Principal's Report

Welcome back to term 2, traditionally a busy one for everyone, particularly our showcase performers.

Showcase
It's that time of the year again when our students' talents are on display at our Showcase concert series. Details of the program are included in this newsletter. I look forward to seeing you there.

Parent teacher nights
Our two Parent-Teacher nights were held over the last month. As always we seek to improve these important events and are in the process of evaluation. If you have suggestions we would appreciate your feedback at this month’s P&C meeting.

USA Dance Tour
As you are aware, during March I accompanied our talented students on our US Dance tour. A brief rundown of the trip was:

- A week in New York where the students had lessons at the Alvin Alley studios
- 2 days at the Booker T Washington School of the Performing and Creative Arts in Dallas Texas, where students and teachers shared experiences, classes and performances.
- 5 days at the USA National High School Dance Festival in Miami where our students performed brilliantly at the 2 Gala Concerts, and attended classes and seminars. Three of our senior students also auditioned for places at American Universities and Colleges for 2010-11. All of whom were successful in gaining offers of placement for a number of institutions.

Georgette Sofatsis will be taking up a full 4 year scholarship at the prestigious New World School of the Arts in Miami later this year

The stunning achievements of our students are obviously the result of a lot of talent and hard work from them and their teachers (both on tour and back here at school). We should all be justifiably proud.

Thank you to out-going P&C Executive.
As you are probably aware, Darren Mitchell has been elected as the new P&C President and many new parents have joined the P&C Executive. The nature of schools allows for this type of positive generational change and constant renewal. I am very much looking forward to working with the new team.

Many thanks go to those outgoing members of the executive for your commitment to the school over recent years. Particular thanks to outgoing President, Steven Allen. Steven’s advice and support have been invaluable and much appreciated in my five years as Principal.

China Tour
Over 100 students and staff will be attending the Sydney Region tour of China in late September this year. The tour will include travel, school visits and performances in Yangzhou, Nanjing, and Zhengzhou, with the highlight being performances at the Shanghai World Expo. Congratulations to those students selected and we look forward to hearing more about the tour in coming months.

School reports
Term 2 is the term of reports. Year 12 reports are currently being written and will be distributed to students on Monday 24 May. All Year 12 students will have interviews with their curriculum advisers who will assist them in setting goals for the remainder of their HSC year. A reminder that the school provides a mentor program and the after school study centre to assist students to achieve their best.

Student Achievements
As always we have much to celebrate in the way of student achievement over recent weeks.

- Former student Robbie Kmetoni was last month named “Australia’s favourite dancer” by winning So You Think You Can Dance. Robbie, who left us in 2008, is an outstanding young dancer and we are very proud of him and his well deserved success.
A number of students have been successful in their auditions for NSW Drama companies and ensembles. Congratulations to Claire Robinson, James Cripps, Laura Stewart, and Paris Yacoubian (all of Year 7); Lani Castle, Seri Feldman-Gubbay and Jack Midworth (Year 8); Evangeline Shepherd-Beck, Kasia Vickery and Geneva Gilmour (Year 10); and Jacob Heik, Ben James and Anastasia Dounas (Year 11).

Last term, Danyon Boyd of Year 10 competed in the NSW Open ISKA (International Sporting Karate Association) Competition. Danyon achieved outstanding results, finishing 3rd in both Under 18 Heavyweight Brazilian Jiu Jitsu division, and Adults Heavyweight Submission Wrestling division.

James Barrow of Year 12 performed with distinction recently winning the Junior Tuba Solo event as part of the National Band Championships held in Hobart.

I was delighted to receive official notification that Elise Wood from last year’s Year 12 was awarded The University of Sydney Entry Award as part of the university’s scholarship program. Elise, who was Dux of the school, will receive her scholarship at a ceremony this month.

NAPLAN
You would probably be aware of the recent issues around this year’s NAPLAN testing for Years 7 and 9. The tests are planned for next week, Tuesday 11th to Thursday 13th May. At the time of writing this newsletter I can give you the following information:

The AEU (Australian Education Union) is implementing a moratorium on the NAPLAN testing until they receive assurances from the Federal Government that the information gained from the tests will be accurate and reliable, and that it will not continue to be misused on the My School website. The staff at this school has voted to support and endorse this moratorium.

There has been considerable media attention to My School and NAPLAN. Better information in depth is obtainable from a number of sites and articles.

4. The website for the NSW Department of Education and Training is [https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/](https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/)
7. Other recent articles which challenge claims made by My School can be found at:
8. Many of these links will take you to news and articles about similar developments overseas.

At this stage, my advice to parents and students of Years 7 and 9 is that the students should come to school next week prepared for both possibilities, i.e. normal timetabled lessons and the NAPLAN tests. If this advice changes I will contact you via letter and/or information on our website. I know you will appreciate the complexities and difficulties surrounding this issue and I assure you that the staff at this school will, as always, seek to act in the best interests of our students.

