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# Term 4

Written by Stacey Exner  
NBSC College Principal



2019 has been a stellar year for Northern Beaches Secondary College. An innovative curriculum continues to be delivered, strong student outcomes, a culture of excellence and positive well-being are at the heart of all we do.

We have committed to working across the 5 campuses to ensure the largest curriculum delivery of any school in NSW, we have implemented the Premiers Sporting Challenge, the largest program in NSW. Our whole college teaching and learning programs such as: Design Make Innovate, Science Techno, Project Penguin, Australian Business Week have allowed us to collaborate not only with each other but with our partner primary schools to ensure continuity of learning across Stage 3 and Stage 4.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Principals that lead the campuses of our College; Justin, Paul, Frank, Cath and Christine. The collaboration and relationship that we have as a Northern Beaches Secondary College Leadership Team has led to one of most successful years for our College.

I have been impressed with the way in which all of our staff have positively worked together towards our Northern Beaches Secondary College Strategic Directions. Staff have not wavered in their commitment to our students and ensuring that a collaborative community is what we strive for.

I would like to finish by congratulating the NBSC Teaching and Learning team for their efforts throughout 2019; Ben Pimentel and Renata Grudic who have ensured that teaching and learning is the focus of our programs; Sandy Bonello who has ensured that our college projects have been a success; Kristie Crawford, our Sport Coordinator, who has supported our Sports Organisers across each campus; John Perry who has delivered all of our students safely across the campuses; Vicki Busse, our amazing Duke of Edinburgh coordinator, who continues to shape our DoE program; Alvin Theseira, our publicity officer, who has ensured that our messaging has been strong throughout the year and finally Marcia Williams who continues to create such a warm, welcoming feel in our office.

Thank you all and I am really looking forward to 2020.

# NBSC Staff & Community Appreciation & Recognition Awards Presentation Night





# 2019 AWARD RECIPIENTS

## **NBSC Balgowlah Boys Campus**

Jordan Barnsley, Danijela Phani, Iain Robertson,  
Mark Sablatnig, Melinda Smith, Peter Stephens

## **NBSC Cromer Campus**

Rich Delrennie, Karly Dolle, Jon Hanna,  
Kerri McTernan, Jane Page, Monique Pontifex

## **NBSC Freshwater Senior Campus**

Karuna Chetty, Lee Cooper, Renee Delaney,  
Greg Edwards, James Gordon, Stig Schnell

## **NBSC Mackellar Girls Campus**

Diane Cruickshank, Stephen Devine, Sarah Kelsey,  
Caren Leung, Gabrielle Mercieca, Nicole Robb

## **NBSC Manly Campus**

Barbara Harrison, Lina Izossimova, Nick Karandonis,  
Ranald Leung, David Martin, Carlynn Yong

## **NBSC College Awards**

Amber Fuller, John Perry, Marcia Williams

## **Recognition of our Beginning Teachers**

Alice Ames Duery, Laura Bowman, Olivia Burnett, Robert Dykstra,  
Olivia Godbee, Oliver Hillsmith, Yuki Rouhui Ma, Peter Magdas,  
Genevieve McConnell, Matthew Miller, Anna Molnar, Madi Moore,  
Sarah O'Brien, Kassandra O'Gorman, Lauren O'Neill, Sophie Richards,  
Nina Rodrigues, Eva Stokes, Samantha Trumper, Courtney Turner,  
Tiaan Van Rooyen, Kirstin Wait, Liang Wee

Thank you to Year 12 Hospitality and Ms Leanne Turner from  
NBSC Freshwater Senior Campus for catering our event.

A teacher is a compass that activates  
the magnets of curiosity, knowledge,  
and wisdom in the pupils.  
-Ever Garrison

# NBSC Student Leadership Conference



# Making a difference one step at a time.

## Highlights from the 2019 NBSC Beginning Teachers Conference

Written by Renata Grudic

College Head Teacher, Teaching & Learning



DR WILLIAM DEJEAN,  
UNLEASH LEARNING

*'The best thing about being a teacher is that it matters. The hardest thing about being a teacher is that it matters every day'. Todd Whitaker*

Learning and practicing how to make a difference one step at a time, College beginning teachers were immersed in workshops providing them with teaching strategies based on Hattie's Visible Learning and CESE: What works best, additional skills and learning how to care for their voices.

Dr William DeJean (Unleash Learning) lead an action-packed Master Class where teachers learnt to 'lift the weights' and apply six keys to taking the guesswork out of new teacher success.

Cecilia presented voice care information and voice care techniques. There was a lot of humming, singing and blowing bubbles as teachers learnt how to care and protect for their voices as well as maintain vocal stamina and sustainability.



