

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL REPORT



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Upcoming Awards Assemblies

Presentation Night – Major Award Winners from all years
Tuesday 5 December

Celebrating Success Assemblies

Tuesday 5 December	- Period 5 and 6 - Year 11
Monday 11 December	- Period 1 and 2 - Year 9
	- Period 3 and 4 - Year 8
Tuesday 12 December	- Period 1 and 2 - Year 10
	- Period 3 and 4 - Year 7

The Ponds Game Changer Challenge 2023 secondary Champions

The Ponds High Schools Game Changer Team have been crowned NSW Champions in a 4-day event consisting of over 400 teams. The team consisted of Sarah V, Diya U, Sanjana C, Thehara K (Year 10) and Saanvii Y (Year 9). Their winning app “Ergovision” addressed the crucial issue of student posture, aiming to prevent premature back and neck injuries. The team was ably supported by Mrs Daveson (TAS). A news article with photos and a full description of the app will follow. Amazing work, well done to all involved as you represented The Ponds.

CHS Cricket Champions

Neha (8.1) and Yanee (11.1) represented Sydney West at the Combined High Schools Girls Cricket Championships on the Central Coast from Monday to Thursday during Week 6. Mr Burns was the team manager. Both girls represented Sydney West and The Ponds High School extremely well.



Remembrance Day



At 11am on Friday 10 November, all of us pause to honour the Australians who fought and fell in the First World War and the generations who have followed them in the service of our country and the cause of peace. Thanks must go to the HSIE Department for their moving presentation which was observed in each classroom and the students who were extremely respectful as we could hear a pin drop around the school in this time. Lest We Forget is Australia's eternal promise to all those who have worn our nation's uniform.

Year 7 HPGE InnovateX Showcase

InnovateX is a HPGE program that encourages our students to embrace innovation and creativity in addressing real-world challenges. Through this program, students worked in teams to tackle issues prevalent within their local school or the broader community. Guided by the principles of design thinking, they learned to empathise, define, ideate, prototype, and test their solutions, honing their critical thinking abilities and teamwork skills along the way.

On 7 November, the Year 7 creators and thinkers pitched their creative solutions to a panel of judges. We are immensely proud of the dedication and creativity our students brought to InnovateX, and we look forward to seeing the incredible change they will bring to the community as they apply their newly honed skills and innovative solutions to real-world problems.

Peer support training

Students in Year 9 have been busy preparing to welcome 410 Year 6 students who will make up our 2024 Year 7 cohort. Peer support training was run on Monday and Tuesday of this week. The Year advisors were busy teaching Year 9.

MADD Night Tuesday November 21

Don't miss out. Come and support our amazing Visual artists and Performing artists.

More information to follow in this newsletter.

MADD Night (Music, Art, Drama and Dance)

Families can buy tickets through the SchoolBytes link in the email sent home.

Mr A Fitzgerald

Deputy Principal



CEO For a Day

On Tuesday 14 of November, I was given an amazing opportunity to attend, and represent the school, at CEO For a Day in the Schools Infrastructure NSW. Schools Infrastructure for NSW is tasked with designing and renovating all schools, across NSW. Throughout the day we heard from different members of the company as well as current apprentices and interns. Some of the speakers were Adam Taylor, Dean Whittle, Anthony Rodwell, Anthony Futia, Sayya Beidengan, Zoe Hoad, the executive, Claire Beattie and the CEO, Anthony Manning.

From each speaker we learnt about the importance of communication and the teamwork that goes into designing, constructing, addressing and solving the needs of old and new schools. Each new speaker was part of a different team of SINSW, with each one specialising in one area. We had speakers from assets activation, construction, and prioritisation just to name a few. Anthony Manning taught us what a day in the life of a CEO is like. My biggest takeaway from his presentation was that we should pursue things that we are passionate about and love. His story, and Claire Beattie's story, inspired us all to become the best versions of ourselves and realise that the path to a successful life and future is not linear. There are various paths which are diverse for each individual.



We also had a special guest, Susana, from Shake Up Architecture who came to talk to us about 'Considerations and risks in design planning'. She talked about the different ways that hazards and risks are addressed and how to find a solution. Afterwards, we were assigned into groups to discuss one problem or change we would like to see at our school. My group's project was more shaded areas and shelters in schools. Together, as a team we discussed the issues that may arise in construction and designing of the project but also addressed possible solutions. We were then asked to present to the rest of our 'colleagues'. The other projects were sun safety, upgrading toilets and expanding narrow doorways.

Overall, it was a great experience to meet other students from other schools. If there was one piece of advice I learnt that I would pass on, it would be to take every opportunity thrown your way. As Anthony Manning stated, "It is better to live in regret of doing something than living in regret of not doing something."

- Ariana W 11.L



**CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS
DEPARTMENT
PRESENTS**

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Head Teacher CAPA



MADD NIGHT

MUSIC, ART, DRAMA & DANCE

MUSIC

Witness astonishing music performances by talented Stage 4 & 5 students, alongside remarkable Year 11 students!

VISUAL ARTS

Experience visually complex and intellectually advanced artworks created by our students from Years 7 to 11 in our captivating Visual Arts exhibition.

DANCE

Enjoy the mesmerising dance performances of our talented individuals and groups, showcasing their exceptional skills and creativity.

TUESDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2023

DOORS OPEN

6PM

PERFORMANCES START

6.30PM

THE PONDS HIGH SCHOOL HALL

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Tickets available online via link in SchoolBytes email.

Individual - \$5

Family - \$10

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NOTE TO PARENTS



If students aim to be in the school grounds by 8.25am, then they will ensure they are at their classroom, ready for roll call at 8.30am.

