

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Term 3 is quickly ending and it has been a wonderful term in so many regards.

Year 12's time at Kincumber High School is drawing to a close and it is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to this amazing group of young people. Their contribution to the school has been extraordinary over many years and the legacy they leave will be quite considerable. Examples of this from the last week include Kaya Ardita representing the school and NSWCHS in Touch Football on the Sunshine Coast. Emily Andrew's selection by The Arts Unit of the NSW Department of Education for "Callback" in Dance for outstanding performances and projects from the Higher School Certificate. Polytra Liufalani's nomination for "Encore" for highest achieving HSC Music performances. These are a few of only the recent accomplishments of this very fine group of young people.

As a group, Year 12, 2019 have achieved an enormous amount. For some students it has culminated in recognition at a National, State, Regional and local level. For others, it has been that they are the first in their family to achieve a Higher School Certificate. For some it has been that they have overcome considerable personal adversity to achieve this milestone. We as a teaching faculty, are incredibly proud of these fine students and look forward to hearing of their accomplishments in wonderful things in the years to come. We are incredibly proud of the young people they are and wish them every success.

The school is also incredibly excited by the outstanding NAPLAN results achieved by our Year 7 and Year 9 students. School performance is measured over the past five years only. Features of 2019 NAPLAN include:

- Year 9 Reading - best performance in the past 5 years. 23% of students achieved in the highest two bands (up from 12% in 2018).
- Year 9 Writing - best performance in the past 5 years. 12% of students achieved in the highest two bands (up from 6% in 2018).
- Year 9 Numeracy - best performance in the past 5 years. 21% of students achieved in the highest two bands (up from 14% in 2018).
- The Premiers Priority - which is the average percentage NAPLAN Reading and Numeracy results in the highest two bands increased to 26.4% (up from 19.78% in 2018).

These results are very impressive and are testament to the school's leadership in the preceding years and the hard work of staff and students every day. I would also like to personally acknowledge the work of Head Teacher English, Gabrielle Jones, and Head Teacher Mathematics, Jacqueline Woodley, for their leadership of the "Bump It Up" initiative. This program and their leadership has been pivotal in this ongoing school improvement. Finally, I would like to personally congratulate the large number of students who exceeded expected growth to attain such impressive results.

The school COLA is finally underway and companies have been asked to tender for the project. Allowing for good weather and no unforeseen building requirements, it is envisaged that this should be completed near the start of the 2020 school year. The F Block upgrade has been further delayed and it is envisaged that this could be completed by next Easter. I apologise unreservedly for the delay in both projects and will keep you posted with any further developments.

The school has also received a range of other positive news over the last fortnight. Firstly, Year 11 student Ella Avni has been selected to participate in the New South Wales Schools Constitutional Convention at State Parliament House in Sydney. This distinguished honour is a reflection of the power of student voice and the increasing confidence that youth have, in shaping the world they are moving into as they grow.



Equally impressive, Kincumber High School's Year 8 student, Liliya Tatarinoff represented NSW in the U15W category at the Junior Road Racing National Championships, held at the Gold Coast last weekend. She performed in the 10km individual time trial, 37.5km road race and emerged as National champion in the Criterium event.



Finally, I'd like to also acknowledge the large number of students who were successful in their winter sports, with large numbers reporting final appearances and grand final success.

There is so much to be proud of at Kincumber High School.

Hoping the students and staff have a relaxing break.

Brent Walker
Principal
Kincumber High School

Careers

University Placements

Polytra Liufalani, our school captain, has been awarded the prestigious Bouddi Arts Grant for her singing and songwriting.

Polytra has also been offered places at Sydney University and Macquarie University to study Engineering.



Last month, Niamh Marsden received an early offer to the Australian National University in Canberra, to study an Arts/Science double major.

Niamh has also competed at the World Championships in Irish dancing in Ireland earlier this year.

Six of our seven students awarded a place in the very competitive Leaders and Achievers program at Macquarie University.

They are (back row) Georgia Kent, Jemima Moore, Polytra Liufalani, Tahnee Bentley, (front row) Kaela Harle and Kayley Chandler.

Absent for this photo was Kaya Ardita, in Queensland representing the school and the state in touch football. We have just received news that his team are now National Champions. Well done Kaya!



Work Experience

Work experience provides a great opportunity to learn about the world of work and to develop some new skills.

A week in the workplace builds maturity, confidence and understanding. It gives valuable experience.

