

# KANAHOOKA

## HIGH SCHOOL

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# Newsletter

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## Welcome Back to Term 4

We also welcome some new faces this term. TAS has a new Head Teacher, Mr Olsen. This term Ms Eady is in the English Faculty on Tuesday and Wednesday and Mr Swan will be in the PDHPE Faculty.

Hold on to your hats, Term 4 will be a busy time.

The HSC exams commenced on Tuesday 20 October and will run through to Friday 13 November.

Exams for Years 7 to 10 will commence on Monday 26 October through to Thursday 29 October.

NAIDOC Week is 9 to 13 November.

The Year 12 Formal is Wednesday 18 November.

Clontarf Award night is Wednesday 25 November.

Last day of term is Wednesday 16 December.



Mr Olsen



Ms Eady



Mr Swan



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## A New Beginning

This term marks the start of a new crop of Year 12 students. For the 2021 HSC year, Science is running Biology, Chemistry, Earth and Environmental Science and Marine Studies. The format is much the same as Year 11, with students learning four modules throughout the course. Year 12 does have some subtle differences though, with the students getting an extra term (four instead of three) to learn content but, with that comes an extra assessment task... and of course, there's the BIG ONE in October/November.



It is important that students keep up to date with all aspects of the course, such as keeping a regular study pattern, completing assessments on time and most importantly, attending class regularly. If students are having difficulty or are falling behind, please do not hesitate to contact the Science Faculty as many issues can be solved quickly and with a minimum of fuss.

Have a great 2020-21 Year 12, embrace the challenge and finish of high school with your heads held high.





# SCIENCE

## New Infrastructure in Science

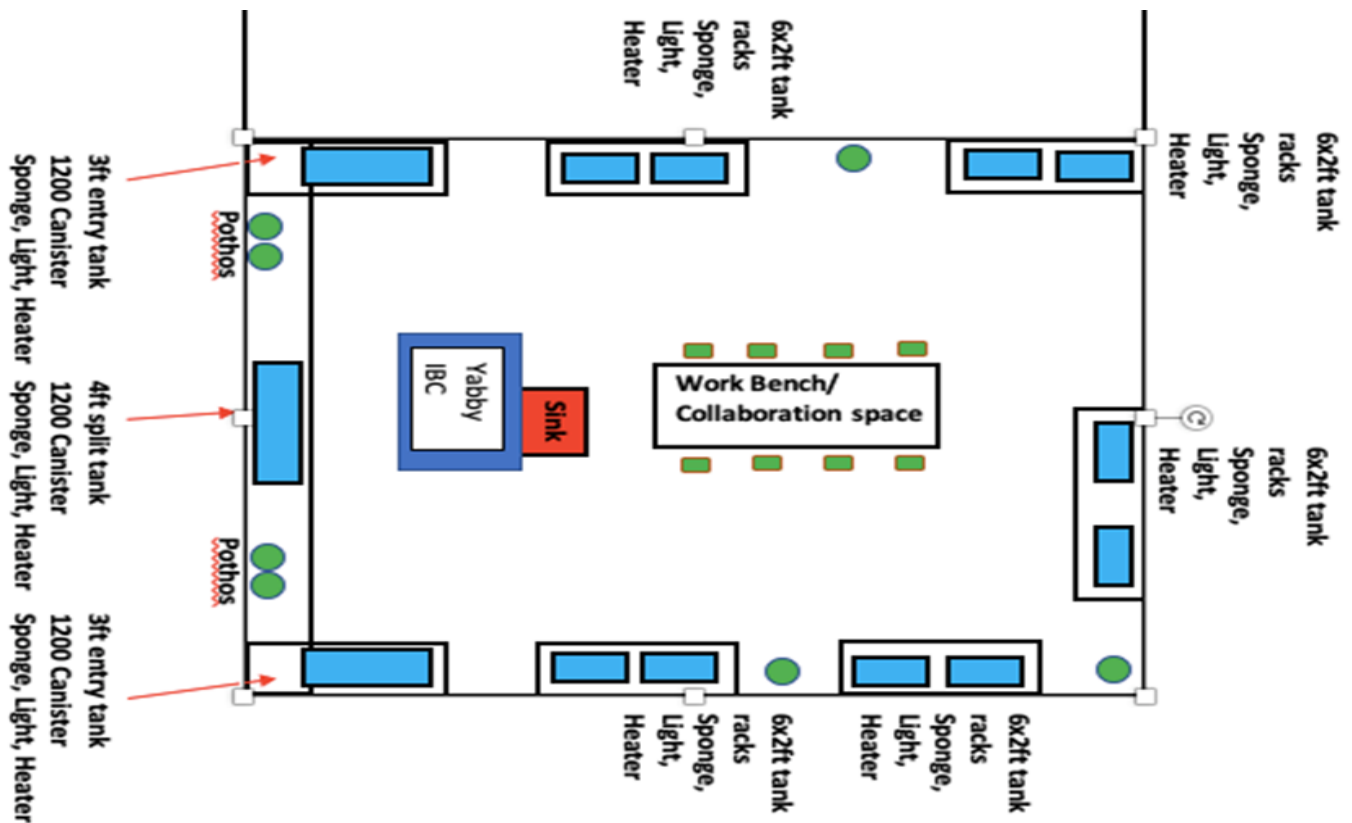
Under the guidance of our Business Manager, Mrs Richards, the school is looking as wonderful as ever. Science has not missed out on all the action, with a number of projects underway. The 400 Block Science Labs have all had air conditioning installed over the holidays, ready for Summer. No longer will the students have to sweat it out whilst completing 'hot' experiments with Bunsen Burners, Rubens Tubes etc, when the room temperature can rise rapidly. It's sure to improve the comfort and learning of all students in Science this Summer.