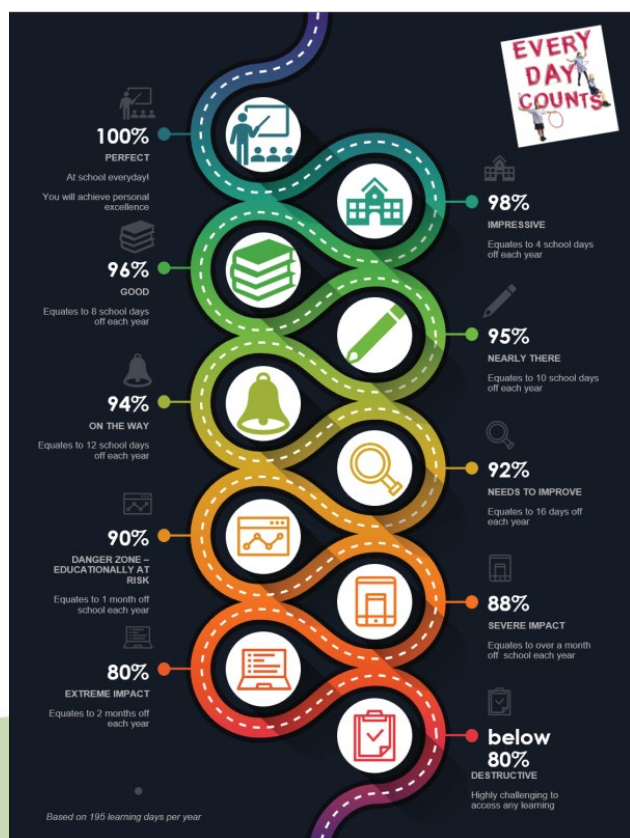
Being on time does not mean running through the gate at 8.30am. At The Ponds High School being on time means being at your roll class at 8.30am.

The school looks forward to working with our community to help encourage our students to become the best version of themselves.

WHY ATTENDANCE MATTERS



ATTENDANCE ROAD MAP



IMPORTANT DATES

2023 TERM 4

Week 7

Monday 20 November

Breakfast Club Stage 5
Chinese Garden of Friendship – Darling Harbour
T1 Week 7 Holey Moley Castle Towers – Community Access

Communication and Conflict Resolution Skills
Year 12 Chemistry Assessment

Tuesday 21 November

MADD Night
Year 9 Motivate Me Program
Stage 5 Skills for Work
Additional Transition Day
Year 12 SLR Excursion - Flip out

Wednesday 22 November

Breakfast Club Stage 4
Personal Leadership Program
Year 12 External Languages Task 1 – German, Korean, French

Thursday 23 November

Year 12 Ancient History in Class task
Open Boys & Girls Rowing

Friday 24 November

Cure Brain Cancer Day
Girls Knockout Cricket final vs The Hills Sports HS
Year 12 Physics Luna Park excursion
Macquarie Zone School Sport Association AGM
NRL Rugby League & League Tag Referee Program
PCYC Fit for Life Term 4 2023

Week 8

Monday 27 November

P & C Meeting 7.15pm
Breakfast Club Stage 5
HSC Drama Performance
Communication and Conflict Resolution Skills

Tuesday 28 November

Year 7 Taronga Zoo Day 1
Indigenous Pathway & Deadly Education
Year 7 2024 Orientation Day

Wednesday 29 November

Breakfast Club Stage 4
Taronga Zoo Day 2
Personal Leadership Program

Thursday 30 November

State Library Visit
Year 12 – EES Depth Study Excursion to VEOLIA
Resource Recovery Centre
Multisports Day for Students with Disabilities
Open Boys & Girls Rowing

Friday 1 December

NRL Rugby League & League Tag Referee Program
PCYC Fit for Life Term 4 2023



NSW Education Parent App

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/strategies-and-reports/schools-digital-strategy/projects-and-initiatives/nsw-education-parent-app>

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Year 11 Hospitality

Year 11 Hospitality students were hard at work in the kitchen prior to Teacher Appreciation Day Friday 27 October. Their effective teamwork and leadership abilities were on full display as they came together to create 180 gift boxes for the teaching staff at TPHS. These students encouraged and supported each other, all driven by a common goal - showing gratitude to their exceptional teachers who deserved recognition for their commitment and hard work.

The hospitality team put their culinary skills to good use, crafting delectable items such as Sweet Chilli Chicken Wraps, Roasted Vegetable Wraps, Fruit Salad, Rocky Road, Coconut Macaroons, and a variety of Cakes. Following this, they thoughtfully packaged and individually wrapped each item, ready for the teachers to pick up and enjoy.

Despite the intense workload and undertaking, the kitchen was brimming with a positive atmosphere, and everyone had a mutual understanding that they needed to work together and persevere. Kudos to the Hospitality students for their remarkable performance.

Mr A Sari

Yr11
Hospitality
Teacher





THANKS
FOR YOUR
HOSPITALITY
AND OMG
THE FOOD!



THANK YOU
TEACHERS!



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Busways Update

As advised via email 9 November, Busways has made changes to school services commencing 20 November, which impacts The Ponds High School routes.

The most up to date information can be found at <https://www.busways.com.au/nsw/school-services/school-timetables>. Choose Western Sydney then The Ponds High School. Please see below updated timetable.