For year 10 students, the ideal time to go is in weeks 7 to 10 of Term 4, once the yearly exams have been complete.

Now is a good time to use your contacts and plan for this. Mr Fortey is happy to help where possible.

It is possible to do work experience more than once, provided the reasons are valid.

Each year, a limited number of Year 11 and 12 students do work experience, usually when they are job seeking and wanting to build their experiences in preparation for future roles.

It is important to have the official school paperwork completed and returned to Mr Fortey, so students are properly insured before they begin their placement.



Josh applied and was accepted for a week's work experience in Cyber Security in Canberra with the Australian Defence Forces.



Amelia Lowe of Year 10 thoroughly enjoyed her work experience with SBS in Sydney.

Budding Politician

Recently, Ella Avni represented Kincumber High and the Terrigal electorate in the NSW Youth Parliament. On the Women's Affairs Committee, Ella composed a bill to go before the actual Parliament. On Wednesday, 25 October, she and her committee will present a bill to be voted upon. The bill proposes that all homeless women be provided with free sanitary products.



Allirra Miller-More did her work experience as a park ranger in the Booderee National Park, near Jervis Bay.

Allirra has been a wonderful advocate for indigenous awareness over the past six years.

Ella is also working with Ms Langston, other teachers and students to promote environmental awareness and sustainability at Kincumber High School. Well done, Ella!



Macey Bright graduated recently for the Certificate III Health Services Assistance (Assisting nursing work in accurate care).

This course involved two years at TAFE and over one hundred days work at Gosford Hospital. Well done, Macey!

Amelia Lowe recently represented our school in a very moving citizenship ceremony. Amelia was very impressed with the genuine joy people showed at becoming a part of our great country.



Kaya Ardita was an outstanding performer in the under 19 NSW team that won the National Touch Football titles last week.

Kaya was also recently awarded a place in the prestigious Macquarie University's Leaders and Achievers Program.



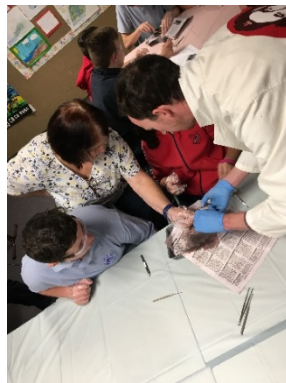
Steve Fortey, Careers Advisor

Science Report

SSU Science

This term, the students have been learning about the different body systems. Mr Jensen came to our class and helped us complete a heart and eye dissection. Most students found this fascinating and were keen to discover and explore these organs. A few were grossed out! We saw heart ventricles and arteries, eye lenses and lots of jelly like substances in the eye. We were all very thankful to Mr Jensen for giving up his time to complete an interesting practical class. What a wonderful discovery lesson!

Mrs O'Reilly



Year 9 Fish Biology

Thank you to Sea Coast Fisheries for supplying the bycatch for the Year 9 Marine Studies class to dissect. Not only did the students dissect a range of fish including Ling and Blackfish, they also removed the eyes to look at the round fish lens and then found a Ling tongue parasite. Cymothoa Exigua is a parasitic isopod that infests a host through the gills.

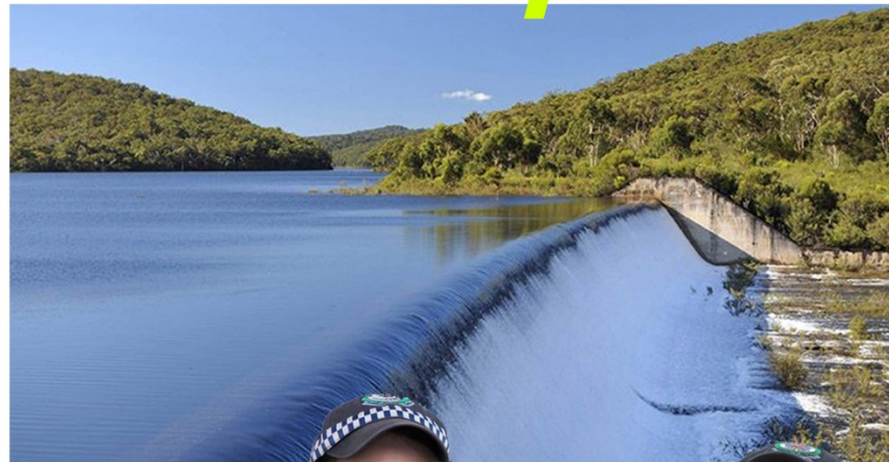
Mrs Barber, Marine Studies Teacher



HSIE Report



HSIE updates




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A great deal has been happening in HSIE in recent weeks.

