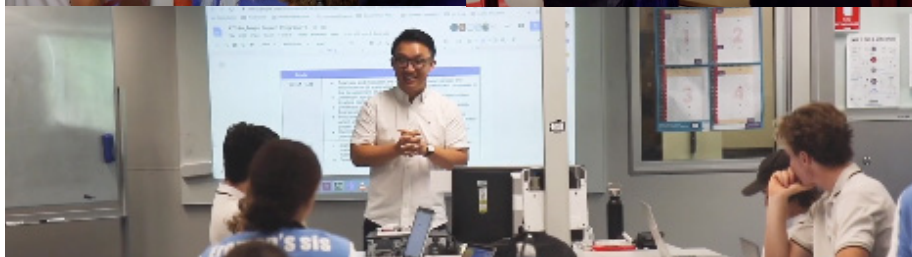


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OUR TERM 4 COVER PAGE CONSISTS OF SCENES FROM OUR NBSC PROMOTIONAL FILM. YOU CAN VIEW THE FILM BY CLICKING ON THE FOLLOWING LINK:  
[HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=G-FQY3AJUEK](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G-FQY3AJUEK)

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# Term 4

Written by Stacey Exner  
NBSC College Principal



I walked into work this morning and reflected on the year that we have had and realised how far we have come. In Term 1 I was describing the eerily quiet hallways, lacking the usual buzz and bustle to the now vibrant and engaging classrooms that I walk past. We have really grown this year, and from a personal note, it has been one of the most rewarding years in regards to my learning. To have to completely changed how I work challenged my thinking and how things need to get done. I was amazed every day with how our amazing Principals and staff easily pivoted into what context they required for the learning to continue for our students. Here we are in Term 4 with another HSC class finished and the excitement of planning for the next year. We are proud at Northern Beaches Secondary College to provide a high expectation, collaborative learning community. Students, staff and leaders are given opportunities to excel with and across campuses and to connect to further learning outside the school environment.

We have committed to working across the five campuses to ensure the largest curriculum delivery of any school in NSW. Our whole college teaching and learning programs such as

The High Potential and Gift Students Project, Design Make Innovate, Science Techno, Project Penguin, The NextGen Challenge 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 want to take this opportunity to thank the Principals that lead the campuses of our College; Justin, Paul, Frank, Cath, Kathy and Christine. The collaboration and relationship that we have as a Northern Beaches Secondary College Leadership Team has allowed us to be so successful. I want to take this opportunity to wish Cath Whalan all the best with her retirement, Cath's commitment to NBSC Manly Campus and NBSC has been outstanding, and we are going to miss her. I would also like to congratulate Kathy O'Sullivan, who has been successful in gaining the Principal position at NBSC Manly Campus. I am looking forward to Kathy being a permanent member of our vibrant team.

I want to finish by congratulating the NBSC Learning and Innovation team for their efforts throughout 2020; Ben Pimentel and Renata Grudic who have ensured that teaching and learning is the focus of our all programs; Sandy Bonello who has ensured that our college projects have been a success and coordinated them onto a virtual platform; Kristy Crawford, our Sports Coordinator and First Nations Coordinator, who has supported our coordinators across each campus and been a great support for our whole team; John Perry who has delivered all of our students safely across the campuses; Vicki Busse, our amazing Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator, who continues to lead our DoE program; Alvin Theseira, our publicity officer, who has ensured that our messaging has been strong throughout the year, also leading the creation of messaging through video and Colin Bright who has led the College Jazz Impro band throughout the pandemic. Finally, I would like to farewell Marcia Williams who has created such a warm, welcoming feel in our office. Marcia is moving to the UK to support her very talented son who has been successful gaining a football scholarship.

Thank you all and I am really looking forward to 2021.

