

Newsletter **NBSC**



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Positive psychology



The 2016 academic year has now come to a close so it is significant to recognise our achievements across Northern Beaches Secondary College.

We have made significant inroads to improving the wellbeing for both staff and students by further enhancing the application of positive psychology in our schools.

Many of our collective learning experiences based on project-based learning continue to grow and expand and the learning experiences for our students are deeper.

HSC results and student access to university are also a highlight again this year.

Exploring new ways to collaborate between campuses has brought real benefits both through more effective resourcing and through shared teach-

ing expertise which has expanded the opportunities for our students. We have seen some staff experimenting through other ways to have greater collaboration this year.

Also continuing to expand are the sporting and co-curricula opportunities for our students at Northern Beaches Secondary College. By combining our staffing resources we are able to increase the sporting opportunities and events like the Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme that are offered to our students.

Some sports students have benefited by performing at high levels in state and national levels as part of college teams and increasingly significant numbers have achieved the highest gold Duke of Ed. award.

For 2017 our intention is to continue to develop our approach to staff and student wellbeing and to also further improve our teaching through exploring further aspects of Visible Learning at our combined college professional learning day in Term 3.

As the final message to all NBSC staff

Summer 2016 In this issue...

- > Our senior college students leaders learned how to lead at a special college seminar.
- > Australian Business Week (pictured above) challenged Year 10 students to set up a small electronics business in just one week. Let's see how they fared.
- > The college staff and community awards recognised those who have made an outstanding contribution to our college.

for the 2016, may I wish all a happy and safe holiday period and look forward to enhancing the exciting opportunities ahead in 2017.

Neil Worsley
College Principal

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ABOVE: Manly Golf Club replaced the RSL as the venue for this year's student leaders seminar where our students spent a morning learning how to lead.

STUDENT LEADERS SEMINAR

BY **NEIL WORSLEY**
NBSC College Principal

Being a school leader in the senior years is a very significant role for students at each campus of Northern Beaches Secondary College.

To recognise the complexity and importance of these positions, a student leaders conference is held for the various leadership teams across our five campuses.

So this year, early in Term 4 the NBSC student leaders gathered at Manly Golf Course under the direction of their campus coordinators for the presentation of their NBSC student leadership badges and to build their leadership capacity for the role they undertake in our campuses.

Badges were presented by Michael Regan who represented Northern Beaches Council, spoke of the attributes of sound leadership and what will be required of our students during their final school year. Our students were challenged to consider ways of developing teams and

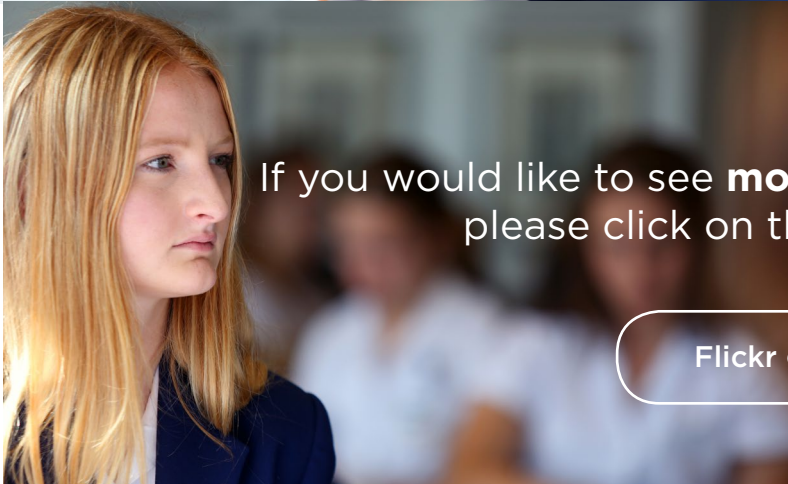
setting goals which are achievable, not just for the individual but for the collective organisation.

Later in the morning, students worked in cross-campus teams using approaches from Appreciative Enquiry lead by Neil Worsley, Jeff Bruce and Renata Grudic from the College Admin Team. Through these workshops our students developed some big ideas and considered steps required to bring ideas into action. Interestingly, a series of leadership capacity building events are being

developed for Stage 4 students in 2017. This new approach is being taken to enhance the skills and experiences of students at a younger age and in greater numbers, so that opportunities for our students are enhanced into the future.

The 2016-17 student leader teams across NBSC certainly gained from the experiences of the day, enhancing their teamwork and challenging themselves to lead well for their respective campus communities and their whole college responsibilities.





If you would like to see **more photos** from the day, please click on the link below:

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ABW NURTURES FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS

AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS WEEK AT NBSC



BY **JOHN DONNELLY**
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Students from four College campuses work together to run their own Retail Electronics Store.

Eighty nine enthusiastic Year 10 students from Mackellar Girls Campus, Manly Selective Campus, Cromer Campus and Balgowlah Boys Campus recently completed Australian Business Week (ABW) at Northern Beaches Secondary College.

Students formed Management teams to takeover and operate a retail company, and compete against each other in the competitive world of Retail Electronics.

The competition occurred over a computer simulated period of two years, with eight decision quarters across the competition. After each quarter the Companies were evaluated in terms of after tax Profit, Market Share, Debt ratio, return on equity, Stock turnover and revenue per square metre of shop space. The winner of the simulation is the Company who achieved Optimum Performance across the simulated two year period.

