



# SGHS NEWSLETTER

## TERM 3 2019 Bumper Edition

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### *Message from the Principal*

#### Term 4 Overview

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##### Week 8

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##### Week 9

Presentation Day

##### Week 10

7-10 Reports

As always, Term 3 has been a very busy and productive term for learning and co-curricular activities at Strathfield Girls High School. The term ended on a celebratory note with the farewelling of Year 12 after thirteen years of primary and secondary education. On Tuesday, Year 12 had a picnic at the Botanical Gardens and on Wednesday the final assembly was greatly enjoyed by all students and staff. Then on Thursday evening Year 12, their parents and staff attended the Year 12 Graduation at which there were formal acknowledgements of the girls' contributions and achievements at Strathfield Girls High School. All girls take with them the very best wishes of the whole school for a satisfying and productive engagement with the next stage of their lives.

It is now time for Year 11 to begin their HSC courses. It is essential that both students and parents understand that HSC studies begin on Day 1 of Term 4 and that there may well be assessment tasks due in that term. Waiting until



2020 for an HSC mindset will disadvantage a student, whereas commitment from the outset will relieve the inevitable challenge of completing the HSC course. There is no substitute for steady hard work.

Highlights of Term 3 have included the immensely successful Multicultural Day festivities in Week 6. These included food and costumes from many cultures and concerts in which the girls enthusiastically participated. Languages Day was another highlight for Year 7 students who had the opportunity to see and hear performances of various kinds in the several languages taught at Strathfield Girls High School, which is a designated Languages High School.





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## *Message from the Principal continued*

Book week was celebrated with a talk by Randa Abdel-Fattah, a writer of fiction for adolescents. There was also an exhibition of Year 12 HSC Visual Arts major works. Year 12 HSC ESL students published their books, "My Story".

Year 8 and 10 students and parents had the opportunity to hear a great deal of information about the courses which are available for students to select in years 9 and 11. It is important to realize that some courses may not run, as the number of students choosing a course determines whether it is viable. Students have been notified of their courses for 2020.

In Week 6 the Musicale evening was another enjoyable event which engaged all of Year 7 and many of the students from a range of Years who are involved in music activities.

Throughout the term a great range of activities continued. These included the LAB (Learning Advisory Board) Project which involved students in contributing to a mural at Chalmers Road Public School, a Strathfield Girls High School house spirit project and a Mental Health initiative, "Videos for Change". Students involved in the LAB Project also visited schools in Adelaide which are participating in the project.



Students from Strathfield Girls High School have been regularly visiting Marie Bashir Public School to mentor younger students in science learning to enhance their understanding and enjoyment of that subject.

This has proven beneficial to both the primary and secondary students. The Z Club which is sponsored by Zonta, the public speaking group, went on an excursion to Brisbane, which they greatly enjoyed.



Overall, Term 3 has been an excellent and enjoyable experience for the students of Strathfield Girls High School. We look forward to a refreshing vacation and a positive Term 4 as we move toward the end of 2019.

*Ms Lyriss*



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## *Message from the Deputy Principal*

Week 10B Term 3

It is an honour to be a representative of a school where exceptional achievements speak for themselves. Our staff and students have worked extremely hard this term to achieve amazing results in all areas of school life through the implementation of the curriculum, sport, co-curriculum, welfare and community initiatives. I am completely inspired by our wonderful students and their quests to assist the less fortunate in our community.

This term it was a great honour to attend the Centennial ZONTA Conference in Brisbane with Ms Kerry Sadler and 15 of our Strathfield Girls High School Zclub members. We were fortunate to meet and hear the Zonta International President and Dame Quentin Bryce speak in regards to leadership and advocacy of women. Our students were totally empowered and inspired by these strong women and by others who were paving the road to success through their own personal life changing experiences. One example that inspired us all was from Airlie Chapman who shed a light on the need for women's roles in the STEM field and how female contribution can improve global sustainability. The Zclub members, Samin Alam, Aleicia Chiu, Annabel Higgins, Alekhya Immadi,

Samara Khodary, Dayoung Moon, Apurva Surendran, Rakshita Suriseti Venkata, Ivy Tan, Carey Tedjasukmana, Subiksha Thiyagarajan, Emily Tran Sophie Whitehead, Livia Wang and Angela Yoo all proved to be exceptional and worthy ambassadors of Strathfield Girls High School.



This year our STEM initiative has taken another level with our partnership with the University of Sydney. The STEM team, which includes Ms Lily Chopra, Mr John Springall, Ms Aphrodite Vassos, Mr Ping Loke, Ms Carla Fawaz and myself were provided the opportunity to participate in the USYD Academy of STEM where we showcased to 15 other secondary schools the great work we are doing at Strathfield Girls High School in the area of STEM. It has been a very exciting term for our Year 7, 9 & 10 students who successfully showcased their talents and our school during a visit from our Executive Director, Dr Sylvia Corish this term. I would very much like to thank Ms Chopra, Mr Springall, Mr Loke, Ms Vassos and Ms Fawaz for all their hard work and effects in ensuring the success of this important initiative.





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## *Message from the Deputy Principal continued*

This term Ms Nicole Cai and I have been part of a community initiative with Marie Bashir Public School, Macquarie University and Year 9 Science students. This has been an amazing initiative, providing mentoring opportunities for our students with Stage 3 students of Marie Bashir. Our Year 9 students worked on planning, devising and constructing a science experiment around an environmental issue with their group from Marie Bashir Public School. It was wonderful to see our students mentor and direct their teams to successfully achieve their final projects, which were displayed at the Science Fair this term. Our 13 student mentors, Utthara Subin, Gabriella Gorgas, Faith Fallon, Liba Safi, Rahath Ali, Joycelyn Soo, Arwa Khanbhai, Tarrynina Lui, Maria Nasikwala, Suresha Mangalath, Trish Lam, Aleyana Acar and Victoria Trinh, need to be congratulated for their commitment, integrity and perseverance throughout this entire initiative. I would also like to thank Macquarie University for providing this opportunity to our schools and to our young scientists.

Term 3 also saw our current Year 12 students proudly complete their studies at Strathfield Girls High School. The graduation ceremony showcased their successes and achievements throughout the past six years. I wish all our Year 12 students all the best with their studies and future endeavours. I would like to congratulate each and every one of them for their collegial and outstanding efforts throughout their years at Strathfield Girls High. Please remember the words that many of us have continually repeated .....

dream, believe, inspire, achieve....

