College  
Presentation Day  
10<sup>th</sup> December 2019  
Bankstown Senior College Hall**



## BSC Students and Community

What an exciting opportunity to attend the 2019 FECCA conference in Tasmania! FECCA celebrated their 40 year anniversary. We were lucky to learn from some amazing Australians and develop our skills.

In addition to the conference we were able to visit some places in Tasmania where we learnt more about Australian history, culture and geography; including Tasmania Museum, National Parks, MONA, Mt Wellington and Cataract Gorge.

Thank you to Auburn Diversity Services Inc.

By Kamila Asghari and Benazir Alizada EFS and Prep Class



Benazir, Alison and Kamila at the FECCA Conference

## Auburn Diversity Services Inc (ADSi)

Every term 10 male and female students are given the opportunity to take part in swimming lessons after school hours at the Auburn Aquatic Centre, run by ADSi.

BSC is working closely with ADSi to support our students on their journey to become swim teachers. Recently Nargis Haidari Received a job offer from Auburn Aquatic Centre.



Some of BSC students who have taken part in Learn to Swim program over the past year

Last term Karmeen Yalda, a Year 12 student was offering her time at ADSi to teach her amazing art skills to young kids in the community. Our school community is beyond proud of their achievements and wish them nothing but success for future endeavours.



ADSi also provides lots of school holiday programs for refugee youth. Our amazing BSC students took part in a variety of exciting physical and educational programs and workshops such as the First Aid course training to help build their skill set as well as Girls Kickstarter workshops.



## Lebanese Muslim Association (LMA) Thrive Youth Transition Support

We would also like to acknowledge the LMA who has organised various activities for our students such as Barista courses, Security, First Aid courses, Traffic Control and Forklift courses. These activities have aided many of our students in starting their careers and giving them a chance to gain experience for part time employment. Recently LMA started their Sobhiya Make-up workshop with a group of newly arrived female youth. The program created a space for participants to explore the beauty industry by learning how to apply make-up professionally. If you would like to find out more or join the program please contact **Ms Rahimi**.



## Year 12 Report

The last week of term three was the finale for Year 12. Starting on Monday with a picnic, continuing on Wednesday with the graduation and ending close to midnight on the Thursday with the formal.

The picnic at Western Sydney Parklands, Plough and Harrow was an enormous success. Luckily the weather turned out perfectly and as usual the whole group got into ball games, walking, dancing and an eating marathon. It was an excellent way to begin the week's celebration.

The Graduation on Wednesday proved to be another success with the whole year looking amazing and extremely well presented as their friends and family looked on.

The Formal ended the week as resounding success as Bankstown Senior College took to the dance floor and made the whole place rock for the whole night. The staff at the Rowers club were seriously impressed. I will seriously miss all of Year 12 as it has been an awesome three years working, playing and getting to know each other, so keep in touch.

**W. Russell**

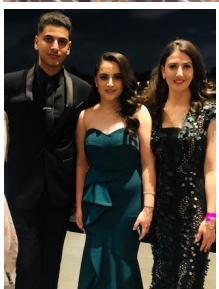
**Year Advisor**



## Year 12 Message to all the Teachers

Sometimes we forget the impact that the teachers have. Schools are busy places, and teachers are the busiest people. So it's not surprising that sometimes we miss out on chances to stop and reflect upon the influence that they wield over the student. Often, it's the little conversations, the easily-forgotten asides, the friendly smile or brief compliment that means the most to us.

Thank you for your patience. Thank you for your time. We can tell that you actually care about the students and whether they understand what you are teaching. Thank you for helping us with our homework. Thank you for staying behind to help us, even when we know there are lots of other places you'd rather be. Thank you for explaining things until we understand, we know that many of us had trouble understanding, but you never gave up on trying to teach us and making sure that we got it. Thank you for making us do our best!









## 2019 CALENDAR

*For your diary / notice board*

### Term Dates 2019:

Term 1:	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January - Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> April
Term 2:	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April - Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July
Term 3:	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July - Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September
Term 4:	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October - Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December

### Term 4: 2019

Girls Leadership Excursion Day1  
College Assembly  
Year 11/12 WSU Day Parramatta campus  
Prep/Year 10 and Year 11 History Classes Incursion  
Year 11 Business Services Work Placement  
Girls Leadership Excursion Day2  
Presentation Ceremony  
EFS Graduation  
ATAR/HSC Release

18 November  
19 November  
19 November  
25 November  
25-27 November  
2 December  
10 December  
11 December  
17 December

