

# Newsletter **NBSC**



## A busy year so far at NBSC!



**W**elcome to the Northern Beaches Secondary College newsletter and what a busy year it is turning out to be.

Currently, the College Administration Team are in the midst of planning for the Enrichment Extension Challenge Program which will provide a unique learning experience to primary students with incredible and stimulating extension work taking place. Many activities are beyond the teaching curriculum and incorporate Science, Maths and other school disciplines to solve a range of simple and complex problems.

Soon, students will be undertaking NAPLAN, which has been in the media recently with new scrutiny and discussion. Its future will be debated no doubt over the coming months but currently, remains the generic tool for the assessment of literacy and numeracy in Years 7 and 9 for secondary students.

Recently, the 50th birthday of Mack-

ellar Girls Campus was celebrated and it was a momentous occasion with many ex-students and teachers in attendance at the official assembly and again for the celebratory dinner held the following evening. The event brought so many people together and was a tremendous statement of gratitude towards the school and its teachers and was a reminder of how so many strong connections still exist within the school community.

As always, the College provides wonderful opportunities for enrichment to its students and shortly, Project Penguin will be in full flight. It is a project closely aligned to Taronga Park Zoo lead by secondary students. The project explores conservation and in particular the management of the environment which is so vital in protecting species such as penguins so they are alive for future generations.

The team based here at the College Administration Centre are a talented, energetic mix of teachers who were led in Term One by Mr Paul Sheather, who recently returned to his position of Principal of NBSC Balgowlah Boys Campus.

We are grateful to Paul for his leadership and management and wish him all the best for 2018 and beyond.

## Autumn 2018 In this issue...

- > Our partner primary schools have been busy bridge building for Design, Make, Innovate.
- > NBSC News Sims Project was showcased Wednesday April 11.
- > The Dukes have been out and about this term.
- > NBSC Mackellar Girls Campus turns 50!
- > Sports update

*ABOVE: a detail from the Design, Make, Innovate project at the expo.*

I would like to wish all families and students all the best for Term 2 and trust that it will be a productive, engaging and positive time for all.

**Christopher Mortimer**  
College Principal (relieving)

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# NBSC DMI EXPO PRESENTATIONS



BY **NIKKI DOYLE**  
Project Officer

Design Make Innovate (DMI) is a Design and Technology project involving 684 students.

**D**MI is a collaborative project involving both primary and secondary students from NBSC and the NBLA. Over 150 Year 9 students from NBSC Balgowlah Boys, Cromer and Mackellar Girls Campuses mentored 520 primary students throughout this project. The Year 4, 5 and 6 students were from Brookvale, Dee Why, Harbord, Manly Village and Seaforth Public Schools.

Primary students worked in groups of 4 students to design and make a product using Caine's Arcade as an inspirational starting point or a bridge. NBSC Year 9 students mentored the primary groups in the

