

June 2021: Term 2, Week 7

From the Principal



It has been a pleasure to host the Campus Fiafia Evening, the Tahī Performing Arts Showcase, and our Open Day over the last couple of school weeks. Congratulations to all of students who have led so adeptly at these events. We are all feeling how good it is to be able to hold events this year and are looking forward to the Campus celebration of Matariki on June 24 and our school ball on July 3.

This week we have been fortunate to have Nathan Wallis present to families in the Butler Hall, and also provide staff training on the application of neuroscience to teaching and learning, and maintaining wellbeing in everyday life. Nathan explained that the plasticity of the human brain enables nurturing relationships to have a very positive impact on emotional and cognitive development, both at home and at school. Intelligence is not fixed, but can be lifted in nurturing environments. This aligns with our value of Tūmanakotanga - aspiring to excellence through a growth mind-set.

We look forward to welcoming caregivers and students to the Senior Mentoring Conferences on Wednesday June 30. These conferences provide the opportunity to take stock of progress and agree on next steps at about the half way point in the academic year.

Ngā manaakitanga

Greg Watson
Principal



School Board

It was my pleasure to attend two key events in our school calendar last week, the Fiafia night and Open Day.

To see the future of MRGS present in the performances of the tauira from the primary and intermediate was heartwarming. Our MRGS students performed with grace and pride and showed the younger tauira what they can continue to achieve when they come to our school. What the audience did not see was behind the scenes our MRGS tauira were helping to support the primary and intermediate performers to get ready, including settling their nerves. Knowing that our students put whanaungatanga and manaakitanga at the centre of what they do when working with others shows excellent leadership.

Leadership was also front and centre at our Open Day. It was fantastic to welcome so many families to our place, knowing that we will be welcoming many of them into our MRGS family next year, or in the near future for the Year 6 families who came along. My thanks to the Heads of Department, staff, students and prefects who led the way showcasing how we achieve excellence, together.



Marjet Pot
Presiding Member

Important dates for your diary

Wed 16 June	Course Information Evening 6.30pm Hodge Commons
Thu 24 June	Campus Matariki
Wed 30 June	Senior Mentoring Day (no school for Junior students)
Sat 3 July	School Ball
Fri 9 July	End of Term 2

School stream update

Due to new privacy standards, we require App Users to authenticate their account via email or mobile phone number. Most of you have done so already. If your account is not authenticated you will miss out on receiving school notifications in future.

To authenticate your account, please click on the three horizontal bars on the top left corner of the app home page, click on Account and add your email or phone number (if you see your phone number or email address, you are all set already).

Please note that your email or phone number will be used for this authentication purpose only.

Course Information Evening

Families of year 9 to 12 students are warmly invited to attend the Course Information Evening on Wednesday 16th June. Drop into the Hodge Learning Commons any time between 6.30pm and 7.45pm to talk with teachers about subjects choices. All subjects are represented and careers guidance experts will also be available. Students will be able to confirm their options choices on the night if they have made their decisions.

Mentoring

Our Term 2 Mentoring Conferences for Year 11 – 13 students are on Wednesday 30th June, between 8.30am and 7.30pm. This will be a 30 minutes Conference with your child and their Mentor. You will receive specific information via email about this on Wednesday 16th June. You can book your conference online using the information in your personalised email. Please prioritise this Conference as an important step in your student's school journey. We look forward to having you here with us at MRGS to discuss your child's success, progress and next steps.

Uniform

Reminder of our school expectations ensuring that all students are wearing our school uniform correctly.

- Only regulation MRGS jackets may be worn
- MRGS caps and bucket hats are allowed
- Hoodies are not allowed
- Only full foot, plain black school shoes are allowed. If you are unsure about what shoes are allowed please contact the Deans.

Other Aspects of Uniform

- **Hats (optional):** MRGS regulation cap or MRGS regulation bucket hat. These may only be worn outside. Caps must be worn peak to the front.
- **Hair:** Hair must be kept tidy at all times. Hair bands and hair ties must be plain black or navy. Hair styles must be reasonably conventional. Unnatural colours, streaks, highlights or patches of unnatural colour are not permitted.
- **Facial Shaving:** Faces are to be clean-shaven.
- **Scarves (optional):** Regulation MRGS scarf or plain black or plain navy blue scarf.
- **Head Scarves:** Black.
- **Make-up:** Students are not permitted to wear make-up or nail-polish.
- **Jewellery (optional):** Metal ear stud or thin, plain metal sleeper worn in the lobe of each ear. No nose stud or piercings on any other part of the face are allowed.

