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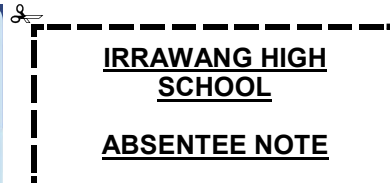
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From the Principal's desk

Dear parents/carers

The HSC exams are now finished and our students are breathing a sigh of relief. Thank you to the Raymond Terrace Community Church and the Raymond Terrace Baptist Church for allowing us to use their facilities in the unlikely event we needed to have the exams offsite because of COVID-19.

NAIDOC week celebrations will be held next week, with the Ngarraalbaa Aboriginal Education Team planning events for the whole school. This year the theme is: Always Was, Always Will Be.



Over the last four weeks I have been very pleased to see an improvement in students wearing school uniform, and would like families to continue to encourage this. During the past six months, the School Leadership team and a group of Year 10 students have collaborated together to plan and design a new school hoodie, which will be available early 2021. They will only be available to purchase at school at approximately \$30, much more cost effective than the current jumpers. There is the expectation that all students will wear the new hoodie, with a phase-in period of 18 months between the current jumper/hoodie and the new one. No other jumpers will be permitted.

To view the full uniform, please visit our website <https://bit.ly/3nbEwPw>

Congratulations to all the Year 10 students who presented their Portfolios to staff panels recently. It was obvious from the positive feedback received from the staff that a lot of time and effort had gone into the bodies of work.

A reminder the Department of Education has changed the scheduling of Staff Development Days (SDD) in 2021. Term 1, 2021 will commence with two SDD, on Wednesday January 27 and Thursday January 28. Students in Years 7, 11 & 12 will start on Friday January 29, with Years 8, 9 & 10 starting on Monday February 1.

Liana Gill
Relieving Principal

Irrawang High School uniform

For the remainder of Term 4 2020, the school is trialling a new process whereby students who represent the school at State level may wear that uniform on Thursday only. This also includes other variations of the regular school uniform, ie CAPA, Sports, Maths etc, in our endeavour to recognise extra curricular achievements. For the full IHS uniform policy please visit our website

<https://irrawang-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/uniforms-.html>

Footwear

Workplace Health and Safety legislation makes it mandatory for all students to wear **black, solid and enclosed** shoes within the school grounds especially in practical and science areas. **These shoes are suitable and meet WH&S requirements because:**



- they all have solid uppers
- there are no punched holes
- they are **NOT** canvas
- they cover the upper part of the foot



IHS Hoodie



Black hoodies are permitted as part of the school uniform. **IHS logos only are permitted.**



School Shorts, Shirts & Skirts



Black shorts/skirts are required to be **mid-thigh** or longer. **Leggings ripped jeans and tights not permitted**



School Uniform

Junior Girls		Junior Boys	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tartan skirt Black Tailored Trousers or Mid-thigh black Shorts Junior white school blouse (School Crest) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Green school polo (School Crest/Logo) White Socks (visible) Black IHS logoed Hoodie (available from school) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black trousers or black mid-thigh black shorts Junior white shirt (School Crest) Green school polo (School Crest/Logo) White Socks (visible) Black IHS logoed Hoodie (available from school) 	
Senior Girls		Senior Boys	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tartan skirt (official school uniform) Black tailored trousers or mid-thigh black shorts Senior white school blouse (School Crest) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seniors shirt (school office) Green school Polo (School Crest/Logo) White socks (visible) Black IHS logoed Hoodie (available from school) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black trousers or mid- thigh black shorts Senior white shirt (School Crest) Green school polo (School Crest/Logo) White socks (visible) Black IHS logoed Hoodie (available from school) Seniors shirt (school office) 	
SPORT/PDHPE - Girls and Boys			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black IHS Sports Shorts White Socks (visible) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black Track Pants Supportive Sport Shoes with Laces 	

MarketPlace Raymond Terrace and the CAPA crew welcome Santa

Our awesome CAPA crew had the great honour of once again leading Santa into his grotto at MarketPlace.



Thank you MarketPlace Raymond Terrace!

Huge thanks as always to all the MarketPlace businesses for their continuing support of our Community PBL and outstanding students and schools during 2020.



VISITORS TO IRRAWANG HIGH SCHOOL

Visitors should not enter school playgrounds without the issue of a visitors pass from the front office.

NB: Teaching staff are not always available, therefore it would be appreciated if appointments were made beforehand.

Old cellphones: the key to stopping climate change?

https://everwideningcircles.com/2019/05/20/rainforest-connection-old-cellphones/?is_circle=45424



News from Science

An interesting science experiment with teacher Ms Gruschka. Year 8 students were burning Cheezels to see how much energy is released. The energy is then converted from chemical potential energy to heat and light energy.



