



Some of our Year 12 students last week on Primary School dress-up day

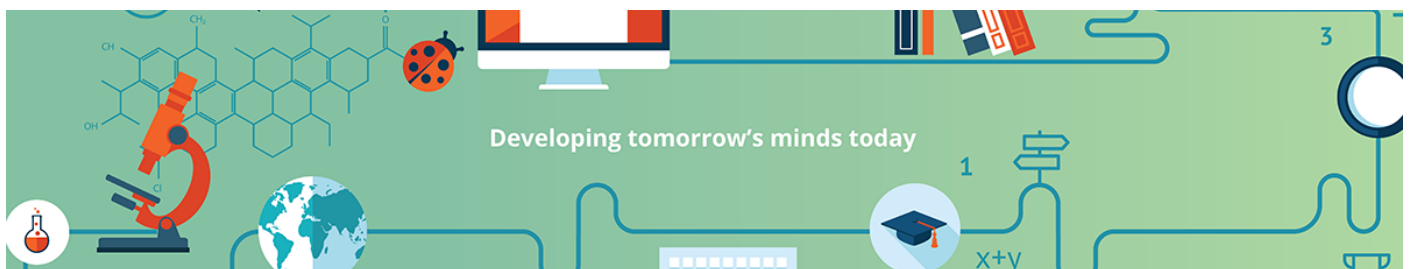
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Principal's Report

During Term 4, we welcomed back all students and staff to onsite learning and teaching following the COVID lockdown. There was an understandable level of both excitement and anticipation on the return to school but, from all accounts, it has been a very smooth and positive transition.

I would like to congratulate the whole school community for the way it has navigated through the challenges of keeping safe and well throughout this COVID year. In particular, it has been transformative for our students who have shown an incredible level of determination, resilience, creativity and flexibility. We do acknowledge that some students have thrived in the remote and flexible environment, others have maintained their learning progress and some have found it difficult. We will use 2021 to recalibrate and get students back on track so that they feel safe, supported and are able to reconnect with their peers, teachers and their learning.

It has also been transformative for our dedicated teachers and education support staff, who have also shown an amazing level of determination to ensure that the students were supported throughout this disruptive year.

On behalf of the Blackburn High School Community, we congratulate the Year 12 Class of 2021 for achieving this significant milestone of completing 13 years of formal schooling during this extraordinary COVID year. We acknowledge the support of the teachers, friends, parents and family members in their journey.

Celebrations have had to be modified due to the strict nature of the COVID protocols. However, the students were formally recognised and celebrated at their House Assemblies and we did get an opportunity to conduct a mini-version of the 'Guard of Honour' and hold a luncheon, which occurred on Friday 30 October. Students thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Furthermore, they have completed the GAT and practice examinations and will shortly begin their formal VCAA examination period, all be it under strict COVID protocols.

Year 12 students are to be commended for their extraordinary strength, resolve and tenacity and we wish them well in all their future endeavours.

Ms Joanna Alexander
Principal





Dunlop House

Last week was a special week as we said farewell to a wonderful group of Year 12 students. They have been an incredibly resilient group of young people and have met the all of the challenges that the year has brought. The group was brilliantly led by our House Captain Jas Lefebure who was incredibly positive and pro active for the whole year.



Last week we also had the pleasure of presenting the House Citizenship Awards. These were presented to students who had done a 'little bit extra' during the remote learning period. It may have involved engaging with classes, helping other students or giving their best efforts. These are the attributes that we value greatly as a school.

Congratulations to the following award winners:

Tim	Antoniou
Stephanie	Antoniou
Jess	Aumann
Charlotte	Arblaster
Abbey	Busuttil
Annie	Burnet
Emma	Busuttil
Catherine	Chen
Lizzie	Cooper
Sasha	Davey
Monica	De Leon
Eloise	Davey

Isobel	Frankish
Karla	Gaju
Emma	Ferrier
Billy	Glenn
Isaac	Goddard
Pamela	Gwiza
James	Howlett
Annaliese	Hughes
Ryan	Holmes
Luke	Howlett
Tony	Kaufusi
Mitch	Kaufusi