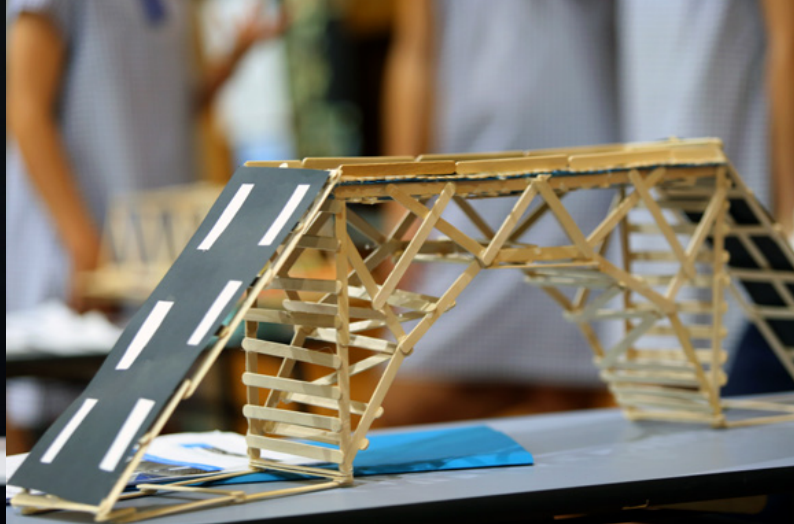
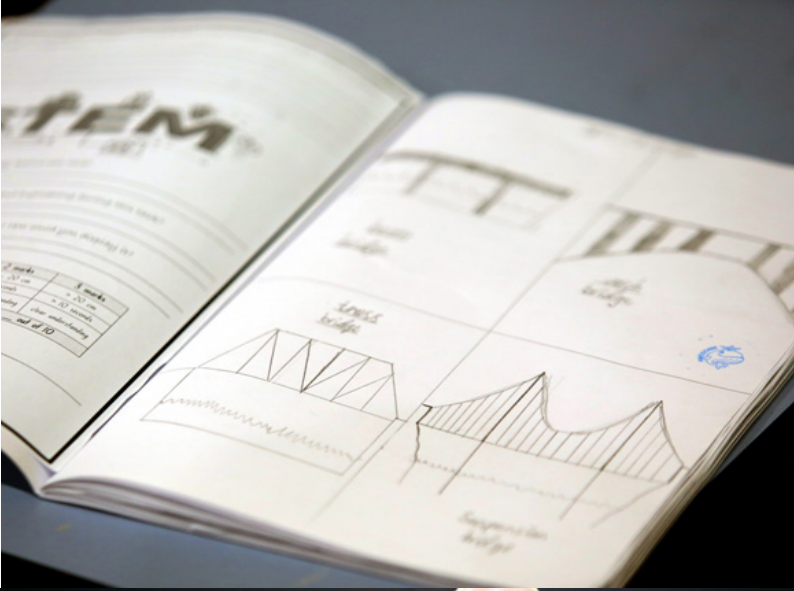
new Design Thinking process and the preparation of the associated portfolio.

The DMI project culminated with an Expo held at the NBSC Freshwater Senior Campus. The best student works from each of the Primary Schools were showcased at the Expo. A panel of judges assessed the projects and selected an 'Outstanding Achievement Award' for each Primary School. Parents and visitors voted for a 'People's Choice Award' for each school. Certificates were

awarded during the presentation ceremony at NBSC Freshwater Senior Campus for these special awards. Certificates were also presented to all students who participated in the project at their own school.

NBSC year 9 mentors were highly praised for their leadership qualities throughout Design Make Innovate.





# NBSC YEAR 7 GATS PROJECT

# NEWS SIM TEAMS

# DELIVER



BY **RENATA GRUDIC**  
NBSC Head Teacher  
(Teaching & Learning)

Year 7 Gifted and Talented students at NBSC take up the challenge in creating news that is reputable.

**T**he College provides a variety of programs designed to extend and challenge students' critical and creative thinking skills. The News Sim Project is an example of this – a unique program designed for our Year 7 gifted and talented students.

230 students from across the NBSC successfully participated in the project throughout this term. Students were challenged to question what was important in news story – success or integrity? And whether both could mutually exist?

Working in teams our students discovered what constitutes journalistic integrity; investigated how news corps operate and exploring different types of newspapers & features.

The students investigated the concept of sensationalism, identifying fact from fiction and deconstructed the language of media criticism

With this knowledge students created a Media Watch episode and a newspaper which was published on

## PROJECT ADVISOR

**BIANCA HEWES**  
Editor in chief

the College website.

The work of the students was showcased in a special Celebration of Learning evening, held at Freshwater Campus Performance Theatre Wednesday April 11

Students presented their learning in the form of a 'Media Watch' episode to a panel of highly reputable journalists. Each 'Media Watch' episode was followed by a Questions & Answer session with the experts.