SCHOOL TIMETABLE

WESTERN SUBURBS REGION

The Ponds High School

Timetable effective from Monday 20 November 2023

Amended 12/11/2023

(R) Bus Turns Right - (L) Bus Turns Left

MORNING				
Bus Number	Route Number	Time	Locations Served	Route Description
-	734	7:44 AM	Stanhope Gardens	Departs Stanhope T-Way Station via T-Way (L)Stanhope Pkwy (R)The Ponds Blvd (L)Riverbank Dr to (R)into School Bus Bay.
8081	-	7:46 AM	Stanhope Gardens Kellyville Ridge	LAST PICK UP AT RIVERBANK DR & FYFE RD Departs Sentry Dr & Clementine St via Sentry Dr (L)Stanhope Pkwy (R)Conrad Rd (L)Keirle Rd, Riverbank Dr to Fyfe Rd, then to School.
8086	-	7:48 AM	Stanhope Gardens Kellyville Ridge	LAST PICK UP AT RIVERBANK DR & FYFE RD Departs Sentry Dr & Clementine St via Sentry Dr (L)Stanhope Pkwy (R)Conrad Rd (L)Keirle Rd, Riverbank Dr to Fyfe Rd, then to School.
8080	-	7:48 AM	Stanhope Gardens Kellyville Ridge	LAST PICK UP AT PERFECTION AV & MERRIVILLE RD Departs Stanhope Pkwy & Majestic Dr via Stanhope Pkwy (R)Perfection Av to Merriville Rd, then to School.
8078	-	7:48 AM	Kellyville Ridge	LAST PICK UP AT CONRAD RD & KEIRLE RD Departs Merriville Rd & Perfection Av via Merriville Rd (L)Conrad Rd to Keirle Rd, then to School.
-	762	7:48 AM	Quakers Hill	Departs Quakers Hill Station via Pearce Rd (R)Laor Rd (L)Hambledon Rd (R)Quakers Hill Pkwy (L)Farnham Rd (R)Kennington Av (L)Farnham Rd (R)Bamler Dr (R)Wakely Av, Ridgeline Dr to Riverbank Dr (8:03am). SETS DOWN STUDENTS AT RIDGELINE DR & RIVERBANK DR
8084	-	7:51 AM	Stanhope Gardens	LAST PICK UP AT MERRIVILLE RD & NICHOL ST Departs Perfection Av & Bentwood Tce via Perfection Av (L)Merriville Rd to Nichol St, then to School.
8083	-	7:52 AM	Kellyville Ridge	LAST PICK UP AT RIVERBANK DR & THE PONDS BLVD Departs Conrad Rd & Yarrandale St via Conrad Rd (L)Keirle Rd, Riverbank Dr to School.
-	762	7:53 AM	Rouse Hill	Departs Rouse Hill Station via (L)Rouse Hill Dr, Schofields Rd (L)The Ponds Blvd (R)Greenview Pde (L)Ridgeline Dr to Riverbank Dr. SETS DOWN STUDENTS AT RIDGELINE DR & RIVERBANK DR
-	734	7:54 AM	Riverstone Schofields	Departs Riverstone Station via Railway Tce (L)St Albans Rd (R)Junction Rd (R)Advance St (L)Railway Tce to Schofields Station (8:03am), continues Railway Tce, Burdekin Rd (L)Hambledon Rd (R)Riverbank Dr (R)The Ponds Blvd to School.

AFTERNOON				
Bus Number	Route Number	Time	Locations Served	Route Description
-	734	3:01 PM	Schofields Riverstone	Departs School via Riverbank Dr (L)Hambledon Rd (R)Burdekin, Railway Tce to Schofields Station (3:16pm), continues Railway Tce (R)Advance St (L)Junction Rd (L)St Albans Rd (R)Railway Tce to Riverstone Station (3:28pm).
8606	-	3:06 PM	Kellyville Ridge Stanhope Gardens	FIRST SET DOWN PERFECTION AV & BENTWOOD TCE Departs School via Riverbank Dr, then to Perfection Av & Bentwood Tce, continues Perfection Av (L)Stanhope Pkwy to Majestic Dr (3:26pm).
8608	-	3:06 PM	Kellyville Ridge Stanhope Gardens	FIRST SET DOWN CONRAD RD & YARRANDALE ST Departs School via Riverbank Dr, then to Conrad Rd & Yarrandale St, continues Conrad Rd (L)Stanhope Pkwy (R)Sentry Dr to Quakers Hill Pkwy (3:24pm).
8611	-	3:07 PM	Kellyville Ridge Stanhope Gardens	FIRST SET DOWN RIVERBANK DR & THE PONDS BLVD Departs School via Riverbank Dr, Keirle Rd (R)Conrad Rd (L)Stanhope Pkwy (R)Sentry Dr to Quakers Hill Pkwy (3:29pm).
8607	-	3:07 PM	Kellyville Ridge	FIRST SET DOWN MERRIVILLE RD & NICHOL ST Departs School via Riverbank Dr, then to Merriville Rd & Nichol St, continues Merriville Rd to Perfection Av (3:18pm).
8610	-	3:08 PM	Stanhope Gardens	FIRST SET DOWN CONRAD RD & KEIRLE RD Departs School via Riverbank Dr, then to Conrad Rd & Keirle Rd, continues Conrad Rd (R)Merriville Rd (R)Perfection Av to Stanhope Pkwy (3:27pm).
8616	-	3:10 PM	The Ponds Stanhope	FIRST SET DOWN RIVERBANK DR & THE PONDS BLVD Departs School via Riverbank Dr, Keirle Rd (R)Conrad Rd (L)Stanhope Pkwy (R)Sentry Dr to Quakers Hill Pkwy (3:28pm).
-	762	3:12 PM	Quakers Hill	CATCH BUS FROM RIDGELINE DR AFTER RIVERBANK DR Departs Ridgeline Dr & Riverbank Dr via Ridgeline Dr (L)Bamler Dr (L)Farnham Rd (R)Kennington Av (L)Farnham Rd (R)Quakers Hill Pkwy (L)Hambledon Rd (L)Laor Rd to Quakers Hill High School, turns around & returns Laor Rd (L)Pearce Rd to Quakers Hill Station (3:29pm).
-	762	3:19 PM	Rouse Hill	CATCH BUS FROM RIDGELINE DR AFTER RIVERBANK DR Departs Ridgeline Dr & Riverbank Dr via Ridgeline Dr (R)Greenview Pde (L)The Ponds Blvd (R)Schofields Rd (R)Windsor Rd to Rouse Hill Station (3:34pm).
-	734	3:28 PM	Stanhope Gardens	Departs School via Riverbank Dr (R)The Ponds Blvd (L)Stanhope Pkwy to Stanhope T-Way Station (3:44pm).



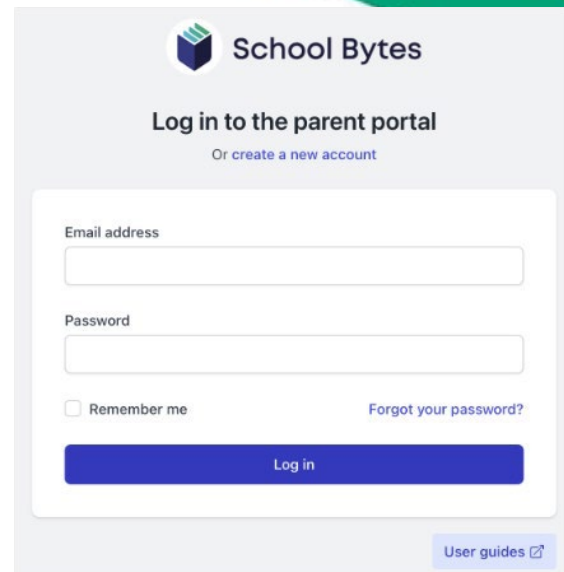
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Statement of Accounts

End of year Statement of Accounts (SOA) will be emailed via School Bytes on Monday. Unpaid Semester 2 Elective Course fees are included in this SOA. Payment of these agreed electives fees as soon as possible is appreciated and ensures the school can continue to offer these valuable elective courses to our students.