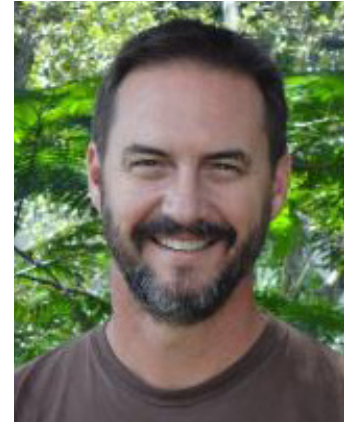
# The Critical Thinking Project - collaboration between NBSC and The University of Queensland

Written by Renata Grudic  
NBSC Head Teacher, Teaching & Learning

Meet our course facilitator! Dr Peter Ellerton is the Curriculum Director of the University of Queensland Critical Thinking Project and Senior Research Fellow at the Centre for Critical and Creative Thinking. Peter's areas of focus include Public Reasoning, Science Communication, Argumentation and Critical Thinking in education.

Two full days 'unpacking' what critical thinking is, what it looks like in the classroom and how to orchestrate more opportunities to develop students' critical thinking in content 'heavy' subjects was a challenge undertaken by twenty teachers from across the College and various faculties.

Thank you to Seb Hartog, Head Teacher HSIE (NBSC Balgowlah Boys Campus) for negotiating and organising the professional learning opportunity.



Dr Peter Ellerton



# NBSC Student Leadership Conference

The Northern Beaches Secondary College is the largest school in New South Wales and is spread over five individual campuses. NBSC offers the collective resources and teaching expertise to support, nurture and extend each and every student towards achieving excellence. With over 300 staff and approximately 4000 students, we are able to offer our community and students the largest curriculum offerings in NSW.

The 2020 NBSC Student Leadership Conference was held at NBSC Cromer Campus to formally recognise the newly appointed student leaders across the College and provide the opportunity for the students to work collaboratively and network.

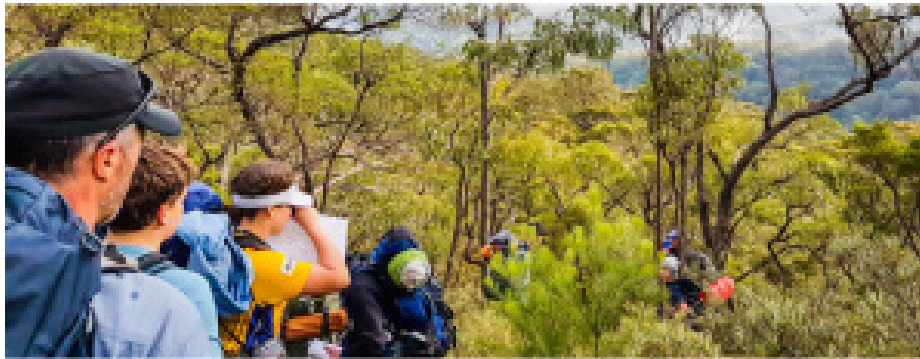
Zali Steggall OAM MP, Federal Member for Warringah offered inspirational leadership advice to our new leaders and presented each leader with their College Leadership badge alongside NBSC College Principal, Stacey Exner.

The student leaders participated in workshops focusing on communication skills, teamwork and crafting a collective vision, led by the College Principal, Stacey Exner and NBSC Head Teacher (Teaching and Learning) Renata Grudic. Students had the opportunity to acknowledge and reflect on their personal and team strengths over the course of the day.



# Duke of Edinburgh International Award

Written by Vicki Busse  
NBSC Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator



## DUKE OF ED

### BRONZE

## INFO NIGHT 2021

Offered to Year 9 students across the College in 2021

### 6.00pm

## Wednesday February 10<sup>th</sup>

NBSC Freshwater Senior Campus Gymnasium

## SILVER & GOLD INFO NIGHT

## 5.30pm Thursday Feb 11

NBSC Freshwater Senior Campus Theatre

More information? Chat with the College Duke of Edinburgh Award Coordinator, Ms. Vicki Busse  
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SCAN ME

## Onward to Kosciusko!

Our Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award students are off on a seven day practice and qualifying hike. Thank you to Ms Jennifer Walker & Mr Marcus Beeby for accompanying the students and to Mr John Perry for ensuring a safe journey to Kosciusko and back home.