Kaja	Jeffrey
Harrison	Lefebure
Monique	Lim
Jerry	Lauw
Neena	Lim
Sophie	Lakey
Jasmine	Lefebure
Asha	Mason
Kaye	Magbanua
James	Manu
Amy	Parcell
Grace	Phillips

Sophia	Phillips
Samuel	Rutherford-Lemon
Freya	Schelleman
Nikita	Thornton
Bailey	Trainor
Holly	Trainor
Genevieve	To
Cindy	Van
Anna	Yamazaki
Brooke	Weller

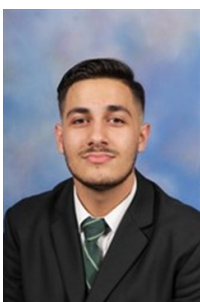


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Dunlop House

And concluding our Year 12 student profiles:

Name: Sepehr Jahani Behbahani
Been at BHS since: Year 9 2017
Favourite Subject: Physical Education
Favourite Food: HSP
Plans for next year: Hopefully study business at Monash but most likely Deakin.
If you won a million dollars what would you do?
Spend 500k, Invest 500k or buy house for parents.
What is at the top of your bucket list?



Name: Kanika Soam
Been at BHS since: Year 7
Favourite Subject: Philosophy
Favourite Food: Cake
What is something you are proud of?
I am proud of surviving High School and getting decent grades in some subjects.
What is at the top of your bucket list?
Sky Diving
If you could live anywhere, where would it be?
Jamaica



Name: Benjamin Ball
Been at BHS since: 2018
Favourite Subject: Music Performance
Plans for next year:
Go to Melbourne Uni, and study music.
Favourite Food: Meat Pie
If you won a million dollars what would you do?
Buy trumpets, get a car, go on holiday.
Who is your hero? Batman
If you could live anywhere, where would it be?
Germany or Vienna



Name: Yuna Kai
Been at BHS since: Year 9
Favourite Subject: Chemistry
Favourite Animal: Dog
Plans for next year: Nursing course at Monash Uni
What is something you are proud of?
Singing
Who is your hero?
My mum
If you could live anywhere, where would it be?
Japan



Name: Reuben Gue
Been at BHS since: Year 7
Favourite Subject: Math
Favourite Food: Rice
What are you most looking forward to this year?
Getting good marks and finishing school.
What is something you are proud of?
Getting a part time job.
What is at the top of your bucket list?
Visiting the USA
Who is your hero? Steph Curry



Name: Cindy Van
Been at BHS since: 2015 (Year 7)
Favourite Subject: French/ Vietnamese/ Media
Favourite Animal: Cows
If you won a million dollars what would you do?
Lie down on my bed and put all the cash on me.
What is something you are proud of?
Being friends with Bec!
If you could live anywhere, where would it be?
France



Name: Luke Smith

Been at BHS since: Year 7

Favourite Subject: Physics

Favourite Food: Spag-Bol

Favourite Colour: Blue/Black

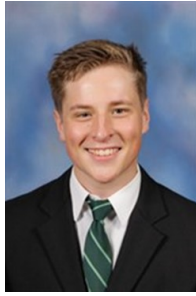
If you won a million dollars, what would you do?

Buy a house, buy Evo 9, and buy NSX.

What is something you are proud of?
39 in Business.

If you could live anywhere, where would it be?

Gold Coast/ Sunshine Coast



Name: Tatum Kalil

Been at BHS since: Year 9/ 2017

Favourite Subject: History or Literature

Plans for next year:

Taking a gap year, going on a road trip.

Favourite Food: Sushi

What is at the top of your bucket list?

Hike the Grand Canyon at night on New Year's Eve.

Who is your hero?

William Reynolds

If you could live anywhere, where would it be?

