Moorefield Girls High School

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Principal's Report 27/6/18

I had the pleasure of spending a day with Year 7 and Year 10 Peer Support Leaders at camp last week at Youthworks in the Royal National Park. Despite the cold, our day was busy doing archery, abseiling, Amazing Race challenges, building and lighting the camp fire, and many more fun activities. The girls were there for 3 days in total; Ms Darling and Mrs Beynon were extremely impressed with their enthusiasm to give everything a go, as well as their support and care for each other throughout the camp. Thank you to parents and carers for providing this opportunity, as I understand that it is a significant cost in a family's budget.



Year 12 continue to be supported by teachers and executive staff in planning goals and accessing mentoring. Each student is expected to be in attendance every day to be able to keep up with the important work being delivered in classes. Students can be purchasing past HSC books for study during the holidays and should be attending free HSC events at local libraries. All students have been notified of these resources.

Our upcoming events include NAIDOC assembly (Thursday 27 June), Parent Teacher Night (Tuesday 3 July, 3.30-6.30pm) and High Achievers Assembly (Thursday 5 July). I am very excited about these important occasions and look forward to ending the term celebrating our successes. *Ms N Hale, Principal*

NSW Schools Titration Competition Winners



Congratulations to Savina, Pooja and Ardashika on winning the Titration competition recently, outperforming many independent schools (mostly co-ed or boys schools).

The NSW Schools Titration Competition is a quantitative analytical competition open to NSW students currently enrolled in Senior Chemistry studying towards the Higher School Certificate.

Students compete in teams of three and, in ninety minutes, must complete a set of acid-base titrations to determine the unknown concentration of a

weak acid. The team's score will depend on the accuracy of the work of its members. The best score wins medals for the team.

Ms P Gill, Head Teacher Science

iScience @ USYD

The University of Sydney iScience program involves students conducting an open-ended inquiry focusing on a topic within Biology, Physics & Chemistry over a series of four on-campus workshops at Sydney University.

Recently a group of our Year 8 students took part in this program and four of them were in the winning team. Each team only has about eight members and usually only two students from each school are involved. We also had two students in the second place team. Our participants received one of two special awards that were given to those who asked the best questions (there were approximately 170 students involved).

Congratulations to:

- 1st place team members Claudia, Banu, Mahjabin, Annie
- 2nd place team members Shikshya, Ella
- Highly Commended prize Maygol

Ms R Ahmed, Science Faculty



State Cross Country Selection

A great achievement! Congratulations to Tayla, Year 8 who placed in the Regional Cross Country recently and will now represent Moorefield Girls at State Cross Country level.

Ms K Zannettides, PDHPE Faculty

Gifted & Talented @ EduTECH

The Gifted & Talented students from Years 7 and 8 were given the opportunity to take part in the EduTECH Discovery Challenge. They were very engaged and thinking creatively and critically as part of a team. They interacted with industry experts from Microsoft where they learnt about 3D Paint and Virtual Reality. More industry experts they interacted with were HP, Lenova, Google, SMART notebook, Australian Computing Academy and others, with hands-on activities and the latest technology.

Today we went to the EduTECH expo at the ICC. It was a really fun, exciting and new experience. We interacted new technology relating to Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). This included robotics, classroom devices and software, AR and VR resources. We also participated in a discovery challenge that included questions, visiting stations and taking mini lessons. It was an awesome experience! An, Ella and Alicia (Year 8)

Ms Z Najem, Gifted and Talented Co-ordinator



HSC and Careers Expo

Year 12 students recently attended the HSC and Careers Expo at The Royal Hall of Industries, Moore Park. There was a wealth of information provided on the day via stalls, interactive experiences, demonstrations and seminars.

Students had the opportunity to find out about the variety of pathway options available to them following the HSC including University, College, TAFE, Traineeships and Apprenticeships, Gap Year opportunities plus a wide range of support services.

Student comments about the day included:

"I might move to Melbourne to study Paramedicine". Omg, more options! - Felicity

"Found out about scholarship applications and lots of university course information" - Arabella

"Was able to narrow down my choices and figure out the most important qualities a university should have for my course" - Seray

"Very informative. Thank-you" - Pooja

"We loved the day. Found information about university that we didn't know" - Preeti and Quyen

Year 10 Work Experience

Thank you to all Year 10 parents for your support of the work experience program this year. I trust your daughters will gain a valuable insight in to the world of work and future career options in order to support their senior subject selection next term.

Ms K Stack, Careers Advisor





Engineers without Borders







Inspiring Young Women Awards

Each week two students (one junior and one senior) receive the '*Inspiring Young Women Principal's Award*' for their academic achievement and/or outstanding effort in a specific KLA (Key Learning Area). Students are presented with their award at the weekly assembly. Congratulations to our latest award recipients:

Mathematics – Chelsea (Yr 7), Prayashna (Yr 10), Zainab O & Sarah (Yr 12)

Special Education – Sophie (Yr 8), Joanna (Yr 11)

English – Alicia (Yr 7), Artemis (Yr 11)

Human Society & Its Environment (HSIE) – Rebecca (Yr 8), Vivien (Yr 12)

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) – Isabella (Yr 8), Mariam (Yr 11) **Technological and Applied Studies (TAS)** – Orchhna (Yr 10), Natasha (Yr 11)

UPCOMING DATES

Tuesday 3 July – Years 7 to 11, Parent Teacher Interviews – 3.30-6.30pm – Library Friday 6 July – Term 2 Concludes

Tuesday 24 July – Term 3 Commences – Students Resume



For more information about the events and activities of Moorefield Girls High School visit our website at: <u>http://www.moorefielg-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/</u>