Stephen Gray
Principal
Welcome back to another busy term at Newtown High School of the Performing Arts. I hope all our students and teachers had a fantastic holiday break and parents/carers had an opportunity to spend some quality time with their children.

This term marks the beginning of the autumn and winter seasons. It is most important our students are prepared for the colder weather and are appropriately dressed in full school uniform. This school has high uniform standards and it is an expectation that all students wear the correct school uniform, including school jumpers or jackets and black, fully enclosed leather shoes to comply with Occupational Health and Safety requirements. If there is a genuine reason for your child to be out of uniform, please write a note explaining the situation and encourage them to submit the note to the office at 8.30am where they will be granted a uniform pass. If your child has lost items of uniform please contact lost property in the Office. The Uniform Shop is open every Thursday from 8.30am.

Attendance is a concern with some students who regularly arrive late to school. It is most important students leave home with sufficient time to reach the school by 8.45am. When students persistently miss parts of lessons, or whole lessons, it impacts negatively on their academic success. We want all of our students to successfully fulfil their course requirements in all subjects. When your child is absent, either for a partial or whole day, a written explanation is required within one week of their return to school. This is a DET requirement. After that period absences remain unexplained.

The Year 11 Half Yearly examinations will be held from the 30th April till 7th May. It is important students arrive at school at least fifteen minutes before the timetabled start to the exam and have prepared sufficiently to do their best. If a student is ill or suffers any form of misadventure on the day of the scheduled exam, they must call Mrs Romeo, as Deputy responsible for Year 11 to arrange for the missed exam to be rescheduled. When the student returns to school they must complete the illness/misadventure form and provide documentation to support the application.

The annual Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday 14th May from 9am at Olympic Park warm-up track and attendance is compulsory for all students. The theme for the event is “Back to the 70s” and students are encouraged to dress up to support the theme of the day. However, students should be in full PE uniform travelling to and from the venue. Students can make their own way, or catch a bus from the school to and from the venue. The Carnival will proceed unless severe weather conditions cause its postponement. Messages will be posted on the school’s website from 7am should the Carnival be called off and you can telephone the school.

Our Showcase season begins this month. The program looks fabulous and we extend invitations for you to attend as many concerts as you can. Get in early to order tickets because they will sell fast. They are available from the front office or can be purchased on the night subject to availability. I look forward to seeing you there.

If you have any welfare concerns about your child, particularly for Years 8, 10 and 12, please do not hesitate to call.

Peter Shields
Deputy Principal
Welcome Back to Term 2 which is a very eventful and busy term for our school. I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable break and are now ready for a 11 week school term.

The school has hosted its two rounds of parent teacher interviews with the second round for Years 8, 10 and 11 held on Tuesday 27th April. It was great to see so many parents and students attending these evenings to receive such valuable feedback about the progress made in each class. The challenge is to now implement and act on some of the strategies and advice offered by the teachers. There is a very positive correlation between effort, achievement and meaningful feedback. I ask that all our students seek to increase their effort and set their goals in order to realise improved educational outcomes before the semester one reporting period is finalised later in the term.

Year 12 just completed their half yearly assessment period at the end of last term and they will be the first cohort to be issued their semester one reports on Monday 24th May. Students will be issued with an interview time to meet with their curriculum advisor and it will be at this meeting where reports will be distributed and goals and strategies for improvement discussed and set for implementation over the next few terms. Again, I would like to reinforce how important it is for students to reflect on the feedback received from their teachers and seek to act on this advice as they approach their next round of assessment tasks.

The Year 11 half yearly exams commenced last Friday 30th April. I would like to wish this cohort all the very best as they sit for their first round of senior school formal examinations. Most of our Year 11 students have taken their examinations very seriously, appeared prepared and have followed the expectations the school sets in terms of appropriate behaviour and procedure. We have also informed the Year 11 students about the teacher mentor program available to our students and would like to encourage them to return their mentor participation form to Ms Rajwar for processing as soon as possible. Each year more students take up the opportunity to participate in the teacher-student mentor program and it seems appropriate that this relationship begins now and continues throughout the senior years at school.

As many parents are aware that we are implementing our reviewed behaviour management policy in 2010. One of the features of this new policy is the afternoon restitution period implemented for truancy or unexplained lateness to school and uniform breaches. Letters are generated and sent home to all students who have been placed on restitution. Restitution is held every Thursday Week B between 2:31pm-3:10pm in F6. One area I would like to explain is the area of unexplained lateness to school. Students are placed on restitution if they are late to school three times in any term without an explanation. The Department of Education has also amended its policy regarding attendance and now requires a written note from parents explaining lateness or absence within two weeks, otherwise the absence or lateness remains unexplained on the official school record. In light of this change, I would certainly encourage that a written letter be sent to school in a timely manner explaining any absence and/or lateness. If a student swipes in late with a note they will not be placed on restitution as the lateness is explained.