All payments can be made via the link in your SOA, the School Bytes parent portal or paid at the Student Counter. An explanation of the various contributions, subject fees and other charges applicable was attached to your SOA.

If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact the school regarding possible assistance or payment plans.



The image shows the School Bytes parent portal login interface. At the top, there is a logo for 'School Bytes' and the text 'Log in to the parent portal' with a link 'Or create a new account'. Below this are two input fields: 'Email address' and 'Password'. There is a checkbox for 'Remember me' and a link for 'Forgot your password?'. A blue 'Log in' button is at the bottom. A small link for 'User guides' with an external icon is in the bottom right corner.

Staying at home while sick

We would like to remind you of the importance of keeping your child at home if they are displaying cold/flu-like symptoms or if they are feeling unwell.

By keeping your unwell child at home, not only are you assisting their recovery, you are also preventing the spread of viruses causing cold, flu, and COVID-19 illnesses within our school.

If your child displays any symptoms associated with COVID-19, even if they seem mild, they should take a COVID-19 test. If the result is positive, please notify the school office and follow the advice from the NSW Government on managing COVID-19 safely at home.

Parents and carers who have children with persistent or ongoing symptoms of COVID-19 are encouraged to have these assessed by their local health care professional. These symptoms may be related to other illnesses (e.g., allergies or hay fever) that require treatment and management by a doctor.

Your child should only return to school when they are symptom-free.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Mrs D Gili
SAM



Social Justice Team - Cure Brain Cancer Fundraiser

On Friday 10 November, the Social Justice portfolio organised a fundraising event for the Cure Brain Cancer foundation. Students were encouraged to wear a splash of purple, and the portfolio members as well as the student leadership team embraced this. The colour purple is the colour for this foundation, so the team fundraised money by selling snow cones and fairy floss adorned with the signature hue. For just \$3, the food sold well, the team working together to organise the crowds into a very orderly and functional fashion, allowing everyone to donate their money and eat a delicious reward with little wait.

The Cure Brain Cancer Foundation pushes for further research into brain cancers, the team making amazing progress over the years, and are only starting their mission. They value above everything accountability, innovation, integrity and respect, all values TPHS encourages as well. The social justice team wants to encourage all students to look further into this foundation, and thanks everyone for wearing a splash of purple for this important cause!

Thankyou everyone for such a successful and positively purple day!

Miss A Elliott & Jemima D

PDHPE Teacher Social Justice Leader



ACH CURE
BRAIN
CANCER



NSW Constitutional Convention

A Day at the NSW Constitutional Convention: Insights from TPHS Representative, Mithran I - Year 12

On 3 November, I had the privilege of representing TPHS at the 2023 NSW Constitutional Convention held at the NSW Parliament House. The day brought together 110 students from across New South Wales to collaboratively explore constitutional reform and its associated issues.

Distinguished Professor Anne Twomey from the University of Sydney set the tone with a presentation that dissected the constitution, highlighted its challenges, and offered a candid analysis of a recent unsuccessful referendum. Her insights added a layer of understanding that set the stage for the day's discussions.

We then split into groups to address specific questions related to the referendum. Engaging in these discussions was both eye-opening and thought-provoking. The diverse perspectives shared within our groups showcased the range of opinions on constitutional matters.

The pinnacle of the day was a collective vote on whether there should be more constitutional conventions in the future. This exercise emphasized the importance of continued dialogue on these crucial matters.

Being in the NSW Parliament chamber itself added a sense of significance to the discussions. The experience was not only academically enriching but also a unique opportunity for civic engagement. The knowledge gained from this convention has undoubtedly broadened my perspective on constitutional matters.



Combined High School Girls Cricket

Neha (8.1) and Yanee (11.1) represented Sydney West at the Combined High Schools Girls Cricket Championships on the Central Coast from Monday to Thursday during week 6. Mr Burns was the team manager. The girls played two T-20 matches on both Monday and Tuesday, a 50 over semi-final on Wednesday, followed by the CHS final on Thursday. In the final, Sydney West scored 155 and bowled out Sydney North for 121 to win the Championships. Both Neha and Yanee took eight wickets each during the Championships. Both girls represented Sydney West and The Ponds High School extremely well.



Mr C Burns

Sydney West Team Manager



Wheelchair Basketball

On Tuesday November 14, Stage 5 Anatomy and Physiology elective classes had the opportunity to participate in a Wheelchair Basketball incursion as part of their final unit – Athletes with Disabilities. Stephan Rochecouste from Wheelchair Sports NSW visited the school to explain the rules of Wheelchair Basketball and referee games. Students then had the chance to sit in a wheelchair and play the sport in the school gym. Students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to participate in this sport and demonstrated great teamwork throughout the day. We look forward to hosting a similar experience for Anatomy and Physiology students in 2024.

Mr C Burns and Mr A Menjivar
PDHPE Teachers



INNOVATEX SHOWCASE NIGHT

Throughout 2023, 7.11 has been working on the InnovateX project to help solve one of our community's problems. Each group has their own unique idea which was developed through the design process of empathise, define, ideate, prototype and finally testing. All five of these steps helped bring their product to user standards to ensure it would actually help the community. All this hard work and determination brought everyone to their final goal in which they would present their product to a real-life audience.

The InnovateX Showcase night was the perfect night for all groups to share what they've been working on in the past year with some of the members of our community. Groups had stalls set up along with handmade posters to help spread awareness about their product and the pitches, each unique and wonderful supported their idea further.

Parents, teachers and students all gathered together on this spectacular night to celebrate the hard work and dedication of our 7.11 students during this program. The future innovators were able to amaze and shock the audience with the amazing solutions they came up with. Overall, this was a great opportunity for both the students and everyone watching to gain knowledge on how to help solve problems going on in our community right now to help make the community a better place for all.

Najah A, Rokhsana O & Genevieve L 7.11

Authors



Game Changer Challenge 2023 Victory

I'm thrilled to share the incredible achievements of our Game Changer team, Year 10 students Sarah V., Diya U., Sanjana C., Thehara K., and Year 9 student Saanvii Y. They truly demonstrated their excellence by being named the Game Changer Challenge 2023 Secondary Champions.

They were one of 400 teams that entered the competition and 24 teams in the grand final. The Grand Final was a 4-day event held at the Department of Education office in Parramatta. Students stayed at the Novotel Hotel along with the other 24 teams from all over NSW.