Student Achiever of the Week

Congratulations to the following students on their excellent achievements:

Week 1:

Mathematics: Lily Hendry, Kylah Mitchell, Olivia Webster, Sarah Maslen, Paige Dennett

Week 2:

Mathematics: Holly Fairlamb, Hayley Gentle, Monique Randall, Riley Burr, Jemma Harrison, Elizabeth Farrow

Science: Jack Hill, Molly Lawlor, Georgia Sloane, Antwone Ryan, Jarrod Barbour,

Zachary Hunter, Ellie Martin

TAS: Kaily Frith, Ashlynn Pearce

Week 3:

CAPA: Mackayla Astin, Isabella Hopwood, Sibella Rowen, Crystal Lean

TAS: Claire Howell, Joslyn Schubert, Eve Walters

Week 4:

CAPA: Madison Ellicott, Charlotte Pratten-Holden, Sofia Liwag, Ellie Martin

English: Chloe Gurr, Ryan Haworth, Zarleigh Went, Abbey Aldred, Jared Doherty-Lilly

Mathematics: Antonio Siciliano, Dylan Weir, Mackayla Astin, Rachael Garrett, Kiana Garrett, Georgia Williams

Ngarralbaa: Luke Johnson, Ellie Ping, Tjanah Bird, Nick Knezevic, Tyson Henderson

TAS: Makayla Irwin, Montana Olding, Isaac Keeley

NSW Government Schools · Term Dates 2020

Term 1	Tuesday 28 January - Thursday 9 April
Term 2	Monday 27 April - Friday 3 July
Term 3	Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September
Term 4	Monday 12 October - Friday 18 December

School Development Days occur at the beginning of Terms 1, 2 and 3 and the last two days of the school year. Please check with the school, as schools may vary some of these dates.

NSW Government Schools · Term Dates 2021

Term 1	Wednesday 27 January - Thursday 1 April
Term 2	Monday 19 April - Friday 25 June
Term 3	Monday 12 July - Friday 17 September
Term 4	Tuesday 5 October - Friday 17 December

The Department of Education has changed the scheduling of Staff Development Days for Term 1 2021 to the first two days of term ie Wednesday 27 and Thursday 28 January. Years 7, 11 and 12 start Friday 29 January. Years 8, 9 and 10 start Monday February 1.

Term 4 Raymond Terrace community PBL winners

A huge congratulations to all PBL winners so far this term. The students have demonstrated outstanding commitment to our school and the community and have been recognised for their achievements.

Each student receives a gift bag from the amazing and generous sponsors at MarketPlace Raymond Terrace.



Toby Salamon



Nick Knezevic



Levi Car



Sullivan Challoner

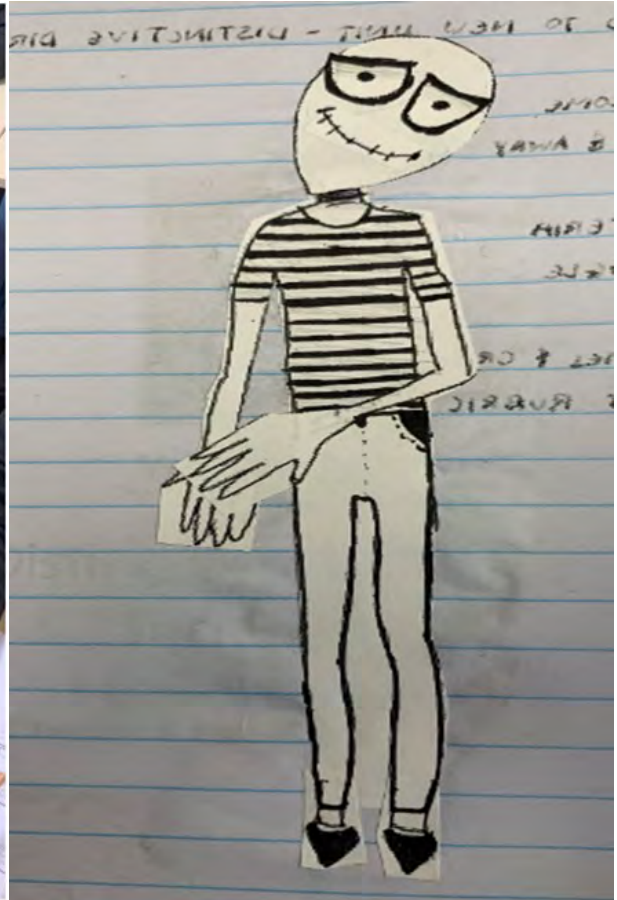


Gwen Dunn



News from English

Our Year 9 English students have been working tirelessly on their Distinctive Directors assessment task. Students showed creativity and originality coming up with Tim Burton inspired characters and plot lines.