CECILIA PEMBERTON  
CERTIFIED PRACTISING SPEECH PATHOLOGIST,  
VOICE CARE AUSTRALIA



AMBER FULLER



NORA YASSINE

Teacher Quality Advisors, Amber Fuller and Nora Yassine, engaged teachers in connecting the Standards with evidence of classroom practice by unpacking the Standard descriptors.

**Amber Fuller**  
Teacher Quality Advisor, School Services Department of Education NSW.  
Substantive position: Assistant Principal at Harbord Public School.  
Accredited as a Highly Accomplished teacher.

**Nora Yassine**  
Teacher Quality Advisor, School Services Department of Education NSW.  
Substantive position: Head Teacher (Teaching and Learning/Teacher Mentor)  
Master's in Education Leadership (UTS)

Thank you Sally Leaney (NBSC Balgowlah Boys Campus) for demonstrating how to teach literacy explicitly in the classroom.

Frank Pikardt (Principal, NBSC Freshwater Senior Campus) presented an informative session demystifying HSC scaling. Thank you Frank.



### Congratulations on successfully completing your first year of teaching!

Colleagues, understand that you make the biggest difference in the classroom by focusing on the learning, seeking evidence to inform your teaching and practice, discussing impacts you are having on students, recognising what is challenging to one student may not be to another, recognising individual differences and commonality amongst students, building positive relationships that ensure students feel it's ok to make mistakes or not know.

You are an influencer, enabler and change agent that impacts directly on students' learning. It matters what you do as a teacher.

# Making a difference one step at a time.

## Highlights from the 2019 NBSC Beginning Teachers Conference



# Duke of Edinburgh Award

Written by Vicki Busse

NBSC Duke of Edinburgh Award Coordinator

## National Gold Award Ceremony

Congratulations to NBSC Manly Campus 2019 Year 12 Graduate Richard Soegimin who was recently presented with his Gold Award at an official ceremony by Her Excellency General The Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC. Richard was in the company of 73 students from across the State who were also presented with this prestigious Award. This concludes engagement in the award over a four-year period. He is among 18 Northern Beaches Secondary College students who completed their Gold Award in 2019. Richard has applied for a Marine Science degree at Macquarie University and will take advantage of the bonus ATAR points gained by completing the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award.



## Beaches to Borneo

Departure to Borneo for the team of 8 Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award students and their Northern Beaches Secondary College friends is imminent. The group of 21 have come together this term to deliver some terrific fundraising events including a Movie Night and Comedy Night at NBSC Freshwater Senior Campus raising over \$4,000. While abroad Team Hibiscus will immerse themselves in Malaysian communities and local culture to undertake life-enhancing projects and experiences such as the new construction and improvement of buildings and facilities, environmental protection against deforestation, and observations at an orang-utan and sun bear rehabilitation facility. The trip will also include a moving visit to Sandakan and the Death March memorial in Ranau where more than 200 Australian and British Prisoners of War marched to their death in 1945.

The student group will travel with Camps International and will be accompanied by two volunteer teachers, Ms Busse and Mr Beeby.



# Duke of Edinburgh Information Nights 2020

## Save the Date

At Northern Beaches Secondary College each year between 250 and 300 students from Years 9 to 12 are working toward their Bronze, Silver or Gold Awards.

Information nights are held at the beginning of the school year to provide students and parents with detail about the requirements and expectations of the Award, hike dates and location, logging hours and the Online Record Book (ORB), assessors and more. Dates for 2020 are:

### BRONZE Information Night (Year 9)

Wednesday 12th February 2020, 5:30-7:00pm

NBSC Freshwater Senior Campus Theatre

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NBSC Freshwater Senior Campus Theatre



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# Australian Business Week 2019

Written by Sandra Bonello  
NBSC Project Officer

Critical thinking, problem solving and decision making were just some of the skills utilised by our students during Australian Business Week (ABW). Company teams were formed which began the takeover of a virtual retail electronics store. Students from NBSC Balgowlah Boys, Cromer, Mackellar Girls and Manly Campuses worked collaboratively under the guidance of their Business and Teacher Mentor, to effectively manage, market and operate their businesses. This culminated in a finals day where each company presented a business report, exhibited at a trade display, conducted an oral presentation on the company's progress over the past two virtual years, demonstrated their advertising and marketing skills by producing a 30 second advertisement and competed in a simulated share market, where every decision affected their share price.

Internal and external judges were present to evaluate each category based on specific criteria. Though some of the scores were quite close, there was one team that stood out above the others in the end. The winners of each category were:

Best Computer Simulation: TechTok

Best Business Report: Fidelis Technologies

Best Video Advertisement: Rewind

Best Trade Display: Fidelis Technologies

People's Choice Trade Display: Rewind

Best Oral Presentation: GIGA

Grand Champions: Fidelis Technologies

Over the week, students received valuable business information from presenters on Financial Management – Rob de Gruchy (National Australia Bank), Operations Management – Michael Altenburger (Small Fish Business Coaching) and Oral Presentations – Filimon Filippou (FFR Group).

