

Principal's Message

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ANZAC commemoration at Castle Hill High School



On Wednesday April 11 Castle Hill High School held a poignant, simple ANZAC service to commemorate the loss of life, the futility of war and the suffering of so many families. Led by Lucy Bergagnin, a student in Year 11 and coordinated by the History faculty, it was a time to reflect and ponder on where we are as a nation and how far our society has come in pursuing a peaceful, negotiated and civilised resolution to conflict. It was also a time to remember those who died.

Our students were appropriately reflective and behaved with maturity and grace.

Jessica Peake – now a state finalist

On Saturday April 14 our very own Jessica Peake will compete in the state final of the Lions Youth of the Year. We've been tracking Jess' journey in this competition now for weeks. It has been a thrilling journey.

Jess will again be interviewed by a panel of five, deliver her prepared speech and then address the audience on two impromptu topics. It is a gruelling, rigorous process.

We will be supporting her whole heartedly. No matter the outcome, Jess is a fine student who, despite half yearly exams and an impending musical in which she is the female lead, has remained calm, composed and on task. Fingers crossed.



School Development Day – Monday 30 April

While students will not return from the first term break until Tuesday May 1, teachers will commence on Monday April 30, gathering to undertake important professional learning.

The first two hours of the School Development Day will focus on a major direction in the school for the next three years: higher order thinking. A small team of our teachers will be introducing a plan for the deep conversations that will unfold as the months and terms go by. We want to learn more about challenging students and unpacking problem solving that is student led. We want students to be doing more thinking rather than doing more busy work.

This will be followed by two hours of faculty time where teachers will focus on new syllabuses. This of course will continue on other occasions (and in teachers' own time) but it's important that they have an opportunity to share, learn from one another, together, and develop strategies in an uninterrupted environment.

Finally, we're going to have some fun. In our very large school where professional relationships are prized we want to get to know one another more. There are many new faces in this "small country town" but in the busyness of the day we sometimes don't connect enough. So we're off to Barefoot Bowls to develop some team skills and learn more about one another.

The 2017 Annual Report

For any parent interested, the 2017 Annual Report for Castle Hill High School has been published. This can be accessed via our website.

The break arrives

Students and teachers are very much looking forward to enjoying the weather at this time of year for some rest and recreation. My warm regards go to the community. I hope you too have an opportunity for some quality time with the family.

School resumes for students on Tuesday May 1.

Vicki Brewer
Principal

Careers News

Yesterday we held an Apprenticeship and Traineeship Seminar for students in Years 10, 11 and 12 who are interested in more information about Post School Options. Chad Smith from 1300 Apprentice was our guest speaker who gave students lots of current information on where to start in pursuing an Apprenticeship or Traineeship.

Congratulations to Lachlan Baker who was offered and accepted an apprenticeship in the Construction Industry working for Fowler Sales and Hire. We wish him well in this new and exciting opportunity.

Tertiary Month of May: We will have all the representatives from different Universities and Colleges around Sydney coming to speak with our students and parents at lunch times throughout the month . For specific information see the Careers Newsletter.

Every Castle Hill High School Student has access to an amazing website Jobjump.com.au where you can sign up with the password 'poodles' and have regular emails sent to update you in any area of Careers and Tertiary Education. There are also quizzes and YouTube videos on specific occupations.

Look out for more information on Jobs and Courses in our Careers Newsletter.

Jane Curran and Leanne Turco

School Photos

School photos will not be delivered this term. We are expecting the delivery to arrive early in Term 2 and they will be distributed in PC as soon as they are available.

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CREATIVE PHOTOGRAPHY

HIDDEN PORTRAITS

YEAR 10 TERM 1

2018

Year 10 photography students have been studying portraiture this year and they have responded enthusiastically to the “Hidden Portrait” theme. Here are some of the best and imaginative examples demonstrating an inspired array of composition, perspective and technique. Tannaz Torabi Najafabadi has created conceptual, hidden portraits by using repetition and layering semi-transparent images on top of one another to express multiple views of the subject. These photographs are beautifully composed and suggestive of movement in time.