Venice or Atlantis



*Mr Pasquali, Ms Brock and Ms Milner
Dunlop House Leaders*

BLACKBURN HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2020





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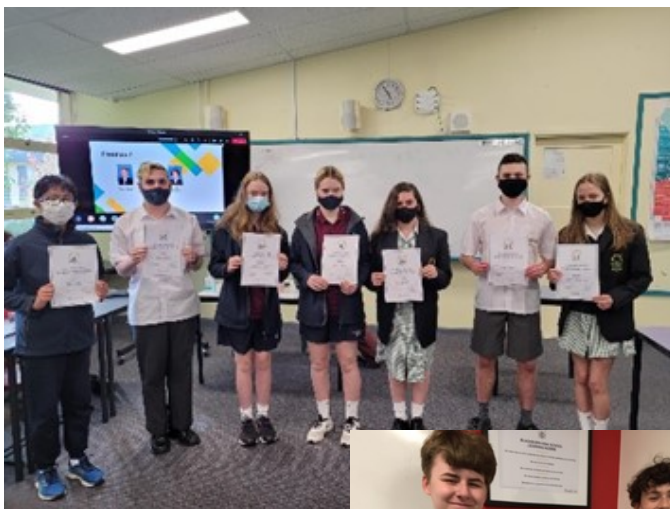
Freeman House

The school grounds are back to life with students on site and classrooms filled. There was a real buzz around the school with all year levels returning to on-site learning since Term 2. The students have been fantastic in how they have adapted this year and it has been lovely to see them connecting back with friends and staff. Thank you to all parents and guardians who have supported staff and students to deliver the remote learning program, it would have been impossible without your support. I hope you all enjoy the last few weeks of Term 4 and look forward to the upcoming summer holidays.

House Citizenship Awards

On Tuesday 27th October we held a remote assembly to recognise and award students for their display of Citizenship during remote learning. The award seeks to recognise students who have maintained attention to their studies whilst also being engaged with other members of the class. Congratulations to the following students who received an award:

Indigo Bennet	Miranda Choo	Ellie Fisher	Amalie Savva	Madison Freeman
Madeleine Green	Naireet Haq	Samantha Issa	Isabella Purcell	Alexis Shade
Adam Zammit	Noah Maguire	Zoe Azzopardi	Angus Gough	Gabriel Robb-Wardlaw
Emily McCrohan	Pragya Vashisht	Harvey Gosden	Bethany Rose Long	Jason Kelly
Cameron Grooby	Aarshi Chhatwal	Trixie Kneebone	Millie Castor	



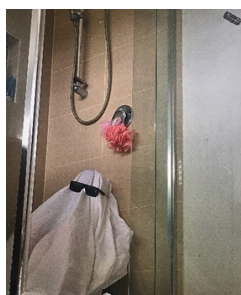


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Freeman House

Year 12 final day

Congratulations to the Year 12 students who have completed their final classes for 2020. The activities on the final day were a nice chance to celebrate with the students as they prepare for their upcoming exams. The students have demonstrated resilience, perseverance and adaptability while completing their last year at Blackburn High and on behalf of Freeman House I would like to wish all students good luck in their exams.



8FA's 'GHOSTS OF REMOTE LEARNING' Photo Series

Check out 8FA's contributions thus far from Mrs McDuff's class 'Ghosts of Remote Learning' challenge for spooky October. These were submitted by Rose Hill, Grace Zhu, Charlotte Pronyszyn, and Miranda Choo.

Strava Competition

In order to reignite some house rivalry and get moving, Beth Gray and Luyando Chinganya created the Strava House Competition which ran over the Term 3 holidays. Students and staff were encouraged to join and get moving to score points for their house. Ninety-one students and staff signed up to compete and as a school we managed to cover over 2500km in the three-week competition. Congratulations to Lee Martin and Hamish Clarkson who covered the most distance in a week for running and cycling. Congratulations to Hollows House who covered the most distance and a total of 600 points.



Mr Liam Tobin, Freeman House



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Hollows House

WELCOME BACK!

What a roller coaster ride 2020 has been. Thank you to all students, staff and parents for your endless flexibility and resilience during this difficult time.

Over the past few weeks it has been so great to see students finally returning to onsite learning. With the weather improving and our restrictions easing, there is a sense of positivity in the air.

Wishing everyone a safe, enjoyable and purposeful conclusion to the 2020 year.

STRAVA COMPETITION

With 2020 looking anything but 'normal', it was great to see so many of our Hollows students looking after their physical and mental health during lockdown.

To foster motivation and keep our community connected, Blackburn High School undertook a 'Strava' competition in place of the usual athletics carnival.

The rules were simple, walk, ride, run or swim in line with COVID-19 restrictions to earn points for your House.