## DISTINGUISHED PANELISTS

**ANNABEL ASTBURY**  
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# BALLY'S 'GO TO' NEWSPAPER

## THE BALLY

### ICON

BALLYMACKA



An old tradition in Balgoolah Boys and Mackellar Girls is a joint dance which students from all grades once attended known affectionately as the 'BallyMacka'. However, it has been discontinued for a few years and people still don't know why it ended. Was it unpopular? Was it too stressful, expensive or hard to organise? When did it start?

Mr James hinted that part of the problem was that Mackellar didn't want to celebrate it at their school, which they did every second year. He also said that it might return in years to come.

But should it come back? We asked some year 12 students to see what the thought of it before it discontinued.

We had very different answers. Some saying it was 'alright', some saying they didn't like it, and others saying 'In year 7 it was totally lit'.

It poses the question - why did it start? Mr. Oliver the year seven adviser was one of the teachers that were interviewed and this is what he had to say 'all the year seven students have handled the transition very well'. They're made great friendships and are now comfortable at high school. Mr. Oliver is so excited to spend the next few years with us, and he can't wait to guide us throughout high school.

Newspaper by: Daniela P., Allegra S & Kyle R

School news you want to know

Issue 1

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## YEAR 7 STUDENTS BLOW CROMER AWAY

By Sasha, Mia, Lora and Bio

Cromer Campus is blown away by the new outstanding year seven group and how teachers are talking about the students in such positive ways. At Cromer Campus, we have some of the most talented students and we are proud to say that they are representing the school at regional and state.

Mark Westrup attends Cromer and he is now the best mathematician in the state.

Jasmine Tattersall at Cromer Campus student is now the fastest runner in the state and we are proud to have her at our school.

Mia Bregiel, who attends Cromer Campus, is the strongest swimmer in year seven and is representing us in regional.

How can we forget Beatriz Ramos, who's the best long jumper in year seven, Beatriz is currently participating in regional for Cromer Campus.

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This is why Cromer Campus is now one of the top global schools, we currently have over 100 new kids wanting to enroll in Cromer, so it looks like we're gonna need to renovate. Overall many students and teachers have given Cromer great reviews, remember you are always welcome at Cromer.

Duck into Cromer's delicious canteen and grab yourself a healthy snack!

Cromer canteen has a wide selection of tasty treats. From hot blocks, to healthy sugary and fruits, hot food and sweet treats. Quench your thirst with flavoured mineral waters and flavoured milks.



## MR BRECHT STEALING PHONES AND SELLING THEM FOR MONEY!

If you are on your phone in Mr Brecht's class then you better be careful. Why? Unless you buy it back on eBay, you'll never see it again. Students say that Mr Brecht will take any phone he sees out in class.

We decided to observe Mr Brecht's class for a day to investigate these claims. Mr Brecht confiscated 7 phones that day, including an iPhone X worth \$1300. We have an exclusive interview with a student in the class who has been unjustly by Mr Brecht.

"I was texting my girlfriend and Mr Brecht took my phone and sent her a text saying 'we've over' and walked away with my phone! Later Mr Brecht sold the phone on eBay for \$1200. I was devastated when I found this out! I can't believe he sold my phone!"

A quick look into his eBay account revealed several phones that he had confiscated earlier that week.



But why? Why is he taking these phones? We cannot confirm but our guess is that he needs the money. Is Mr Brecht poor? Is he greedy? Is his salary so low he needs to sell phones to get enough money to get by in his daily life?

We put these questions squarely to Mr Brecht, who stated "I strongly deny these allegations. I do not sell the phones online. I only confiscate them for that period or for the day, I will only take a student's phone if they are using it in class and not listening to what I am teaching them."

Mr Brecht claims that he doesn't sell them, but our investigation shows he does and now many students are protesting for their phones back. According to our calculations, Mr Brecht confiscates around \$5000 worth of phones every fortnight. Surely the school will act against him as soon as possible. Surely...