I welcome the opportunity to discuss any of the events mentioned in this correspondence with you any time and I am also available to assist our Years 7, 9 and 11 parents with any specific welfare or school matters. I wish you all a great term and I look forward to seeing you at the showcase concerts over the next few weeks.

Mrs Betty Romeo
Deputy Principal
Music News

Music Showcase concerts will be held in Week 4 and week 8 of this term. Please see attached program.

The Symphonic Wind Ensemble and the Concert Band will be involved in sectional rehearsals on Friday 21st May in preparation for the Band Festival to be held on Saturday 24th July at the UNSW.

The Symphonic Wind Ensemble has been invited to perform at the Opera House Festival concert on Tuesday June 1st.

Congratulations to our Year 12 student, James Barrow. James won the Under 19 Tuba solo at the National Band Championship in Hobart during the Easter holidays.

The China Tour group of 105 students from NHSPA will soon begin preparations for the combined orchestra, choir and drama item. The composer is Daniel Walker. The work will be performed at the Shanghai World Expo.

Congratulations to all cast and crew involved in the original production of Bugs The Musical. The original songs were composed by Tim Ailwood and arranged by Emlyn Lewis-Jones. Students, including a pit orchestra and a choir of 25 students, played an integral part in bringing the music to life.

The Music Faculty

Showcase Music Ensembles: Semester 1 2010

Term 2 Week 4: Wednesday 12th May and Thursday 13th May:

Drama/Music:
Concert Band
Junior Choir
Junior Vox Ensemble
String Ensemble
Junior Jazz Ensemble

Term 2 Week 8: Tuesday 8th June and Wednesday 9th June

Music ensembles:
Symphonic Wind Ensemble
Stage Band
Orchestra
Senior Choir
Percussion Ensemble
Soul Band
Blues Band
Guitar Ensemble
Classical Guitar Quartet
LJ Showcase elective

Term 2 Week 8: Thursday 10th June - Selected soloists
Science

What is ESSA?

ESSA (Essential Secondary Science Assessment) is a mandatory Science assessment program for Year 8 students that provides information about knowledge, skills, values and attitudes of our secondary students.

The results from the 2009 test have recently been released. NHSPA students have excelled, performing well above regional and state means.

![ESSA Results Chart]

The chart shows improvements in NHSPA ESSA results over the past three years. 2007 was the first year the test was undertaken by NHSPA students.

Although the current test is a pencil-and-paper test, online components (such as the OPC or online practical component) and online tests are being trialled and piloted as part of development of ESSA tests for 2009 to 2011.

Congratulations to our current Year 9 students who performed so well in science last year.

J Sturgiss

HT Science
From the Head Teacher Welfare

Learning Support:
*Special Provisions* applications – documentation is now overdue. See Mr Benson (in the library) asap if you are applying for Special Provisions.

*Literacy and Numeracy* support:- If parents have concerns about their child’s progress, please speak to their Year Adviser who will make a referral to the Learning Support staff.

**PD/H/PE:**
The *athletics carnival* will be held at Homebush warm-up track on Friday 14th May, commencing at 9am and finishing about 2.30pm. Buses to the venue will be provided, but students are encouraged to make their own way to the venue.

The *zone cross country carnival* will be held at Sydney Park on 21st May. Newtown has quite a number of students representing us in the carnival, and most age groups have been filled.

We are actively participating in *CHS sports* such as soccer and hoping to participate in the FUTSAL (indoor soccer) competition in the near future.

**Welfare:**
The Pastoral Care events for this term reflect a wide range of important issues/topics:

- Yr 7 – Continuing with Peer Support
- Yr 8 - Youth off the streets
- Yr 9 – Life Education
- Yr 10 –Stress Management
- Yr 11- Time Management
- Yr 12- Organisation of referees.

*Ms Wilkinson*

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**Faculty of Science, UNSW Parent and Students Information Evening**

**Year 11 and 12 students and their parents**

**DATE:** Thursday, 27 May 2010

**LOCATION:** Leighton Hall, The John Niland Scientia Building, UNSW Kensington Campus

**TIME:** 6.00pm - 8.30pm

**PROGRAM INCLUDES:**
- Introducing the Faculty of Science
- Overview of Science programs
- Career Opportunities
- Scholarships and Prizes
- Student Life at UNSW

- There will be the opportunity to speak with our current students, academic and admission staff.

Registration is essential at: www.science.unsw.edu.au

For further enquiries please contact me on T: 02 9385 7307 or E: r.falvey@unsw.edu.au

Renee Falvey
Marketing Officer | Faculty of Science

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VISUAL ARTS DEPARTMENT

Year 12 Visual Design students attended the Design Centre Enmore 2010 show entitled VOLTAGE. The students enjoyed seeing the skills and creativity of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd year students.

