



Sydney  
Distance Education  
High School

# Newsletter 3

July 2018

Quality individualised education

## Big Day In



## Senior executive message

Adieu

During my 11+ years at Sydney Distance Education High School I have witnessed its evolution from correspondence school to a dynamic, increasingly online school.

We have stepped up to the challenges presented by our society as it becomes steadily more dependent on digital technology and we are taking advantage of the ways technology can help us connect on a human level.

Our students can now receive responses to their work in minutes rather than waiting for up to two weeks for a letter in the mail. More and more they are even able to connect with their teachers and each other in real time.

Our world is changing quickly and it is becoming more difficult to predict what the world of work will look like in the next couple of decades. Despite these challenges the digital skills and resilience of distance education students see them well prepared for the future.

Most importantly, know that your teachers at SDEHS care. They are continually seeking new and better ways of connecting and improving student learning experiences.

I have learned many lessons during my time at this school from my colleagues, my students and their families. I will take many of these lessons with me to Finigan School of Distance Education in Queanbeyan.

Thank you to the staff, students and families of SDEHS. I will be in touch and proudly remain a part of the broader NSW distance education family.

Daniel Rattigan  
Outgoing Deputy Principal (Year 10)

## What's on

Tuesday 24 July

- Term 3 begins

Wednesday 25 July

- Year 12 Mathematics Study Day

Thursday 26 July

- Year 12 Earth & Environmental Science Study Day
- Year 12 Mathematics Extension 2 Study Day

Friday 27 July

- Year 11 Hospitality Study Day
- Year 12 Modern History Study Day

Monday 30 July

- Year 12 Physics Study Day

Wednesday 1 August

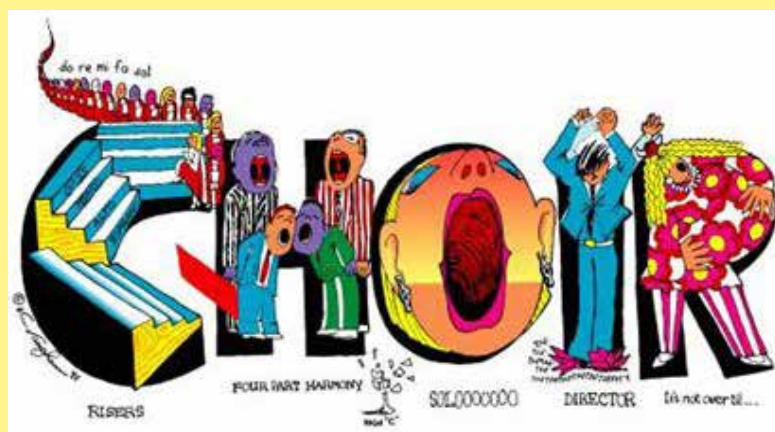
- Year 11 Biology Excursion to Australian Museum and Royal Botanic Gardens
- Year 12 English Standard and Advanced Trial HSC Study Day

Thursday 2 August

- Years 11 & 12 Sport, Lifestyle & Recreation Study Day

Friday 3 August

- Year 11 Hospitality Study Day
- Year 11 Earth & Environmental Science Excursion to St Mary's Water Treatment Plant Education Centre



## The SDEHS Choir Project

Research in neuroscience has shown that singing makes us happier, healthier, smarter and more creative and helps reduce and manage stress levels and anxiety.

You don't have to be a fabulous singer to join the SDEHS Choir Project. Just have a positive attitude to give it a go and supportive attitude towards others in the group.

### How to get involved

The Choir Project will operate at school (Woolloomooloo) on Fridays of Weeks 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 each term 11.30 am to 12.30 pm.

If you are interested, contact Lisa Keating, Deputy Principal on 9383 0387 or [lisa.keating3@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:lisa.keating3@det.nsw.edu.au)

### Attention Parents/Carers

Have your family or child's circumstances changed recently? Often things change in our lives and we think nothing of it. Below is a summary of changes that we at Sydney Distance Education High School need to know about:

- Medication
- Anaphylaxis and allergies
- Contact information
- Emergency contact information
- Permission to publish.

