

Northlakes High School Newsletter

"Opportunities for future success"



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From our Principal Ms Merrilyn Rowley

The staff at Northlakes High School are busily and actively working on all aspects of the end of a school year; assessments, marking, testing, reporting etc. They are also organising excursions and special events, with all sorts of important concepts to address – leadership, academic skills, sport, culture and recognition of success. Hopefully your student or ward is involved in some of these extra-curricular activities. Our committed Student Representative Council staff member, Mr Van Drempt, is guiding our hardworking SRC in their organisation of another whole school fundraising focus for breast cancer awareness; the Pink Day. This is a great 'fun' day with a serious outcome.

Facility Improvements

During the last school holidays, key areas of the school were improved:

- A spring dance floor has been installed in the creative arts building. This was financed by the Parents' and Citizens' Association and from school funds. It will mean all students studying Dance in the school have the highest quality student facility for dance.
- The floor in the hall has been resurfaced. We have also replaced broken shutters and painted surfaces. We are currently putting Wi-Fi into the hall; this is the last teaching place in the school to have this facility. It means the entire school is now 'teaching space'.

Indigenous Art Mural

Gosford Regional Gallery has been hosting a beautiful Aboriginal mural, which has been a travelling exhibition. Northlakes High School made a bid to be the permanent home for this exceptional exhibition, and we have been successful. A special thanks must go to Ms Byrnes and Ms Klenner for their application. We feel very privileged to be the custodians of this cultural piece.

Employability Skills

A high school has many functions, but ultimately we are trying to prepare students, as best we can, for their future as a worker for our nation. We have focused on some key 'employability' skills – which of course also helps their success at school. These are:

- Be prepared – have books for every lesson; pens and other required materials – and your laptop if you are in years 9 to 12
- Be on time – we have a system, fully supported by the senior executive, to ensure all students are in class within three minutes of the bell for class
- Be in uniform – we have daily checks. Shoes must conform to Work Health and Safety requirements, and full school uniform is expected
- Mobile phones, ipods etc – are not to be used in class time.

We are aware of a significant improvement in engagement in learning since we have introduced these strategies and publicly emphasised our expectations. All actions are aimed to improve student outcomes.

School Fees and Contributions

Nothing is free – and that includes education! Our school has set minimal fees for courses which use resources. Fees in subjects are used to pay the costs which students incur, and they vary; students doing some electives such as Food Technology, Agriculture, Art etc., obviously will be using materials to make things they can keep, whereas other subjects use less or cheaper materials.

The only one to benefit from you paying fees or contributions is your own child! Please make this a priority. If every student in this school paid all of their fees, the impact on our curriculum would be very significant. Fees or contributions may be paid in instalments. Students under significant hardship may apply for student assistance.

Thank you to the great majority who endeavour to pay all fees. Your support is highly appreciated.

Year 10

I am aware that some Year 10 students plan to have a private 'end of Year 10'. (However, there is no end). All students are required to be at school until they turn 17, unless they go to TAFE or another education institution or are placed in full time employment. In fact, very few will leave school at the end of this year. The Year 10 subjects completed will be part of their ROSA (Record of Student Achievement), the qualification they will achieve when they do leave school.

Staff changes

- Mr Winter has been absent due to medical reasons. In his absence, Ms Legge is relieving as Head Teacher Administration
- Ms Garner, a long term member of our office staff, recently gained a position with Newcastle Health. We wish her well and thank her for all her contributions to this school
- Ms Elizabeth Hewitt was a staff member in our Support Unit for many years. She has recently gained a Head Teacher Support Unit position at Callaghan Campus, Jesmond. We congratulate her for this success.

Support Unit

Once again, Mr Shevels has led a great team of gardeners to success! Our Support Unit has won the Wyong Garden competition!!

Mrs M Rowley
Principal

English Report

The English Faculty has been a very busy place so far this term with many different activities, examinations and workshops being run for students in Year 7 through to Year 12.