Attendance reminder

A friendly reminder if your child is leaving school early, please contact the Attendance officer before 9.30am. Please note, if you have not contacted the Attendance officer beforehand there may be a delay to have a leaving pass ready in time.

Open Day 2021

A few glimpses from our fantastic Open Day which was attended by hundreds of families. Thank you to all the staff and students who worked very hard behind the scenes to make the evening a huge success. We look forward to welcoming all the new students next year. Please visit our website for enrolment forms or come in to the school office.



Campus Fia Fia Night

We celebrated our Pacific cultures at our recent Campus Fia Fia Night. It was a beautiful night filled with love, laughter and joy. We are incredibly grateful to our whānau for joining us, our students for their participation and leadership and all our staff who ensured the night could happen. Head Boy of MRGS Phoenix Tupa'i Samuel said in his speech:

“By coming together, we can show the immense love we have for our pacific island cultures and show how proud we are to be Pacific Islanders. Tonight is about celebrating our pasifika students and uniting to strengthen the bonds we have with our Roskill community, our Grammar, Intermediate and Primary schools, which make up our campus.”



Samoan Language Week

Our students and staff participating in Samoan Language Week.



Spoken Word Slam Competition



Caroline Aleki and Joshlyn Iyekepolo participating at a Word the Front Line, SUP Slam. The Spoken Word Club is looking for new members, Thursday after school H9.

College Sport Cross Country Championships



We had four students take on Auckland's best in the Cross Country Championships held at Saint Kentigern College in Pakuranga. The course was a bit tougher compared to the Auckland Zone course that the students competed in two weeks prior to this event, however they all competed well and put in some great times considering the amount of hill work required!

Results below:

Intermediate Girls 4km: Jessica Huang – 20 minutes 15 seconds

Intermediate Boys 5km: Andre Chan – 21 minutes

Senior Girls: 4km: Sylvia McDougall – 20 minutes 46 seconds

Lydias Yong – Retired injured

Representing Auckland

Congratulations to Ian Busby has been selected in the Auckland U19 number one team and will compete at Nationals representing Auckland.

Congratulations also to Jay Patel who has been selected in the Auckland Hockey U18 A Team. Well done to Lalita Grant as well who has made the Auckland U18 B Team and Nathan Sands (former pupil) who made the Auckland Hockey U18 A Team.



North Island Secondary School Championships

We had a great weekend in Wellington at the North Island Secondary Schools Competition.

5 medals in total; 4 to Ethan Stocks (2 Gold, 2 Bronze) and 1 to Daniel Kregting (1 Bronze). Several other top ten results.

Ethan Stocks

1st 13 year old boys 50m Backstroke
1st 13 year old boys 100m Backstroke
3rd 13 year old boys 100 Individual Medley
3rd 13 year old boys 100m Freestyle
6th 13 year old boys 50m Freestyle

Saniru Hewa

5th 16 year old boys 100m Freestyle
7th 16 year old boys 50m Freestyle
12th 16 year old boys 50m Backstroke
15th 16 year old boys 100 Individual Medley

Finn Orsbourn

11th 13 year old boys 100m Backstroke
23rd 13 year old boys 50m Butterfly
23rd 13 year old boys 100 Individual Medley
27th 13 year old boys 100m Freestyle
28th 13 year old boys 50m Freestyle

Daniel Kregting

3rd 13 year old boys 100m Butterfly
5th 13 year old boys 50m Butterfly
5th 13 year old boys 100 Individual Medley
8th 13 year old boys 100m Freestyle
9th 13 year old boys 50m Freestyle

Jinitha Hewa

16th 14 year old boys 50m Breaststroke
22nd 14 year old boys 100 Individual Medley
24th 14 year old boys 100m Freestyle
25th 14 year old boys 50m Butterfly
28th 14 year old boys 50m Freestyle