Their winning app "Ergovision" addresses the crucial issue of student posture, aiming to prevent premature back and neck injuries.

The research they conducted during their initial competition entry, surveyed 150 high school and university students and found that they spend up to 8 hours a day using screens, seated in chairs for a variety of activities like schoolwork, studying, and entertainment. Their research also found that cases of musculoskeletal injuries were shifting from older generations to younger generations due to extended use of technology.

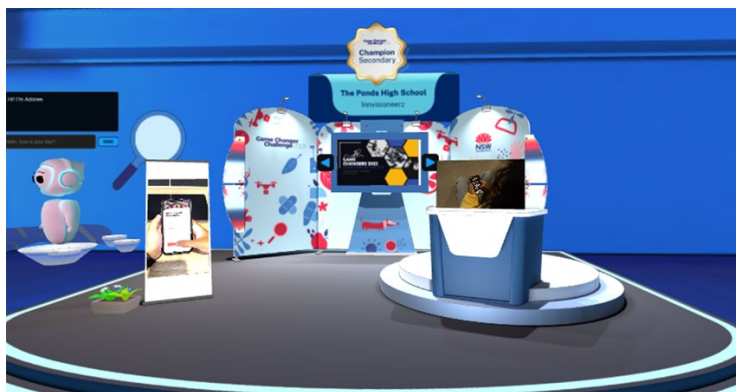
Their app incorporates artificial intelligence, augmented reality, gameplay, and a rewards system, encouraging students to maintain proper posture and take regular breaks for stretching. The aim is to bring awareness of correct ergonomics to young people to prevent early onset injury. The team's captivating elevator pitch and impressive demonstrations at the Parramatta offices left the judges thoroughly impressed, contributing to their well-deserved victory.

As the team's Mentor Teacher, it was truly inspiring to see our students come together to tackle real-world problems highlighting their incredible teamwork, problem-solving and communication skills.

The virtual Game Changers Challenge Expo can be viewed here: <https://framevr.io/gccverseroom2>

Mrs M Daveson

TAS Faculty



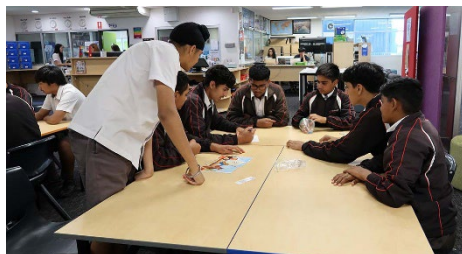
WELCOME TO CAREERS

WORK EXPERIENCE

We've had more Work Experience success stories this week. 2 students have been guaranteed fulltime apprenticeships for next year. They will be starting their apprenticeships soon 1 day per week. Congratulations to those students.

MOTIVATE ME Year 9 Program

We would like to give the P & C a huge thank you for supporting the Motivate Me Year 9 Program. The whole Year 9 cohort was involved in the Motivate Me Program run by Job Quest. We held a seminar in the hall featuring various employers from different industries. They gave the students ideas on pathways post school. The students also had the opportunity to have a panel Q & A session. We also had stalls setup for students to gather resources and ask more questions. The students then went to break out sessions for hands on fun activities that encouraged them to identify and use their transferable skills.





Congratulations

Congratulations to Nikki S, and Daniel D from Year 11 on receiving the Macquarie University Year 11 Emerging Leader Award for 2023. This award recognises Year 11 students who demonstrate high academic achievement and outstanding contribution to school life as nominated by the school. The students received a certificate including VIP access to the MQ Leadership Forum, mentorship, access to the HSC study Lab, special events during 2024 and other opportunities to build their network and develop their leadership skills. Congratulations again, we look forward to hearing about your 2024 adventures.

UAC

[UAC - What to do if you received an SRS offer](#)

If you applied through SRS and didn't receive an offer, don't worry: your course preferences will be considered again in future offer rounds. The main offer rounds for Year 12 students are December Round 2 (21 December) and January Round 1 (11 January), after ATARs are released. 23 November. Apply and provide documents for EAS by midnight to have your application considered in December Round 2.

University - Institutes

[University of Sydney First Nations Scholarship for the Bachelor of Laws](#)

Closes 26 November. Judge Ralph J Perdriau First Nations Scholarship for the Bachelor of Laws supports First Nations students undertaking a Bachelor of Laws. This scholarship is valued at \$30,000 and is tenable for up to 5 years. You must have an unconditional offer of admission to an undergraduate combined law program at the University of Sydney Law School.

[UTS Tunnelling and Underground Engineering Webinar](#)

29 November. Learn about the new Tunnelling and Underground Engineering major from UTS academics. Find out what you will study and how you can enhance your employability in the Australian engineering market with this major designed with industry partners.

[ANU Campus Tours](#)

Tours available every Saturday until 9 December. We will be running Campus Tours through the school holidays and on weekends for the rest of the year. For the specific times of these tours, please go to the booking page.

[Study Science Communication at ANU](#)

23 November. The Australian National University (ANU) offers a comprehensive range of science communication opportunities that cater to students at all levels of study, from Bachelor's to Master's and graduate certificates. These programs cover a broad range of topics, including media, popular culture, online platforms, policy, public engagement, and internships.

[Scholarship opportunities at ACU webinar](#)

22 November. ACU has more than 700 scholarships to help you get where you want to go. And these awards aren't just for the academically gifted - we offer a wide range of scholarships for students with different backgrounds and abilities. Join this webinar to discover what scholarships you may be eligible for, hear from current scholarship recipients and learn about the application process.

[Catch-Up on ACU's Talk with Series](#)

Recordings of Webinars available On-Demand. Hear from alumni about their professional experiences after completing their studies at ACU. Listen back to Q&A sessions with our graduates to find out what your future could hold with one of our degrees.

[ACU Graduate Exhibition](#)

15-25 November

Visual arts and design students from ACU Strathfield celebrate the culmination of their creative education in the annual graduation exhibition, Untitled.



[Discover Sport and Exercise Science at ACU's Blacktown Campus](#)

21 November. Join our free Discover Sport and Exercise Science activities. These sessions will give you an insight into life as an ACU student. You'll see the range of cutting-edge equipment you will use during your studies, including an aquatics recovery pool, for the very best in training and rehabilitation. This event will be held at Blacktown International Sports Park.