Over the past couple of weeks Miss Smith, Mrs Nowlinski and Mrs Reay have been running extended writing workshop with our local feeder primary schools to prepare students for high school and assist them with their extended response writing. This workshop focuses on persuasive writing and the TXXXC paragraph response method. We received excellent feedback once again from the Primary Schools and all students were highly engaged and enjoyed the set activities that were delivered throughout the two day workshop. This is now the

second year this has been running and we hope for many more as it assists students with transition and adjusting to high school expectations with writing.



Year 6 students from Blue Haven Primary in the Writing Workshop

The English HSC examinations are now well and truly over and we know all students performed to their personal best. It was excellent to see a number of Year 12 students utilising the library facilities for extra study time before the exam. Best of luck to all Year 12 students with their future endeavours. With four members of the English Faculty involved with HSC marking we are bound to receive some valuable information and advice for our 2013 Year 12 students.

The Year 12 classes for 2013 have begun their HSC studies with the Area of Study "Belonging" and already have a creative writing Assessment Task due. It is extremely important that all students begin working on this as soon as possible and submit the task by the due date, as it is the first major task for their HSC and will count towards their final result. Years 7-10 have been busy completing their Yearly Examinations and all students were well behaved and worked to their highest abilities during these exams.

Mrs Norris and Mr Burley have just completed a grammar workshop with Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 Gifted and Talented Students. All students were intensely trained on how to write to a high standard incorporating the correct grammar usage.

Miss M Smith
English Faculty

HSIE Report

This year we have decided to have staff input into our H.S.I.E. report. We have a number of staff willing to provide individual contributions as to their experiences at being teaching staff in this school. This therefore, is a real "grass roots" group presentation. The contributions have been as interesting as they have been varied. Comments have ranged from a "long term" Northlakes teacher views on changes, to a recent "Prac" student and her experiences. Now we will read and learn from each person's own direct comments.

Ms Hewett- When Mr. Gumley asked me to write a small piece for the H.I.S.E. Faculty on what it has been like to transition from a classroom teacher to the Careers' Adviser, it made me stop consider all of the changes that have occurred.

I have two senior classes still to teach. They are Senior Aboriginal Studies and Senior Business Studies and have to come first in my priority as a teacher, as they were about to finish their final year at school and to sit for the H.S.C. The adjustment was not as easy as I thought as there are always interruptions to class as students need careers help. I have been lucky to have Ms Gail Byrne there to assist with the students.

As the Careers' Adviser, I have found that students treat you differently a classroom teacher. They are more polite and willing to discuss what their needs are in terms of work and their future. Being a Careers' Adviser at a large school is completely different to the small school that I came from. The involvement with students, parents, carers and people from outside of the school community is higher and more immediate in demand.

Both positions are very demanding and have a high workload, which is both enjoyable and at times fun. Working with great staff also makes the workload enjoyable and fun.

Ms Moore- Excursions are a major part of the Northlakes High ethos. So far in 2012, the H.S.I.E.

faculty have provided students with the opportunity to visit the Australian museum in Sydney with our Year 7 classes and the Newcastle and Honeysuckle districts, plus Fort Scratchley with our Year 9 students. Year 10 went for a 'walk' through Sydney with a special emphasis on The Rocks area. In Term 4, we are planning to visit Maitland Gaol with Year 9 and hold an Ancient Egypt day with Year 7 and Year 8 will go to the zoo.

Excursions are a wonderful opportunity for our students to experience a holistic style of learning. Sights, sounds and smells always are an exciting to experience new places.

Ms Bromley- A long term teacher at Northlakes High School. I have been teaching at Northlakes High for 17 years. The biggest change I have seen is the impact of Technology. When I first started we did not have photocopiers, computers or even overhead projectors. There were not even many textbooks, so it was mainly "chalk and talk." I did have a slide projector and even today I still use it.

The students have not changed. They are still doing what they did 17 years ago, in exactly the same ratios. When I hear people saying that kids today are worse than before, I think of the ancient Greek philosopher Aristotle who complained that "the children of today have no respect for their elders". I love Northlakes and am looking forward to seeing what will happen in the next 17 years.

Ms Stevens- Prac Teaching at Northlakes High school has been a wonderful experience. I feel that I have learned a lot about teaching here. I can now say that I have worked with students with learning disabilities and behavioural issues as well as the gifted and talented, and many students in ordinary classes.