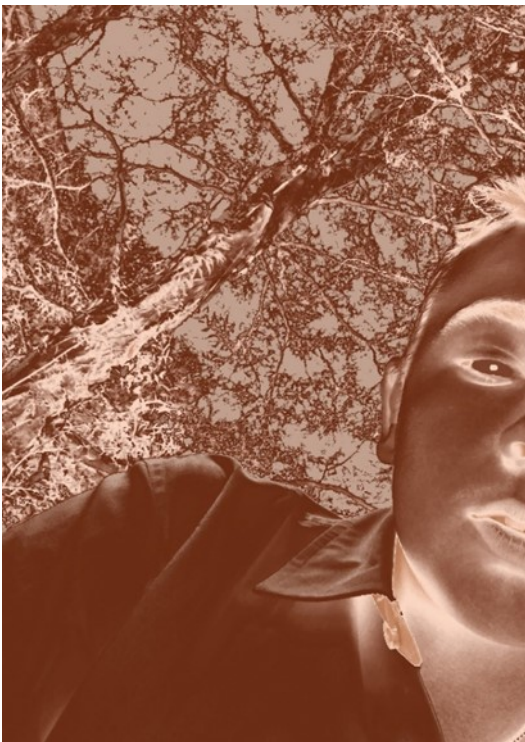
Self Portrait by
Tannaz Torabi Najafabadi



High School Thoughts by
Tannaz Torabi Najafabadi

CREATIVE PHOTOGRAPHY

Nathan Clarke and Gene Guo both utilize texture in their self-portraits to frame the subject and provide a secondary focal point. Nathan used a solid diagonal device to separate the portrait from the background. This can be tricky however, he has successfully provided an exciting perspective and an eerie sepia image. Gene's close-up self-portrait looks directly at the audience with a challenging gaze. He used semi-transparent shapes that encroach onto the face and cut into the right side of the portrait.



Self Portrait by Nathan Clarke



Self Portrait by Gene Guo



Starry Portrait by
Katie Hare

The subject exhibits an inner glow that echoes and resonates with the glow of lights in the background.

CREATIVE PHOTOGRAPHY

Jemma Hanna and Amy Heath have each employed a limited colour pallet and soft focus to present beautiful, subtle and partially hidden portraits. Jemma used a studio light to illuminate the right side of the face while the hair on the left is dark with traces of highlights. The diffused light featured in Amy's portrait allows her to capture every detail in the subjects face and hair. The fan covering the lower part of the face appears to be hiding a mysterious smile.



Left
Portrait by Jemma Hanna

Below.
Portrait by Amy Heath



Information for Parents and Students:

Great news!

Our school has subscribed to the ELES Online Study Skills Handbook.

The ELES Online Study Skills Handbook provides a comprehensive and interactive online guide for the school community (students, parents and teachers) as to the study skills needed for success in high school studies. This approach taps into students' affinity with technology to create a new and effective way to improve students' study skills.

This is a great online resource for parents and students to address all their study skills issues and concerns and enable students to learn new ways to improve their results at school. The handbook has a huge amount of information for both students and parents as well as a large number of interactive activities.

To access the handbook, go to www.studyskillshandbook.com.au and login as a subscriber with these details:

Username: Castlehillhs

Password: 44success

The topics currently covered by the handbook are:

WORKING BETTER AT HOME UNITS

1. Home Study Environment
2. Organisation and Filing
3. Time Management Skills
4. Managing Workload
5. Dealing with Distractions
6. Overcoming Procrastination
7. Developing Motivation
8. Goal Setting
9. Lifestyle and Balance
10. Managing Stress

WORKING BETTER AT SCHOOL UNITS

1. Will we ever use this?
2. Using Classtime
3. Asking for Help
4. Dealing with Conflict
5. Groupwork Skills

IMPROVING YOUR SKILLS UNITS

1. Reading Skills
2. Writing Skills
3. Mathematical Skills
4. Language Skills
5. Research Skills
6. Presentation Skills
7. Science Skills
8. Assignment Skills

IMPROVING HOW YOU STUDY UNITS

1. Summarising
2. Active Studying
3. Preparing for Exam Blocks
4. Test-Taking Techniques
5. After Tests & Exams

EXTRA GENERAL MINI-UNITS

1. Starting Secondary School
2. Becoming a Senior Student
3. Bullying: Issues and Strategies
4. Managing Part-Time Jobs
5. Your Brain and Memory
6. Live Your Best Life
7. Educational Kinesiology
8. Living Across 2 Houses
9. Travel: A Motivator to Learn
10. University: A New Adventure

EXTRA TECHNOLOGY MINI-UNITS

1. Technology Tools
2. Basic Computer Skills
3. Be CyberSmart
4. Apps for iPhone, iPad or Android
5. Microsoft OneNote



We encourage all parents and students to take advantage of this opportunity to further develop their students' study skills abilities through this online resource.

www.studyskillshandbook.com.au

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Uniform Shop News

OPENING HOURS TERM TWO

Weeks 2 -10

Mondays and Fridays: 8:15 to 11.30am

CAPS - NOW AVAILABLE

(pre-ordered and for purchase)

These items are now available in the uniform shop. Please pay for unpaid items upon pick up. Students may call in before school or at recess.

Parents welcome during opening hours.