Finally I would like to personally congratulate Mikayla Saliba, Yasmina Bassi Backhouse and Michele Battodrol for their diligence and passion in being amazing ambassadors for our school. I am truly proud to acknowledge their achievements and outstanding efforts as our School Captain and Vice-Captains. The three proved not only to be great role models to all our students at Strathfield Girls High, but also greatly defined the importance of their roles. I congratulate them and their leadership capabilities to not only inspire others, but to empower them to succeed in building the leadership capacity of others. Congratulations Mikayla, Yasmina and Michele. I will dearly miss our conversations and the passion you clearly developed in excelling as the leaders of our school.

Finally as Deputy Principal I am truly honoured to be part of this wonderful school and its amazing endeavours. I would like to thank the wonderful staff, students and our community for their support and am grateful to be part of this incredible school. It is a true reflection of Public Education at its best.

I have greatly enjoyed this term, especially getting to have some lengthy discussions with your daughters. It is amazing to learn how involved our students are in promoting our school in many initiatives for those less fortunate than ourselves. I congratulate them and you as their parents for raising caring, considerate and compassionate members of our society.

If you have any concerns in regards to your daughter's progress or any of the discussed topics please do not hesitate to contact me.

*Ms Dalamagas*





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## *Message from the Deputy Principal*

As the year continues, we remain acutely focused on providing an **excellent education** that develops students' skills and insights so that they become strong, capable women who go into the community to push the boundaries and make a difference.

Our committed staff continues to develop valuable curricular and extracurricular educational opportunities, including challenging assessment tasks aimed at allowing students to assess their strengths and to reflect on how to improve.

Vince Lombardi said, ***"The price of success is hard work, dedication to the job at hand, and the determination that whether we win or lose, we have applied the best of ourselves to the task at hand."***

***"There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work and learning from our failures."*** Colin Powell



Strathfield Girls High School **promotes a growth mindset where every student is encouraged to believe that they always have the power and capacity to grow and achieve, in pursuit of their dreams.** This philosophy gives ownership and incentive to each student to work hard to get where they want to be- in whatever area their goals and dreams lie. Ms Lyriss' buzz phrase, often echoed by the girls, remains, "If you can dream it, you can do it!" Every student is encouraged to dream, aspire and achieve.

**We would like parents to reinforce this message to their daughters** and all young people in their care, and to **emphasise that everyone in life, no matter their age, is growing and learning every day.** We are all "not there yet" in some areas, but **hard work and grit opens up the possibilities** that we will be THERE one day!

My Year 9 girls are a good group of students who are growing up and learning what happens when boundaries are pushed too far! They are a resilient group who are "getting there" under the guidance of their wonderful Year Adviser, Danielle Saba, whose dedication and commitment to supporting her girls is commendable! It is a difficult being a teenager, however, the future looks bright for my wonderful Year 9 girls!



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*Message from the Deputy Principal continued*

I would like to end this report by **acknowledging the tremendous support provided by our parents**, and the **professionalism, care and diligence of our staff** who create diverse quality educational experiences that inspire student learning and enrich student experiences. Strathfield Girls

*Ms Maharaj*



# Wellbeing

## R U Ok? Day Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September, we celebrated and raised awareness for RUOK day. RUOK is a non for profit charity in Australia, reminding people that having meaningful conversations with mates and loved ones could save lives. Their vision is to create a world where we are all connected and are protected from harm by empowering everyone to meaningfully connect with people around them and support anyone struggling with life.

Our assembly presented by the prefects, SRC and Wellbeing Team, provided students with strategies on how to start a conversation with someone we care about. It also featured wonderful performances from our Year 12 and 10 Music students. Our resident DJ Kyra Hincal of Year 8 led our assembly into lunchtime where the prefects and SRC handed out bananas, cake and cards on how to start a conversation.



# Wellbeing

## Year 7 Homebush Boys vs Strathfield Girls Kick ball competition

Our prefects Victoria Fourfouris and Sophie Kang ran a kickball competition with year 7 students at school this year. The winning team went head to head versus the Homebush Boys High School Year 7 Team on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August. Unfortunately the girls lost to the boys. Thank you to the Prefects for leading this initiative.

## SRC Initiatives in Term 3

Our SRC has been really busy leading many events around the school and raising money for worthy causes. These include:

### ***SRC Raise the Dough Campaign***

The SRC held a teachers eating competition and bake sale on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August. Money raised is going towards Reach Out and raising awareness for mental health. Their fundraising page has over \$1000 already before this event took place.

The teachers eating competition started off with teachers having to eat two Krispy Kreme donuts without the use of their hands. Participating teachers included Ms Fawaz, Mr Loke, Mr Springall, Ms Cardinale, Ms McLennan and Mr Middleton. The fastest eaters in the first round was Mr Loke and Mr Springall who both went into the final round where they had to eat a whole bowl of spicy noodles. The winner was Mr Loke!

Thank you to the teachers who participated and the SRC led by Ms Fawaz and Ms Shalini for organising this great initiative.

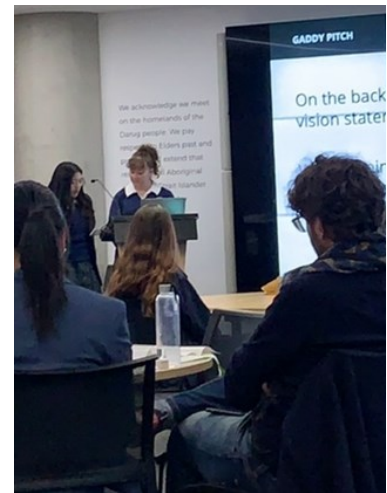
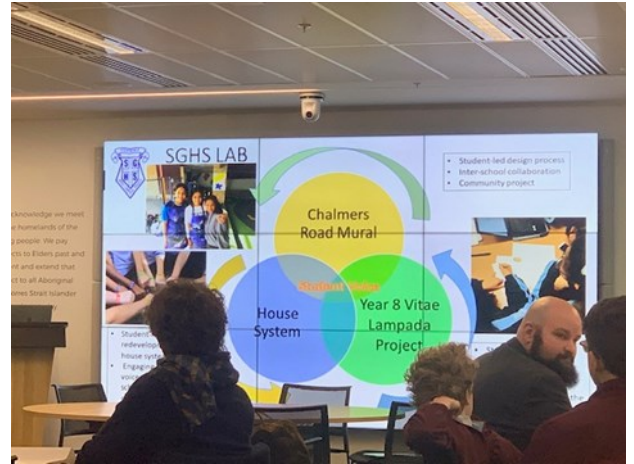




# Wellbeing

## LAB project

The LAB team attended a successful workshop at the Parramatta DoE office on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August. During this day, we were able to work on one of our projects on student voice led by the company Fusion Labs. The most rewarding part of the day was having two of our Year 11 students with us- Hannah Kirkpatrick and Shanice Nguyen to collaborate with and evaluate our plans.



