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Principal's Report



Youth Partnership Awards

Congratulations to Year 12 students Anton Ligovski and Hannah Ip Shun Hing for being nominated by Youth Partnerships for a VET Excellence Award in Entertainment and Tourism (Events). Anton and Hannah will be presented their awards on the 1st September 2022 at the Parliament of NSW

in Sydney.



State Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to two of our students who have made it through to the State Athletics Carnival.

- Indiah Roberts (Year 12) for Girls 17-19 Triple Jump
- Georgie Latanis (Year 11) for Girls 16 Years Discus Throw 1kg.



Year 12 Trial HSC Examinations

In Week 4, Year 12 began part of the final journey of their schooling life with the start of the HSC Trial Examinations. In speaking with many Year 12 students over the past couple of weeks, I am overwhelmed with the outstanding dedication and commitment they have displayed towards their studies. Good luck to every student as the examinations continue until the end of Week 6.

Year 11 Yearly Examinations

Year 11 Yearly Examinations are scheduled for Term 3 Weeks 9 and 10. Timetables have been emailed to students and parents. Please discuss with your son / daughter the importance of being prepared for this examination period and seek support from their teachers if required.

Attendance

As partners together and in acknowledging your vested interest in your child's education, we are asking for your support in maximising learning time at Georges River College Oatley Senior Campus.

Attendance at school increases engagement in learning. Please support this by ensuring that students are coming to school on time and avoiding leaving early. If possible, try and arrange for appointments outside of school hours. Three minutes lost per day accounts for three absent days per year and thirty minutes lost a day account for eighteen days loss of learning per year.

PROCEDURES FOR ATTENDANCE

The most efficient way to notify the school of your child's absence is as follows:

For whole-day absences when your child is sick or unable to come to school, please use:

- 'Sentral for Parents' app.
- Wait and respond to the school text message informing you of your child's absence. An absence of 5 days or more requires a completed application form for extended leave to be submitted. This application form can be obtained from reception.

- If it is unavoidable that your child must leave early, please ensure that your child provides the Administration Office with a signed note on their arrival to school.
- Students will need to show their ID Card when signing in late or leaving early.

Stay Healthy HSC Hub

Be kind to your mind and focus on your wellbeing needs during the HSC with resources from our partner ReachOut Australia and others.

Visit the Stay Healthy HSC Hub for tips and strategies -

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/stay-healthy-hsc?q=>



Facebook and Instagram

A reminder to follow us on social media. Please like both our Facebook and Instagram pages.

Links are below.

<https://www.facebook.com/grcoatleyseniorcampus/>

<https://www.instagram.com/grcoatleysenior/>

School Website

Last year we also launched our new website. Please take them time to look at the information available to parents.

<https://oatleysnr-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/>



CAPA Report

GRC COMBINED CONCERT BAND

The GRC Combined Concert Band meets every 3 weeks for a joint rehearsal on Tuesday afternoons. The ensemble welcomes all players from beginner to advanced, from across all 4 campuses of GRC. If you are interested, please contact Mrs Pryce for more details.

NEXT REHEARSAL: Week 5 – 16th August, 4.00pm – 5.30pm

GRC MUSIC BOOT CAMP DAY

On Wednesday 27th July, GRC hosted its first ever cross-campus Music Boot Camp day at the Oatley Senior Campus. Music programs in all schools have been hit hard by two years of lockdowns and restrictions on playing in ensembles, so the aim of the day was to get our students back into playing live music together. With the support of a Minister's Arts Recovery Grant, we were able to host the dynamic **Hot Potato Band** for the day, along with **Ben Adams** from **Castronaut** as a guest tutor for rock band students.

In an email to Mrs Pryce, HPB Education director Peter Orenstein said: *"It was honestly an honour to visit Georges River College and work with the students and yourself. We hope we provided a great experience that inspired your students. They were so much fun and very talented!"*

The day kicked off with an exciting and interactive concert presented by HPB, which had students (and some teachers) on their feet, singing along and everyone smiling as they performed their unique blend of jazz, contemporary and pop music.

For the midday sessions, Ben Adams took elective students to the music studio to run a session on how rock bands set up,

balance sound, new pedal technology and effective rehearsal techniques. Vocal students worked with the lead singer of HPB to learn a group song and about how to perform with 'presence'. Meanwhile, band students jammed with the rest of HPB on their song "Thick". Then the vocal and band students combined to perform "Thick" and create our very own GRC Music video of the performance.