## Cromer Chronicles

Issue 1 15/03/2018 EXCLUSIVE NEWS FROM CROMER CAMPUS

### HSC Marks Fly High

HSC marks are soaring

Reported to find that Emily Holloway tells us in an exclusive interview that she studied for her HSC last year nearly every day in her free periods at school, at home, in her sleep and wherever else she had the time! She received a scholarship at the University of Sydney to study Science and Advanced Studies in Agriculture and Food. Holloway told close family friend 'after all my hard work, finally my dreams are coming true!' Mr. Fairleigh is the Cromer Campus Senior Transition Advisor and has been helping Year 11 and 12 students find the right pathway for their future schooling based on their interests and strengths. She encourages all Year 12 students to apply for early scholarships at university. 'There are so many opportunities available now, so students were encouraged to apply to scholarships that could help them achieve their goals.'



Reach for the Stars!!

Emily Holloway told us, 'I was so nervous, I wouldn't have got full marks and made it to the University of Sydney if it wasn't for Mr Fairleigh's ongoing encouragement, and of course all that studying helped!' No matter who you are, the HSC is a tough challenge for all students around Australia. Cromer Campus is very proud of all their senior students and our teachers have encouraged them all to reach for the stars in their further studies and future careers.



Hello from your Editorial Team!

We're in Max Troughton, Madison Blaney and Olivia Brook-Hopley, and we're the Editors of Cromer Chronicles! We hope you enjoy our school newspaper as much as we enjoyed putting it together for you. Oh, it was really hard work, but it all paid off, don't you think? Some of our news is completely true, but some of our puns didn't make it to stretch the facts to get your attention. Either way, we hope you all read on to find out about all the awesome things happening at our school. MTD

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## THE PINE TIMES

-Est 2018-

### Manly lockers far too small?

By Vishnu A 02/03/18

Students at Manly Selective hate it when they can't fit their stuff in their lockers. So the students are up carrying a 10.15 kg backpack since the lockers are far too small. Students have to carry all their books up and down the stairs because the lockers can hardly fit a small, dumpy bag. Let alone everything else! They are wobbly, they break easily and are over 60 years old! They are extremely inconvenient as some of them are on the top floor. One year 7 student gave their opinion on the lockers, saying, 'I don't really like the lockers as they are so small. I wish the school would stop focusing on everything else and make the lockers

bigger than a small cardboard box.' In addition, as students are carrying all this heavy load when they grow up, there is a chance that they might become hunched or if they trip over, could cause serious injury...



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| Tonight                     | Tuesday                      | Wednesday                    | Thursday                     | Friday                       |
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| Low: 5.2°C                  | High: 12.0°C                 | Low: 10.0°C                  | High: 17.0°C                 | Low: 16.0°C                  |
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## Manly Chronicle

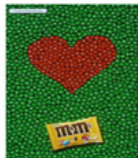
### Musical Masterpiece



The musical is renowned in Manly Selective, going on for many years now. Every year the auditions are always very popular and many, many people audition every year. Max Troughton, school captain, auditioning for Eric, said that the musical is a lot of fun and that it is a great opportunity. There is a lot of music which makes this performance divine. The musical is one of the most fun and exciting events every year for staff and students. See more on Pg 3

Games & Entertainment?

See Pg 4 to end your boredom



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## THE DAILY KRUSTACEAN

iPhone XI  
The tallest thing to happen to iPhone since iPhone

"I think it's amazing. Everyone loves it. But it distracts kids from work, sometimes I can't work because of it."