Following this, the team held a workshop on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August and Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September for a number of year 7-11 students. They were taken through the design thinking process using the school uniform as a sample, and then they began using the same process to explore ideas to address our house system and house spirit in the school.



# *Message from the Year 7 Adviser*

Year 7 has had a very busy Term 3!

Week 5 was especially busy. In that week, students had an Author Talk during book week where students were shown the rewards of hard work and dedication. They also took part in the Year 7 Languages day, where students celebrated the different cultures and highlighted the importance of diversity and respect of all cultures.

Year 7 have been involved in a number of whole school activities such as Multicultural Day, Jeans for Genes Day, R U OK? Day, Musicale, Pink Stumps Day and numerous dance performances. These opportunities showcased the girls' talent, hard work and dedication in non-academic events. They thoroughly impressed the school community.

Students have been working hard on the academic side of school, successfully completing assessment tasks and participating in numerous extracurricular competitions, such as the Mathematics and Science competitions.



In Vitae Lampada, students have been discussing and roleplaying activities involving self-respect, communication and conflict resolution. The lessons involved class discussions regarding dealing with daily high school issues and peacefully resolving problems before they escalate beyond control.

We look forward to Term 4 and ending the school year on a high note!



*Mr Altaie*



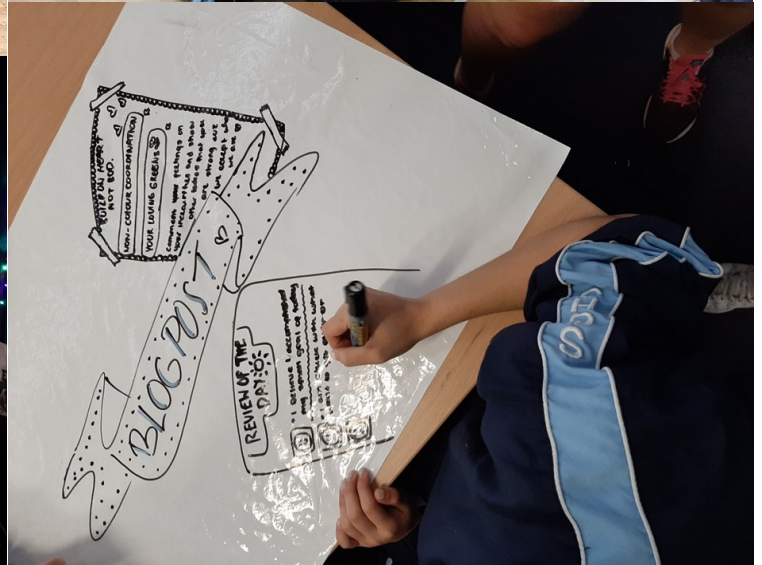
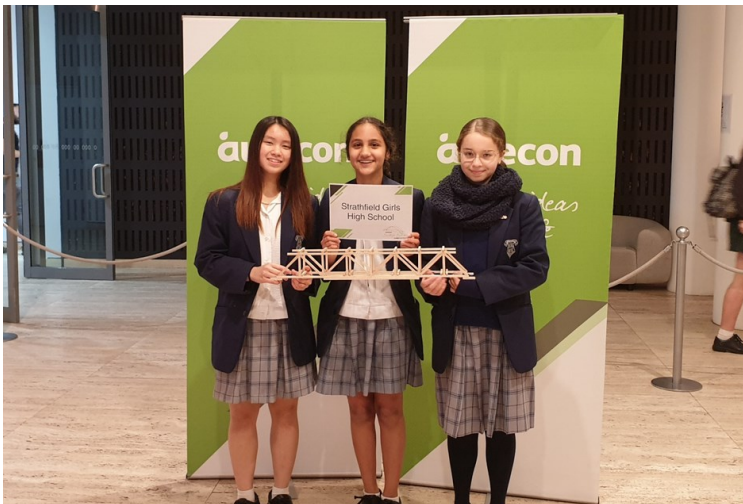
# Message from the Year 8 Adviser

What a busy term it has been for Year 8!

Most significantly, Year 8 prepared for the next stage of their educational journey through the selection of their year 9 electives for 2020. The selection night was informative and interesting as students and parents heard from Head Teachers about each elective subject and then engaged in the subject expo with classroom teachers. I look forward to the commencement of these electives in the new year and seeing our girls develop new skills in each of these disciplines.

In addition to the academic activities undertaken in Term 3, Year 8 have also been involved in a number of whole school and extra-curricular activities such as Aurecon Bridge Building Competition, Multicultural Day, R U OK? Day, Musicale and Dance Night. These opportunities have allowed the girls to demonstrate their unique talents which have truly impressed the school community.

Term three has also seen each Vitae Lampada class working through the prototype phase of their wellbeing projects, where students are seeking innovative solutions to common concerns across the cohort. I have been captivated and awed by the truly mature and meaningful solutions the girls have come up with so far and look forward to seeing their finished products in term 4.



Ms Cullen



# *Message from the Year 9 Adviser*

This term Year 9 has been busy with their Videos for Change project. Videos for Change allowed the students the opportunity to make 1 minute video on an issue that affects them and that they feel strongly about. Students created videos on various topics including, domestic violence, The Barrier Reef, beauty standards, cyberbullying, sexism and many more. The winning videos will be televised nationally through partnerships with The Project on Network 10. I wish the girls the best of luck with their submissions.



*Ms Saba*



# Message from the Year 10 Adviser

## Mental Health Public speaking competition

On Thursday 5th September, Sophie Whitehead, Salam Alam, and Carey Tedjasukmana of yr. 10 attended St Ursula's college to compete in the annual Mental Health Public Speaking Challenge. Each school was given a different Mental Health issue and Strathfield Girls presented on the topic of ***"There is evidence that loneliness affects mental health. The UK has recently appointed a Minister for Loneliness. If we appointed a minister for loneliness in Australia what do you think their main concerns would be and how would they address them?"***

After months of planning, Strathfield Girls delivered a strong and engaging performance. The final results were:

1<sup>st</sup> place George's river college

2<sup>nd</sup> place Concord High School

3<sup>rd</sup> place Randwick Girls High School

It was a great experience for all the students involved which helped raise awareness of Mental Health.