Year 7 History classes undertook the Local History Site Study in Week 6. Students learned about Kincumber's Indigenous, early colonial and 20th Century military history. It was an enjoyable and powerful learning experience. Many thanks to Davistown RSL and Kincumber Library and Girri Girra's Tim Selwyn, for their wonderful assistance on the day.

Year 8 Geography are currently learning about Water in the World. This is a pertinent study, especially considering the recent water restrictions being implemented around NSW. Students are encouraged to share messages of sustainability and smart water choices at home.

Year 9 Geography is also learning about an important global issue – Food Security! This course is a powerful vehicle for allowing students to become aware of the challenges connected to food availability throughout the developed and developing world. There has been a particular focus on the farmer's use of new technology to help alleviate food scarcity.

Year 10 Geography is currently learning about Human Wellbeing in Australia and around the world. We have looked at how income, where you live, and your age, can impact your quality of life. In recent weeks, we have been focusing on Indigenous Australians Wellbeing and the measures in place to 'Close the Gap'. Whilst also paying close attention to a social experiment taking place in a retirement village, measuring the impact young children can have on geriatric depression.

Year 10 History has recently been all about the Nineties. From Nirvana and Pearl Jam, through to Clueless and Hyper-Colour Tees, students have been learning about popular culture trends from the decade and this has coincided with the recent submission of Assessment Task 3 – 90s Creative Task. Students are about to begin the final topic for the year 'Recent Defence Challenges'.

Electives, Year 9 Commerce have been undertaking the ASX School Sharemarket Challenge in recent weeks. Students have used this experience to identify a variety of factors that can influence share prices on a daily basis; Year 10 Commerce students are currently undertaking the \$20 Boss Challenge with Mr Hall. Here, students need to use their entrepreneurial skills and devise a plan to produce product for sale, with only \$20. All monies and profits raised will be donated to charity.

Year 11 HSIE students are currently undertaking their final exams. Teachers prepared students for these formal exams, by providing study guidance and undertaking revision exercises at school. Students in Year 11 will begin the 2020 Year 12 Course at the beginning of Term 4.

For Year 12 HSIE students, their two-year Stage 6 courses have been completed. For students and teachers alike, the senior HSIE courses are an enjoyable and rewarding experience. Year 12 students will have the opportunity to come into school during the Spring Holidays to undertake Holiday Workshops with their teachers. These days are highly recommended, as teachers will run through some final examination tips for the impending HSC exams.

At the end of Term 3, we will also say farewell to Mr Pizzingrilli, who has been completing his Internship in HSIE. Throughout his time with us, he has shown the attributes of a wonderful educator and we wish him all the best in his future career.

Mr Waters, HT HSIE

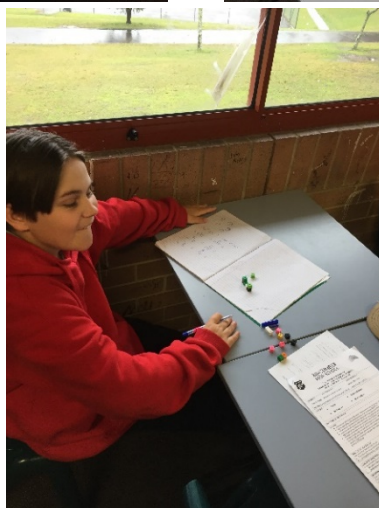
Maths Report

We are extremely excited about some changes we are making for the teaching of Mathematics in 2020. After consultation with local apprenticeship groups and industry professionals, we are going to trial a new maths pathway called 'Mathematics in Trade Pathway'. This will be run in both Years 9 and 11, with the main idea being a focus on the mathematical skills and numeracy capabilities that are necessary to gaining, and keeping, an apprenticeship. Cooperation with the apprenticeship engagement forum and lots of practical applications are the main focus areas. Hopefully students who participate will be more prepared and have a better chance of gaining an apprenticeship in the future. There is a list of students who have already self-nominated to Mrs Woodley to be included, although please come and visit the maths staffroom if you want to find out more.

Due to a price rise from our suppliers, calculators now cost \$24 each, a slight rise from \$22. Pay at the front office and bring your receipt to the maths staffroom to collect your calculator. EVERY student doing mathematics should have their own calculator. While some are available from the library in emergencies, having your own calculator helps you become more familiar with processes and using it effectively.