Year 8 Art Extension student Charlotte Regan had her pottery exhibited in this year’s Royal Easter Show. Her work was entered in the Modern Media section - 12-17 years. Congratulations to Charlotte!

All Year 8 core art students are required to design and produce an acrylic painting of King St appropriating John Brack’s 1955 ‘Collins St 5pm’. The following students produced exceptional works:

Deidre Hanrahan Tan
Elizabeth Waldon
Cassidy McDermott-Smith
Kelsi Boyd
Eve McEwen
Nelson Earl
Claire Kwun
Mischal Hall
Katerina Gvozdova
Sarah Wheeler Smith
Will Bartolo
Josephine Frick
Sameera Patoor-Brah
Seri Feldman-Gubbay
Belinda Zhang
Jessica Goodfellow
Nina Price

The works are on display in the main office foyer.

Gilbert Walden of Year 10 was one of the seven winners of this year’s Leichhardt Council’s Insight Out of Sight art Competition. The winners were paid to paint traffic signal boxes. For images see: www.leichhardt.nsw.gov.au/insight-out-of-sight.html.

Gilbert’s designs were outstanding!

Visual Arts Department
HSIE DEPARTMENT

This year’s Mock Trial Team – Louisa Court, Annie Francis, Arielle McDonald, Megan Mapp, Alexandra Rigby, Madeleine Scott-Murphy and Dale Tresidder – have started very well, winning bout Round 1 and Round 2. Round 2 was a very close duel with St Andrew’s Cathedral School in which both teams received high praise for their preparation and performances from the Magistrate. Round 3 will be another tough one, against Kirrawee High School on May 10th, but the team is being prepared, as always, very thoroughly by our coach Elizabeth Nash, from the law firm DLA Phillips Fox. Thanks to Legal Studies teacher Jonathan Parnham for all of the organisation and effort that goes into making Mock Trial happen at NHSPA.

Ms Rachel Mules
Head Teacher HSIE

DRAMA DEPARTMENT

Another not-to-be missed showcase is in progress and again Drama is presenting a variety of great theatrical presentations for you. Among the nine productions in motion: - Judith Woodroffe’s Year 11 Company will present Shakespeare’s ’Twelfth Night’ set in Cuba!!, Jenifa Dwyer’s Year 7 Company’s take on Homer’s Odyssey; ‘Bustown’ from guest director Amy Hardingham; ‘The Laramie Project’ from Bel Macedone’s Year 12 Company and Ned Manning’s presentation of ‘Smells Like Impulse’. Tickets are available from the school’s front office and booking sheets can be downloaded from the school’s website. See you there.

The Drama Faculty congratulates the cast and crew of ‘Bugs - the Musical’ and thank the school community for their patronage. Nearly 100 students were involved in this original production. Hopefully a DVD and CD of the show will be available soon. The Drama Department thanks Emlyn Lewis-Jones, David Ferguson, Gemma Thomas, Peter McAlpin, Catherine Hunt, Melanie Gibb, Chris Miller and all those who gave up their time to make this production possible.

Our champion Theatresports team were challenged by a number of private schools in the area to an impro competition last week, held at Newington College. Despite the judges being only from the private schools involved (including one of the school’s principal) out team won. These guys are unstoppable!

Drama Department

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

TERM 2: MAY

Wednesday 12: Showcase Music/Drama
Thursday 13: Showcase Music/Drama
Friday 14: Athletics Carnival
Tuesday 18: Showcase Drama
Wednesday 19: Showcase Drama
Friday 21: Bligh Zone Cross Country, Sydney Park
Tuesday 25: Showcase Drama
Wednesday 26: Showcase Drama
Friday 28: Y12 Tertiary and Careers Expo @ MLC Burwood

Fort Street Festival

Sunday 16 May 10:30am – 4pm
Fort Street High School
Palace St & Parramatta Rd, Petersham

Music for all tastes, including:
Battle of the Bands (rock),
Orchestras, Jazz, Choirs, Wind Bands
Rides for all ages, including:
Dodgems, Sizzler, Round-Up,
Gladiator Duel, Giant Slide & more
Cappuccinos, Drinks, Cakes, Lollies, Gelato, International Food, including: Asian, Indian, Sri Lankan, Japanese, Korean, Mexican, Turkish, BBQ
CDs, DVDs, Books, Clothes, Household Items, Sporting Goods, Plants, Flowers

For more information, email: fortstfestival@gmail.com
Welcome back to term 2. This is an especially busy term for our students. In addition to their extra-curricular commitments as part of showcase, students will also be busy in Mathematics with half-yearly exams and other scheduled assessments. My advice to students is to get organised. Make sure that you prepare and study well in advance of any tasks, keep up-to-date and seek help from your teacher when the need arises. Parents may wish to encourage their child to take advantage of the Mathematics Support Program if they feel the need, remind students of some of the Mathematics Technology that has been set up to assist them and check the calendar on this page.