# *Message from the Year 10 Adviser continued*

## **Yr 10 Subject Selection**

It has been a busy term for yr 10, with students completing subject selection for their senior subjects for 2020. Students and parents were updated on the Morrisby testing and Vocational and Educational Training before heading to the gym where students had the opportunity to engage with teachers and explore an exhibition of senior subjects on offer for 2020. This was followed by student interviews with the senior executive. It was an informative night

## **Zonta Centennial Conference Brisbane**

On Friday the 6th of September, 15 yr 10 students from Strathfield Girls High School's Z club travelled to Brisbane for the Centennial conference of Zonta International. During the first day of the conference, student's attended District 24's meeting and opening ceremony (with the flag parade). On the second day, student's heard from guest speakers included ex- governor general, Dame Quentin Bryce, and International President Susanne Von Bassewitz. Finally on day 3, students listened to a panel of memorable guest speakers (Young women speak out, 2018 International YWPA) that talked about how Zonta affected them and their aspirations for the future. The guest speakers made valid points and were enjoyable to listen to. The conference ended with the award ceremony. Overall, the Zonta conference was one of the greatest experiences for the Z club. It gave the students ideas and plans for the future. Brisbane treated us so kindly, with its beautiful weather and its excellent sights around the city. A big thankyou to Zonta District 24, Diana and Lorna who made it possible for Strathfield Girls High School to attend this surreal experience.



*Ms Sadler*



# Message from the Year 11 Adviser

Well, Year 11 the year may not be over but our Preliminary year is now, officially, completed. We've made it to the HSC.

Although year 11 will feel some reprieve from finishing their yearly Preliminary examinations, with some outstanding results might I add, their rest will be short lived as they begin their journey of undergoing the HSC. The preliminary year has been a challenging experience but they have taken it head on achieving some great feats along the way.

This term saw our cohort vote for their representatives for the 2020 prefects. With so many strong candidates it truly was a challenge to select the representative body, as all students partaking in the election would have made exceptional leaders. Congratulations to all our successful applicants that have been voted in. Although there are only 20 spots for the prefects, there have been various students already showcasing their exceptional leadership as many year 11 students are involved with and leading various projects around the school. The staff and students have reported positively on these projects and we look forward to seeing them continue to shine in the future.

Reflecting on year 11's exceptional leadership and commitment to school spirit, I would like to commend our VET students (and teachers) who have given up much of their time to help facilitate school events, such as the Entertainment class assisting in Musicales and Dance nights. Similarly like to thank the Hospitality students for their wonderful catering at the same events. In addition to all of this, the year 11 Hospitality students and teachers successfully launched the Art Espresso Café. It is a huge hit and took a lot dedication from everyone involved to get it into motion.

As year 11 end their preliminary year to begin their HSC they also partake in the Life Ready Program which commenced on the 12<sup>th</sup> of September when they attended Be Street Smart. It came at an ideal time as many students are now attaining their licenses. The event was held at Olympic Park with hundreds of other schools taking part. It was an informative and eye-opening day where our girls received first hand experience on the importance of driver awareness and safety.

Year 11 will no doubt enjoy their break and let's hope they come back well rested because they will have a huge 12 months ahead of them.



*Mr Koulouris*

# *Message from the Year 12 Adviser*

It has been a special term for our graduating Year 12 students of 2019 – their last term of high school, ever! Students have had a busy one preparing for and completing the ever-so-important Trial Higher School Certificate Examinations. They all went well and without any hiccups, testament to how well prepared, mature and conscientious our Year 12 students are. Next...the HSC!

Week 10 is an exciting time for Year 12. Our Picnic is on Tuesday, Farewell Assembly and Graduation on Thursday.

Farewell, Year 12. Being your Year Adviser has been wonderful. I wish each and every one of you all the very best for a happy and bright future.



*Mr Cordi*



# English Faculty



## The New South Wales 2019 Legacy Public Speaking Competition

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 Bilvika Abburi and Ayushi Bhujel (Year 9) represented Strathfield Girls High at the local final of The New South Wales Legacy Public Speaking Award at Moorebank High School. Congratulations to Bilvika who was chosen to go through to the next round of the competition.

All the students spoke articulately about a topic of choosing. For her prepared speech component, Bilvika raised awareness of the plight of refugees, comparing their living conditions in refugee camps to the setting of dystopian texts. Drawing inspiration from Maya Angelou, Ayushi spoke about the importance of perseverance to enable success. The English faculty incorporated an impromptu component for the cohort assessment task in 2019. This ensured both girls were ready to tackle this year's impromptu topic, "Someone else's fault". The adjudicator shared his personal experience of having his first public speaking success in year 11. A tip for public speaking that the adjudicator provided was to ensure the topic was presented in a unique way, so that the audience continues to think about it well and truly after the speech has ended.

Overall, the students were great ambassadors of the great speakers and leaders we have at Strathfield Girls High.



# English Faculty

## Year 11 Advanced English – Bell Shakespeare Masterclasses

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July and Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July, Year 11 Advanced English classes had the special privilege of partaking in a focus masterclass run by the well-reputed Bell Shakespeare. In these expert sessions, students were able to step into active character roles from *King Lear* by providing their best tonal renditions of stand-out one liners from the original script. Similarly, through kinaesthetic and blocking activities, students were able to form some very innovative representations and tableaux of key scenes within the play. Overall, it was great to see every person participate in some capacity during these sessions alongside a thespian who generated plenty of smiles, laughter and even some empathy around the stage. As we approach the comparative component of *Narratives That Shape Our World*, I am sure that every student will have a moment of clarity, as perhaps, like Lear, they pass but for a brief moment through the eye of the storm.





# English Faculty

## Extension II English (2019)

On Friday 23rd August, Extension II English students submitted their final major works over a celebratory luncheon. These students have worked studiously behind the scenes for the past 10 months developing a sustained composition from ideation to fruition. It has no doubt been a challenging journey, but also deeply rewarding as these individuals have shown an intellectual discipline and acuity in successfully navigating the rigours of this course.

On behalf of the school, I would like to wish Maitri Chakravarty, Taryn Hodgess, Jenna Ross-Haast, Regina Bao, Nicole Pan and Rubi Cimen all the very best.

Sincerely,

Mr. N. M. Whittard

## Friday 6th September - Year 10 Incursion - Guest Poet Steven Herrick

On Friday 6th September, Year 10 students had the wonderful opportunity of attending a performance reading with renowned poet Steven Herrick. It was great to see everyone so engaged and captivated by his craft, with so many smiles and giggles around the room.



# Science Faculty

## National Science Week

National Science Week this year was in Week 4 of Term 3. On the Thursday there was a special assembly held by the Science Club and organised by the Science Faculty. It was hectic yet fun and a lot of activities were held during that day. Participants of the Crystal Growing Competition and Brain Bee were acknowledged for their hard work and the winners of the colouring in competition won stationery sets.

The awesome Science Faculty organised the day. They held a “Which scientist is that?” trivia game where the Science Faculty dressed up as famous scientists including Galileo, Einstein, Rosalind Franklin, Isaac Newton, Marie Curie and many more.

Traditionally, every year the Science Faculty comes up with a song and dance. The song is changed to a parody to fit a scientific theme with a clever twist to it. The song they chose this year was “I want it that way” by the Backstreet Boys but all the lyrics were about lab safety. They danced with many props including fake fire!