BURRITO CASE STOLEN  
'A ROBBERY SHE CRIED FROM HER ROOM. A DAY DOESN'T GO BY WHEN I DON'T ACHE FOR MY BELOVED BURRITO PENCIL CASE.'  
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VIRTUAL VIRUS TAKES OVER THE WORLD

2018 is here, and with it comes new trends, and in this case: GEOMETRY DASH. Geometry Dash is a game where you tap a button and the character on the screen jump over obstacles. But as this game has grown, it has made roots in the students of NSC. MORE ON PAGE 6



3D PRINTING ART & ENTERTAINMENT, SCIENCE & HEALTH, SPORT & TECHNOLOGY

## THE MSC TIMES

3D Printers, Are They Worth It?

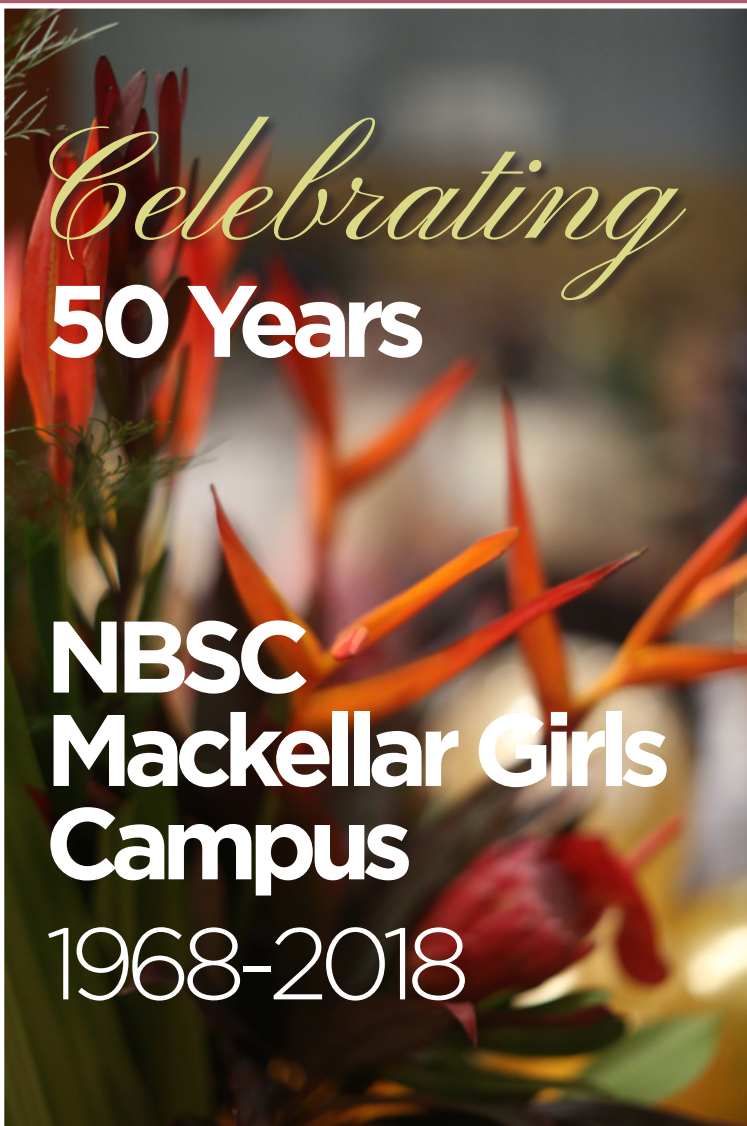
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Exclusive Interviews  
Miss Leviton Reveals All and Inside info from Mr Blanch



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The celebrations were spread over two nights:

**May 4, 2018:** cocktail party in the school hall on Friday

**May 5, 2018:** pre-dinner drinks in the school's B-Block courtyard followed by the Gala Dinner in the school hall on Saturday night along with speeches and musical performances.





# ADVENTUROUS DUKES



BY **VICKI BUSSE**  
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Award Coordinator

Northern Beaches Secondary College continues to be one of the largest Award Units participating in the Duke of Edinburgh program in NSW.