NBSC DUKE OF EDINBURGH BRONZE PRACTICE AND QUALIFYING HIKE IN THE SAME EXPEDITION OVER 3 DAYS BASED AT SOMERSET BASE CAMP AND HIKING THROUGH WOLLEMI NATIONAL PARK.



# NBSC First Nations Australian Youth Leadership Conference

Written by Kristie Crawford  
College Aboriginal Education Coordinator

During NAIDOC Week, on Friday 13th November 2020, the inaugural NBSC First Nations Australian Youth Leadership Conference was held at Manly Golf Club for all First Nations students from across the college. The theme for the day 'Leadership is Everybody's Business' focused on equipping the students with a range of leadership skills they may use within their school, community and life after school. Keynote speakers included Julie Kennedy (DEL), Zali Steggall (OAM MP) and James Griffin (MP). Mr. Griffin presented Stacey Exner (NBSC Principal) with a Notice of Motion from the 57th Parliament of New South Wales congratulating each and every student for their participation and recognised the potential and promise of the students in the day.

Clarence Bruinsma (NSW DoE Aboriginal Education and Wellbeing Advisor) addressed the students about Leadership within Aboriginal Communities. He was extremely engaging, provided his experiences and consistently linked back to family/mob.

University of Sydney staff and current Indigenous students led interactive workshops where students participated in cultural yarning circles, talking up their strength's session and concluded with junior and senior breakout groups. The Years 7-9 group focused on developing leadership skills, resilience and leadership goal setting, while the Years 10 – 12 group focused on what makes a good leader and how to develop and use these leadership skills.

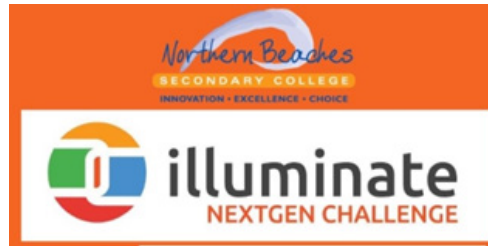
Well done to all the students involved on the day and to all the guest for their insight and support of this event.





# Illuminate NextGen Challenge

Written by Sandra Bonello  
NBSC Project Officer



The Illuminate:nextgen Challenge was held during week 7 for Year 10 aspiring entrepreneurs. Over 100 students from across the college gathered for a week at NBSC Freshwater Senior Campus to participate in an authentic learning experience where they chose a relevant issue in their community and built a knowledge base around this to define the problem. They creatively explored possible solutions to develop business models to create sustainable change. The students also developed marketing strategies and even presented a pitch and prototype of their idea – with all aspects of the challenge aligned to the curriculum as well as the employability skill frameworks.

The students tackled some big issues in their local community and looked at how social enterprise could be a way to lead real change, all the while developing skills that will help them no matter what pathway they take into the future. These include communication (speaking, writing & presentation skills), understanding (critical thinking, inquiry, digital & financial literacy), solving problems (creativity, problem solving & reflection), working smart (collaboration, organisation & perseverance).

For those who are interested in the rankings, this is how the teams performed overall; From 11 - 13 (in alphabetical order) were; Build to Believe, Two Tyred, Youth Drug & Alcohol Awareness.

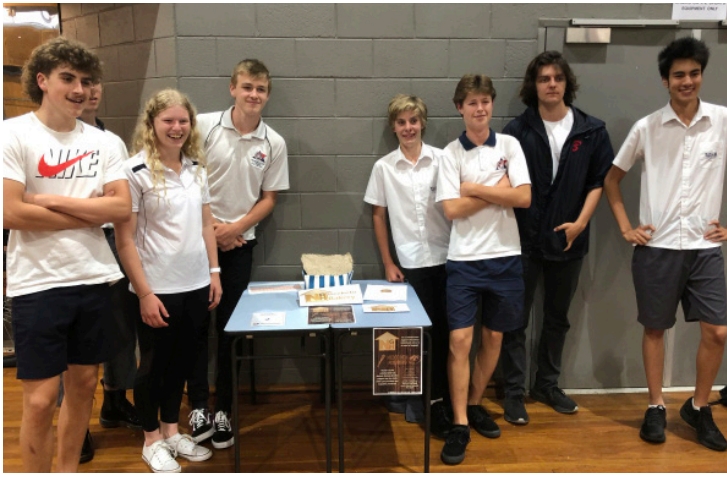
10. Wildlife 11 [75.8%]
09. Polyfashion [76.6%]
08. NextGen Housing [76.7%]
07. Youth Odyssey [77.17%]
06. Shop the Fridge [77.21%]
05. Sunhead [78.8%]
04. Revive Sports and Social Centre [81.0%]
03. The Extra Step Education Foundation [82.2%]
02. Forward Finances [87.9%]
01. Beaches Baristas [90.3%]