[Discover Teaching at ACU's Strathfield Campus](#)

22 November. Discover why ACU is ranked in the top 50 universities in the world for education*. Explore the different types of learning styles and consider how to use different techniques in your lesson planning. Visit our visual arts and design studios, metal and timber workshops, and textiles and food technology laboratories to learn how you can study those subjects to become an expert in your chosen field.

[Discover Nursing and Midwifery at ACU's Blacktown Campus](#)

23 November. Join our free Discover Nursing and Midwifery activities. These sessions will give you an insight into life as an ACU student. Visit our interactive, fully functional nursing and midwifery simulation wards. Discover how our students engage in highly realistic interactions with high tech manikins and actors to develop and practise interpersonal and decision-making skills which make ACU students in high demand when they graduate.

[Reminder - ACU Blacktown Parent Information Evening](#)

23 November. Studying at university is a life-changing experience, and at ACU we enable our students to achieve their full potential to make a positive impact in today's world. Discover why ACU Blacktown is the ideal choice for your teen's future and have all your questions answered. Hear from our current students as they share their personal experiences and learn about our course offerings, early offer and pathways programs, scholarships and support services designed to help your teen transition into university. Find out everything you need to know about ACU and break down the myths of a Catholic education at this informative evening.

[CQ Online Chat Session](#)

Join our Online Chat Session on Wednesday, 22 November, and chat with our staff about your course of interest, student support services, or anything else you'd like to know about studying with CQUniversity.

All you need to do is head over to our CQUniversity Facebook page and send us a message during the session and you'll receive real-time answers to all your questions.

University - General

[Study Medicine – Medicine Offer Quiz](#)

What are your chances of being accepted into direct entry medicine in Australia? Is your course preference plan setting you up for success? Take the quiz to find out!

[Start at TAFE and finish at University with a Degree - TAFE NSW Credit Transfer](#)

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TAFE

[Apprentice & Trainee intake with 1300APPRENTICE](#)

We are seeking motivated individuals for a wide variety of apprenticeships in various locations across Sydney. These opportunities are commencing in late 2023 or early 2024.

We offer apprenticeship opportunities in:

Horticulture: Landscaping, Parks & Gardens, Retail Nursery, Sports Turf Management, Arboriculture

Electrical: Electrical, Instrumentation & Control, Air-conditioning & Refrigeration, Telecommunications, Electronics, Security Equipment

Engineering: Fabrication, Boiler making, Fitter/Machinist, Sheet Metals, Mechanical

Automotive: Light Vehicle, Heavy Vehicle, Spare Parts, Spray Painting, Panel Beating, Motorcycle

Construction: Carpentry, Shopfitting, Cabinetmaking, Signs &

Graphics**, ** Printing, Painting



[Institute of Applied Technology - The way to get digital skills](#)

There's a new way to get the digital skills Australia needs at the Institute of Applied Technology, with courses designed by trusted industry and education experts to complement your experience and fit with your life.

[Launch your Career event resources](#)

Launch your Career event resources. The webinar recordings of the Launch your Career event series are available on the DART Learning platform. Each webinar features industry speakers and information from career areas such as Hospitality, Animation, Big Data and Cyber Security.

[Women in Construction](#)

Think the Building and Construction Industry is not for women? Think again. Want information about how you can start a career in the industry? You've come to the right place. Master Builders NSW is committed to an industry that is diverse, equitable and inclusive. We are excited to deliver Pre-Apprenticeship Programs to recruit, train and support more women in building and construction than ever before. Gain an understanding of the building and construction industry and a carpentry trade prior to commencing an apprenticeship.

[Childcare and Aged Care Diploma and Certificate III Courses at AGrade Education](#)

Find out about the Childcare and Aged Care Diploma and Certificate III courses on offer. Classes are online via zoom and have supportive teachers to assist students. Upon completion students may work in AGrade Education and Training centres, as most of the students find work during studies.

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[TAFE NSW –Apprenticeships & Traineeships](#)

From Barangaroo to the Light Rail project, from WestConnex to new residential builds, New South Wales is a state in construction. We need apprentices. We need to build a strong pipeline of skilled tradespeople. The NSW Government recognises this and has now made it even easier for you to become (or employ) an apprentice. They're investing over \$285 million to fund the qualification fees for 100,000 new apprentices. So what are you waiting for? Become an apprentice today.

[Tocal Short Courses](#)

Tocal's skills training offers courses delivered in varying modes from fully online, to fully face-to face. Funding may be available for eligible participants. All trainers are current, experienced industry professionals.

[How do I Become a Bricklaying Apprentice?](#)

If you are interested in learning how to become a bricklayer in Australia, then we recommend following these steps:

1. Find an Employer: ABBTF will help place you with an employer who is willing to take on an apprentice.
2. Choose a Training Provider: your on-site training will be provided by a TAFE or a RTO.
3. Stay Focused: You'll spend the next 3-4 years training as an apprentice with your employer.

When you complete your apprenticeship, you'll be a qualified Bricklayer/Block layer.

[Visit TAFE at RAAF Base Williamtown Open Day](#)

19 November. Visit the TAFE NSW stall to talk to staff about Aviation courses we currently offer. The RAAF Base Williamtown gates will open for a ticketed, non-flying open day featuring ground displays and a range of military capabilities from across the Australian Defence Force (ADF) and the aviation sector.

[TAFE NSW Information Sessions](#)

Join us online or at your nearest participating campus and discover how TAFE NSW can help you get the skills you need for the job you want. Registrations are mandatory. Get in quick to secure your seat today.

Private Colleges

[Sydney Flight School February Intake](#)

Apply Now for 5 February 2024 Intake. Year 12 Students interested in becoming a pilot. Double Diploma & Commercial Pilot licence Diploma of Aviation (Commercial Pilots Licence - Aeroplane) & Diploma of Aviation (Multi Engine Instrument Rating). The Commercial Pilot Licence (CPL) is the minimum requirement to earn a



living as a pilot in Australia. You'll start your training learning the fundamentals of flight in single engine aeroplanes such as the Piper Warrior, before progressing towards larger and more complex aircraft culminating in your CPL flight test being performed in the legendary Cessna 182T Skylane. We'll arm you with all the non-technical and technical skills required to work in the industry as a professional pilot. No previous knowledge is required!

Campion College Summer Program - Registrations now open!