I love how the school has its own vegetable garden. My own high school did not have these things. The H.S.I.E. faculty has been very supportive towards me. This school provides wonderful opportunities for Prac Teachers and helps us in improving our teaching skills.

Ms Dean- Welcome back to Year 12 Business Studies. The start of the H.S.C. is an exciting time. We are very fortunate to have myself and Ms Hewett to team teach. This will provide additional learning opportunities for students and creative learning environment.

Tutorials are running every Wednesday from 2.30pm until 3.30pm. Attendance will definitely complement students' "in class" learning and H.S.C. progress.

This tutorial program is designed to help students achieve their own personal best results in the H.S.C.

Ms Campbell- Year 10 International Studies' students are nearing the end of their two elective courses. During this time we have learnt about world culture, religion, problems and legacies. We have researched Asian cultures, along with European and American traditions in sport, science and Travel. I have had the absolute pleasure of teaching these students for the last two years and can honestly say that this class has been a delight. Students are active participants, polite and motivated in the classroom. I have seen them grow into thoughtful young adults, who are questioning and researching the ways of the world. We will be going on a final excursion in the latter weeks of this term, to the Chinese Gardens in Darling Harbour. It will be my way of thanking these delightful students for the hard work that they have put into their studies. I am pleased to announce that there is another Year 9 elective class commencing in 2013. Hopefully these students will enjoy the course as much as I and other colleagues enjoy teaching it.

Ms Ewer- In 2002, I completed my H.S.C. at Northlakes High School. I did not go to University straight away, as I was unsure of what profession I wanted to enter. When I finally settled upon teaching, I completed my final internship at Northlakes. Currently I am in my second year of permanent teaching and I am still at Northlakes. It sounds like I don't want to leave the place and in reality, I don't. Northlakes is the kind of school where I have been fortunate enough to work with amazing people, who have helped me settle in as a teacher. I am in the position, where because I have lived in the community and have gone to the same school, the kids can relate to me. It is always amusing to see the kids' faces when I tell them that "Mrs Rowley was my teacher too!"

Again a special thanks to all the H.S.I.E staff who have provided their own personal insight into the life and times of teaching at Northlakes High. A real "square jawed" group effort. To me, their reflections, observations and humour, have made this article both an interesting, reflective and informative read.

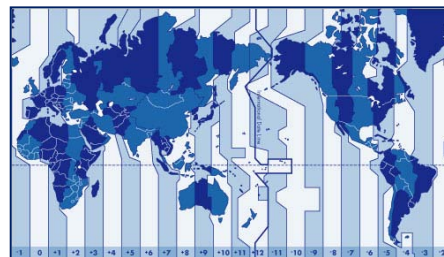
Mr. R. R. Gumley.
HSIE Faculty

Languages Report

Year 12 Japanese class of 2012 have now completed their HSC exam and I am sure that they gave it their best effort. We wish these students the

very best in whatever they choose to do next, whether it be further study, work or travel.

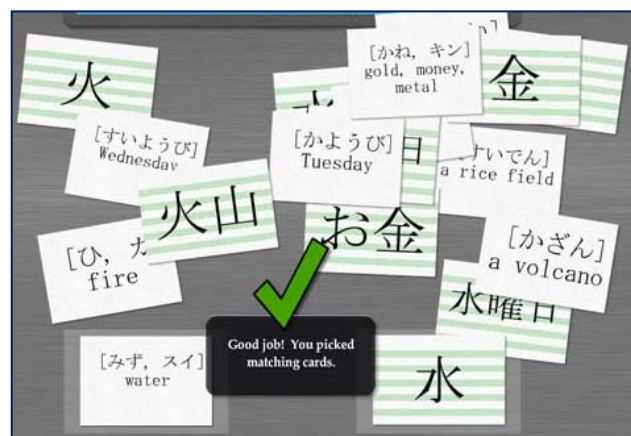
Year 11 students have begun the HSC course. They are currently in the process of recording a speech on their laptops as their first assessment task. Their topic is 'Where I Live'.