To update your details please call 9383 0200 or even better write an email to [sydneyh-d.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:sydneyh-d.school@det.nsw.edu.au)



# Visual Arts Excursion to the Brett Whiteley Studio

Brett Whiteley is one Australia's most celebrated artists of the 20th century. The Brett Whiteley Studio, where he lived and worked from 1988 to 1992, offers visitors a unique insight into Whiteley's life, artistic journey and huge Body of Work.

During this term, the Visual Arts Faculty went on an excursion to the studio with our Stage 4 and 5 Visual Arts cohort. The students were involved in exciting practical activities designed to develop their drawing skills using a range of materials and techniques. Throughout the workshop, students closely explored Whiteley's creative processes and drew inspiration directly from the artworks that adorned his studio space, including sculptures, drawings and *Alchemy*, one of his largest and most famous paintings.



# Year 11 Design & Technology Excursion

On 7 June ten students and two staff attended the Screen Day Out Education Program at Randwick Ritz Cinema. The movie *Inventing Tomorrow* was introduced by the director and producer, Laura Nix. It focuses on inspiring students from Indonesia, India, Mexico and Hawaii who tackle environmental issues in their own backyard as they prepare for the world's largest science fair. We then made our way to the Apple Store Bondi Junction for a hands-on session on Exploring Creative Storytelling. This was extremely useful for our students, as they learnt about and experimented with the latest tools for creating their own audiovisual presentations. Everyone enjoyed the day and learnt something new.



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# 2018 Writing Competition

Due date is  
17 August 2018

The theme is:

## Reaching out ... connecting



Learning: It's ALL about the connections!

You are invited to tell the story of:

1. The letter from my friend on Mars
2. When virtual reality became real
3. I found a treasure chest from the future
4. The day I learnt to talk to animals



Your work can be in the form of:

- short story
- diary entry
- poem
- song lyric or rap

**Maximum 500 words**



The winners:

- Receive shopping vouchers for the top three entries
  - 1st place \$100.00
  - 2nd place \$75.00
  - 3rd place \$50.00

- If the winners give permission, their work will be published in the **school magazine 2018**

If the winners give permission, winning entries will also be posted on our website.

All entries must include your name, school year, the title of your work and your permission to publish.

Send entries to:

Julie Barel, SDEHS, Locked Bag 5000,  
Potts Point 1335

or email: [julie.barel@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:julie.barel@det.nsw.edu.au)



# HSC Minimum Standard

## Online testing Information



### HSC minimum standard

The Minister for Education recently announced changes to the requirements for students to meet a Minimum Standard in order to pass the HSC. The standard covers three areas – reading, writing and numeracy.

### Who needs to meet the HSC minimum standard?

If you are sitting the HSC in 2018 or 2019 you do not need to meet the HSC minimum standard.

Students who will be sitting their HSC exams in or after 2020 will need to meet a minimum standard in numeracy and literacy to receive their HSC.

### How do I meet the HSC minimum standards?

If you are in Year 10 (2018) and achieved a Band 8 or above in 2017 Year 9 NAPLAN reading, writing or numeracy tests, then you will be recognised as having already met the HSC minimum standard in that particular area. If you did not get Band 8 or above in one or more of the 2017 NAPLAN tests, you will need to take the corresponding online test/s between now and Year 12 to

receive your HSC in 2020.

From this year, Year 9 NAPLAN tests will no longer be available as an early way for students to demonstrate the standard. This means that students currently in Years 7, 8 and 9 will need to do the online tests when they reach Years 10, 11 or 12.

Students will have two opportunities each year in Year 10, 11 or 12 to pass the required tests. They will also be able to sit for the tests for a few years after they leave school.

During Term 3 this year, these tests will be offered between 13 August and 14 September to all home students in Year 10 who have NOT met the required Band 8 in their Year 9 NAPLAN reading, writing and/or numeracy tests.