The 600 Block Marine Studies room is also receiving a makeover. Originally it was a chemical preparation room, built well before this author was born. With the help of the Senior Executive, the Science Faculty are bringing the facilities into the twenty first century. It's out with the old and in with the new, as the old shelving, floors, benches and sinks are being removed to make way for a state of the art Marine Studies facility to rival the best in the region. Students will be able to work using their own personalised fish tanks, even getting to choose the creatures that go in them (within reason... we don't want any Piranhas!).

This will be a wonderful resource for the students, making learning more engaging and hands on. New signage has also been installed in the Science blocks, so no longer will visitors, students (and some teachers haha) have trouble finding their way to the different Science rooms. It's a small thing, but it's going to make a big difference.



# SCIENCE



## Semester Two Examinations

As the old saying goes, “there are only two certainties in life, death and taxes.” Obviously the person who wrote that was never a high school student, because just like Christmas, the Semester Two Examinations are coming! Students in Stage 4 and 5 will be completing examinations in all Science classes, and electives, iSTEM and Marine and Aquaculture.

Students have been completing revision in class to help them prepare for next week. Students and parents/carers should keep in mind that Assessments Tasks are a way for teachers to gain an understanding of the student’s learning outcomes, with the aim to rectify any issues students may be having, before it becomes a problem later down the track. Although we ask students to strive to do their very best, the Science Faculty would hate to think that any students are working themselves up with anxiety and stress about next week. If your child is having issues dealing with exam pressures, please do not hesitate to contact the Science Faculty so we can work on some alternative strategies for your child.

## VALID 8 in Week 4

Year 8 students will be undertaking the VALID 8 Science Test in their Science classes in Week 4. What is VALID 8 I hear you ask? Well it stands for Validation of Assessment for Learning and Individual Development, and is a mandatory, state wide Science test for all Year 8 students. The test is done completely online, and students will be asked to watch, read and interact with a number of Science based questions.

An information letter has been sent home with your child this week outlining VALID 8. Students and parents/carers will generally receive their results, some time in the new year.

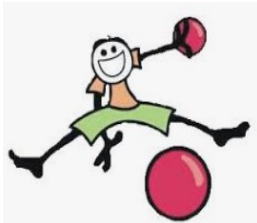
H McKay  
Head Teacher Science



# SUPPORT

## Sport

We have been trialling sport earlier in the day. In the first week back, students had a shot at a few varieties of Dodgeball, even one with the teachers as targets. Both the students and staff have had a blast!