Year 7 students of Japanese have just completed a unit of work on 'Food and Shopping'. Most were very interested to find that fast food outlets such as McDonalds exist in Japan. We compared prices and menus with those in Australian outlets.



Indonesian language students in Year 7 have worked extremely well on dates and times. Students enjoyed creating birthday invitations and calendars in Indonesian. They also looked at the time zone differences between Sydney, Perth, Bali and Jakarta. I was very impressed that the addition of daylight savings did not cause them any problems in this task.



All students should continue to revise vocabulary and grammatical structures at home on a regular basis. Making flash cards is one effective method of internalising new vocabulary.

Mrs Davis and Mr MacKinnon
Languages Faculty

TAS Report

So who said Term 4 would quieten down? The TAS faculty is very busy with all of our classes working hard towards meeting our subject objectives. Here are just some of the interesting tasks our teachers and students are applying themselves to at the moment:

This week Mrs Bath's Year 11 Hospitality class is completing their final work placement requirement and initial reports are very positive. However, it is back to school work next week so students can successfully complete their trade qualifications and prepare for the HSC.

Mrs Mayo and Mrs McArthur's Year 9 Textiles class have finished their patchwork quilts and the pictures here present the quality products they created. They have progressed



through the design phase and are now starting to make their 'accessories' bags. The design ideas the students have come up with are very

interesting with one student opting to make a laptop bag and others making equally useful bags with amazingly clever designs. We look forward to sharing some photos of the finished products as soon as they are completed.

Mr Bayada and his Year 10 students are also working extremely well in their Woodwork projects. A couple of Principal's awards were presented this week with students having made some excellent quality wall clocks. More Woodwork projects are still being completed and we are all excited with the progress so



far. Mr Bayada's Year 8 students are making foot stools as their Woodwork project and the students are working well to make sure they complete the task on time and to an excellent standard. The work is really impressive!

Still in Woodwork, Year 12 students are now starting their major projects. Some students have already decided on the item they are going to construct but some are still trying to make up their minds. So if you are a parent of any of the Year 12 woodwork students, please help them to finalise the decisions they need to make.

Also pictured are some of the senior woodwork students using the new computer centre in B Block to do some research for their major design projects.



Mrs Mayo and Mr O'Mahoney's Year 11 Accelerated Hospitality class students (this is an after school hours, 2 year course condensed into 1 year) have just completed their HSC exam and the students all feel that they performed to their personal best. This will make their HSC year a little bit easier as they will already have achieved 2 HSC units. The students will be back next week to finish the remainder of their competencies. It is important that they continue to keep up their attendance so that they achieve the required number of hours to be awarded their Certificate II in Hospitality Commercial Cookery.

Another event this week was for Mrs McArthur and Mr O'Mahoney to attend an evening presentation of information to students who have enrolled in the 2013 Accelerated Hospitality class. We also took this opportunity to have the students fitted for their chef's uniforms (Personal Protective Equipment) which are expected to be delivered within 2-3 weeks. It was great to see how enthusiastic the new cohort is about this highly sought after trade they aspire to achieve.

Places are still available in the 2013 accelerated class and it should be noted that, while it provides students with a Certificate II in Hospitality, it can also

be used to count towards an ATAR for University entry. Contact the school for more information.

Mrs Garside's Year 10 Child Studies students are participating in a very interesting topic right now; they are researching and creating a scrap book incorporating information related to IVF, surrogacy, adoption and fostering. We hope to have this work on show at our next school open day. It is intended to showcase the various services available and the difficulties prospective parents face when they need to become involved with these processes.

Finally, on a very important note, **FULLY ENCLOSED LEATHER SHOES are ABSOLUTELY required** in order for students to participate in **PRACTICAL LESSONS**. This is a **NSW LEGAL (OH&S) REQUIREMENT**. The canvas and other open, non-leather shoes worn by students are not acceptable and should not be worn to school. Not having the correct enclosed leather shoes prevents students from successfully participating in and completing their subject requirements.