Management Teams also learned how to write a Business Report, prepare an Oral Report for a Shareholders Meeting, construct and present a Trade Display of their products, and make a Video Advertisement to promote their company.

There were **category winners** in the principal focus areas for the week and the coveted Overall Winning Company. The category winners were: Best Oral presentation - Elec-

tronique; Best TV Advertisement: Focus Inc; Best Business report: Focus Inc; Best Simulation: Minerva; Best trade Display : Infinitech; Best Trade Display (People's Choice) : Calibre. The Overall Winning company was Focus Inc.

Each company management team was ably assisted by a Business Mentor from the world of Commerce and Industry and Teachers mentors from each Campus.

This year our **business mentors** were exceptionally experienced and provided the Teams with invaluable advice for both this week and for life. The Business Mentors were Mr. Rick Chown, Mr Dan Brown, Mr Rob De Gruchy, Mr. Michael Altenberger, Mr Roger Gray, Mr John Darragh, Mr. Michael Mead, Mr Malclom Bush and Mr David Irvine.

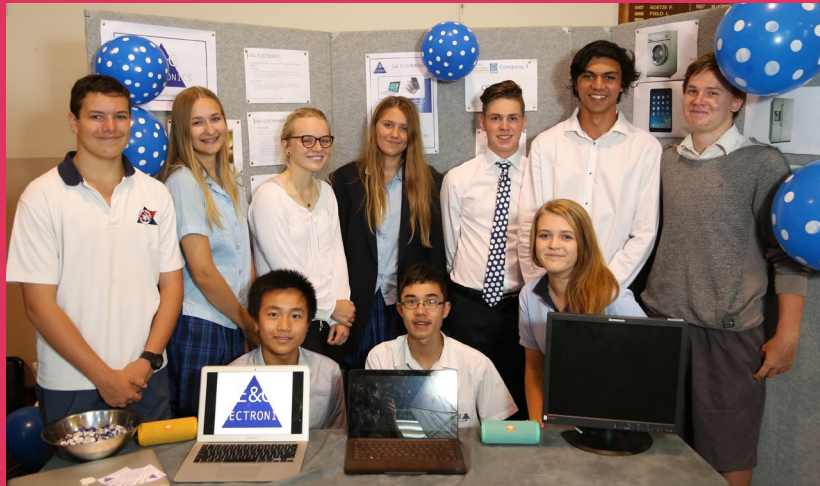
Naturally, none of the program could have occurred with the professional expertise of the Teacher Mentors in each Company, and we thank the following teachers for agreeing to mentor the students this year.

Our **teacher mentoring team** consisted of Mr. Clare from Balgowlah Boys Campus, Ms. Tsolakis from Cromer Campus, Mr. H Wong, Ms. S Clay and Ms. G Jonscher from Mackellar campus, Ms. H Crebar, Ms. D Colby, Mr R Leung from Manly selective campus.

Our teacher **coordinators** were Ms Deborah Rixon- Manly selective Campus, Mr. Dan O'Brien- Balgowlah Boys Campus, Ms. Katherine Irvine- Mackelelar GirsI Campus and Ms. Jana Tsolakis - Cromer Campus.

The Project Management team at the College would like to thank everybody involved in making this year's ABW such a great success, and especially the students who participated so enthusiastically. Their focused motivation throughout the week drove the success of the program this year.





THE TEAMS





ABOVE: Former premier of NSW Mike Baird presenting the awards to NBSC Manly campus staff as the college principal read the citations.

STAFF APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION AWARDS



BY **BEN PIMENTEL**
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Former NSW Premier helps us recognise the great work of staff and community members at the Northern Beaches Secondary College.

The NBSC Staff and Community Recognition Evening was held at the Freshwater Senior Campus Performance Theatre on Thursday, 8th December. Thank you to our special guests for presenting the awards on the night: former NSW Premier, the Honourable Mike Baird, Michael Regan from the Northern Beaches Council, Linda Barach from

Macquarie University, Peter Harley from Bendigo Bank, Rosie Vilella from Community First Credit Union and Neil Evers, Aboriginal Elder.

Many thanks to FSC Year 12 Hospitality students for their delicious catering on the evening and to Leanne Turner and her staff for supervising the students on the night.





The deserving award recipients were:

BALGOWLAH BOYS CAMPUS: Bernie Cullen, Clare Fitzpatrick, Nerida Higgins, Aimee Jan, Daniel O'Brien and Bernard Roberts.

CROMER CAMPUS: Fiona Bird, Sandra Bonello, Elizabeth de Montfort, Kerriane Lee and Cameron McKee.

FRESHWATER SENIOR CAMPUS: Annette Giblett, Barbara Leonard, Anne Low, Chris Mortimer, Lyn Walford and Janelle White.

MACKELLAR GIRLS CAMPUS: Narrelle Beard, Emilia Biswell, Antwanet Karandonis, Lara Lambkin, Jenny Mineo and Katie Verkerk.

MANLY CAMPUS: Marisa Carolan, Lucienne Herft, Neda Joyce, Naomi Leviton, David Nord, Linda Nord and Chloe Woodward.

COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION AWARD
Lorna Curtis

SPECIAL AWARDS FOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE COLLEGE: Judy Boylan, Anna Diggin, Wendy Mailey, Therese Pickering and Cheryl Tempest.



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