# SUPPORT

## End of Term 3

Support had an opportunity to have an end of term celebration at William Beach Reserve. There we did lots of activities including a treasure hunt and even had a NERF war. It was a great way to see off Year 12 students.

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## ITEC

A special moment took place on Friday 16 October at Illawarra ITEC. It was the Graduation for the Support students that have been completing the Screen and Media Certificate 3 course. Congratulations to our Year 12 students Jacob B, Trent D and our Year 11 students Ashleigh S and Macie D for working collaboratively to create short horror films. The students deserved to achieve this qualification as a result of the hard work they had put in over the course.

C Rugg  
Support Teacher



## Support are on the move ....

The Support Unit are in for an exciting change during this term; we are moving to the 800 Block! Pictured is the new office area. The move will give us space for a Cooking Room, Science Room, and an Art Room. There will also be improved structures to support learning and wellbeing.

The students and staff have been taking tours through the new space to see where each classroom will be. We are all thinking very hard to rename this space, and suggestions are very welcome.



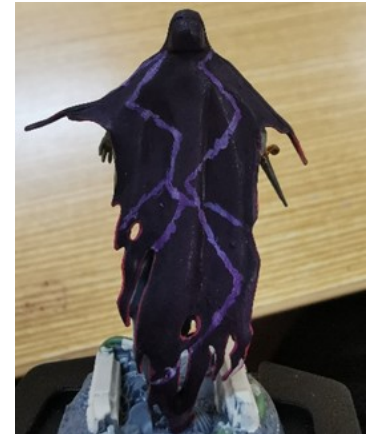


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## Warhammer

Some students have taken a keen interest in painting Warhammer models, and will even have an opportunity to have their completed works displayed at Wollongong Games Workshop. SLSO, Brandon, has reached out to the Warhammer community and is receiving lots of donated models for students to paint.

Watch this space!



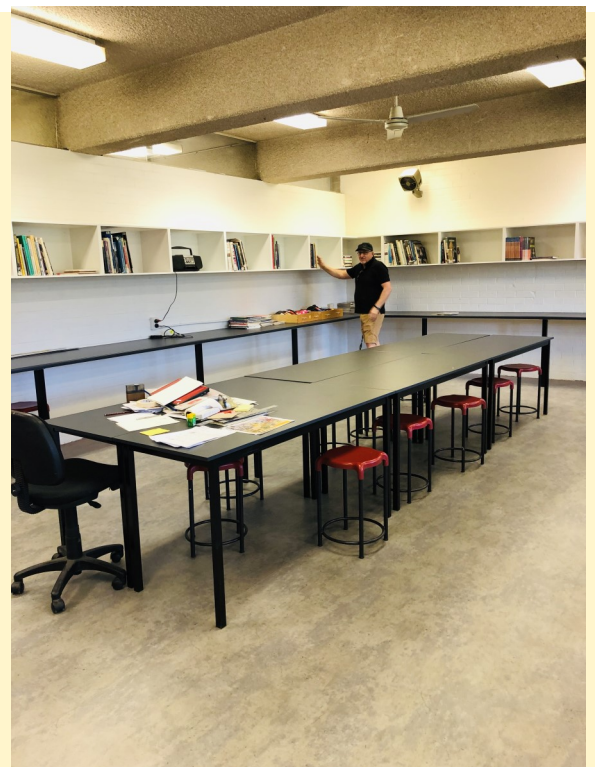
J Burns  
Head Teacher Support

## Sneak peak at the new Art Room

It is looking pretty amazing over in the 100 Block these days with the new fit-out of the second Art Room.

The Art Room was previously located in the 300 Block and has been moved to have both Art Rooms side by side in the 100 Block. Slav is having a great time with all the new spaces to work his creative side.

Students are loving the new space. More pictures to come as the room comes together with the inspiration of our budding artists.



## Term 4 Thursday Sport

Thursday sport kicked off this week with students attending their chosen sports for the term.