**T**he Duke of Edinburgh International Award continues to be a valid and engaging activity offered to students across the NBSC campuses. Large numbers of students from year 9 began the Bronze Award this term.

Students have completed their Practice Hikes to the Colo River demonstrating commitment to an enriching training adventure which will set them up with the individual skills of navigation, hiking, cooking and packing.

Through team work and focus in an outdoor environment Duke of Ed participants develop strong connections with their friends. Students will throughout the year engage in Physical Recreation, learn a new Skill and contribute to a Service activity.

Many more students this year have completed their Bronze Award and have progressed to Silver all while navigating a new and improved On-line Record Book to document their hours of commitment. Gold student numbers at NBSC continue to be high and Northern Beaches Secondary College remains as one of the largest Award Units in NSW.





# ENRICHMENT, EXTENSION, CHALLENGE PROGRAM

*Time present and time past  
Are both perhaps present in time future  
And time future contained in time past.*

T. S. Elliot

BY **TRICIA HERMAN**  
NBSC EEC  
Creative Arts

It is time to reflect on our program in time past and time present.

Our aim is to encourage students to harness their imaginations and to release their creativity. We provide them with scaffolding beyond their level in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Literature and Maths. We challenge the students with problem solving activities which might be pursued individually or collaboratively. Their briefs in any area are structured carefully and specifically, to fulfill the objective of each active learning workshop.

As facilitators, we aim to inspire and motivate the students and they in turn are intrinsically engaged in their own learning.

This article is focusing specifically on Visual Arts and Poetry. Drama builds the skills necessary for our performance unit which culminates on our Celebration of Learning evening where students receive their certificates of attendance.



In 2017 a bench (a utilitarian installation) was the objective of a brief where students researched Australian indigenous art. Colour, design and pattern were copied to create a thumbnail sketch in order to develop and understand the technical aspect

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My days at the EEC are full of excitement and intrigue. Every day there is something new to do that's always more exciting than they sound .

I love the freedom to design whatever we like!

The bench is unreal!!

I enjoy everything! I absolutely love going to EEC. It's so interesting and fun and I love how interactive it is. I just wish I could do it more often.

I really enjoy the challenge aspect of these workshops and it's so interesting to be learning other amazing subjects other than our normal spelling and Maths. The work that we do and the information we learn just stands out in my school life

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of the work. Creating their own designs the students painted on lengths of timber.

A formal drawing lesson is a necessary unit as it gives those students who have not experienced art since year two an opportunity to gain some technical skill without fear of comparison or judgement from peers. These were their reflections. "Tricia I felt released as I lost my fear of comparison and enjoyed the freedom that blind contour gave me, each piece of art is unique" Critique needs careful training over years of studying art history and exposure to

representational and conceptual art. Often it is as a result of work not being appreciated that blocks student development in the visual art area. "I loved exploring the pencil and scribbling, best of all"

Stimulus for the Enchanted Garden (below) was William Morris; arts and crafts movement (Pre-Raphaelites) Students looked at the famous wall-papers designed by him and used coloured pencils to make a copy to look at Morris's technique, they then designed their own images that would be painted as a mural in the hallway leading to our room.

The following poem is an excerpt from an Anthology of poetry the students produced based on Sylvia Plath's poem, 'The Mirror'. We spent time workshoping in drama inanimate objects which