9-12 Jan 2024, 16-19 Jan 2024. Experience college life and a taste of Campion's liberal arts degree! Our immersive four-day program provides the opportunity to reside on campus and interact with like-minded peers. We have a fun-filled program including movies, trivia, dancing and sports, as well as sample lectures from our history, literature, philosophy and theology professors.

Apply Now for the Institute of Creative Arts + Technology

Applications open. The Institute of Creative Arts and Technology offers bespoke diploma and bachelor courses in Communications and Media, Digital and Social Media Marketing, Business and Accounting for domestic and international students. We equip students with the knowledge, skills and mindset needed for success in business, entrepreneurship and creative industries.

Bedford College Scholarships

Our scholarships are designed to give students opportunities they might not otherwise have. We recognise that every student is different and all shine in their own way. We see hard work and determination as an indicator of a potential scholarship candidate and recognise that there are many other reasons we may consider when selecting those to receive this grant.

Bartender School

This globally recognised bartender course is famous for training high-quality bartenders through unique teaching techniques and unforgettable experiences. The most advanced bartender course ever Our International Bartender Course is the industry's most comprehensive course. It's recognised due to the first-class practical and theoretical education our students receive.

ACAP Online Information Session - Social Work

20 or 22 November. Can you imagine yourself making a difference in a not-for-profit organisation, or working in the criminal justice system, or the government? These are just a few career options you have with a qualification in Social Work. In this real-time online information session Dr Annie Venville will share insights into studying Social Work at ACAP and provide details of courses you could take to help others develop better self-awareness for a more positive path in life.

ACAP Online Information Session - Coaching

21 November. In this real-time online information session Dr Mark Setch will share insights into studying Coaching at ACAP and how the qualification will give you the practical skills and know-how to inspire change, empower teams, and improve performance. This session will be held on Tuesday 21 November at 6pm.

ACAP Online Information Session - Counselling

21 or 23 November. Can you imagine yourself in child protection or helping people through grief or addictive behaviour? These are just a few career options you have with a qualification in Counselling. Dr Mark Setch and Kate Harvey will share insights into studying Counselling at ACAP and highlight what courses you could take to help others develop better self-awareness for a more positive path in life. There are two online information sessions for Counselling – Tuesday 21 November at 7pm or Thursday 23 November at 12:30pm.

ACAP Online Information Session - Criminology

Can you imagine yourself working in investigations, intelligence, or even corporate crime? These are just a few career options you have with a qualification in Criminology. Dr Rachel Joy will share insights into studying Criminology at ACAP and ultimately provide insights into what courses you could take to gain skills, influence positive change and develop practical responses that can have a positive impact on criminal justice issues. This session will be held on Wednesday 22 November at 6pm.



[ACAP Online Information Session - Psychology](#)

Can you imagine yourself in a fascinating research role, contributing to mental health services or as a specialist in private practice? These are just a few career options you have with a qualification in Psychology. Professor John Reece will share insights into studying Psychology at ACAP and ultimately provide you with information on courses you could study, and delve into the scientific research of individuals, society and culture. This session will be held on Wednesday 22 November at 7pm.

[William Angliss Skills and Jobs Centre - How to Get a Job At Emirates Leisure Retail](#)

22 November. Join us for an exciting online event where we'll be answering all your burning questions on how to land a job at Emirates Leisure Retail. Discover insider tips and tricks from industry experts who know what it takes to succeed. Whether you're a seasoned professional or just starting out, this is your chance to learn from the best.

[AFTRS Introduction to Screenwriting Short Course](#)

Enrolment closes 27 November. Course Dates 4-20 December. Get a detailed introduction to the craft of screenwriting in this 100% online course. You will learn hands-on methods for building the foundations of character, story and structure used by professional screenwriters, from a wide range of films.

[NIDA Drama School - Years 7-10](#)

8-12 January. A comprehensive course for committed young people. Develop performance skills including improvisation, voice and movement, devising, acting and rehearsing scenes.

[NIDA Auditions and Screen Tests, Years 7-10](#)

11-13 December. Become confident in how to present yourself to a theatre or screen director, practice auditions for theatre, film and TV. Participate in a 'mock audition', receive constructive feedback on your audition preparation and technique.

[NIDA Acting Boot Camp, Years 11-12](#)

14-15 December. A fast-paced intensive course for acting recruits: build skills in improvisation, character, and scene work.

[NIDA Writers Bootcamp, Years 7-10](#)

16-17 December. Identify and develop the essential skills required to write a short script. Be introduced to fundamental story principles through the practice of writing scenes and create a synopsis for a short stage play. No experience required, just a love of the written word and a desire to see those words come to life on stage!

General

[Scholarships and financial assistance](#)

There are plenty of costs associated with tertiary study: course fees, books and computer equipment are just a few. If you have additional expenses (such as rent if you need to live away from home), you may be wondering how you will manage on a limited student income.

[A Start in Life](#)

The program is to assist young Australians in necessitous circumstances, and to overcome the barriers to their education, enabling them to reach their potential. Our Student Support Team works in conjunction with parents/carers, students, and educators to develop a tailored plan of support and set learning goals for each student, addressing the barriers they are facing to their education.

[Camp Creative](#)

8 - 12 January 2024. Camp Creative is a vibrant summer school, retreat and creative community that springs up every January in Bellingen, NSW. It's a week filled with creative courses – art, music, dance, crafts, singing, photography, writing, drama, lifestyle, and wellness. Plus courses especially for kids and teens. It doesn't matter if you're a novice or a professional artist. Camp Creative will spark your creativity and inspire your new year.



[Seek – How to Find a Job](#)

6 handy steps to make it happen for you! So you think you've got your job search technique down pat? Think again. What's seemingly a simple process can actually be approached from hundreds of angles. We've got some tips to help you land your next great job.

[University of Sydney - HSC preparation \(years 10-12\) - The smart way to prepare for your HSC](#)

January 2024 HSC preparation timetable available now. Are you nervous about tackling the HSC? Take it from us – every successful HSC begins with preparation. With an incredible array of courses available, you can choose which area you'd like to focus and attend just that course or sign up for multiple courses to get comprehensive support across an entire HSC subject.

[CSIRO Undergraduate Traineeships](#)

Bring to life what you're learning in your degree in a real-world environment and rub shoulders with some of the greatest scientific minds that our country has to offer! Traineeship placements are usually for 3-12 months and are available across a range of research and non-research functions. The number of placement opportunities varies each year and is based on projects on offer at the time of inquiry.

