Principal Report

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

On Wednesday 27 August we celebrated the investiture of our student leadership team for 2015. It is exciting that the high calibre of our students is reflected in the quality of our student leaders. In inducting our 2015 school captains, vice captains, prefects, house captains and student representative council, we also recognised the potential for leadership in each of the elected individuals and the characteristics and strengths they will bring to their roles. Over the next twelve months I look forward to seeing each of our student leaders grow their potential, skills and qualities as they undertake their roles and develop as people and as individuals.

I congratulate our elected student leaders for 2015, in particular our School Captains Lauren Riley and Bryce Crampton; and Vice Captains Courtney Muir and Joseph Jesus. I would like to acknowledge our school leaders of 2014, and in particular our Captains – Tahmyna Khoshnoud-Rad and Matthew Cairns, and Vice Captains – Abbey Wilcox and Daniel Eickleman. The school leadership team of the past twelve months have been outstanding ambassadors for not only the student body, but for Henry Kendall High School. I thank them for their dedication, integrity and humour as a group of people I have been privileged to work with. They have set a high standard for our leaders of 2015.

It is also important to recognise the mentoring and guidance our student leaders receive from our SRC Adviser, Paul McNally. I thank Paul for his hard work, commitment and dedication to student leadership at Henry Kendall High, and for the opportunities he provides to develop the potential and capacity in our students each year.

VISTAS EXHIBITION

On Thursday 27 August a fabulous exhibition of HSC work from courses in Technology and the Visual Arts was held. Immense variety, skill, complexity, and perseverance was on display across the exciting works highlighting the creativity and talent of our 2014 HSC cohort. I congratulate the students whose work was exhibited and thank the staff who has provided them with guidance, support and such high quality teaching.

PERFORMING ARTS NIGHT

A wonderful highlight in the past week has been our two PAN (Performing Arts Nights) at Laycock Street Theatre. On Monday 1 September Henry Kendall High students exhibited their extraordinary talents in music, drama and dance, encompassing students from Years 7 to 12. The quality of performances in a fast paced and highly entertaining show demonstrates our schools ability to deliver exceptional achievement right across our curriculum. Particular mention must be made of Rebecca Cooper, Damien Clift, Tracy Smith, Michael Mellish and Genevieve Henry for the enormous work in delivering such a professional show. Tuesday’s PAN further celebrated student talent from Kindergarten through to Year 12 when we joined with our Learning Community partners; Gosford Public and Point Clare Public. Together our three schools collaborated in an exciting show full of variety, gifted performances, and a celebration of our learning community. I extend my congratulations to all involved.

NAGOYA SISTER CITY ART EXCHANGE

I take this opportunity to congratulate four Year 10 Visual Arts students who have had their artworks selected for exhibition in Japan as part of the Nagoya Sister City Art Exchange. This recognition acknowledges work of the highest calibre, and for Henry Kendall High to have four students selected is an enormous honour. Congratulations to Sharmila Schumacher, SeoKyoungh Inn, Rebecca Jauhainen and Crystal Russom on this outstanding achievement.

Mr Andrew Backhouse - Principal
It is my great pleasure to congratulate the candidates who stood up this year. I can now reveal that they have achieved the following positions based on a whole school and staff vote:

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**School Captains 2014-2015**
- Araluen: Jess Campbell and Lewis Cavendar
- Corumben: Gemma Gordon and Aaron Gunn
- Narara: Molly Mitchell and Colin McAlpine
- Warrigal: Amy Swan and Harry Worner

The SRC Investiture was held on Wednesday 27 August 2014 to induct the new captains and prefects. The role of these students will take effect in Term 4, 2014.

*Mr Paul McNally – SRC Adviser*

**SASS Recognition Week**

This week has been National Recognition Week for all School Administrative and Support Staff (SAS). The theme of our recognition week is "Stepping up to the Challenge". Every day of the school year SAS Staff face new challenges in the running of our school, and in supporting the provision of quality education which our children will need for life in the 21st century. They are constantly adapting to change so that our students will have the best educational opportunities possible.

At Henry Kendall High our SAS Staff are a dedicated group of professionals who are valued members of our school community without whom we could not operate. They play a vital role in students learning by assisting teachers with implementing educational programs, maintaining records, and looking after our grounds and resources. I thank them for their hard work and dedication towards the growth and vitality of Henry Kendall High School.

*Mr Andrew Backhouse - Principal*

**Year 11 Business Studies**

On Friday 22 August, Year 11 Business Studies students went to IMAX at Darling Harbour as part of our investigation into ‘Small to Medium Enterprises’. Students were able to experience the IMAX ‘product’ on the world’s largest screen. Observations at the cinema, following the viewing of the documentary ‘Ancient Egypt’ culminated in a SWOT analysis of the business by the students. It was an enjoyable day and provided a valuable case study for Business Studies students.