**ONLINE ORDERS
MUST BE PICKED UP
FROM THE UNIFORM
SHOP – BE SURE TO
LET YOUR CHILD
KNOW**

WINTER UNIFORM

From Monday, 5 March the winter uniform will be available for purchase.

Girls require:

- Blue pleated skirt sizes 1 – 22 \$65.00
- White blouse sizes 6G to 16G \$40.00
- Non G blouses are available in sizes 6 – 22 \$40.00

Boys require:

- Long grey trousers sizes 12-3XL \$35.00

ALL OTHER UNIFORM ITEMS ARE THE SAME ALL YEAR



HOLIDAY HOURS

FRIDAY 27TH APRIL & MONDAY, 30TH APRIL

9.30am – 12.30pm

TUESDAY, 1ST MAY

8.15am-11.30am

Margaret (Uniform Shop Coordinator)

2018 CHHS Relay for Life

We need your help to help others!

What is Relay for Life?

Relay for Life is a 24hr fundraising event that brings communities together in the fight against cancer. Whether you are a cancer survivor, a Carer, supporting friends or loved ones, or simply wanting to make a difference. Relay for Life is **NOT** a race, teams of people take turns to walk or run around the track. A huge part of Relay for Life is the atmosphere- it's a carnival, a celebration and a heart-warming time to reflect, share experiences and build HOPE for the future.

For further general information visit: relayforlife.org.au/hills

How is Castle Hill High School involved?

Castle Hill High School students are again entering a team as they have done each year since the Relay's inception at Castle Hill Showground. **STUDENTS WISHING TO JOIN THE TEAM SHOULD CLICK ON THE REGISTER LINK, SEARCH FOR AND JOIN THE CASTLE HILL HIGH SCHOOL TEAM.**

Where: Castle Hill Showground

When: The weekend of Saturday 19TH – Sunday 20th May 2018

Times: The Relay commences at 10am Saturday 19th May and concludes 10am Sunday 20th May

How can I help?

Parents are needed to man the P & C marquee & tent which will be located alongside the walking track at the showground. The role of parents is to provide support to a small team of teachers who run the school team & to the students participating. Our aim is to have the marquee & tent manned by parents throughout the 24hrs.

In addition, if you have contacts that could provide the team with fruit, water etc., it would be much appreciated.

Duties:

- To remain in the CHH allocated area to ensure the students belongings are secure as possible.
- Assist students - encouraging individual goals and supervising tallying laps for each student.
- Ideally, we would like you to be involved 1-2 hrs but are happy to have you for any length of time you are able to assist in covering the 24hrs from Saturday 10am start, through to the conclusion on Sunday 10am. It's a great opportunity to sit & relax and get to know other parents at the school.

If you can help, please contact Tracey Garnett 0407 667 812 or email traceyg@isp.net.au asap, please include times (from and to) you are available, along with a contact number and an email address.



CALENDAR

WEEK 1A

Monday	30 April	School Development Day Year 12 Drama GP workshop
Tuesday	1 May	School Resumes Years 7 – 12
Wednesday	2 May	Athletics Carnival
Thursday	3 May	Yrs 11/12 Debating at Ryde Secondary College Master Builders Association Visit
Friday	4 May	Sydney Writers Festival Basketball Gala Day Penrith Macquarie University Visit

WEEK 2B

Monday	7 May	Year 8 Half Yearly Exams Nambus Hosts UNSW Visit for local and International students
Tuesday	8 May	Year 8 Half Yearly Exams Nambus Hosts
Wednesday	9 May	Year 8 Half Yearly Exams Nambus Hosts Assembly Years 7-10 Hills Zone Cross Country
Thursday	10 May	Year 8 Half Yearly Exams Nambus Hosts
Friday	11 May	Year 8 Half Yearly Exams Nambus Hosts All Schools Swimming Carnival
Saturday	12 May	Theatre excursion - The Lieutenant of Inishmore
Sunday	13 May	Years 11 & 12 Geography Excursion - Cairns

WEEK 3A

Monday	14 May	Year 10 Half Yearly Exams Years 11 & 12 Geography Excursion – Cairns Sydney University Visit
Tuesday	15 May	Year 10 Half Yearly Exams Years 11 & 12 Geography Excursion – Cairns NAPLAN – Years 7 & 9
Wednesday	16 May	Year 10 Half Yearly Exams Years 11 & 12 Geography Excursion – Cairns Assembly Years 7-12
Thursday	17 May	Year 10 Half Yearly Exams NAPLAN – Years 7 & 9
Friday	18 May	Year 10 Half Yearly Exams NAPLAN – Years 7 & 9
Saturday	19 May	Musical Rehearsal (all day) Concert Band – Relay for Life