To conclude the Science Week assembly, four teachers were nominated to have a chance to be slimed as part of the annual “Slime-a-Teacher!” event. The teachers nominated were Miss Philip, Mr Altaie, Mr Loke and Miss Vassos. You would vote for the teacher you wanted to be slimed by donating money. The teacher who raised the most money was Mr Loke, and so he got slimed. All the money raised went to genetic research.

The National Science Week was an amazing and fun-filled with shows and quizzes. We look forward to the next year’s 2020 National Science Week.

*By Amelia.R, Fiona.C & Fiona.L*





# Science Faculty





# Maths Faculty

Term four has been a very busy, eventful and productive term for The Mathematics faculty. We hosted Year six students from Marie Bashir and gave them an opportunity to experience Mathematics at SGHS.

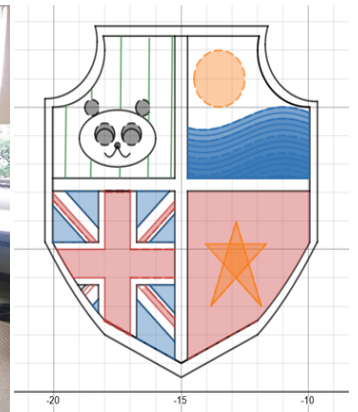
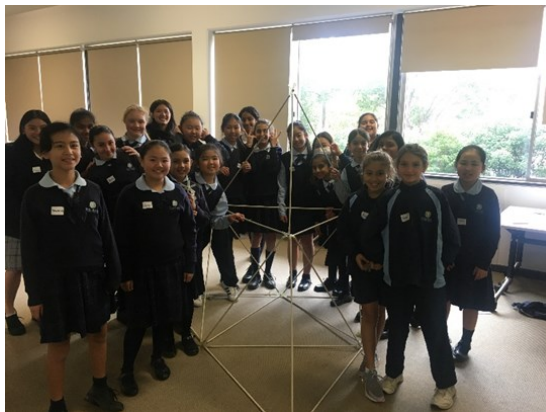
Our energetic teachers, Mr Wong and Ms Cai, and Year 10 Faculty leaders captivated the student with some inquisitive and exciting activities.

Our Year 11 Mathematics Advanced students completed their first Mathematical investigation this term. They created some very interesting and aesthetic shields using their knowledge of Functions and graphing software.

Multicultural Day was also a great opportunity for the Mathematics Faculty to show their talent in other KLA's, particularly in Food Technology. We successfully barbequed our souvlaki and impressed our customers with our cooking skills and souvlaki rolls. Not to mention that we had all sold out. It was finger-licking goodness.

There was more cooking happening in our lessons as we unconventionally barbequed sausages with our stage 5 students to understand how properties of parabolas can be used in real life. In conclusion, it was a success!

This term is a critical term for most students as they enter a new stage. That is Year 8 into 9 and Year 10 into 11. However, there is light at the end of the tunnel. The Mathematics Faculty have been very active in the subject selection events to ensure that all students are well informed and not overwhelmed with the changes.





# History Faculty

On the 28th of August, Year 10 Elective History along with the Year 11 Ancient History cohort, accompanied by Ms Cardinale and Ms Creevey had the opportunity of visiting the Nicholson Museum at the University of Sydney in order to gain a deeper insight into the topics we are studying at school.

The artefacts at the Nicholson Museum heavily correlated to the ancient Egyptian, Greek and Roman civilisations that we study. We were able to see several rare and archaic artefacts such as Egyptian mummies, Roman statues and Greek pottery. They even had a scale replica of the town of Pompeii built entirely out of LEGO. The museum guide gave us detailed information on each of the artefacts, which added onto our understanding of ancient civilisations.

However, not only were we able to see these interesting artefacts for ourselves, we were able to have a hands on experience with several artefacts that they had located in a storage room. We were given access to a number of artefacts to explore for ourselves. This was an exciting experience for all of us to see real sources up close to analyse.

Overall, the day was highly interesting and beneficial for all of us, as we gained a wider perspective on the ancient civilisations we study at school. *By Maryam Mulla*





# *History Faculty*





# Social Science Faculty

## Year 9 – Narrabeen Beach Excursion 2019

Year 9 Geography classes went on a geographical investigation to NARABEEN/Collaroy beach on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August. Students conducted a first hand investigation as part of their Assessment Task on coastal management. Students had to apply their classroom knowledge on their current topic '*Environmental change and management*' to carry out the investigation. AUSECO experts helped students gain greater insight of the area being investigated using geographical equipment on the day to gather data needed for their report. Students took lots of photos (*see images below*) to use as their primary data and completed a booklet given on the day. Despite the early start, both teachers and student had an amazing time in the duration of the excursion.





## Art Espresso Coffee Shop

The smell of freshly brewed coffee has been wafting through the SGHS grounds. Our school Art Quad has been the site of an incredible transformation this year with the recent addition of our new Hospitality VET Learning Space, the Art Espresso Coffee Shop. The Coffee Shop is an excellent example of high quality simulated work space. The Senior Hospitality students are cultivating their vocational work skills whilst providing a great menu of beverages for the SGHS staff. Some students have been offered jobs in the Hospitality industry after completing Barista training. The feedback we received from the school community has been incredibly positive and supportive. The TAS faculty is very grateful to the staff, parents and teachers for their ongoing support of our students.

Later in Term 4, the Coffee Shop will begin trialling service periods when they will make beverages for students. Mrs. Lyris kindly supported the venture and is one of our best customers. After 12 months of planning, designing and outfitting the space Mrs. Da Silva's vision has come to fruition. Her dedication and perseverance is to be commended. With the help of the SASS Staff, cleaning staff, teachers, Executive and Senior Executive teachers, the previous staff room was converted into a contemporary and industry standard space.

Throughout the week, the coffee shop is opened three times with Mrs. Da Silva, Ms. Vassos and our wonderful Year 11 Food and Beverage Hospitality students operating the establishment. We would like to thank the school community for all their support.





# LOTE Faculty

Term 3 has been a very busy yet productive time for Languages students and teachers. There have been so many fun and meaningful activities experienced by our students, with much strong evidence of academic achievements as well.

Mr Liu  
Head Teacher Languages

## **Bonjour from 7B!**

Year 7 Languages are now enjoying studying French and immersing themselves in all things Gallic. Here are some examples of some very creative and beautiful collages made by Mr Cordi's class.



## **Year 9 Japanese Cooking Lesson**

The Year 9 Japanese Class, we often have cultural lessons in which we watch videos and participate in class activities, which help to enrich our cultural understanding of Japan.