Mathematics Support Program
The Mathematics Support Program is designed to cater for students who need extra assistance in Mathematics. These may be students who are quite able mathematicians, but have missed important content due to their extra-curricular commitments. It may also include students who wish to study a particular mathematics course in the senior school and need to prepare for this content. Participants in this program are assigned a teacher mentor and work through a negotiated individual program to meet their needs. Any student who is interested in this program should contact the Mathematics Faculty.

Mathematics Technology
The Mathematics Faculty provides a number of online facilities to assist students with their learning. Student accounts have been setup for both Mathematics and MathsOnline. These resources allow students to view tutorials, lessons and modelled examples. Students can also participate in a range of activities to reinforce their skills or catch-up on any missed concepts during their free time. In addition, the faculty runs a Moodle, which can often provide students access to lesson notes and other activities. Student user names and passwords have been distributed. Please contact the Mathematics Faculty if you have any questions regarding these online resources.

Accelerated Learning Program
The Accelerated Learning Program is currently run in Year 7 and is targeting students with a high level of competency in Stage 3 and Stage 4 Maths who are also independent learners. The students are selected from each of the five Year 7 classes and work on a contract system to allow them to complete work at a faster pace than their peers. The students are able to seek assistance from their class teachers as well as Ms Gray. The program is constantly monitored and students may be added, if suitable, as the year progresses. To stay on the program students must be prepared to work consistently at school and at home. The program ran with great success last year and is off to a flying start again. Please contact the Maths Faculty if you have any questions regarding the Accelerated Learning Program.

Gifted and Talented
As part of the Gifted and Talented program at N-SPA, we will be running a Maths club. As a prerequisite to belong to this club, students need to be among the top ten students of their year and showed enthusiasm and have shown clear and advanced thought processes during class discussions.

This club will involve the undertaking of numerous and varied activities which will allow those students to further their interest and potential in Mathematics.

We are planning to meet twice a month at a time convenient to all students involved.

Letters will be sent shortly to those students from years 7, 8 and 9 who meet the prerequisites.
**Senior Mathematics Selection Policy**
The study of Mathematics in the senior school requires a consistent and concerted effort. It is also essential for students to be adequately prepared before beginning to undertake the study of a senior mathematics course. Such preparation needs to take place well in advance of the start of Year 11. For some time, the mathematics faculty have been concerned that some of our students entering their senior years are choosing to study a level of mathematics without the necessary background preparation.

The Senior Mathematics Selection Policy (included) outlines the criteria needed for students to study a mathematics course in years 11 and 12. Its purpose is to encourage students in years 9 and 10 to take more responsibility for ensuring that they are adequately prepared for senior mathematics. I would encourage all parents and students to consider carefully their future mathematics study goals and act accordingly. Please feel free to contact me at the school if you need to discuss the matter.

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Gavin Parker  
Head Teacher Mathematics

Showcase Concert Tickets on sale now - Booking Sheets attached at end of Newsletter
Newtown High School of the Performing Arts

Mathematics Faculty

Senior Mathematics Selection Policy

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Currently, to cater for the full range of learners, three specific endpoints and pathways (5.1, 5.2 and 5.3) have been identified for students in years 9 and 10. Stage 5.1 is the base level and ensures that all students have the necessary numeracy skills to function successfully in society. The Stage 5.2 pathway contains all of the Stage 5.1 content and also provides students with the extra skills and theoretical understanding to undertake the General Mathematics course in the senior school. The Stage 5.3 pathway contains all the Stage 5.1 and Stage 5.2 content and provides students with the solid foundation needed to study the more advanced mathematical courses such as Mathematics Advanced and Mathematics Extension 1 in the senior school.

The following courses are offered in Years 11 and 12. Please take note of the entry requirements for each course.

**Students will be required to meet the entry requirements for each course.**

General Mathematics

The purpose of General Mathematics is to provide an appropriate mathematical background for students who wish to enter occupations which require the use of basic mathematical and statistical techniques. The direction taken by the course, in focusing on mathematical skills and techniques that have direct application to everyday activity, contrasts with the more abstract approach taken by the other Stage 6 mathematics courses.

The study of General Mathematics provides students with valuable support in a range of concurrent Stage 6 subjects, in fostering development of mathematical skills and techniques that assist students who undertake associated research and projects. The course provides a strong foundation for vocational pathways, either in the workforce or in further vocational training studies, and for university courses in the areas of business, the humanities, nursing and paramedical sciences.

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Mathematics Advanced (2 Unit Mathematics)

The 2 Unit course is intended to give these students an understanding of and competence in some further aspects of mathematics which are applicable to the real world. The course has general educational merit and is also useful for concurrent studies in science and commerce. It is a sufficient basis for further studies in mathematics as a minor discipline at tertiary level in support of courses such as the life sciences or commerce. Students who require substantial mathematics at a tertiary level supporting the physical sciences, computer science or engineering should undertake the Mathematics Extension 1 or Extension 2 courses.