If you would like to know more about the tests, you can visit the NSW Education Standards Authority website: <http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/hsc/hsc-minimum-standard> or contact Nina Thomas (Head Teacher Student Engagement and Attainment) [nina.thomas3@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:nina.thomas3@det.nsw.edu.au).

Students at SSPs or single course students studying through SDEHS who wish to do the online test should speak to their teachers at their centre or home school about this.

## Protecting personal information

Personal information is any information or combination of information that enables an individual to be identified.

Personal information is used by many businesses for legitimate communication. However this is not always the case and some personal information can be misused by criminals or inappropriately by marketers.

### Disclosing personal information online

Many online services require users to provide some personal information in order to use their service. Before providing personal information, you should think about what can be done with your personal information and assess whether you are still happy to pass on these details. In addition to the risk of inappropriate or illegal use of information, disclosing personal information online can impact your digital reputation.

There are several online activities that you should be aware of that may require a level of disclosure of personal information. These include:

**Shopping:** to verify the identity of the purchaser, to process payments or for the delivery of goods.



**Subscribing or registering:** a screen name or ID and an email address are often minimum requirements but other requested information may include: age, gender, address, photo and personal likes or dislikes (a red asterisk (\*)) generally identifies mandatory fields that are needed to register).

**Competitions, prizes and rewards:** often require users to provide extensive personal data, including personal interests and demographic details—these are often used by marketers to promote products and services.

**Online games and virtual worlds:** these may require users to register before they can begin to play.

### What might happen if I share my personal information online?

Spam, scams, identity theft and fraud are just some of the more serious issues that you might face if you share personal information online.

For more information, go to: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/esafety-information/esafety-issues/protecting-personal-information>

# Food Technology

## Year 10 Assessment Task 2 – Practical

### Practical Hub Venues, Dates and Times

Students may work with a Food Technology teacher to prepare, cook and photograph their recipe for Assessment Task 2 at a hub – **Week 3 Term 3**.

Students need to pre-book. Check your task for details.

Miranda	Monday 6 August 2018	9.00 am – 11.00 am
Tuggerah	Tuesday 7 August 2018	10.30 am – 12.30 pm
Ingleburn	Tuesday 7 August 2018	10.00 am – 12.00 pm
SDEHS	Friday 10 August 2018	11.00 am – 1.00 pm

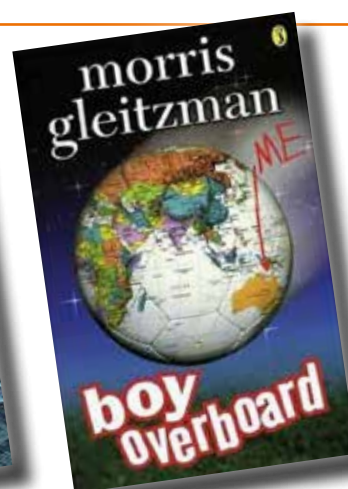
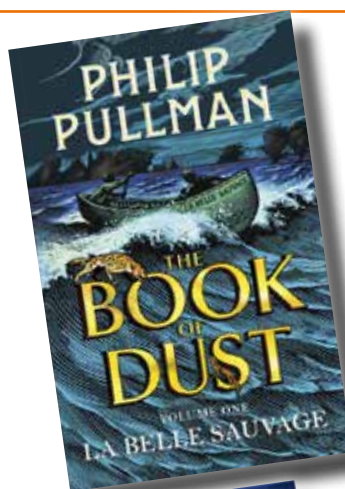


## Library News

### New fiction in the library

These books are currently available for loan. You can reserve a library resource online by locating the title through the search option on the Oliver library home page, selecting the title and then the reserve icon. Library staff will then send your selection to you.

Alternatively, you can contact the library by phone 9383 0270, or via the school email. Staff will be happy to assist you.





# Cyber Safety Update

Office of the eSafety Commissioner resources



The Office of the eSafety Commissioner has a number of resources on its website including its iParent site. In April 2018 these resources were updated to include an interactive screen smart parent tour. This 10-minute interactive tour is designed for parents of pre-teens and young teens (10 to 14 years) and provides them with practical tips and advice about how to help their child have safe and enjoyable experiences on online.