Today, we made "Tori Gohan Onigiri", a popular Japanese food, which is equivalent to a modern day sandwich.

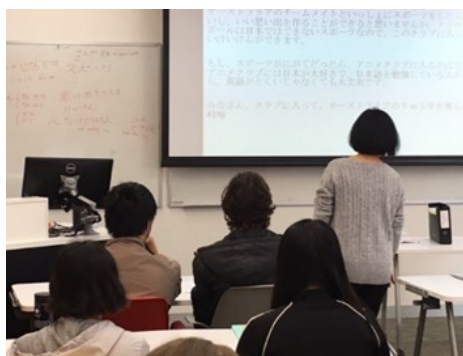
First, we started off by moulding our rice into a triangle shape and placed it onto a sheet of seaweed. We then had to carefully unwrap the plastic packaging of the seaweed. After a long wait, we were finally able to eat them. Overall, our experience in the Year 9 Japanese class has been amazing and fun. We look forward to the upcoming cultural lessons.



# LOTE Faculty

## Winter Holiday Workshops for Year 12 Japanese Beginners, Continuers and Extension Courses with JTAN at Macquarie Uni

On the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of July, the Japanese Beginners and Continuers classes attended the Japanese workshop at Macquarie University. The workshop was a two-day course with classes that targeted listening, reading, writing and speaking skills that would be beneficial for the best performance in the upcoming exams. There were students participating from a variety of schools and we were taught by experienced HSC teachers. The class made our way to Macquarie University together early in the morning and made our way to registration which was soon followed by splitting into pairs and beginning our first class for the day. During the classes we attempted many past HSC papers and were provided with many useful suggestions we could apply when answering questions in the future. During lunch we enjoyed our pre-ordered bento boxes and took the chance to further explore the university. Overall, the experience was helpful to gain new tips and allowed us to understand the requirements of the HSC exams. On the 10<sup>th</sup> of July, our Year 12 Japanese Extension class also attended a HSC workshop by JTAN at Macquarie University.



## Education Perfect Languages Championships 2019

Students studying French and Japanese participated in the Education Perfect World Championships in August/September 2019. 24 of our students achieved fabulous results and are to be commended for their excellence. Three students Nichelle Albeza, Nami Shimada and Abir Lakehal achieved the Emerald Award which requires a minimum of 5000 points! They are to be congratulated for their dedication and excellent efforts.





# LOTE Faculty

## Year 9, Excursion to Korean Cultural Centre

On Tuesday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July the Year 9 Korean class went on an excursion to Korean Cultural Centre, which taught us the traditions and customs of the Korean culture. We tried on Hanbok which is a Korean traditional clothing, and we also learnt a Korean traditional bow. Later on, we made some crafts (Pangi for top-spinning game and Tal for Korean traditional dance), relating to Korean culture. Then we went to eat at a Korean buffet restaurant. Overall the excursion was very fun and a great learning experience. (Written by Summer and Minkyung)



## The 50<sup>th</sup> NSW Japanese Language Speech Contest – First Prize to Megan Lam

On Sunday 15th September, three students from Strathfield Girls High School participated in the 50th NSW Japanese Speech Contest, held at St Joseph's College.

Ha Yeon Park (Year 9) and Rosie Lin (Year 10) participated in the Wakaba division. They wrote and presented a speech on the topic "A letter from me 10 years in the future", sharing their future aspirations and their thoughts on the changes of the world around them. Megan Lam (Year 12) participated in the High School Senior Division, choosing to speak on "What I have learnt from the Speech Contest." In front of a board of judges, as well as fellow participants and a large audience. The three girls proudly presented the speeches that they had written and practised themselves, with the help of their Japanese teacher. The experience of being able to present a speech written in a foreign language was a great learning experience for all participants. Following a light lunch, all the competitors received a certificate of participation, and Megan Lam received the first prize for her division. Congratulations Megan for her excellent effort. She will be participating in the national competition on 12th October. All the very best to her.



# LO7E Faculty

## Year 7 Languages Day 2019

Year 7 of Strathfield Girls High School had the honour of participating in a wonderfully eventful Languages Day on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August 2019.

To begin the day with, an absolutely hilarious French mime decided to stroll in and give us a big show of funny skits that left us all dumbfounded and which also led to non-stop giggling. The performance was spectacular, and so were all of the brave volunteers that dared to go up on stage and join the mime in making us burst out laughing.



Mama Mia! Year 7 had the great pleasure of eating freshly made cannoli. The flavours of the cannoli varied from a bittersweet chocolate, to a mouth-watering ricotta and vanilla. Whilst Year 7 was munching on their cannoli, our teachers decided to put on an Italian movie called 'Gladiators' for a treat.





# LOTE Faculty

Following this performance, a number of Chinese traditional dancers came on stage and practically blew us away. Three finely dressed women had come onto the stage and were neatly waving their beautiful Chinese fans. Their dancing was spectacularly graceful and elegant.



Our long-awaited Japanese period had finally come! We were welcomed into the event by a beautiful Japanese anime called 'Arrietty', which left everyone in the hall squealing for more. Year 7 also had the pleasure of trying out delicious Bento Boxes.



Finishing off with a big bang, we had a number of young men and women to perform a hapkido routine for us. Everyone was completely stunned because these people had some real talent!



Sadly, the long day came to an end. The outstanding twists and unexpected turns made Year 7's Languages Day 2019 a spectacular day to remember, forever and always.

# LOTE Faculty

## China Cultural Tour 2019

The China Cultural Tour will take place from 4 October 2019 to 15 October 2019 with 14 students attending and 2 accompanying teachers, Ms Lee and Ms Dalamagas. They will travel to four cities, Chongqing, Chengdu, Xi'an and Beijing, exploring different historical sites in China.

We wish them a safe trip and look forward to hear their stories when they return.





# *Learning and Engagement Faculty*

## Year 8 & 10 Subject Selection Expo and Information Evening



Ms Fonseca, our Careers teacher and Learning and Engagement teachers have again been busy in 2019, supporting students in their transition from Year 8 into 9 and Year 10 in Year 11. This year as part of the Year 8 and Year 10 Information Evening and EXPO the teachers met with students and parents to discuss subject choices available for 2020 and future career options.

## Year 10 Morrisby Careers Testing.

This Year Mrs Eklund introduced the Morrisby Online Career and Aptitude Assessment Program. Morrisby testing is a well-established, well researched career and aptitude assessment program and is used by many schools in NSW, Victoria and the UK.

Mrs Eklund worked with all of Year 10 to complete the Morrisby Online Career and Aptitude Assessment Program in order to support the students in their important subject and career decisions. The tests provide an objective assessment of the student's strengths. A special "Thank you " to Emma Goodsir, the Morrisby representative who presented an informative overview of how to use the Interactive reporting section of the Morrisby program at the Year 10 Subject Selection Evening on August 22, 2019. Students will also be using the program during their Careers lessons in Term 3 and 4



The completed report and interactive program will assist students and parents in selecting subjects for Year 10 and eventually career decisions.