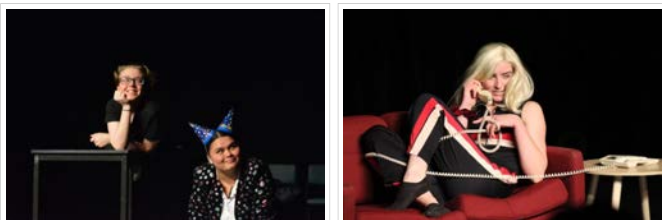
After a well earned lunch break students returned to their venues to further workshop skills. Rock students worked on a Weezer song with Ben, while vocal and band students worked with HPB to learn a traditional New Orleans call and response song. Then students were able to participate in an advanced improvisation workshop in using the major and minor blues scales.

While the learning was important, the most fantastic aspect of the day was seeing students enjoying live music, jamming together and making new friends across campuses. Everyone was supportive of each other as they tried out their skills in improvisation and performance. Many thanks must go to the supporting teachers on the day: Mr Kambouris (Peakhurst campus), Mr Wilmhurst (Hurstville campus), Mrs Lynch (Oatley Campus) and the event coordinator Mrs Pryce (Oatley campus).



CAPA HSC SHOWCASE

Week 3 saw the long-awaited return of the annual CAPA Showcase! The event featured performances by HSC Music and Drama students. There was a wealth of talent on display with students presenting entertaining, funny and thought-provoking pieces. Behind the scenes, the 11 VET Entertainment class were working hard to keep everything running smoothly under the watchful eye of our Year 12 Stage Manager, Anton Ligovski. Thanks to Mr Gerrard, Mrs Lynch and Mrs Pryce for organising the Showcase event.



Year 12 students in CAPA are working furiously to finish off their Major works and Performances. Students in Dance and Drama are reminded that their HSC exams overlap with their Trial exam period – check with your teacher for dates and information regarding HSC exams! Here are some suggestions as to what students need to be working on:

Music 1 – rehearse performances, complete compositions, create a playlist of aural samples for viva voces, type up your viva voce outline, make sure all backing tracks are downloaded and saved.

Drama – rehearse Individual Performance, meet up with your Group Performance members, scripts, create final version of projects and update your logbook for all projects.

Visual Arts and Ceramics – complete or further extend work on your Body of Work, update VAPD.

Dates for submission:

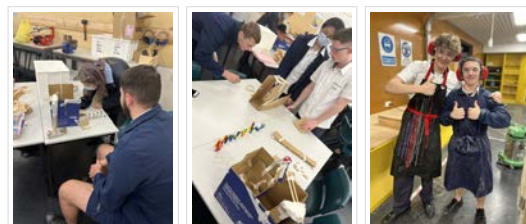
Subject	HSC Examination
Dance	Week 4, 11th and 12th August
Drama	Week 6, Term 3 Submitted projects: 22nd August Performance exam: 23rd August
Music 1	Week 8, Term 3
Visual Arts	Week 7, Term 3 (Submission)

TAS REPORT

This term in Design and Technology Year 11 have been investigating the work of designers and applying the design process to mini projects. Students have designed and constructed a Rube Goldberg machine while learning to work collaboratively in teams. A Rube Goldberg machine is a complex contraption designed to complete a simple task. The machine uses a set of tasks that work in succession and trigger one event after another until the final event.

"Doing something simple in a very complicated way that is not necessary."

Students have also begun working on In Design to learn the skills in preparation for their Major Design Process. Great work Year 11, keep up the hard work.



VET REPORT

This term in VET Hospitality Food and Beverage students have been studying non-alcoholic beverages, the different techniques and their properties to create a range of drinks. So far the most popular for staff was the mango tango with the popcorn caramel milkshake a favourite for students.



We could love you try our recipes at home.

NAIDOC Week

The national NAIDOC theme for 2022, Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!, pays respect to a proud history of resistance and activism by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

To honour our First Nations peoples, our Year 11 Aboriginal Studies class worked with Dean, a local Indigenous artist, to create a unique artwork for our school. Students participated in a Yarning circle to learn about the history of the area and worked on a collaborative artwork.

The week finished with a morning tea to acknowledge this work and the earlier work of our students in creating a permanent mural. The food was made using native ingredients and was beautifully presented by our Hospitality classes. The amazing work and research of Mrs Jamieson was greatly appreciated.

We would like to thank our local community and parents for supporting this important event. A special acknowledgement for Mrs Shareen Bhuiyan, who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make this week run smoothly. We couldn't have done it without you.

