

FRESHWATER SENIOR CAMPUS NEWS

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“Freedom to Learn”



Deputy Principal's Report

The Higher School Certificate is so close you can almost touch it. Now though, is the time for the most concerted effort of the year. Is it too late to make a difference? No, but it may be hard to achieve your potential if you haven't worked enough during the year. Still, you will do better and have more options than if you do little between now and the HSC.

If you have been working hard all year don't ease up now. You have given yourself a good base from which to launch an all out assault on the HSC. The important thing is to focus on the things you are weakest at within the subject. If you knew it at the Trial, you will probably still know it at the HSC. Isolate what you can't do or don't know and get those right.

If you are worried that there is a lot you don't know, then you need to get the basics right so you don't pass up easy marks in the HSC. You have time, but it is limited so try and maximise the marks you can.

Let me also take this opportunity to inform people about short term and long term disadvantage applications for the HSC. Firstly, short term disadvantage is known as MISADVENTURE and applies to things that occur in the week before the HSC exams start or during the exam time itself. Things like car accidents, illness, relationship breakdowns fit in this category. These forms will be available from me at the time and, if approved, by the Board of Studies, then consideration is given to a student's individual exam marks. Short term disadvantage that occurs during the year, such as a student being ill for a task is covered by the Campus misadventure policy and is dealt with at the time.

Long term disadvantage that occurs over a period of time, includes such things as poverty, serious illness, death of a close family member and the like is covered by the ACCESS Scheme. These forms are handled by the Careers Advisers and should be prepared before the end of Term Three. These applications go through the University of Admissions Centre and do not change your marks but, if successful, allows you to access the University course of your choice if UAC decides your disadvantage has prevented you from achieving this through your ATER rank which is the normal entry path to University. Please note that ACCESS applications have to be very well documented and usually require several corroborating pieces of evidence, including a statement from the school that we were informed of the long term disadvantage when it first became apparent. Study hard, study often.

Mr Greg Lill

Careers



Year 12 Applications to Universities

The 2010 UAC books have arrived and can be collected from the Careers Office. Lunchtime information sessions will be held for students interested in the UAC application process .

Universities are now holding their Open days. All universities have them but following is a list of local Sydney Universities and their open days. If you are interested

in other universities see the Universities website for more information. Students intending to apply to University are strongly advised to attend open days.

- Macquarie University Saturday September 12
- University of NSW Saturday September 5
- Sydney University Saturday August 29
- UTS, Broadway Saturday August 29
- UTS, Kuring-gai Wednesday September 9 (evening)

The final date for on time UAC applications is Wednesday 30 September, however changes can be made to your preferences until January 6. Late applications cost more so apply soon.

Year 12 Students are encouraged to make an appointment with the Careers Advisers to discuss their study options.

Scholarships

Many universities and colleges offer scholarships. Please see the Careers Advisers if you are interested.

Other Open Days

- Enmore Design Centre (TAFE) Saturday September 12
- APM College of Business and Communication Saturday September 5
- Billy Blue College of Design Saturday September 12
- Australian Film, Television and Radio School Saturday September 5 and Sunday September 6

Year 11 Defence Technical Scholarships

These scholarships are for Year 11 students interested in a technical career (not necessarily with the defence forces) you must be studying Maths and a VET course. See the website for more details. www.defencejobs.gov.au/dts

Frank Jia Wins \$3000 Scholarship.



Pictured above is the school's very successful Yr 12 student Frank Jia with the FSC's Principal, Mr Frank Pikardt and the manager of Bendigo Bank, Mr Ken Ward. Bendigo Bank awarded Frank a \$3000 scholarship to attend the World Chemistry Olympiad in England, where he won a silver medal.

Mr Ward is the former head of the school's Parent Forum group having put his own son through the school in 2005/06. We are very pleased to still have his and the bank's support.

Good Luck to Year 12 Music Students. HSC Prac Exam next week!