A reminder for any students who have not yet chosen a sport that they will need to do so as soon as possible. Similarly, any sport changes will also need to be done before Thursday of Week 3.

Please see Mr Nelmes in the PDHPE staffroom for any help/questions in regards to sport as he has taken over as Sports Organiser for the remainder of the year.

### TERM 4 SPORT CHOICES

Sport	Venue	Cost	Info
Squash	Dapto Squash Courts	\$6	Includes bus fee, court and equipment hire.
Lawn Bowls	Dapto Citizens Bowling Club	\$2	Includes bowl hire and green fees.
Beach Activities	Port Kembla Beach	\$7(bus)	Includes a variety of beach activities such as volleyball, touch, frisbee.
Surfing	Port Kembla Beach	\$7(bus)	Students must bring their own board and pass a surf survival test.
Fishing	Various locations around Kanahooka	\$1	Fishing rods and bait provided.
Bike Riding	Various locations around Kanahooka	-	Students must bring their own bike and helmet.
E-Sports/Chess	School	-	Option to play a range of computer, card or board games.
Boys/Girls Fitness	School	-	Various fitness activities such as boxing, yoga, weights & circuits.
School Sport	School	-	Students will be split into their year groups and play a round robin style competition in a range of different sports.
Walking	School	-	
Dance	School	-	
Theatre Sport	School	-	





## New Weights Room

We have been in the process of setting up our new Weights Room. The fitness group have been looking forward to this for a while now and with plenty of help from the students, the space is now ready to be used, with more equipment still to come in the next few weeks.

Pictured: Riley C and Justin N have given the new space the tick of approval.



## Update from the PDHPE Faculty

As we begin Term 4 and the warmer weather is upon us, we are excited to get back into some of our Summer sports in PDHPE.

Year 7 have begun their new practical topic of 'Batting Sports', starting with the crowd favourite, cricket. In theory lessons they are looking at managing safety and risky situations.

Year 8 are underway with their 'Target Games' practical unit of work and have been looking at positive choices in theory lessons.

Year 9 have started their practical unit 'Goal', starting with European handball and ultimate Frisbee. In class they have been studying matters of the mind, looking at issues surrounding mental health. Year 10 have also had some practice at ultimate Frisbee and Spikeball and are focusing on risky situations and positive choices in theory lessons.

Our elective classes, PASS and SLR are hoping to get in some practical lessons at Dapto Pool this term, so please listen out for information in classes regarding this.

Years 7-10 will be completing their exams next week and all students should have been given revision materials for this in classes this week. Please see your classroom teacher if you have not yet received this.



R Kohlhardt  
Head Teacher PDHPE

## Year 10's new History topic is the Vietnam War

10K are starting a new unit on the Vietnam War and in Week 9, Miss Cartwright and Miss Hewish collaborated with them to do a SOLE lesson.

SOLE stands for Self-Organised Learning Environment and is an inquiry based way of learning. Students are given the question, then organise themselves into groups and work on answering it for the lesson. They can look at what other groups are doing and change groups at any time.