Mr G O'Mahoney
TAS Faculty

Support Unit Report

The IOTAS concert at Newcastle Panthers Club was a great success. The students of the IOJ class danced to 'Click Go the Shears'. A big thankyou goes to Mrs Hillock, Mrs Thomlinson, Mrs Bannister and Maggie Smith for a great day. Also a big thankyou to the parents that attended, your support is always appreciated.

Some of the senior students attended a Career Expo at Windale PCYC. Thankyou to Mr Quodling, The students found the day enjoyable and informative.

In the holidays some of our senior students and staff attended the Wyong Shire Garden Competition presentation. They were presented with first prize in the schools' culinary garden competition. This is a great achievement as they were competing against several local schools. A special thanks goes to Mrs Eyes for her wooden burning expertise, as she helped make garden signs for us.

Support Faculty

PDHPE Report

With summer nearly upon us, a reminder for all families in our school community that as the weather becomes warmer, students will need to come

prepared for practical lessons. This includes the correct PE uniform, hats, water and sun block-out. The PDHPE Faculty has a basic supply of sun block available for any student who forgets to bring this.

During Term 4 PDHPE practical lessons move to more traditional summer pursuits. Softball and Cricket are our main focus through Years 7 – Year 10. The majority of students have embraced this and most of our lessons are running smoothly.

Mr Thomas continues to do a terrific job with the recess European Handball competition. Motivation and participation levels are high and the great majority of students in the hall, both playing and watching, are enjoying the games, behaving very well and keeping the hall in a tidy state.

The hall is starting to look terrific after having maintenance carried out on it. The shutters on the windows have been fixed, paintwork has been carried out on the stage area and the floor has been lacquered. Thanks to Mr Reed, our school General Assistant, who has been heavily involved in getting this completed.

Mr Brad Glachan
Head Teacher PDHPE.

Sport Report

The next item on the sporting horizon is the 2012 edition of the Premier's Sporting Challenge Sports Leadership program. The Leading with Action phase is for students in Years 9-12, and will take place at Lake Macquarie High School on Wednesday November 14th. The Leading with Action students will participate in PSC SL coach/official accreditation workshops at which time students will be able to gain two beginner level coaching certificates. The skills learnt on this day are then used for the Learning to Lead program for Years 5-8 students in March 2013. Essentially, our Year 9-12 leaders conduct coaching workshops for the Year 5-8 students, who will one day become a Premier's Sporting Challenge leaders themselves. Check out "You're the Coach" to see how the program has developed to date.

<http://youtu.be/a4MQaqqbiE0>

The following week, on Tuesday 20th November we have the annual Central Coast Mariners Gala Day, held for the first time at the impressive Soccer5's at Tuggerah. This is an U/15 football gala, played in a 7-a-side format for boys and a 5-a-side format for girls. As well as a minimum of 4x30 minute games of fun and enjoyment, each player will receive 1

complementary ticket to the Central Coast Mariners v Brisbane Roar match on Sunday 25th November at Bluetongue Stadium, kick off 5pm. For more information about Soccer5's, please visit www.soccer5s.com.

Finally, Wyong Golf Club is hosting the Central Coast Schoolboy and Schoolgirl Championship on Monday 3rd December. It is an 18 hole stroke play event, with entries closing on Friday 23rd November. All interested students are to see Mr Mansfield ASAP.

Mr M. Mansfield
Sport Co-ordinator

Welfare Report

Another very busy term in welfare!

Transition from Year 6 to Year 7 is in full swing preparing for 2013. Ms Byrnes and Ms Klenner are working very hard to welcome our new Year 7 students.

Congratulations to Mr Hextell who will be the new Year 12 Adviser for 2013. He will replace Mrs Jephson as she enters the world of motherhood.

The Year 7 and Year 10 Immunisation program for 2012 is complete. Thank you to all staff involved and parents for returning paperwork promptly.

Term Four presentation days will be as follows:

Year 11 Thursday Week 6 9am
Year 9 and 10 Wednesday 12/12/12 9am
Year 7 and 8 Wednesday 12/12/12 11.30

All parents and guests are welcome to celebrate their student's successes in 2012.