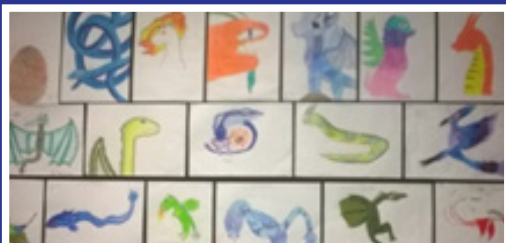
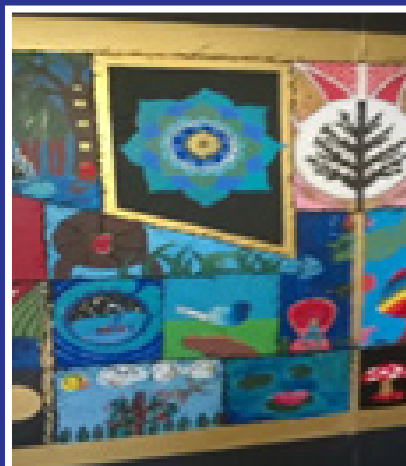
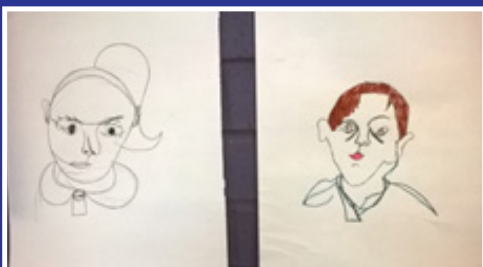
gave the students an understanding of what was required when penning their poems.

Warning: there are dark themes.

### Piano

Fingers slide on me  
Finding peace in chaos.  
I've held all sorts of books  
Revealing their stories;  
Happy, sad.  
People have stared  
Into my sad eyes,  
Reflecting their own.  
They lean on me  
I sing, yet  
I cannot walk away.  
I am the melody and harmony  
You imagine.  
I am taken for granted  
Bashed  
By dirty, unwashed hands.  
Beaten  
I have no precision.  
I was  
Beautiful  
Now  
Unwanted.

By Sarah



# NBSC SPORTS UPDATE

## WINTER IS COMING



BY **ASHLEY MATHIESON**  
NBSC Sport Coordinator

Summer's over, the football season has started and thoughts now turn to winter pursuits and water polo.

### WATER POLO

**T**he NBSC Balgowlah Boys CHS Water Polo team, were regulars in the NSW Top 8 Finals in Newcastle, were joined in 2018 by the NBSC Freshwater Girls, who qualified for the first time after demolishing the Sydney North Metro Draw, and easily accounting for Narrara Valley in the Sydney North Final 11 - 0.

Both NBSC Teams finished top of their Pools and made it through to the deciding game after strong semi-final performances. NBSC Freshwater was first up and in a very tight contest was narrowly defeated by the locals, Lambton High 4-3. To be the 2nd best CHS Girls Water Polo team in NSW is an unbelievable achievement. Congrats to Mia Lieberman who was named the player of the Tournament.

NBSC Balgowlah also played in a tight game, this one going to penalties with the boys narrowly going down 11-10 to Merewether High to also come away with the silver medal.



### FOOTBALL

In the last School Holidays, NBSC Freshwater student Levi Kaye travelled to Japan as a member of the Australian Schoolboys U/16s Football Team. The aspiring Goalkeeper, who plays with Manly United U/18s, played in 6 games against top school & J League academy sides, winning 3, drawing 1 & losing 2. Levi attracted plenty of attention from opposition strikers, wanting to stamp there authority against him, namely the Kashima Antlers J League Academy striker, who a number of times went through Levi. This tough as nails custodian stood his ground and earned the up amongst respect from his peers, opposition players, coaches and supporters. We wish Levi all the very best in his quest to be a professional player.

### SNOW SPORTS

The NBSC will again be sending a team down to the Northern NSW Interschool's Snowsports Championships in Thredbo from July 10th -14th 2018.

In previous years NBSC has had a strong representation, with a number of students advancing through to the Nationals.

There are 5 categories (Alpine, Ski, Ski X, Snowboard & Snowboard X) across 3 divisions. Year 7 & 8 students are division 3, Year 9 & 10 are Division 2, while Years 11 & 12 students are division 1.

If there are any new or interested students within the 5 campuses, please don't hesitate to contact NBSC Sports Coordinator Ashley Mathieson - 0417 175 282 or Team Manager Mark Purkiss - 0439 439 731.