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Mathematics Extension 1 (3 Unit Mathematics)

The content of this course includes the whole of the Mathematics Advanced (2 Unit) course. The Mathematics Extension 1 course is intended to give these students a thorough understanding of, and competence in, aspects of mathematics including many which are applicable to the real world. The course has general educational merit and is also useful for concurrent studies of science, industrial arts and commerce. It is a recommended minimum basis for further studies in mathematics as a major discipline at a tertiary level, and for the study of mathematics in support of the physical and engineering sciences. Although the Mathematics Extension 1 course is sufficient for these purposes, it is recommended that students of outstanding mathematical ability should consider undertaking the Extension 1 course.

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Mathematics Extension 2 (4 Unit Mathematics)

The Mathematics Extension 2 (4 Unit) course is only offered to students as a 1 year HSC course which is studied in addition to the Mathematics Extension 1 (2 Unit) course. It offers a suitable preparation for study of the subject at tertiary level, as well as a deeper and more extensive treatment of certain topics than is offered in other Mathematics courses. This syllabus is designed for students with a special interest in mathematics who have shown that they possess special aptitude for the subject. It represents a distinctly high level in school mathematics involving the development of considerable manipulative skill and a high degree of understanding of the fundamental ideas of algebra and calculus. These topics are treated in some depth. Thus the course provides a sufficient basis for a wide range of useful applications of mathematics as well as an adequate foundation for the further study of the subject.

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From Hip Hop Uniform Shop

Dear Parents/Students,

Well it’s time to think about keeping warm at school especially with the chilly mornings we’ve been having lately. There are many Winter uniform options at NHSPA.

For the GIRLS, both Junior and Senior there are long sleeve blouses, 70 denier tights, scarves, berets, trousers (three different styles), vests, in red and navy, jumpers, tracksuit jackets, blazers and wool blend overcoats. For the Senior and Junior BOYS there are long sleeve shirts, grey trousers, red and navy vests, jumpers, scarves, tracksuit jackets, blazers and wool blend overcoats.

EXCITING NEWS for the girls!!!! The CARDIGAN that you have nagged me about for at least 2 years will be available in 3-4 weeks. These will be Australian made, wool /blend, thicker than the current jumpers, navy with logo and cost $70. The jumpers and vests ordered from now on will also be made in Australia and in the same thicker and sturdier quality.

I have been at Newtown HSPA since 2005 and in that time there have been very few and minimal price increases. From JUNE 1st, Term 2, 2010 some uniform items will cost a little more, but many remain the same. Please see the attached UNIFORM ORDER FORM and keep it somewhere handy. Don’t forget you can e-mail your orders, leaving credit card details if you find it difficult to get to the shop during opening hours 8am-1.30 every Thursday:

hiphopclothing@bigpond.com

Hope to see you very soon at the Uniform shop.

Regards, Linda Jones

Michael Fischer
Head Teacher English
**Newtown High School of the Performing Arts** **UNIFORM ORDER FORM**

(Thursdays – Phone 9565 4958) OR email anytime: hiphopclothing@bigpond.com
Open 8.15am – 1.30 pm

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Welcome back to Term 2.

**New P&C Executive**
At the AGM in March a new P&C executive was elected. There are still quite a few old faces but also new ones. We wish to send a huge thank you to the outgoing President, Steven Allen for all his hard work, commitment and good humour over the last few years.

New office bearers are as follows:

- **President** – Darren Mitchell
- **Vice Presidents** – Hector Abrahams and Donna Huggart
- **Secretary** – Chris Wilkinson
- **Treasurer** – Jeremy Challen
- **Officers** – John Caley, Michael Manuell, Yvette Vamos, Edi Condack, Bettina Pearson, Gina Richter

For P&C matters please contact Darren Mitchell (darren.mitchell@dpc.nsw.gov.au) or Donna Huggart (donna_huggart@hotmail.com).

A full contact list for the executive will be published soon on google groups and the school website.

**Next P&C Meeting Tuesday 11th May 6pm Staff Common Room**
Please come along to hear what’s going on in the school and to be part of discussion of current issues. It’s also an opportunity to speak to the sub committee convenors about supporting the school in the areas of the environment, performing arts and building.

**2010 P&C Voluntary Fundraising Contribution**
Shortly all families will receive a letter explaining this year’s contribution, initiatives to be supported by funds received this year and forms for making your contribution. This is the P&C’s main source of fundraising and we hope all families will once again see the benefit in supporting the school this way.

**Semester 1 Showcase Season**
Our next showcase season will commence in the next couple of weeks. The P&C will again provide refreshments before performances (from 7pm) and during interval. We need volunteers to be on a roster for each evening. If you are coming along to a performance it’s very easy to help out and still see the show. It’s also a great way to meet other parents. Please contact Bettina Pearson (bettinap@optusnet.com.au) if you can help.