Each company management team was supported by experienced Business Mentors who assisted students to discover their inner capabilities and give them valuable advice on business operations both during the project and for future direction. Thank you to Michael Altenburger, Mini Kutty, Darina Boteva, Roger Gray, Michael Mead, Rick Chown and Lindy Myers for sharing your expertise with our students throughout ABW week.

Teacher Mentors and Coordinators are also vital to the organisation and management of ABW. Thank you to Donna Colby, Mark Harrison and Deb Rixon (NBSC Manly Campus); Andrew McGuire and Andrew Gulczynski (NBSC Balgowlah Boys Campus); Nathan Horley (Cromer Campus) and Susan Clay, Lottie Eakins and Kath Erskine (NBSC Mackellar Girls Campus) for inspiring our students along the business pathway.

Mr Ken Mackenzie (NBSC Mackellar Girls Campus) once again did a fabulous job of running the business simulation and for being the ABW Guru. His assistance in the project is invaluable.

A note of thanks to our judges, Wayne De-Venny (Diversarty Gallery), Bob Moran (The Discovery Shed), Tim Fitzgerald (Silverdrop HR and Payroll), Laura Trenko and Jana Tsolakis (NBSCFSC), Kristie Crawford (NBSC), Kathy O'Sullivan and Deb Rixon (NBSCMC), Tracey Fairley (NBSCCC).

A big congratulations to the students involved this year. They were highly engaged and made every effort to make their company the best it could be.



ABW 2019 Champions FIDELIS Technologies



# NBSC Sports

Written by Kristie Crawford  
College Sports Coordinator



## NSW Premiers Sporting Challenge – Leading with Action Day

NBSC campus students are a part of the NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge Sport Leadership program. This program encourages and prepares students to take up active leadership roles in school sport and other planned physical activities.

The 'Leading with Action' Day was held on Monday 2nd December 2019 at Mike Pawley and Frank Gray ovals with over 160 students from NBSC Balgowlah Boys, NBSC Cromer Campus, NBSC Mackellar Girls and NBSC Manly Campus taking part. The day comprised of 3 x 90-minute coaching sessions facilitated by local, state and national sporting associations. During these workshops, the students acquired sport specific and small group management skills such as:

- identifying and discussing leadership strategies
- planning age-appropriate lesson activities
- practising small group management techniques

Thank you to the following local, state and national sporting bodies for their expertise throughout the day. AFL NSW, Cricket NSW, Football NSW, Netball NSW, National Rugby League, Softball NSW, and Manly Warringah Ultimate Frisbee. A special thank you to Ms Sandra Bonello (NBSC Cromer Campus) for running the Jack Newton Junior Golf Station for the day.

The second phase 'Learning 2 Lead' program will be held on Monday 6th April 2020, where 60 students will be selected from the Leading with Action day to coach 350 students from 9 partnering primary schools.

## NBSC Basketball – Australian School Championships – Melbourne

On the 30th of November, 11 students from the Northern Beaches Secondary College travelled to Melbourne to play in the Australian Schools Championships from the 1-7th December. To broaden the boy's knowledge of Australia the team made some historical stops at the Dog on the Tuckerbox and Glenrowan the site of the final siege and capture of Ned Kelly.

Upon arrival at Melbourne, the warm up day consisted of a full day of 3 x 3 basketball to prepare for the week

of competition. The Championship was extremely challenging, with a loss in the first game by one point. Over the next three days, the NBSC team won 5 consecutive games, giving them a place into the semi-finals. Though the boys were extremely tired they were excited by their success. The finals round was highly contested going down to Doncaster High and finishing the tournament in 4th place.

The team was treated to a training session with Melbourne Phoenix, thanks to Benjamin Knight (Coach and ex Sydney Kings player), and learnt what it takes to become an elite player.

The final night of the Melbourne stay included dinner and a walk around the city centre before the long drive home on the following day. Congratulations to Noah Smith who was awarded Team Player of the tournament.

A special thank you to Bernard Roberts (supervising teacher), Sean Ruffner (parent organiser), Kim and Gaby Mackechnie (assistants), Benjamin Knight (Coach), NBSC Balgowlah Boys P&C for assisting with finances, Kristie Crawford (NBSC Sports Coordinator) and finally to the NBSC basketball team who pushed themselves to the limits.

## Thank You!

As the year comes to a close, we would like to take this opportunity congratulate all students on their achievements throughout 2019. We would also like to thank all our staff coaches, referees, parents, volunteers and our local, state and national development officers who have been part of the NBSC sports program for 2019.