Congratulations to these students who have been nominated by their teachers as 'Student of the Week' in maths recently: Tiarne Wadey, Katelyn Annabel, Imogen Hollier (year 8) Kobe Lowe (year 10) and Zack Gentle (Year 7).

Students in year 8 have been working with volume and have really enjoyed using centicubes when practising isometric drawing and calculating volumes after constructing various solids, as you can see from these photos.



TAS Report

Year 9 Fashion & Design

The girls have recently completed their fabulous skirts, where they had to learn the skill of reading a commercial pattern. The next project they are tackling is a series of patchwork and appliquéd cushion covers, using a variety of dying techniques as well as different fabrics to illustrate the elements and principles of design.



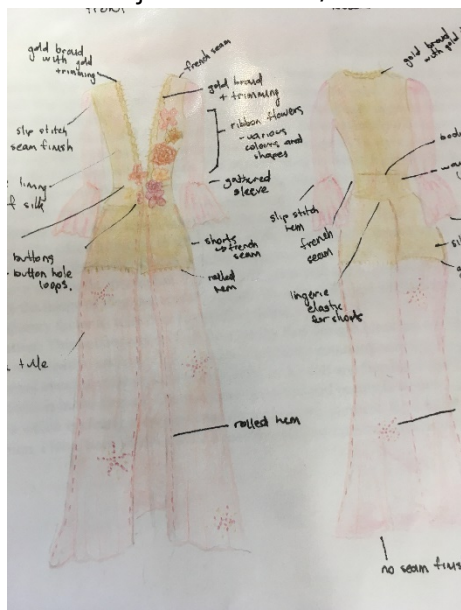
Year 11 Textiles & Design

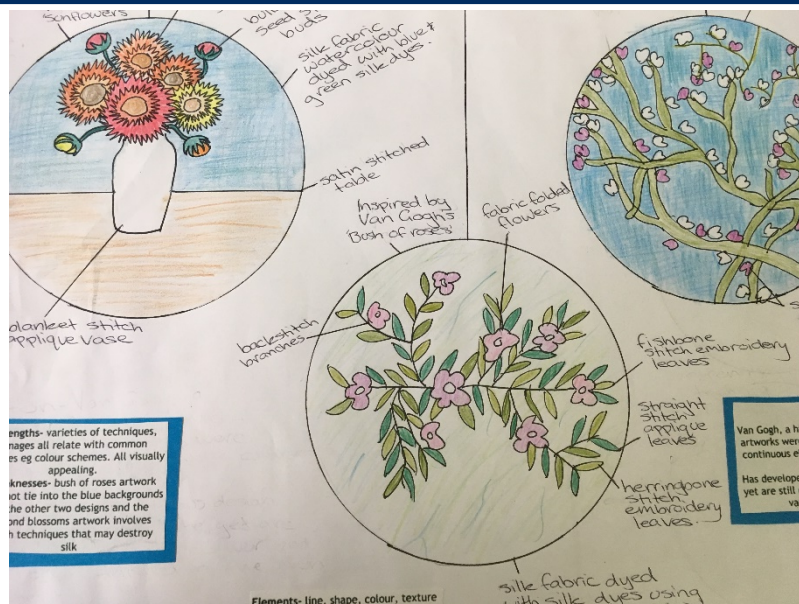
The class has been working hard to learn the manufacturing skills to produce their individual practical projects, which ranged from dresses, skirts, bags and even cute little children's dresses.



Year 12 Textiles & Design

A huge congratulations to the girls on the completion of their 'Major Textiles Project and Portfolios'. Their hard work over the last 3 terms in planning, experimenting and producing their projects has finally come to an end. The projects were boxed and sent away for marking and have just returned, so now the anxious wait for the results.





Under 15's Girls Netball Tournament

After their convincing win over Kariong Mountains High School earlier in the Term, the Under 15's Girls Netball Team, played in Round 2 of the tournament on Monday, 9 September, at Brickpit Stadium in Thornleigh. The team faced Cheltenham Girls High School, and played hard for the entirety of the match. Unfortunately, we were unable to secure the win, though the sportsmanship and effort displayed by the girls was outstanding.