**Subscribe to Google Groups**
You can subscribe to our parent email network by sending an email to: nhspa+subscribe@googlegroups.com

There is a google groups fact sheet on the P&C page of the school website or for other queries please contact Edi Condack (econdack@iinet.net.au).
Introducing a New Careers Service for Students and Parents

Dear Parents and Students,

I am pleased to announce that Newtown High School of the Performing Arts has subscribed to a Careers News Service which will allow you to regularly access relevant Careers related information and updates. Simply follow the steps outlined below.

Cheers,
Graeme Bourchier
Careers Adviser

**Step 1:** Go to the website: www.mhscareers.com

**Step 2:** Click on NEWS/EVENTS/SCHOOLS on the menu bar

**Step 3:** Login with the name **student** or **parent** and the password **future**

Keep up to date with all the important Careers news for students of all ages.
Careers Snippets

UMAT
UMAT is developed by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) on behalf of the UMAT Consortium Universities. The test is used specifically to assist with the selection of students into the medicine, dentistry and health science degree programs at undergraduate level at the universities listed on the website. UMAT will be held on 28th July, 2010 and registrations are due by 4th June. You register online at website: http://umat.acer.edu.au

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INTERESTED IN DRAMA
NIDA will be holding an Open Day on Saturday 22nd May. To register your interest go to the website: www.nida.edu.au/openday

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WIN a MACBOOK PRO
The Australian school of Business at UNSW is running ichallenge for Year 10 to Year 12 students. The ichallenge is a great opportunity for you to come up with a new business idea for tomorrow. This could be anything from an exciting new product, to a new form of transportation, a creative way to advertise or a more efficient way of recycling. The winner of ichallenge will win a fantastic MacBook Pro, 2nd a new Apple iPad and 3rd an Apple iPad Touch. For full information get a brochure from the careers Room and visit the website: www.australianschoolofbusiness.com/ichallenge

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UTS—NURSING
UTS is running workshops on ‘What it is really like to be a Nurse’. To book a workshop visit the website: www.nmh.uts.edu.au/discover

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UMAT
ACER has produced a Quick Reference Guide for students wishing to sit the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test in 2010 (UMAT). Go to website: umatweb.acer.edu.au/

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HOSPITALITY
William Blue College of Hospitality Management is now taking enrolments for the Day in the Life of a Hospitality Manager workshops. They are available for students in Years 10, 11 or 12 who are interested in learning what a career in the hospitality industry is like. Seats are $40 and include a tour of a hotel, practical workshops and a 3 course lunch.
Dates: Thursday 15th July, Monday 27th September. Brochures and application forms available from Careers Adviser. For more information, please contact : info@williamblue.edu.au or call 02 9955 1122

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AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE—GAP YEAR
The Australian Defence Force (ADF) Gap Year program is for students or recent school leavers. Individual programs run across Navy, Army and Air Force and are designed to give you detailed insight into how the ADF operates. Think of it as a once in a lifetime work experience placement in the ADF. Due to the enormous popularity of the program, the application process in place provides a fairer selection by considering a complete pool of applicants and the abilities they can bring to the experience.

Key Points:
✦ You need to apply online for the ADF Gap Year
✦ Applications are open from the 1st May to 30th June, 2010
✦ The application process is based on a merit system

Application Process
The only way to apply for the ADF Gap Year is to complete an online application at website listed. The application process will require you to answer a range of questions to determine your eligibility, suitability and to establish what sort of ADF Gap Year role may suit you. Applications are open from 1st May and close on the 30th June, 2010. Defence Force Recruiting will compile a list of candidates to move to the next stage of the recruitment process based on your application.

If I am successful, when would I start?
The ADF Gap Year program commencement starts at different times depending on the Service. Navy has 12 monthly enlistments from January to December and accepts a moderate amount of candidates in each intake. Army has a small intake in December; however, the majority of participants will be placed in January to March. Air Force will enlist all participants in mid to late January.

What happens at the end of my ADF Gap Year?
Beyond your 12 month ADT Gap Year, you may be offered the opportunity to apply for continued service in the ADF. Vacancies for ADF careers are always competitive so you should be aware that your ADF Gap Year service performance will be taken into account. Note: there may be limited opportunity for permanent air Force Roles. If you decide you wish to continue in the Navy, Army or Air Force, there are many options available including tertiary level study at the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA). Alternatively, you may wish to consider the Army or Air Force reserves.