Adam Mostogl facilitator said ‘This is probably one of the tightest programs we’ve seen for a while. Only 20 marks separated the first team from the last, and only 10 marks separated 5th to 13th!’

Congratulations and thank you to all of the students who completed the challenge, they worked so hard and should be really proud of themselves and their achievements. Considering such innovative ideas and high-level projects, we look forward to their contributions to our community in the future!

Thank you to Adam Mostogl and the team from Illuminate Education Australia for providing us with a quality project and a really fun and engaging week. Thank you to all the judges for volunteering their time to assist our students learning. Thank you to the College and Campus Principals for supporting the change and embracing the new Illuminate: NextGen Challenge. Thank you to NBSC Freshwater Senior Campus for hosting the Challenge and to the CLIC team for your support. And thank you to the Campus Coordinators and teachers for all your organisation and facilitation of the program. It was a really fantastic week and a truly combined effort to provide such a quality program for our students.

Well Done Team!





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# NBSC Sports

Written by Kristie Crawford  
College Sports Coordinator

## LIFELINE CLASSIC

Congratulations to the NBSC Girls Surfing Tag Team who placed 2nd at the Lifeline Classic on Saturday 28th November 2020. Competition was high, as the girls who were affectionately known as “the students”, competed against adults and professional surfers. The girls started strong with 2 great wave combinations from Lily to put them into 2nd place. Bella, Zara and Sophie continued the pressure and they were in contention for the top honours. Jas entered the water with less than 9 minutes to complete 2 waves and make it back to the tent without penalty. Unfortunately, the waves just didn’t work with her and she was only able to put one wave onto the score board. A fantastic effort none the less and the Girls look forward to the Lifeline Surfing High Schools Challenge in Term 1 2021.

Thank you to David Thomas and the crew from Lifeline Northern Beaches and Steve Harrison from Global Surf Tag for providing the students with the opportunity to compete.



## SNOWSPORTS

Unfortunately, the 2020 Snowsports Competition was unable to be held due to COVID-19.

Snow Australia have provided recognition to Year 12 students in 2020 who were unable to participate in their final year of schooling. Congratulations to Phoenix S and Lara C from NBSC Freshwater Senior Campus on receiving a place on the Snow Australia Interschool Snowsports Honour Roll 2020, in recognition of their long term Interschool Snowsports participation.



### **YEAR 12 INTERSCHOOL SNOWSPORTS HONOUR ROLL 2020**

Northern Beaches Secondary  
College

Phoenix S

In recognition of long term Interschool Snowsport participation and acknowledgement of students who finished their schooling without the opportunity to compete in the 2020 Interschools Snowsport Championships.



### **YEAR 12 INTERSCHOOL SNOWSPORTS HONOUR ROLL 2020**

Northern Beaches Secondary  
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Lara Cherry

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## **LEARN HOW TO IMPROVISE and take your music to another level.**

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Throughout the **Improvisation Program @NBSC Music** students learn about scales, modes and harmony and how to use these in various music styles (such as rock, jazz, blues, classic, pop). They practice basic to advanced improvisation in a small band with individualised tuition.



If your child enjoys playing an instrument in a band setting and likes a challenge, then the **Improvisation Program @NBSC Music** is for you!

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