

Arthur Phillip High School Newsletter

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Skills & Thrills Showcase

By Mrs. S. Malnar

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On Tuesday 21 May, 24 students from Years 10, 11 & 12 attended the Skills & Thrills Showcase at Parramatta RSL Club.

The purpose of the event was to highlight the multitude of VET (Vocational Education and Training) pathways available to students to undertake at TAFENSW. Students watched an engaging video representing many trades, industries and occupations across regional and rural Australia.

Industries examined included Health Care, Child Care, Digital technologies, Creative & Performing Arts, Tourism & Events, Retail, Hair & Beauty, Agriculture, Construction and the Defence Force. Case studies included interviews with students and graduates discussing the training & study involved and the personal requirements of their chosen field.

David Gower, a NRL Parramatta Eels player, spoke about his VET training as an Electrician and the importance of transferrable skills such as having a strong work ethic, positive attitude and resilience. His motivational speech emphasised the importance of funnelling your passion into a career that will both challenge and reward you.

Upcoming Events

- 5 June Year 10 TAFE
- 7 June APHS Athletics Carnival
- 11 June Level 2 Home Base Reveal – new school
- 11-14 June Year 10 Minimum Standards Testing
- 12 June Sydney West Cross Country Carnival



At APHS we Strive



Below are some of the comments from our students:

“I can start to think about what I want to do in the future and start to plan for it.” Patrick Huang

“I learnt what TAFE is about and what it offers.” Jason Huang

“Today’s highlight was seeing all the successful people. I have learnt there are alternatives to university.” William Neasbey

“Today’s training was great! I got an understanding of how VET training can help you create your own career pathway.” Spy Chaiyawan

“I learnt a lot about TAFE courses and combining your strengths and passion into a profession. Hearing about others’ experiences motivated me.” Anisha Kumari

“Through today’s experience I learnt about those careers that will be in demand in 10 years’ time and the TAFE courses that will help me get there.” Elif Kelek



Rotary Supporting Kokoda Trail Trip 2018

By Mrs. McMaster

More wonderful news about our students!

On Monday night Isabella Streeter, Florence Aggio, Elizabeth Myant and Elijah Beazley were guest speakers at a Rotary dinner held at Rydges Hotel. They all shared their Kokoda Track experiences with the guests as a special thank you for Rotary's sponsorship of last years' event. I was so proud to see our students speak with such confidence, warmth and flair. They are a true credit to their families and our school.

Special acknowledgment must also go to Ms. Karnib, Ms. Jones and Mr. Bray from the English faculty who gave these students such a life-changing opportunity and an experience they will always remember and value. This is what we are all about as teachers and it reaffirms how evident this attitude is amongst APHS staff. Congratulations to all!



Schools Spectacular Dance Auditions

Dance students in Years 11-12 auditioned for the Schools Spectacular 2019 on Monday, 20th May at Olympic Park. Students worked exceptionally hard and represented APHS with pride. These talented students were: Lomano Manukeu, Destiny Panapa, Martin Lambert and Bryan Olorga. A big thank you to Ms. Mitsopoulos for giving our students this opportunity.



HSC Minimum Standard

What is the HSC minimum standard?

The HSC minimum standard was created to help ensure that students have the literacy and numeracy skills for life after school.

Students in New South Wales will need to demonstrate a minimum standard of literacy and numeracy to receive the HSC from 2020.

The standard is set at a basic level of literacy and numeracy essential for everyday life and is assessed across three areas: reading, writing and numeracy. Over 13 years of schooling it is expected that students will develop basic reading, writing and numeracy skills needed for everyday tasks and learning after school, such as writing a letter for a job application or understanding a mobile phone plan.

The HSC minimum standard online tests are 45 minutes long and include a multiple choice reading test, a multiple choice numeracy test and a short writing test based on a choice between a visual or written prompt.

Who is eligible to sit the HSC minimum standard online tests?

Students who complete the HSC in 2019:

Students who are completing the HSC in 2019 do not need to sit the NESAs HSC minimum standard online tests.

Students who complete the HSC in 2020:

Students who are completing the HSC in 2020 and achieved a Band 8 or above in Reading, Writing and Numeracy in their 2017 Year 9 NAPLAN results, do not need to sit the NESAs HSC minimum standard online test.

Students who did not achieve a Band 8 in any one of the 3 dimensions of their 2017 Year 9 NAPLAN, but who have subsequently sat and passed the HSC minimum standard online tests in 2018 or 2019, have met the standard.

Students who did not achieve a Band 8 in any one of the 3 areas of their 2017 Year 9 NAPLAN, and have not yet sat the HSC minimum standard online tests must sit the tests in 2019, 2020 or during the first few years after school.

Students who will complete the HSC in 2021 and beyond:

All students must sit the NESAs HSC minimum standard online tests in reading, writing and numeracy.

Disability Provisions:

Some students with disabilities may be eligible for disability provisions for the minimum standard online tests or be exempt from meeting the HSC minimum standard in order to receive their HSC.

Exemptions:

Life Skills courses are designed to provide an equitable pathway to the HSC. Students taking Life Skills courses can be exempt from meeting the HSC minimum standard.

NESA Policy:

NESA has developed a policy which sets out the suite of provisions and conditions for students sitting the online tests, including disability provisions, exemptions, appeals and credentialing.

When can students sit the HSC minimum standard online tests and who will administer them?

Eligible students can sit the test on any school day from 18 February to 13 December 2019.



EVERY MINUTE COUNTS....

Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day.....

When your child misses just.....	that equals...	which is....	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is.....
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1 ^{1/2} weeks per year	Nearly ^{1/2} a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning a week	Nearly 2 ^{1/2} weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
^{1/2} hour a day	^{1/2} a day of learning a week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1 ^{1/2} years of learning
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year	Over 2 ^{1/2} years of learning

School starts at: **8:30am**

BE ON TIME