Mrs Kennedy Head Teacher Welfare

Year 7 Report

Year 7 have had a wonderful start to Term 4! All classes are working well and students are busily revising their subjects before Yearly Examinations in Week 4 and Week 5. Students are encouraged to study and ensure they are well prepared for their examinations. Reports will be handed out to students later on in the term.

The Year 7 Presentation Day is occurring on Wednesday 12th December at 9am. Students will be recognised for their outstanding achievements at school this year. I encourage parents of students

who receive an invitation to come and witness their children receive well deserved recognition.

Students are reminded of the inaugural Ancient Egypt Day! This is to take place on the 5th December. Students will receive a permission note shortly. I encourage all students to participate in the day...it looks to be so much fun!!

I am organising an end of year Excursion – hopefully to take place in Week 9 or Week 10. This is to reward students for the wonderful effort they have produced during their first year of high school. Students will be advised of the date and location. As I am mindful not to place financial stress on families during December, the excursion will attempt to be cost efficient!

Once again, I am thoroughly enjoying being the Year 7 Year Advisor. Although this year has proven challenging, I am enjoying creating close bonds to the 194 Year 7 students at Northlakes High. Parents are reminded that they can contact me on 43900555. I will aim to get back to you as soon as possible.

Regards,

Ms Erin Campbell
Year 7 Adviser

Year 8 Report

Firstly, I would like to wish all of Year 8 the best of luck in their upcoming exams and assessments. Reports will be written with these results in mind so it is important to spend time revising at home. Please ask your classroom teacher for catch up work if you have missed lessons for any reason.

Safety is a priority at Northlakes High School. It has been noted that many Year 8 students are not wearing the correct shoes to school. **Black leather shoes** are the standard and it is expected that every student, every day, will be in the correct footwear. Students may not be able to participate in practical lessons if they do not meet this requirement. Canvas shoes are not acceptable. If for any reason you cannot have the correct footwear on a particular day a note must be written by parents/caregivers with an explanation.

On a happier note, I would encourage all students to hand in permission forms for the Illawarra excursion in 2013. It will be a fun and educational experience. Progress payments can be made at the student window during recess and lunch breaks.

Mrs Fiona Davis
Year 8 Adviser (relieving)

Year 9 Report

As the weather is warming up, a number of Year 9 students, primarily boys are beginning to 'shed' their school shirts in favour of other T-shirts. As all students are members of the Northlakes High School Community, it is expected that all students will be dressed in the Northlakes uniform, all the time that they are at school. I encourage all parents and guardians to please monitor the uniforms being worn by the students before they leave for school. Some girls' skirts are very short. Leggings or stockings worn without a skirt is totally unacceptable.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the large number of new comers to Northlakes High School and hope that they enjoy their time here at Northlakes. My door in the HSIE staffroom is always open and I will do my best alleviate any problems that may arise.

On a more positive note the proposed excursion to Tasmania in 2013 still has room for expressions of interest from students. I would encourage students whose families are considering participating or would like to find out more information about the trip to see me at their earliest convenience so that the wheels for this excursion can be set in motion. Please don't let this opportunity pass your students by.

Mr Ed Seaby
Year 9 Adviser

Year 10 Report

Year 10 have had a very productive start to Term 4. All Year 10 students should be studying for their Yearly Examinations and finalising assessment tasks for their RoSA.

It is important to note that all Year 10 students are required by the DEC to attend school until the end of this term. Students no longer leave school early as there is no School Certificate. All students need to apply themselves in all subjects until end of Term 4. There is also no school formal as there is no early finish for Year 10.

The Year 10 Presentation Assembly will be held with Year 9, on the 12th December 2012. An invitation will be sent home with all students who are receiving an award. We look forward to seeing our parents and caregivers supporting their students.

Respect, responsibility and personal best are three areas we focus on at Northlakes High School. As Year 10 Advisor I would like Year 10 to focus on their uniform, being prepared for classes and their overall attitude to school. Term 4 is important for Year 10 to do their personal best in their subjects as these grades will be on their Year 11 and Year 12

certificates. Please contact me if you have any queries regarding this.