Finally thank you to each of the campus Sport Coordinators, Sydney North, NSWCHS and the School Sports Unit. Without the assistance of all of these people or groups, our students would not be blessed with the opportunities presented to them. Thank You!

## NBSC SPORT 2020

NBSC has entered the following teams into the 2020 NSW State-wide competition:

- Boys Baseball, Boys Basketball and Boys Hockey
- Girls Hockey, Girls Netball, Girls Softball
- NBSC will also competing at the Interschool Snowsports Competition.

# Premier's Sporting Challenge Leading with Action Day



# NBSC Basketball

## Australian School Championships – Melbourne



# Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Information Nights 2020

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award began in the UK in 1958. The Duke believed that young people should be helped to develop their individual interests in a real-world setting. His idea was to provide young people with a challenging program of activities that encourages self-reliance, initiative and effort.

Recipients of the Duke of Edinburgh Award are highly regarded by potential employers and universities for their commitment, leadership, compassion and organisational abilities both nationally and internationally, identifying them as being **#worldready**.

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*Year 9 NBSC students in 2020 are encouraged to begin the Bronze Award under the guidance and support of the College Duke of Ed. Coordinator, Ms Busse.*

## **SILVER & GOLD Information Night (Years 10 & 11)**

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**NBSC Freshwater Senior Campus Theatre**



More information: <https://sport.nsw.gov.au/dukeofedinburgh>

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# NBSC Jazz-Impro Program - Offbeat

Written by Colin Bright  
NBSC Jazz Impro - Director



Hello Parents & Students,

If you enjoy playing your instrument & like a challenge, then the College Jazz-Impro Program is for you!

You will learn how to improvise & you will learn how music works. That is, an understanding of theory & how to put it into practice - making your own music!

Most players master how to read music, but few learn to master improvisation. Yet it is one of the most satisfying & rewarding things possible in music. Whether you prefer rock, jazz, classical or any other kind of music, improvisation is important to them all. And the only way to learn it properly is to DO IT regularly - with a band !!

## WHO CAN JOIN

There is NO AUDITION. Everyone starts as equals. Then you develop at your own pace. It is not about being competitive, it is about finding your own voice.

You DO NOT have to be a member of any other school band !! However, you are encouraged to play in as many bands as possible.

All instruments are welcome - not only 'jazz' instruments - strings, woodwind, brass, percussion & electronica. (i.e. if you scratch, sample, DJ etc).

## HOW YOU PROGRESS

We begin with the Blues - Major & minor - and then move into more complex harmony & structure. How quickly you develop is up to you.

## GIGS

Public performance is an important component of the Program. Performing in public helps you to develop confidence & greater proficiency at putting impro ideas into practice. Usually, a beginner is ready to do gigs after 2 terms of rehearsals.

Jazz-Impro Bands perform at, Manly Jazz Festival, The Co-Op Church Point, Brookvale Show, Vietnam War Vets Ceremony at Manly Corso, & other Warringah & Manly.

Council events. And (NBSC) College events - including Jazz Club - our annual BIG night with ex-students & special guests. Renowned improvisors Sandy Evans & Paul Cutlan have ran workshops with the bands & performed with them at Jazz Club.

## YOUR FUTURE AFTER HIGHSCHOOL

Quite a few students from the Jazz-Impro Program pursue music as a career. Some at tertiary level in composition or jazz studies at the Con. Also, the Australian Institute of Music. Some include music as a subject in another degree. Others have continued on to play professionally in rock/pop/jazz/classical genres. And some simply play 'for themselves'. If you can improvise you can play for the rest of your life!

## SUMMARY

Everything I have mentioned about the College Jazz-Impro Program can be read in books or looked at Online. This is, of course, useful. However, you can know the principles but still not be able to put them into practice. YOU need to actually DO IT on a regular basis to become proficient at improvisation.

## TIMES

Beginners/Intermediate – Fridays 3.45-5PM (yrs. 7-8-9 more or less)  
Intermediate/Advanced - Tuesdays 3.45-5PM PM (yrs. 10-11-12 more or less)  
“more or less” means that if you cannot make one day you can attend on the other day.  
These times can change from year to year depending on the commitments of players.

See what we do ... go to Youtube & Facebook:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCedL9mCGtpeLaTh7saIQ1ew/videos?sort=dd&view=0&shelf\\_id=0](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCedL9mCGtpeLaTh7saIQ1ew/videos?sort=dd&view=0&shelf_id=0)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TcoOXLBPVFM&feature=youtu.be>  
<http://www.nbsc.schools.nsw.edu.au/college-opportunities/nbsc-jazz-improvisation-program>

## INFORMATION & TRY-OUT

Friday 7th February 2020- for all new players

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