Sydney North Year 7 & 8 Girls Netball Gala Day

On Thursday, 12 September, the Years 7 & 8 Netball Team played in the Sydney North Netball Gala Day at Adcock Park. They won their pool with convincing wins over Erina High School and Narrabeen Sports High School, and a draw against Cheltenham Girls High School. After a hard fought semi-final win against Tumby High School, the team faced Mackellar Girls High School in the Grand Final. The girls played an excellent game of netball against a team stacked with state representative players, and although we weren't victorious, we were able to keep them within 10 goals. The girls should be very proud of their 2nd place result, and their efforts throughout the day. Libby Green and Jade Day of Year 9 came along as our umpires for the day, and did a spectacular job in both umpiring, and supporting the team.

CAPA Report

Creativity is intelligence having fun.

CAPA dates for your diary

One Night Only Arts Festival Wednesday, 4 December, 2019, 5pm.

Student of the week awards

Dance: Year 9 - Ashlee Girgis, Kasey McLean, Hayley Shaw, Lily Argent. Year 10 - Roland Gomes, Amity Bright, Sara Kennedy, Laura Bevitt. Year 11 - Tegan Arundell, Tyla Williams. Year 12 - Emily Andrew.

Drama: Year 9 - Ethan Shabolt-Connors, Marie Randall. Year 10 - Layla Robertson, Dray Wilkinson. Year 11 - Ruby Williams, James Cameron. Year 12 - Memphis Hilditch, Taylah Stone.

Year 12 Drama 2019

I have had the undoubtedly amazing experience to take this Year 12 Drama cohort for the past 3 terms. Teaching Year 12 has been an inspiring and invigorating journey and I am so proud of how far Year 12 Drama have come. The professionalism and bravery that came with presenting their Individual and Group Devised Projects, showed me the amount of time, sweat and literal tears that were put in to produce sophisticated and epic performances.

I would like to take the opportunity to recognise Rebecca Roth, who has taught these students since Year 9 and have transformed them into the students they are today - thank you. I wish my Drama students all the best for their future endeavours and I hope that you take any small lesson that you have learnt in Drama, whether that be knowing how to make everyone in the room laugh, or simply how to embrace who you are, and use it throughout the rest of your lives.

Music: Year 7 - Hamish Taylor, Will Steenbergen, Asher Pulley, Jack Campbell.

Visual Arts Support Classes: Stage 4 and 5 - Harry Borthwick, William O'Neil, Blake Edghill, Thomas Molloy, Jett Wilkinson, Tayah Rees, Flynn Chadwick, Jamie Glover, Jake Mason, Campbell Stephen.

Visual Arts: Year 7- Ella Clark, Ruby Fibbens, Jonah Lowe, Montana Stevenson, Riley Williams, Lucy Tamblyn, Natasha Ireland, Akira Goucher, Harvey Jager, Mikaela Magro, Laila Pickering, Xanthe Payne, Braith Bright, Tyler Russell, Nina Boije af Gennas, Owen Concar, Jack Risby, Nathan Kelly, Jack Campbell, Liam Chandler, Matthew Griffiths, Charlotte Cameron. Year 9 - Kyra Altavilla, Isabella Anthony, Jade Burney, Jemma Casey, Elise Georgeson, Dylan Jackson, Nikolas Pannagis, Jazmyn Pepper, Grace Larkin, Cyren Santangelo, Grace Shannon, Hayley Stevenson, Beth Stewart, Emma Sykes, Scarlett Sykes, Ruby Williams. Year 12 - Macey Bright, Chloe Casey, Amber Fraser, Jemma Grice, Amy Haymes, Daniel Hughes, Jessica Menzies, Liam Short, Katie Walker, Sari Walker-Woods, Courtney Craig.

Photography: Year 9 - Lilli Donsworth, Charlotte Wicks, Jayden Cole, Billy Crookes. Year 10 - Tyler Spence, Saxon Garside, Samuel Mortimer.

Visual Design: Year 9 - Luka Ellis, Riley Davis, Ari Bailey, Kyra Altavilla. Year 10 - Lachlan Chapman, Zane Drennan, Phoebe Brown, Ruby Petheram.

Visual Arts, Visual Design and Photography**Year 12 Visual Arts 2019**

It has been an incredible journey taken with this wonderful year group. We've known you since Year 7 and I've taught some of you from Year 8 onwards. Your HSC 'Bodies of Work' are a testament to the talent, time, commitment, passion and dedication you've maintained over the past 12 months and the previous years of learning. Your belief in your teachers, the professional advice offered to you, enabled your vision to become your reality.