Something else I would encourage parents/carers to discuss with their child is the use of mobile phones and iPods in classrooms. It is against school policy to use these electronic devices during class time. If they are caught using them they will be sent to a Deputy Principal, who will contact parents/carers to come to the school to collect these devices.

Please contact me if there are any concerns with Year 10 students by phone on 43 900555 or email jodene.garside@det.nsw.edu

Mrs Jodene Garside
Year 10 Adviser

Year 11 Report

The beginning of Term 4 signifies the start of the HSC year for students moving from Year 11 into Year 12. Students have been issued with an assessment schedule for the next 12 months, plus a week by week calendar outlining the assessment tasks due or taking place this week. It would be a good idea to highlight the tasks for the subjects that your child studies and have this in a spot where it can be viewed regularly. For those parents who are experiencing the HSC for the first time, the HSC mark at the end of next year is not all about the exam. 50% of the marks come from school assessment tasks, and 50% are from the HSC exams. It is incredibly important that these tasks are completed to the best of your child's ability and on time so they can maximise their achievement in their Higher School Certificate.

Most of Year 11 (or Year 12 as they are now known) are looking fabulous in their senior jackets. Thank you to the parents and families who supported this, I think the students are very happy with them. Unfortunately there are still 4 students who are yet to pay the full amount for their jacket and have not yet received them. It would be greatly appreciated if this payment could be finalised as soon as possible.

The Year 11 presentation assembly will take place in Week 6 – Thursday 15th November at 9am in our school hall. I would like to extend an invitation to parents and families to recognise the achievements of the students.

Lastly, congratulations to the student leaders for 2013 who have taken on their roles this term and are making positive contributions to the school already.

Mrs Lara Jephson
Year 11 Adviser

P&C

The next , and last P&C Meeting will be held on 13th November at in the Language Centre. We would love to see as many Parent/Caregivers as possible, as this is the last one for the year. Please take the time to come along and find out what is happening at your school.

UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop is open every Friday from 9:30 till 11:00am. We are well stocked, for junior and senior uniforms, and we are now selling senior skirts for \$40.00.

For your convenience we have the uniform order form on our webpage (under Our School tab), you can print it out, and have 2 options:-

1. Send the order form with your child, and the correct money to the Canteen Supervisor, for collection at a later time, or
2. You can direct deposit the amount into this bank account:-

Northlakes High School P&C Canteen

BSB: 032

Account: 228460

- a. Print off an order form, write the payment receipt number on the order form, and either send it to the canteen with your child, or,
- b. Scan the order into an e-mail, and send it to nhschcanteen@westnet.com.au, and your child can pick it up at a later time.

We are always looking for volunteers of a Friday morning to help out with serving in our uniform shop. If you feel as though you can help out, please call Angela on 43 900 555.

CANTEEN

If you are thinking of volunteering your time for next year, please contact Leanne on 43 908 751. The canteen has an incentive scheme, where the volunteers will receive a \$5 voucher to be spent in the canteen on the day, and lunch is also provide

ARE YOU NOT QUITE READY TO GO ON AN EXCHANGE?

Or. Do you want your family to share in your exchange experience and return the favour of being hosted by a family while on your exchange?

WELL, IT'S EASY...BECOME A VOLUNTEER HOST FAMILY!

Each year there are hundreds of students

from around the world who choose to visit

Australia. You can be a part of the experience

by welcoming an exchange student into your home.

Our students bring with them their own spending money, health insurance and a wonderful attitude and desire to learn about their new host country. Your whole family....and your relatives and friends....will grow and learn as you all get to know your new 'son' or 'daughter' from another land. If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today.

To hear more about this wonderful opportunity or our student exchange programs out of Australia log onto www.studentexchange.org.au or call us on 1300 135 331.

NORTHLAKES HIGH SCHOOL SHOE POLICY

The NSW Department of Education and Trainings' guideline in relation to safe footwear in school is determined by Work, Health and Safety requirements. These prohibit students participating in practical activities in school if they are not wearing substantial footwear deemed safe by the department.

Unsafe shoes include those with openings, platforms or high heels and are made from unprotective, open weave materials such as canvas, mesh and cotton. These include slip on styles such as Vans.