[Connect with ANSTO's Women in STEM](#)

ANSTO is committed to supporting the next generation of women in STEM. We are offering a range of opportunities for our female STEM leaders to connect with students from across Australia. ANSTO's STEM professionals are available to connect and inspire your students. Choose from a wide listing of successful women in STEM.

[Post School Disability Employment and the NDIS - Are you a Year 12 student or leaving school?](#)

School leaver employment supports are NDIS supports available to students leaving secondary school. These supports give you the skills and confidence to help you move from school to employment. They offer individualised supports for up to 2 years after finishing school to help you get ready for work and plan your pathway to employment.

[What to Wear to an Interview](#)

Wondering what to wear to an interview? You're not alone. Figuring out your best 'hire-me' outfit is a pre-interview dilemma that stumps even the most fashion-forward amongst us. Beyond looking professional and polished, you need an interview outfit that's a balance between being 'you' and a respectful nod to the company culture.

[Five Pioneering Skills You'll Need By 2025](#)

There's no doubt that the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) is central to this major shift in sought-after skills. Alongside several other key megatrends, the rapid rise of innovations like artificial intelligence (AI), robotics, 3D printing, the Internet of Things (IoT), and cloud computing is driving widespread change in the workplace. And in many ways, the COVID-19 pandemic has only accelerated this transformation. In a matter of years, certain jobs may cease to exist, many roles will be redefined, and several new occupations will surface and become the norm.

The question is: are you developing a skill set aligned with the trends of the emerging workforce and the jobs of the future?

[IBM Skills Builder](#)

Start building your future, here. Explore new technologies, build skills that are foundational for the workplace, and earn digital credentials to show what you've learned—all for free. Discover interests you didn't know you had and prepare for jobs, with a new skill, that are just beginning to exist with our free learning pathways. Earn digital credentials from IBM and other companies for free. These free credentials help you in your career development, show that you're ahead of the curve, and that you have foundational knowledge and a skill set in topics that're driving the future.

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Summer School Holiday Program 11 Dec 2023 – 29 Jan 2024

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PCA Australia as well providing Respite Care for Kids (Up to 30 Days) during the Summer holiday in the centre.

Monday 11 December	Tuesday 12 December	Wednesday 13 December	Thursday 14 December	Friday 15 December	Saturday 16 December	Sunday 17 December
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Water fun at Show Ground Park at Blacktown• Mini Chef	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Play in the sand at Bungarabee park Doonside• Movie	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rouse Hill Regional Park• Fun-time Learning New Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nurragingy Park• Yoga with Music Therapy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Play in Governor Philp Park at Windsor• Singing, Dancing and Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tour to Central Coast Beach	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tour to Wiseman Ferry
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Castle Hill Heritage Park Reserve• Play-dough Fun & Plaster Painting Fun	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Domain Creek Playground at Parramatta• Yoga with Music Therapy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visit To Stanhope Garden Public Library• Magical Shape matching & Mini Chef	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• James Ruse Water play Ground at Parramatta• Movie	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elara Sporting Fields• Book Reading and Play	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Calmsley Hill City Farm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trip to City
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Singing Christmas Song• Christmas Day Lunch	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nurragingy Park• Boxing Day Fun Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Water fun at Show Ground Park at Blacktown• Magical Shape Matching & Mini Chef	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Play in the Sand at Bungarabee Park Doonside• Movie	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Play in Governor Philp Park at Windsor• Creativity with Lego & Book Reading and Play	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tour to Blue Mountain	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tour to Central Coast Beach• New Year Disco Party

**PLEASE TURN OVER
FOR JANUARY CALENDAR**



Achieve their dreams by empowering all kids!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1 January  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Year Fun • Mini Chef 	2 January  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day out at Fair Field Adventure Park • Movie 	3 January  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Castle Hill Heritage Park Reserve • Cake & Baking Cookies & Fun Time Learning New Skills 	4 January  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fun at Rouse Hill Regional Park • Yoga with Music Therapy 	5 January  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water fun at Show Ground Park at Blacktown • Board Games • Singing, Dancing and Music 	6 January  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tour to Local Surrounding 	7 January  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tour to South Coast
8 January  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play in the Sand at Bungarribee Park Doonside • Playing with Simple Puzzles • Mini Chef 	9 January  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day out at Fair Field Adventure Park • Movie 	10 January  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nurragingy Park • Cake & baking Cookies • Fun-time learning new skills 	11 January  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fun at Rouse Hill Regional Park • Yoga with Music Therapy 	12 January  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play in Governor Philp Park at Windsor • Fun with Words and Number Cards • Singing, Dancing and Music 	13 January  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tour to Council Library and Surrounding Area 	14 January  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tour to Wollongong
15 January  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fun at Rouse Hill Regional Park • Play-dough Fun • Plaster Painting Fun 	16 January  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water fun at Show Ground Park at Blacktown • Yoga with Music Therapy 	17 January  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elara Sporting Fields • Magical Shape Matching • Mini Chef 	18 January  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play In the Showground Park Blacktown • Movie 	19 January  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Castle Hill Heritage Park Reserve • Art And Craft • Book Reading and Play 	20 January  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tour to Blue Mountain 	21 January  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tour to Central Coast Beach
22 January  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domain Creek Playground at Parramatta • Playing with Simple Puzzles • Mini Chef 	23 January  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Day out at Fair Field Adventure Park • Movie 	24 January  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit To Stanhope Garden Public Library • Cake and Baking Cookies • Fun-time Learning New Skills 	25 January  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fun at Rouse Hill Regional Park • Yoga with Music Therapy 	26 January  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water fun at Show Ground Park at Blacktown • Fun with Words and Number Cards • Singing, Dancing and Music 	27 January  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tour to Central Coast beach 	28 January  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tour to Blue Mountain

PCA Australia provides in-home care support for kids who are not able to come to the centre.

During the program, PCA Australia provides Play therapy,
Music and dance Therapy and Art and Craft Therapy.



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This event is open to children aged 7 to 17 yrs.
 Morning Tea 10am, Lunch 12:30pm, Afternoon Tea 3pm.
 Please make sure your child brings a water bottle, Spare clothes, a hat & appropriate footwear.
 Activity can be changed according to the weather.

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