## **Wrapped in Love**

Ms Zec from Learning & Engagement as well as several other keen staff and student knitters have continued to meet on Thursdays at lunchtime to knit and piece together wraps as part of the Wrapped in Love Foundation. The foundation is a non-profit organization that has over 30,000 volunteers contributing to making a difference in the world by providing warm wraps to people in need around the world. This year we hope to send our completed blankets to the Wrapped in

# Learning and Engagement Faculty

## Year 7 & 8 Book Week Author Talk with Randa Abdel-Fattah

In Term 3 Year 7 & 8 attended the Book Week author Randa Abdel-Fattah. in the school Hall with students and Ms Eklund.



**The Learning Centre** is another aspect of the support provided to the students at SGHS. The Learning & Engagement teachers provide additional small group or individual student tutorials to students in Years in 7-12. The Learning Centre continues to have a steady increase in the number of students requesting bookings and attending specialty Year 12 English and Mathematics workshops with Mrs Correy and Dr Eklund in 2019.

**Homework Help** will be available each day in the morning from 8:00am and again in the afternoons from 3:10pm-6:30pm. Several of the Learning and Engagement teachers are committed to providing academic support to students at Homework Help. The Homework Help initiative is extremely beneficial to all students who attend regularly. ***Students are strongly encouraged to make use of this very valuable resource to complete their homework and assessments***

## **Multicultural Day**

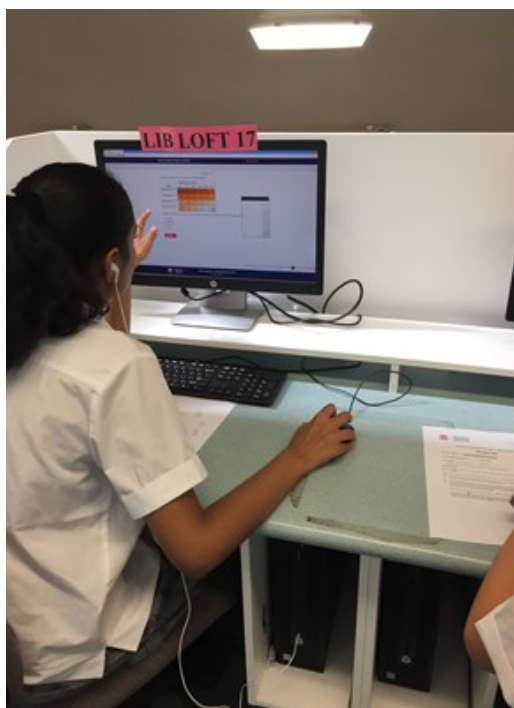


This year the Learning & Engagement faculty and some dedicated students in Year 8 and Year 10 combined their efforts and provided a stall at the Multicultural Day. We spent the day selling delicious Middle Eastern sweets, chocolate dipped strawberries, Strawberry and Marshmallow kebabs and jumbo chocolate dipped Marshmallows and other yummy sweets. It was a great success. We would like to thank the families who donated the delicious Middle Eastern sweets and the students who worked throughout the day on the stall.



# *Learning and Engagement Faculty*

## Year 10 HSC Minimum Standard Literacy and Numeracy groups



This year the Learning & Engagement faculty has continued with their intensive literacy program to support students in Year 10 to succeed in the HSC Minimum Standards Test.

Students work in targeted areas of Writing and Numeracy to prepare for the online test in term 3 & 4.

Ms. Logan and Mrs. Taylor from the Learning & Engagement faculty provide small, specialised writing tutorials, while Dr Eklund meets regularly with identified students in Year 10 to prepare them to sit the HSC Minimum Standard numeracy test.

During Term 2 -4 these teachers are running small tutoring groups. Each teacher is familiar with the test's marking criteria and how that criteria will be implemented so they can best support the students in the tutorial groups.

Before students join a tutoring group, their HSC Minimum Standard test results and school marks are examined, so that the lessons can be tailored to meet the students' specific needs. The groups are capped at six to eight students, to enable individual support.

The tutorials are scheduled around important events, assessment tasks and exams. They run weekly so that each student can build their skills as quickly as possible. Our progress assessments are showing that, most students are gaining the skills they need to achieve the required level 3 or level 4 in the HSC Minimum Standard test.

# *Creative Arts Faculty*

## **MUSICALE' 2019**

Musicale' 2019, our annual music variety night celebrating and showcasing our student's musical talent was a successful evening. Yet again, the girls continue to come forward and show us their amazing capacity to produce, arrange and perform music to a very high standard.

It's always impressive to see our students not only playing in our ensembles program, but also performing traditional pieces specific to their cultural background, celebrating the depth and diversity of world music traditions we are fortunate to have in the school. This is a unique feature of Strathfield Girls High School.





# *Creative Arts Faculty*

## **YEAR 12 HSC BODY OF WORK EXHIBITION**

The annual Year 12 HSC Body of Work exhibition was held in the school hall. Our year 12 HSC students surpassed themselves with the calibre and quality of their work. Students this year worked across a broad variety of expressive forms including drawing, painting, sculpture and digital media.

The exhibition was attended by a large contingent of parents, students, teachers and community members. We wish our girls the best of luck with their HSC practical submissions and written exam.



# EAL/D and Drama Faculty

## EAL/D, English Studies and Drama Excursion

Year 11 and Year 12 EAL/D, English Studies and Year 11 Drama students enjoyed a day out at the Darlinghurst Theatre on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August to watch a performance of Jane Harrison's *Rainbow's End*. The play tells the story of the struggles faced by three generations of indigenous women in 1950's rural Australia. Despite the massive train delays, we made it in time and experienced a great day.



## Legacy Fundraising

6<sup>th</sup> September was Legacy Badge Day. Each year, Mr Cordi and several students wake up bright and early and sell Legacy merchandise at Strathfield Station. Legacy Australia is a charity which supports war widows and the families of those who have given their lives in the service of our country. Students raised an amazing \$1080.30 for this worthwhile cause.





# EAL/D and Drama Faculty

## Multicultural day – Krispy Kreme stall

On Friday 30th August, the annual Multicultural Day of Strathfield Girls High School took place where the team from the EAL faculty set up a booth selling popular Krispy Kreme Doughnuts and offering free raffle tickets to every purchaser giving them a chance to win a double pass to Luna Park, thanks to the enthusiastic support of Ms Manuel who generously donated the gift. In spite of the harsh weather on the day, all doughnuts were snapped up by the starving participants in no time and a net profit of over \$400 was collected for the charity. Congratulation to all EALD staff for their great team work and the raffle ticket winners, Mia Mazzotta and Rayan Aiche from 7Y for their good luck!