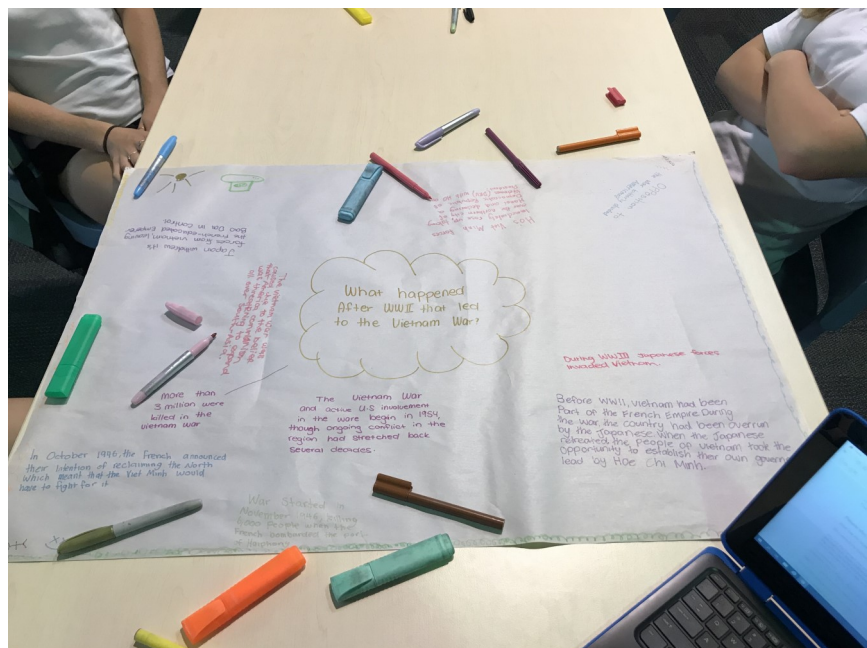
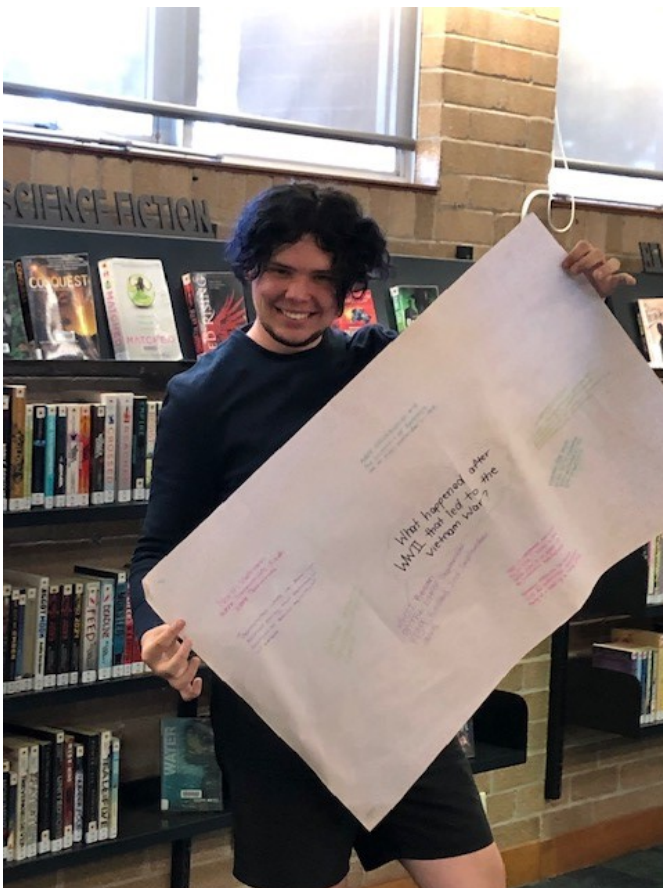
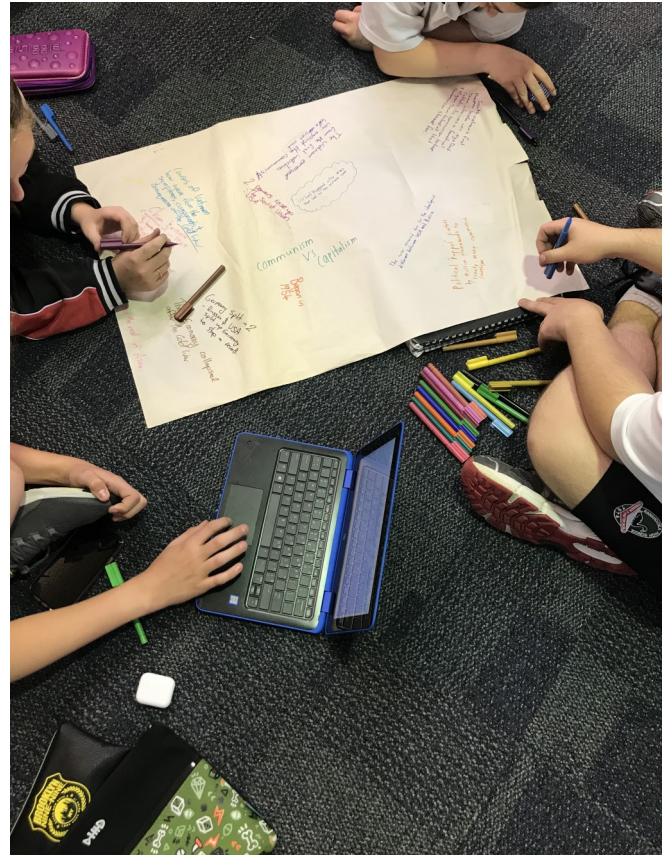
Today's question was "What happened after World War II that led to the Vietnam War"? There was some excellent research conducted among groups, and overall, the lesson was a success!