I am pleased to say that Hollows Students and Staff put in an amazing effort over a 3 week period to win the competition.

Well done team!

CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

Our values at Blackburn High School include Respect, Pursuit of Excellence and Citizenship. These are the values that we believe, encapsulate our school community. Many Hollows students have gone above and beyond this year to demonstrate these values. We would like to congratulate the following students on receiving a House Citizenship award:

Drew Aiono, Lauren Baker, Emily Bragge, Sean Browitt, Lucy Bryant, Oscar Bugler, Ella Caddy, Evan Clarke, Sam Clochiatti, Kade Cody, Sam Connolly-Hilt, Isabelle Crawford, Amy Dowler, James Elliott, Kendall Gaudion, Fred Huynh, Isla Johnstone, Miranda Kinrade, Abhin Kumar, Zahlia Lighthart, Vernice Loh, Susannah Longinidis, Isla Moore, Rhythm Nathwani, Emma Nilsson, Nick Nilsson, Charity Onley, Parla Pourabarkhiavi, Tara Rao, Ava Romeril, Ashley Spowart, Hannah Strandgard, Holly Stute, Angelica Veloira, Kirra Webber, James Wilson, Nathan Wong, Belinda Young, Rina Yamamoto, Elena Clochiatti, Annabeth Chu and Rose Jacobs.

Congratulations and keep up the fantastic work.

FAREWELL YEAR 12s

Sending our best wishes to all of our Unit 3 & 4 students undertaking VCAA exams in the coming weeks. Special mention to our outstanding Year 12 students who are completing their final year of school.





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Hollows House

YEAR 12 PROFILES

Phoebe Gaudion

What's your favourite animal? I love dogs

Been at Blackburn since: Year 7

What's your favourite subject? Literature

If you won a million dollars, what would you do? I would give half the money to my parents and use the other half to travel

What are you most looking forward to this year? I am most looking forward to enjoying my last few months of high school with my friends

What is something you are proud of? I am proud of saving for my trip to America last year

What is at the top of your bucket list? I want to travel to Italy and have a big family

Who is your hero? My hero is my mum

If you could live anywhere, where would it be? I would live in Florence Italy

Plans for next year? Start studying primary teaching at Deakin



Katie Young

What's your favourite animal? Cats

Been at Blackburn since: Year 7

What's your favourite subject? Food studies

If you won a million dollars, what would you do? Travel all over Europe!!!!

What are you most looking forward to this year? Being done with exams

What is something you are proud of? Duke of Edinburgh bronze award

What is at the top of your bucket list? Going to Le Cordon Bleu in Paris or travelling in Europe

Who is your hero? Parents

If you could live anywhere, where would it be? England or France

Plans for next year? Uni or cooking certificates and travelling maybe



Emily Cianchi

Been at Blackburn since: Year 7

What's your favourite subject? Physical Education

If you won a million dollars, what would you do? Buy a Tesla

What are you most looking forward to this year? Hopefully Formal & Valedictory :(

What is at the top of your bucket list? Surfing trip around Australia

Who is your hero? Reuben Gue

If you could live anywhere, where would it be? Denmark

Plans for next year? Gap year/ Travel



Campbell Mclean

What's your favourite animal? Peppa Pig

Been at Blackburn since: Year 7

What's your favourite subject? Food Studies

If you won a million dollars, what would you do? Buy 1 million scratchies

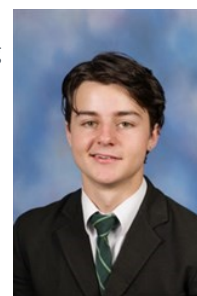
What are you most looking forward to this year? Getting my drivers licence

What is something you are proud of? Buying a car

What is at the top of your bucket list? Go to Japan

Who is your hero? Reuben Gue

If you could live anywhere, where would it be? Japan



All the best!

Mr Conte, Mr Bate, Ms Kaur



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Melba House



WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to onsite learning to all of our Melba students. On behalf of Melba House staff, a massive thank you to parents for supporting the students to complete classes during the remote learning period. We understand that this presented many challenges to families but know that you tried your best which is all we could ask given the circumstances. To our students, thank you for your engagement during this time and for quickly adapting to Teams, OneNote and many other learning platforms. Our Mentor teachers did a fantastic job during this time checking in weekly with their mentor students and offering support where required. Term 3 2020 will certainly be one to remember for years to come!