*Mrs Julia Kostalas – Business Studies*

**Year 12 Adviser News ……..**

Year 12 is coming to a close with intense preparation for the final HSC exams in November. Top attendance and effort in class and at home is required to practice and prepare for the exams. Lots of information is being given to Year 12 at roll call about all of the final arrangements for the end of the year and students must be encouraged to attend roll call every day.

Reference requests are now available from Ms Keft and must be returned by Friday 12 September please.

We are producing a Yearbook as a memento of the past 6 years at Henry Kendall. Yearbooks may be ordered by paying $20 to the office before the HSC exams start on 13 October. Very few extras will be ordered so don’t miss out.

The main Year 12 Graduation Ceremony is on Thursday 18 September in the MPC at 9:30am. All friends and family are invited to attend the presentation of awards and reports at this time. Morning tea is provided afterwards.

Formal ticket prices have now been finalised. We will be celebrating the completion of Year 12 at the Ettalong Diggers Club on 17 November 2014. There are two options: pre-dinner drinks and canapés ticket to see the arrival of Year 12 for just $15, or the main function with a 2 course meal which includes the pre-dinner drinks and canapés for just $70. Students may purchase 4 tickets including themselves for the main function, but we are expecting that many parents/caregivers may not wish to stay for the main event, but see the arrival of the students then pick up at the end of the evening. It is up to individual families to decide which part of the event they will attend. We are trying to keep costs for families down.

*Ms Dawn Keft – Year 12 Adviser*
The Nagoya Sister City Art Exchange is an exhibition opportunity for all students NSW Public Schools K-12. The exhibition will feature outstanding art works from NSW Public Schools and will be an excellent showcase for Visual Arts Programs in our public schools. The Nagoya Sister City Art Exchange is held annually.

The artworks selected are exhibited in Nagoya, Japan along with works by students in Nagoya, Sydney, Los Angeles, Mexico City and Ninjing. Student’s works selected for the Nagoya Sister City Art Exchange will not be returned. These schools will instead receive an exchange of artwork from the exhibition in Nagoya. It also provides a wonderful opportunity for students to participate in international friendship and cultural exchange activities, which in turn promotes the further development of sister city relationships.

I am pleased to announce that the following student artworks have been selected for the Nagoya Sister City Art Exchange in Japan. Massive congratulations to: Sharmila Schumacher, Seokyoung Inn, Rebecca Jauhiainen and Crystal Russom.

Ms Kim Skerritt - Art

What's Happening In Careers………

YEAR 12

With the HSC almost here, students intending to go to university are reminded to register their preferences with the Universities Admission Centre by 30 September. After this date, the cost rises steeply for applications. Students have been issued with the UAC guide with all the information about courses, dates and procedures. Students are advised to read pages 51 and 52 in the handbook about SRS and STAT to see if these conditions of entry apply to them. Spare copies are available at the Student Hub if required.

TAFE applications are completed through the website for Hunter TAFE. By browsing courses, following student information and how to enrol tabs, students will be able to navigate their way around the site. It is a good idea to begin this search early, as some high demand courses may require early applications. For students seeking apprenticeships, traineeships or employment, it is recommended to subscribe to job alerts on the Central Coast Group Training website. Also Youth Connections is another avenue for seeking employment.

The Job Jump website contains lots of information about all pathways from school to work. Students can access this by using the password for our school which is ‘chicken’ all in lower case. Parents and students will find this user-friendly and an excellent way to research careers. Personalised alerts will be sent to students according to the data they input about their subjects and desired careers.

The HSC Advice Line is a service available to students whilst studying for their HSC. It opens on the 15 October, the phone number is 131122. This could be an invaluable service to students who have questions or concerns about the courses they are studying. A wallet size card has been issued to Year 12 students with contact details on them for all the above points.

YEAR 11 INTERVIEW DAY

An interview day will be held on Tuesday 14 October for Year 11 students. They will only have to attend school on that day for the duration of the interview. Interview times will be issued early in term 4. Suitable attire for an interview should be worn, rather than school uniform. It will be expected that students bring an updated resume from Year 10 and completed sheets about their courses which will be issued prior to the day. Changes for their Year 12 pattern of study can be initiated on the day and will be checked by the senior executive.

Please note: Students may find the Up2 Now website which they accessed last year as being useful for storing documents and presenting a resume.

Mrs Lyn Hawker - Relieving Careers Adviser
Year 10 have been exploring different graphical representations of statistical data. To increase their understanding of central tendency and dispersion they formed a human dot plot and a human box and whisker plot.

Mrs Cathy Connell - Maths