## Health Myth Busters



Your teeth are part of your skull and the first mechanical part of the digestive system. Back in the 1960s and 1970s, dentists would visit primary schools in caravans to give free check ups. Younger children were offered free milk at recess and older children were even taught how to brush their teeth. Sadly those days have gone and so has some of our common sense and respect for our own mouths.

Let's take a look at some myths and facts about our precious chompers.

1. *My teeth aren't giving me grief so I don't need a dentist.* Wrong! A visit once a year is recommended for most young people.
2. *Help! My teeth are not white!* Don't worry. Hollywood is famous for its white glow but guess what? They are fake veneers! Teeth are actually the colour of eggshell.
3. *Flossing is only for people with gum problems.* No. It's as essential as toothpaste and worth the trouble.
4. *Drinking tapwater strengthens teeth.* True! It contains fluoride plus it flushes nasties from between teeth so drink up.
5. *Sugar rots your teeth.* True! Even diets high in fruit can cause cavities. Forget the lollies and cakes and brush twice a day.

## Accessing Student Emails



Teachers at SDEHS communicate often with their students via email.

It is very important that students log into the DoE portal and check their DoE emails daily.

To access the DoE portal please go to:

<https://student.det.nsw.edu.au/>

Alternatively, students can conduct an internet search using the keywords "[DoE Student portal](#)".

If you have forgotten your username and password you can contact your teacher to have the password reset.



## CAPA Trivia

Be the first SDEHS student to correctly answer the following FIVE questions and email your responses to: [julie.barel@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:julie.barel@det.nsw.edu.au).

**The first correct entry received wins a \$30 voucher!**

1. The two storey mural painted on the side of the terrace in the SDEHS carpark is by which artist?



2. Which Australian photographer fell from the sky in a wedding dress?



3. What colour is vermilion?

4. Name the annual portrait prize for best portrait, 'preferentially of some man or woman distinguished in art, letters, science or politics, painted by any artist resident in Australasia'.

5. Shellac is a natural form of resin that is used as a varnish, glaze, primer, sealer and stain. Shellac is made from the secretions of which animal?



Answers to the questions from the last newsletter were:

1. Art Gallery of NSW, Museum of Contemporary Art  
2. Osamu Tezuka 3. Puppy 4. Every two years  
5. Lump, Dachshund

Congratulations to Kaitlyn Tavoletti Year 9 who was the first to answer all five CAPA Trivia questions correctly from the last Newsletter – well done Kaitlyn!

## SDEHS Learning Hubs

Learning Hub	Location	Opening Time
Baulkham Hills	Baulkham Hills Community Centre, 390 Windsor Road, Baulkham Hills	9 am – 3.30 pm Thursday
Glenbrook	The Glenbrook Centre, 1 Ross Street, Glenbrook	9 am – 3.30 pm Thursday
Ingleburn	Greg Percival Community Hall, Corner Oxford Road and Cumberland Road, Ingleburn	9 am – 3.30 pm Tuesday
Miranda	Miranda Community Centre, 93 Karimbla Road, Miranda	9 am – 3.30 pm Monday
SDEHS Woolloomooloo	SDEHS Library, 38-68 Forbes Street, Woolloomooloo	10 am – 2.30 pm Friday
Tuggerah	Tuggerah Community Hall, 9 Anzac Road, Tuggerah	9 am – 3.30 pm Tuesday
Woy Woy	Coast Community Connections, 93 McMasters Road, Woy Woy	9 am – 3.30 pm Monday

Book online via the SDEHS home page. For further information contact Hub Coordinator **Duncan Gerdes** phone 9383 0235 email: [duncan.gerdes@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:duncan.gerdes@det.nsw.edu.au)

## School Policies and Procedures

Students, parents, carers, supervisors, staff and members of the wider school community are invited to suggest improvements to school policies and procedures.

Suggestions may be emailed to the school email [sydneyh-d.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:sydneyh-d.school@det.nsw.edu.au) and will then be forwarded to the senior executive.



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