Melba Class of 2020

Congratulations to the Melba Class of 2020 who have completed their final Year 12 classes and are now preparing for the upcoming examination period. Melba has been incredibly lucky to have this group of students as members of the House for the past 6 years and we thank them all for their contributions during House events and within the Mentor program. We are incredibly proud of the way this group of students persisted with their studies throughout the year and wish everyone all the very best with life after Blackburn High School.



House Citizenship Awards

On Tuesday, 27th October, we conducted a remote assembly to present the House Citizenship Awards. The award seeks to recognise students who maintained attention to their studies whilst also being engaged with other members of the class during the challenging remote learning period. Examples of this included:

- Being positively engaged in class during remote learning.
- Actively helping others with their learning
- Overcoming difficulties to maintain attention to studies.

Congratulations to the following award recipients for their outstanding efforts:

Alexis Wong	Riddhi Matharu	Zhuo Chong	Anthony Saramandif	Zayde Potter
Marley kessler	Alana Marcollo	Kuafia Sandhu	Isabel De Bruyn	Lingesh Ravivarman
James Bennett	Sarah Cotterell	Karina Wong	Hafez Yousefi	Jack Cotterell
Zach Wellman	Ruby Bishop	Isaac Ly	Aldi Utomo	Rachael Curwen
Owen Perks	Jayne Lee	Jeovana Aghogho	Asher Robinson	Jaimin Mandi



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Melba House

Finally, we would take this opportunity to share with you some information about more of our fantastic Year 12 cohort.

Name: Ryan Stevens

Been at BHS since: 2015

Favourite Subject: Media Studies

Plans for next year: Head to Swinburne University and Set Up Media Company

Favourite food: Yorkshire Pudding

Favourite colour: Purple

Favourite animal: Orang-utan

If you won a million dollars what would you do? Invest in Stocks

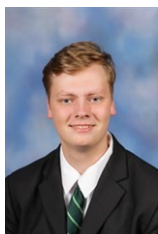
What are you most looking forward to this year?

Producing Media Product

What is something you are proud of? Winning a Film Competition

What is at the top of your bucket list? Fly First Class in Emirates

Who is your hero? Gary Barlow, Louis Tomlinson, Taika Waititi



Name: Louise Hewitt.

Been at BHS since: Year 7.

Favourite Subject: Chemistry.

Plans for next year: Science at Monash University.

Favourite food: Dumplings !!!

Favourite colour: Red.

Favourite animal: Border Collie.

If you won a million dollars what would you do?

Buy an Alfa Romeo and motorbike and save the rest.

What are you most looking forward to this year?

Finishing school and spending time with my friends.

What is something you are proud of? Being a Champion Irish Dancer.

What is at the top of your bucket list? Visit every country in Europe.

Who is your hero? Don't have one.

If you could live anywhere, where would it be?

Milan or Northern Ireland



Name: Tess Hickey

Been at BHS since: Year 7

Favourite Subject: Depends on what mood I'm in

Plans for next year: Take a gap year

Favourite food: Chocolate

Favourite colour: Green

What are you most looking forward to

this year? When exams are over, so I can play Mario Kart without feeling guilty.

What is at the top of your bucket list? Learn a second language

Who is your hero? Hermione Granger

If you could live anywhere, where would it be? Finland



Name: Lachlan Robertson

Been at BHS since: 2015, Year 7

Favourite Subject: Psychology

Plans for next year: Civil Engineering at RMIT

Favourite animal: Elephants

If you won a million dollars what

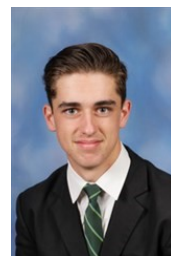
would you do? Follow an entire

Ashes series in England and follow the Formula One season.