## Amity-Kind Club Assembly, Week 5

Amity-Kind Club aims to spread the seeds of kindness throughout the school community by doing random acts of kindness for staff and students. It is a student led group supported by Ms Wenman which meets every Friday at lunch time in S13, to plan whole school initiatives to gently deliver the message of respecting and supporting each other.



Gabrielle Gorgas singing her own composition accompanied by Sophie Whitehead

# EAL/D and Drama Faculty



Sophie, Amity-Kind Club Leader chairing the assembly



Our Art and Poetry competition winner, Ameen Sohl in Year 7, reading her winning poem



Gabriella Gorgas and Emma-Jayne Pendergast  
Amity- Kind Club Leaders



# *PDHPE Faculty*

Yet another huge term for Strathfield Girls in PDHPE and Sport! Grade teams have had success, Year 7 and 8 students have participated in Gala Days and knockout teams have challenged schools in CHS tournaments. There have been teams that have made finals and students have tasted success in regional tournaments. Students have been out to learn about road safety and leaders have welcomed year 5 and 6 students, entertaining them with exciting games. Our dancers and Entertainment students have been representing our school brilliantly as well. Read on for all the details.

## **Grade Sport Report**

Year 7 and 8 girls competed valiantly in soccer, volleyball and Netball against other schools within the Bligh Zone. Strathfield Girls 7/8 Netball 1 Team deserving special mention as they are sitting in 1<sup>st</sup> position leading in to the finals! Year 9 and 10 also represented the school proudly in Soccer and Netball. Each week a variety of players from each grade sport earned 'Player of the Week' status for outstanding sportsmanship and skill displayed.

Those who opted not to compete against other schools for Tuesday afternoon sport, challenged themselves and learnt new skills in a wide range of activities including; croquet, tennis, ice skating, 'golden goal' soccer, gymnastics, ten pin bowling, park sports and cardio boxing.

## **Sydney East Region Athletics**

On the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of August, Strathfield Girls had 21 competitors selected to represent Bligh Zone at the Sydney East Athletics Carnival. The girls performed at their personal best and did Strathfield Girls proud.

## **NSW Combined High Schools Gymnastics Competition**

Sofia Nolan (Yr8), Kiana Chiu and Chloe Chiu (Yr 8) competed at the NSWCHS Gymnastics Championships in Glendale on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August.

In Division D (Level 4/5), the Sydney East Region Team came 2nd overall & Kiana gained 3rd place overall in the Uneven Bars event. In Division C (Level 6), the Sydney East Team came 3rd overall and Chloe gained 1<sup>st</sup> place overall in the Beam event.



# PDHPE Faculty

## Year 8 Gala Day

All year 8 students participated in the Bligh Zone Gala day on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July. They competed against other schools in the zone in Netball, Soccer, Oztag and European Handball. The day is about participation, developing skills and having fun. They were ably lead by year 10 coaches.



## Bligh Zone Open Girls Oz Tag – Semi Finalists

The SGHS Oz Tag team played exceptionally well to make the semi-finals of the Bligh Zone Oz Tag Championships on Wednesday 21 August at Mackey Park, Marrickville. Despite remaining undefeated for the first 4 rounds and spending the majority of the semi-final as the better team, they were narrowly beaten by SSC Leichhardt.



## Premier's Sporting Challenge Learning to Lead Day

This one day workshop was held at Concord High School on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2019 and was a combined event with students from Concord High School and Homebush Boys. The workshops are designed to introduce each specific sport at a beginner coach level with the intention that during the following year these students will deliver sports sessions to students from partner primary schools at the PSC *Learning to Lead Day*. Sports offered on the day were be delivered by the following organisations: Jack Newton Golf Foundation, Cricket NSW, Tennis NSW, Football NSW, AFL NSW. Well done to all students who were involved on the day for their enthusiasm and effort throughout the day.





# PDHPE Faculty

## Year 6 Transition Day

Students in years 5 and 6 from Marie Bashir PS visited Strathfield Girls HS on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October and participated in a variety of physical activities. They explored the school in an orienteering activity lead by our year 9 PASS class. They then played a round robin of a variety of mini games. All students were actively engaged and couldn't stop raving about how much they enjoyed the day! The ice block at the end was greeted by smiling but tired faces.





# *PDHPE Faculty*

## **Be Street Smart Road Safety Event**

The 'Be Street Smart' road safety program is a critical and engaging annual health promotion where our girls think about how they can protect themselves and others when using the road. Below is an account of the day.

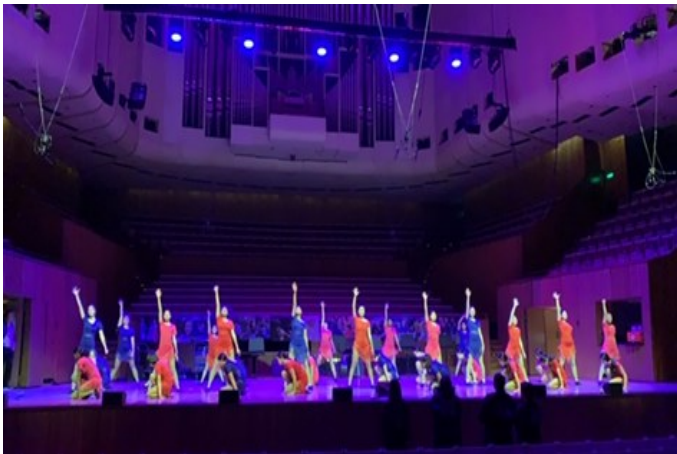
On Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> of September, year 11 had the opportunity to attend the "Be Street Smart" workshop at Qudos Bank arena. It gave them insight into the dangers and risks of driving as well as the impacts of poor choices. Students heard the inspirational and heart breaking stories of people impacted by accidents on the road, witnessed a realistic crash scenario unfold and viewed the science behind stopping distances and speed.

Many organisations were present, and they provided information on prevention strategies, organ donation and its impacts as well as insight into the workings of NSW's emergency services.

It was an informative and interactive day, which had many benefits for all year 11 students.

## **Dance**

The Dance Ensemble performed in Our Spectacular at the Sydney Opera House on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August. This years theme was 'Seasons' with the ensemble presenting a latin inspired item called "Latin Summer Nights".





# PDHPE Faculty

## Senior Dance Showcase

On 27<sup>th</sup> July, Strathfield Girls HS hosted the Senior Dance Showcase. The Year 12 dance class performed their Core Performance dances and their Core Compositions. It was a very successful evening showcasing the talented senior dance students.