Students were asked what they enjoyed about the lesson:

"There's no set amount of work that needs to be achieved in the lesson." - Bailey

"It has a little something for everyone." - Trent

"I liked having control over what we researched." - Karla





## Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways Certificate II

Congratulations to all our Year 12 Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways students who completed competencies or their Certificate II. Throughout the two year course students have been involved in a number of projects including basic car maintenance, preparing race/track cars, garden restoration, golf competitions and building and racing remote control car circuits.





## Year 11 Senior Study

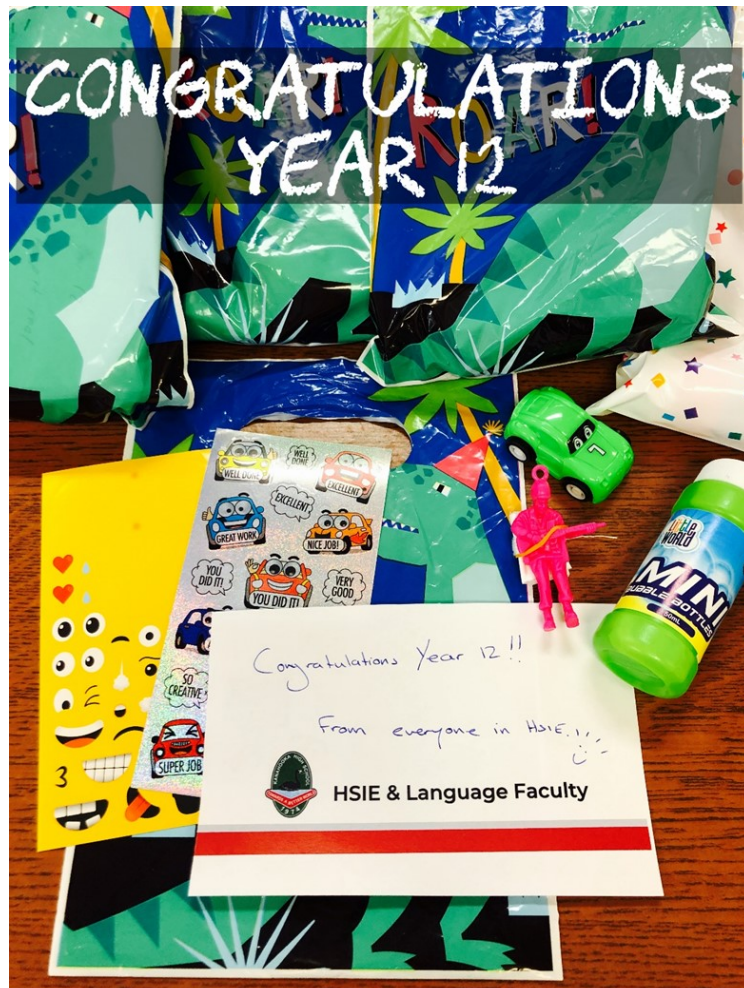
Room 713 will be open as an area for Year 11 students to study from 12:40pm-2:30pm every Thursday this term and a staff member will be present during this time to assist students.



**Congratulations Year 12!** - From the HSIE & Language Faculty.

It has been a pleasure to share in their journey through high school. We hope you enjoyed your HSIE goodie bags. Good luck and all the best with whatever the future holds.

"All our dreams can come true....if we have the courage to pursue them." - Walt Disney



G Knowles  
Head Teacher HSIE