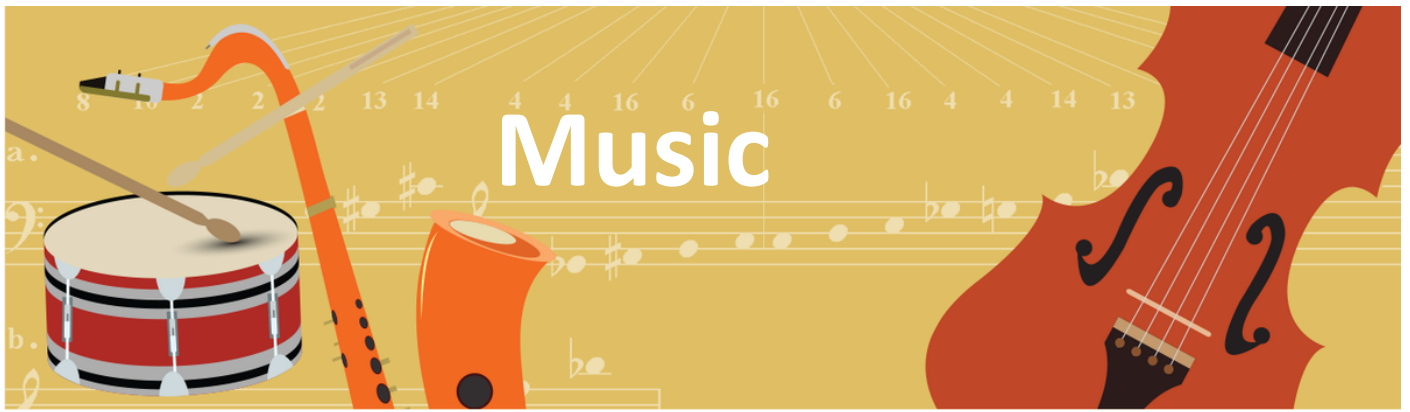
What is at the top of your bucket list? Watch an Ashes match at Lord's.

Who is your hero? Nick Riewoldt/ Steve Smith

If you could live anywhere, where would it be? I'm happy in Melbourne



Mr Adrian Ferres, Melba House Leader



CHAMBER STRINGS 2020

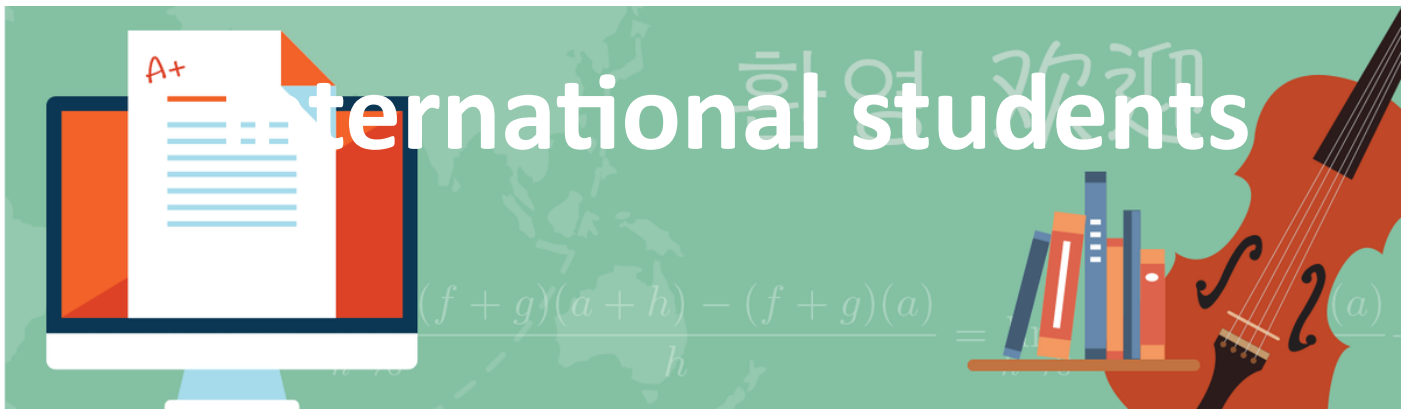
After only one rehearsal all back together at school, Chamber Strings recorded a video this on Friday, 30th October, for the NSW Australian Schools Band and Orchestra Festival (ASBOF). They were so excited to dress up in performance gear again!

Thanks to Mr Mullarvey and the Tech Crew for doing the lighting and video recording .