It is with great pride that the CAPA/Visual Arts staff have preselected, an unprecedented total of 11 Bodies of Work, into either the Lake Macquarie City Regional Gallery - First Class exhibition or Gosford Regional Gallery - A Central Vision. NB - Please submit your paperwork by the due date.

Finally, I'd like to take the opportunity to thank some important people who've helped Year 12 along the way. Mrs Debenham, Juz Kitson and Jordan Richardson invested hours supporting and assisting our students. Kariong Mountains High School, St Joseph's at East Gosford and Kincumber Primary School assisted us in the firing of ceramic works. Miss Berberian, Miss McNaught, Mr Krix and Miss Hamilton who offered professional support and advice. We thank you.

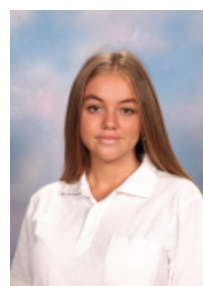
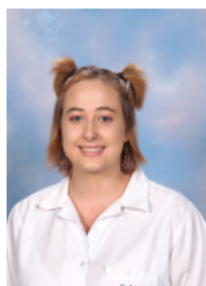
Students pre-selected for A Central Vision - Gosford Regional Gallery 2020.

Well done Chloe Casey, Amy Haymes, Nina Cole, Jemma Grice, Courtney Craig, Macey Bright.



Students preselected for Lake Macquarie City Regional Gallery - First Class exhibition.

Liam Short, Sari Walker-Woods, Jaiden Rosolen, Amber Fraser, Kaia Flett and Tyana Capilli.



Now, remember to keep to your study routine for your final written exam. Good luck and all the best with your future endeavours. You will be missed.

Music

Congratulations to Polytra Liufalani who has achieved a pre-selection into Encore. She is a talented student with the drive and focus to succeed. She has worked very hard on her performance all year, including YIPA and Grove Studio sessions. She deserves this possible inclusion in ENCORE. CAPA staff and students collaborated all year to get Polytra and her support performances to this exceptional standard.

It is essential that Polytra's band members are recognised for their contribution to her significant achievement in learning, rehearsing and refining the arrangements we put together. We averaged 5 rehearsals a week for a year, most of those in lunch breaks.

The following students performed for Polytra's HSC Music Examination: Jaqaiar Liufalani, Amy Saines, Jackson Brown-Beresford, Lauchlan Baddack, Charlie Payne, Grace Richardson, Jessica Cameron, Brandon Guthmann, Taylor Stone, Jade Crowther, Jordan Mahler, Niamh Marsden, Evie Manning, Kaya Ardita and Aja-May Blue. Thank you to all involved.

Carol McGilvery, HT CAPA



Student Spotlight – Emily Andrew HSC Dance student.

Our HSC Dance class have recently completed their practical examinations for their HSC. This year, each student presented:

- A Core Performance dance (solo) of 3-5 minutes and took part in a 6 minute discussion
- Their own Core Composition dance of 3-5 minutes, which they taught to another dancer who performed it in the exams and they took part in a 6 minute discussion
- Their Major Study Performance work (solo) of 4-6 minutes and took part in a 9 minute discussion



As a result of these exams, we are absolutely excited to announce that Emily Andrew has received 3 Callback nominations – one for each of her practical exams.



What is Callback?

It is a selection of outstanding performances and projects from HSC Dance students across NSW.

Year 7 & 8 Dance Ensembles

These will be starting up again in week 1 next term – if you have not signed up, please do so, in the PE staffroom. Everyone is welcome to join!

Schools Spectacular

A huge congratulations to the Year 9 Dance Elective on their successful audition and selection to participate in the Schools Spectacular this year. They will perform at Qudos Bank Arena in Homebush on Friday, 22 and Saturday, 23 November. Tickets are on sale now.

The first rehearsal is on this week!



What are you doing?

We would love to know what you are doing in the area of dance, beyond KHS. Please come and see us to let us know what you are doing, what you are achieving, where you are going. We have some absolutely amazing dancers at KHS and we would like to know more about you and your achievements.

Communication

facebook

Yes, we have closed Facebook groups for each of our dance groups – please feel free to join us on Kincumber High School Dance to stay updated on information.



Yes, we now have an Instagram account, join us at: [kincumberhighschool_dance](https://www.instagram.com/kincumberhighschool_dance)

If you have questions regarding anything to do with dance, please come and see us in the PE staffroom.

Mrs McRae & Mrs Harridge, Dance Teacher

Great dancers are not great because of their technique, they are great because of their passion.

-Martha Graham

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