For further information, visit the website: www.defencejobs.gov.au/gapyear
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HSC PREPARATION COURSES
The Centre for Continuous Learning at the University of Sydney is running extensive Preparation courses in a variety of subjects for Year 12 students who want to extend their studies and enhance performance in their HSC year. For more information visit the website: www.sydney.edu.au/cce/hsc
Careers Snippets (Continued)

MEDENTRY
MedEntry offers courses to prepare students to sit for UMAT which is necessary for Medicine and other health science careers. They offer discounts of up to 30% for groups and scholarships for disadvantaged students. Interested students are advised to see the career Adviser. For more information visit: www.MedEntry.edu.au

HOSPITALITY, DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY, OR EARTH & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE—Girls Only
Would you like to learn techniques for interior design and create your own sustainable cafe using a computer based program? Then get hands on and create your own take-home wooden chocolate using hand and power tools
Apply this to Hospitality, Design & Emerging Sustainability Industries. Benefit from teachers who are top industry experts.

Guest Speaker: Sustainable Architect

Places are limited so apply now.

Target Group: Year 10 and 11 Girls (Years 9 and 12 may also apply)
Date: May 19 and 20
Day 1: 9am to 3pm
Day 2: 9am to 5.30pm—Certificate Presentation
Location: North Sydney College Pacific Highway, Gore Hill
Cost: $120
Registrations: Robyn Woolley
Phone: 02 9448 4429
Fax: 02 9448 4451
Email: Robyn.Woolley@det.nsw.edu.au

INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITIES
Kambala, Rose Bay will be hosting CIS Tours University Admissions Fair on Monday 17th May, 2010 from 12.40pm to 1.30pm. Find out about the university admission process, how universities make admissions decisions and meet the representatives from eleven international universities. The US based colleges represent the East, West and Midwest Region and include an art and design school from Georgia; there will also be the Ecole Hoteliere de Lausanne (Switzerland), four Canadian Universities including the University of British Columbia and the IE University, Spain and Temple University, Tokyo. To register for the event or make inquiries, please contact Teresa Bubear on 02 9388 6847 or at tbubear@kambala.nsw.edu.au

PREPARATION COURSE FOR UNIVERSITY
Did you not get the ATAR you expected? Most universities run a one year university preparation course which allows students to undertake university study if they successfully complete the course. To find out more contact the university direct.
Prospective Students Events Calendar

The University of Notre Dame
On Campus Events

A Day in the Life of a University Student
Wednesday 7th July, 2010
10.30am start—1.30pm
Broadway Campus

A Day in the Life of a Nursing Student
Friday 9th July, 2010
10.30am start—1.30pm
Darlinghurst Campus

Open Day
Saturday 28th August, 2010
10.00am start—4.00pm
Broadway Campus

Course Information Evening
Wednesday 12th May, 2010
6.00pm start—8.00pm
Broadway Campus

Course Information Evening
Wednesday 26th May, 2010
6.00pm start—8.00pm
Darlinghurst Campus

Course Information Evening
Wednesday 27th October, 2010
6.30pm start—8.00pm
Broadway Campus

UPCOMING CAREERS EVENTS

Day in the Life of a Manager in Hospitality, Tourism and Events Industry

Tour of a 5-star hotel
Chefs Table: 3 course lunch in Award winning restaurant
Practical Workshops in *Hotel management
*Culinary Arts Management and
*Food & Beverage Management

Cost $40
(see Mr Bourchier for possible help with the fee)

Taster Courses in TAFE -
one day workshop in an area of your choice

PETERSHAM TAFE
June 28
Choose from
^Electrical Trades
^Hairdressing & Beauty
^Information Technology(PC Hardware)
^Accounting
^Child Care
^Radio & News media
^Essential Office Skills

ENMORE TAFE
June 29
Choose from
^Graphic Design
^jewellery
^Interior Design
^3d Animation
^Film Prosthetics/Special Effects Makeup
^3D Modelling & Rendering

If you are interested in any of these see
Mr Bourchier NOW
Newtown High School of the Performing Arts
SHOWCASE PERFORMANCES
BOOKING FORM – SEMESTER 1, 2010
STUDIO THEATRE, NEWMAN STREET, NEWTOWN
Performance nights commence at 7.00pm

Admission
- Adults $20.00, Concession (Students & Pensioners) $10.00
- Family $50.00 (2 Adults & 2 Children) Group (5 Adults) $80.00
- Please note NO EXCHANGES OR REFUNDS ARE POSSIBLE.
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- When all tickets are sold no standing room is available.
- Students who are performing on any particular evening are not permitted to be in the audience, therefore tickets are not to be purchased for them.

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Dance Showcase Concert at the Seymour Centre Saturday 26th June, 2010 at 7.30pm

Purchase tickets from the Seymour Centre, P O Box 553, Broadway, 2007. (Phone No. 9351 7940) or book online www.seymourcentre.com.au

- Payment Method: Mastercard, Visa Card, Cash, Cheque Payable to NHSPA

Cardholder's Name (Please Print): ................................................................. Phone No.: ................................

Tickets must be collected from the Administration Office prior to the performance. Please attach a stamped and addressed envelope if you wish to have your tickets posted to you.

NHSPA: Phone No. 9519 1544 Fax No. 9519 1657 Address: P O Box 785 Newtown NSW 2042
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