Chamber Strings performed Velocity by Neridah Oostenbroek, Gershwin Lullaby and Grieg Holberg Suite, which you can listen to on the following link:

<https://blackburnhs.sharepoint.com/sites/BHSStaff/Shared%20Documents/General/Chamber%20Strings%20ASBOF%20Take%202.m4a>





Farewell to Year 12 International Students

On Tuesday 20th October International Student Office presented a short farewell ceremony for Year 12 international students. In the absence of families around, it has been a challenging year for most international students. We wish them all the best over the coming month and go well in the next exciting chapter of their lives.



Ms Isabel Zhou, International Student Coordinator



Science



This year the students at BHS were invited to participate in the Victorian Science Talent Search competition. We had four very enthusiastic young participants who worked very hard against all odds to get their projects completed, partially during remote learning. The Science team commends the efforts and enthusiasm of these students. We are very proud to present the work the students have submitted.

Deep Blue

3D Poster

By **Riya Sharma** Year 7 HB

Riya submitted a 3D poster she worked on to raise awareness about plastics in the ocean. She is very passionate about the ocean creatures particularly the turtles. In her model you can see the turtles choking on plastics that end up in the oceans every day.

Riya received an Acknowledgement award for her submission

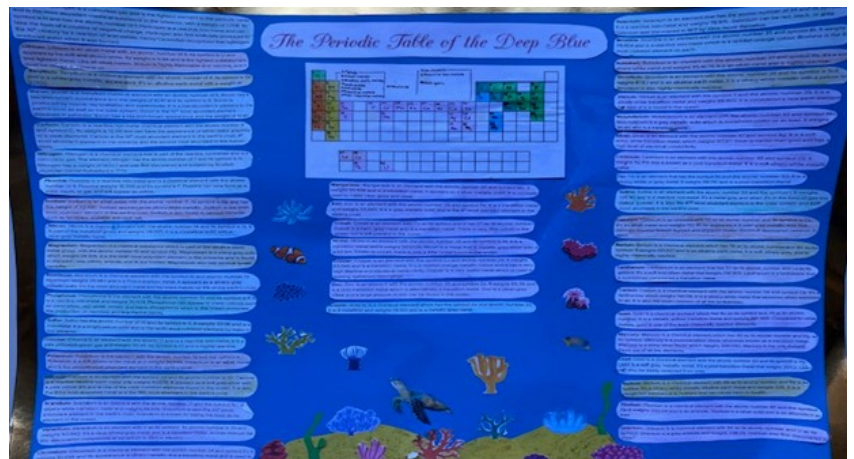


Periodic table of the Deep Blue

By **Rose Jacobs** Year 7 HA

Rose was fascinated by the periodic table when she saw it during her Science class. She investigated the elements you can find in the ocean and how they contribute to the life in deep blue.

Rose received an Acknowledgement award for her submission.





Science

Save our oceans

A short story

By **Sasha Davey** Year 7 DA

Sasha submitted a short story about the deep blue and the pollutants that are destroying our local oceans and their ecosystems. The story is written to inspire young people to be respectful to our environment and work to protect it.

Sasha received a Merit award for her submission.

Save Our Oceans

STAV_DAVEY Sasha_The Destroyed and Polluted Great Barrier Reef_

SPLASH! As I dived into the chilled water of the Great Barrier Reef, with my eyes clenched I was filled with excitement, only to unclench my eyes and realise that the Reef was much more polluted than I had originally imagined. The sight of bleached coral with plastic wound around their fragile branches weighed me down, I glared at my friends and noticed that they felt the same way. I began to swim around in the slightly murky water, but a boat in the near distance caught my attention. The sound of splashing filled the water as some other tourists entered, their feet lightly brushed the tips of the coral. Then, their heads popped above the water, so did mine and my friend's.



Oceans of the Future

A picture book.

By **Kuafia Sandhu** Year 9 DB

Kuafia submitted a beautifully hand drawn book depicting the future of our oceans due to the plastics on our Earth. In her book Kuafia has included details about how plastics affect the animals in the oceans and what type of plastics are being disposed. She pleads with her audience to be aware of the recycling processes and how they are failing us. This gives us hope that these young people will find a solution to the problems the previous generations leave them with.

Kuafia is awarded a Distinction award for her work.