Book Week

Our IHS Book Club (aka our awesome English teachers) took the opportunity to dress as famous book covers to celebrate Book Week.

A jelly bean guessing competition, a chocolate coin toss and a lucky dip were also held on the day with all funds raised to assist with the 2021 Year 12 formal.



Harmony in League

Good to see Harmony in League back at school, with teams working with Years 8, 9 & 10 girls. Today they discussed the importance of teams, values and diversity. Team drills followed, with Lily Dickens voted team player of the week.

With a focus on respect, responsibility and inclusiveness, the NRL's In League In Harmony (ILIH) program aims to promote social cohesion by addressing issues such as social disengagement, racism, gender inequality and bullying; empowering youth to be agents of change for a more cohesive society.



Filtered water stations

Another gentle reminder to bring drink bottles to school to refill from the cool, filtered water stations.

Have you changed your personal details?

In order to keep our records up-to-date, if your student has any change in their personal details eg doctor, medical condition, emergency contact, telephone no., address etc, please inform the school ASAP.



Year 10 portfolio interviews

Year 10 students have been working on their portfolios all year with Careers Advisor Mr Tonks. They presented them to a panel consisting of a teacher, a Year 9 student and another staff member as if they were attending an actual job interview.

Unfortunately, community members couldn't attend this year due to COVID-19 restrictions, but we hope they will be here next year as their feedback about our students is always valued.

The panel ask the students questions relating to their portfolios, assignments and resumes. Marks are awarded for each question with the results given to the student. Students were also judged on their presentation skills: tidy personal appearance, work samples and speaking confidently using a clear voice.





WHY YOU HAVE MADE THE BEST DECISION TO SEND YOUR CHILD TO IRRAWANG HIGH SCHOOL

- A broad, balanced and relevant curriculum
- Passionate staff who participate in ongoing professional learning
- An outstanding Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) program
- Enrichment and accelerated programs for GAT students
- Senior school – fully staffed Learning & Support centre, senior mentors, and increasing proportion of students achieving Bands 5 & 6 HSC results
- A strong sports culture with vast opportunities for students to excel, and many recess/lunchtime sporting competitions

- State-of-the-art flexible learning spaces in the library
- Numeracy and literacy support & intervention for students in Years 7-10
- Specialised classes catering for students with special needs
- Laptop Computer pods in all Key Learning Areas
- A fully equipped TAS facility with the latest equipment and technology
- Delivering traditional skill areas as well as modern technology education with programs such as STEM, Robotics and Computer Education
- Dedicated Senior Study areas and refurbished outdoor facility

- State-of-the-art Primary Industries facilities and practical opportunities on the school farm
- Strong, ongoing transition programs with our partner primary schools (Stage 3 into Stage 4)
- Targeted wellbeing programs
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leadership programs
- Interactive smartboards in every classroom
- Excellent communication: website, facebook, SMS, monthly newsletter, school app for smartphones

- Robust school to work and Vocational Education programs
- Daily Breakfast Club – free to all students
- Homework Centre (Snack n Study), staffed on a Monday, and Tuesday Week A, afternoon tea included
- Free weekly after school art club
- Café Irrawang – school canteen, with qualified chefs serving fresh and healthy food daily

PLUS many more
extra curricular activities

Stay safe at school

Protect yourself



Clean your hands with soap and water, or hand sanitiser.



Cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze.

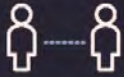


Avoid close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms.



Stay home if you are sick.

Protect each other



Stay 1.5m apart



Use technology for gatherings and staff meetings



Spread out in available spaces

Keep your distance



Please use hand sanitiser

IRRAWANG HIGH SCHOOL

ABSENTEE NOTE

(to be returned to Roll Call Teacher first day back after absence)



STUDENT'S NAME:

Roll Group:

Year:

Date of Absence/s:

Reason for Absence:

☐ Sick

☐ Leave

☐ Other

Signature Parent/Caregiver:

Date:

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NOTE: DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS WE CAN ONLY ACCEPT 4 NEW STUDENTS FOR OUR TAEKWONDO PROGRAM THIS TERM

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Sometimes children fall behind at school. They may have moved from another state, changed classes, or something else has happened in their life beyond your control. For whatever reason they then begin to struggle with their work at school, with their homework and with their exams. This can be frustrating for both them and you as a parent.

Kip McGrath specialises in helping children catch up to where they need to be in English and Maths. The resources we use are specifically designed to do this job. And the reason we only use qualified teachers, is that they have the tools and skills to accelerate your child's learning, so that any gaps are closed as quickly as possible.

We complement what is done at school to help your child. Your school gives your child an essential foundation in education across a wide range of subjects and developmental activities. Our job is to give your child an extra hand when they need to catch up ... for whatever reason. So together we can help your child reach their full potential.

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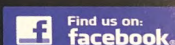
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