The Northlakes High School Policy on shoes has been developed to follow all of these requirements.

School shoes are to be ALL BLACK! The entire foot is to be enclosed by the shoe, including the upper section of the foot. The shoe is to have firm leather uppers and the shoe is to have low heels and lace up, Velcro or full cover front.

Examples of correct shoes



Examples of unsafe shoes



ENFORCEMENT

Students wearing incorrect shoes will not be allowed to participate in practical lessons. Practical lessons are a compulsory component for many subjects and students not complying with the shoe policy risk a non award. This may mean missing out on a ROSA, Preliminary Certificate or HSC or having to repeat a course. Continued refusal to comply will result in discipline measures according to the School Discipline Policy.

Could all parents and caregivers ensure their children are wearing the correct footwear at the commencement of the 2013 school year. There is financial assistance available for families who may require support in this matter. Please contact the school for further enquires.

Thank you for your cooperation.



NORTHLAKES HIGH SCHOOL PLANNER TERM 1, 2013

	Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/ SUN
January February	1A	28 Australia Day	29 Staff Dev Day Uniform Shop open 9-11am	30 Year 7, 11 & 12 start	31 Year 8, 9 & 10 start	1	2/3
February	2B	4	5	6	7	8	9/10
February	3A	11 School Photos	12	13	14	15	16/17
February	4B	18 back up school photos	19	20	21	22	23/34
February	5A	25	26	27	28	1	2/3
February/ March	6B	4	5 P&C Meeting 3:30pm in Language Centre	6	7	8	9/10
March	7A	11	12	13	14	15	16/17
March	8B	18	19	20	21	22	23/34
March	9A	25	26	27	28	29 Good Friday	30/31
March	10B	1 Easter Monday	2	3	4	5	6/7
April	11A	8	9	10	11	12	12/14
April		15	16	17	18	19	20/21

Uniform shop opens every Friday 9:30am – 11:00am

**HOST FAMILIES NEEDED IN JANUARY
EXPERIENCE ANOTHER CULTURE IN 2013
IMPROVE YOUR LANGUAGE STUDIES AT HOME**

In January 2013 Student Exchange Australia New Zealand Ltd will be receiving exchange students from Europe, Canada, the USA, Japan and Latin America. Our new arrivals will live with a volunteer host family and attend a local school for 2-10 months.

I would like to inform Northlakes High School students and their families about this exciting opportunity to experience a different culture without having to leave their homes. It's a great way for them to learn about a new country and share an unforgettable experience with the entire family!

Host families come in all shapes and sizes, backgrounds and ages. To this end, we would be grateful if you would place a notice in your newsletter/bulletin or mention it on your website. Please note that all our host families are interviewed in their homes and carefully checked for suitability.

Thousands of volunteer families have enjoyed hosting a visiting teenager from another country. Many of them come back every year and host again. By opening their home and hearts, to an international exchange student, families can also:

All students have at least basic levels of English, would attend a school in your local area and live the life of a local. Our group of students cover a wide variety of interests and hobbies. If you would like to provide your students, parents or language/music teachers with further information on our inbound students you can also download some student profiles in PDF Format. This is just a small sample of all the students who will be arriving. Our staff members will be happy to discuss which student might be best suited to a family.

Hosting an exchange student can be a truly rewarding experience. It allows a family to experience a foreign culture first hand, be exposed to a new language and pass on a bit of our own culture. They might even make a friend for life!

"Becoming a Host family for an international student has been much more than we expected. We thought it would be great for our kids to learn a little about another language and maybe something about another country. Instead, we gained another family member and some great new friends, her parents from Germany. We get to show off our country and learn so much about hers. What a fantastic experience for all of us." Melissa, Host Mum

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is a not-for-profit secondary exchange organisation which is registered with education & regulatory authorities in each State and Territory. You can find out more about our organisation by visiting www.studentexchange.org.au.

If students and their families have any questions about hosting an exchange student or would like to view profiles of students arriving from other countries, they can respond to this email, call our office on 1300 135 331 or visit our website. Our staff members will be happy to discuss which student might be best suited to their family. No obligation.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

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