Alex Winn

4th 14 year old girls 50m Backstroke
5th 14 year old girls 100m Backstroke
16th 14 year old girls 100m Freestyle
17th 14 year old girls 50m Freestyle
22nd 14 year old girls 100 Individual Medley

10th Boys 13-15 year old 200m Medley Relay (Ethan, Daniel, Finn and Jinitha)

10th Boys 13-15 year old 200m Freestyle Relay (Ethan, Daniel, Finn and Jinitha)



Ethan Stocks (middle) getting gold for 50 m Backstroke. Photo courtesy of Swimming NZ

Doc Edge Secondary School Competition



Two of our senior Media Studies students, Maja Skilling and Krista Woodward have recently achieved great success in the DOC Edge Secondary Schools competition, with their documentary 'Glass Walls' receiving a special mention at the festivals awards evening last week."

<https://schools.docedge.nz/film/glass-walls/> - Link to their documentary on the DOC Edge website

Project NZ National Hip Hop



On the weekend Abhishek Ravichandran competed with Identity Dance Company at Project NZ National Hip Hop. He won first place in the megacrew division with his crew YUNG ID. Abhishek looks forward to the upcoming HHI national championships later this year.

Jazz Band Camp

From May 26 to 28 the MRGS Jazz Band travelled to beautiful Karanga Camp near Bethell's Beach for three days of intense rehearsal and team building. Ably supported by the kitchen wizardry of Lisa and Loni, the band worked tirelessly at preparing their repertoire for the KBB Music Festival, stopping only to play touch on the beach, roast marshmallows over the campfire, and play the most competitive game of Paper, Scissors, Rock ever seen! Huge thanks to our camp Mums, DP Rowan Johanson and instrumental teachers Tala 'Ofamo'oni and John McNabb for supporting our amazing students to achieve great things over the three days.



Kimono and robot experience

When I entered my Japanese classroom, I noticed that something was different. Three staff from *the Consulate General of Japan* had come to our school to teach us more about Japanese culture. At first, I thought that they would teach us the same things like, “Sushi originates from Japan,” or “Japan is the home of anime”. But to my surprise, we got to learn way more things about the beautiful county.

We watched a few videos showing us the alluring sites of Japan and the fascinating technology made by the Japanese people. They displayed waterfalls and forests as well as self-driving and hydrogen powered cars. After that we tried on some traditional Japanese clothing called *Yukata* and *Happi*. *Yukata* is a cheaper and easy-to-maintain version of a Kimono while *Happi* is something servants used to wear. We had to follow instructions on how to put them on, we looked really good! The staff showed us a cute alternative to a pet called “PARO”. Paro is a Japanese robot that helps dementia patients. It acts and reacts just like a pet to help provide social and emotional support. We would buy it if it were not \$5000! We got to hold Paro and play with it, which was very, VERY, cool.

Overall, it was a good experience and I really enjoyed it. I learnt a lot and had heaps of fun.
(Y9 Priya Sandpa)



Alumni

Ryan La Valette (Grbich), 2013

Ryan is a multi-instrumentalist, recording artist and producer. Trippin N Rhythm is excited to announce his signing. Trippin N Rhythm records describes him as an extremely talented young man who is a highly skilled bassist, guitarist, sax player as well as writer, producer and performer. He will enter the studio this month to begin the recording of his label debut scheduled for release early 2022.



Contact Details

It is really important for your child's Health and Safety and to ensure you are receiving all of our communications that we have up to date phone numbers and emails. If your contact details have changed can you please contact Reception - admin@mrgs.school.nz to let us know.

Free catch up Immunisations August 2nd – 8th

WHAT?

Shortly there will be a FREE service in our school where nurses will offer immunisations if students require them. Many young people missed out as children on immunisations to protect them from measles, mumps and rubella (MMR vaccine). Some young people may also have missed out on other immunisations to protect them from whooping cough (Boostrix vaccine) and some types of cancers (HPV vaccine).

WHY?

Being immunised protects ourselves and also protects our whanua/aiga who are too young (babies) or unwell (people having cancer treatment) to be immunised. Looking to the future, some workplaces and university accommodation are keen to know what their staff/ students have been immunised against.

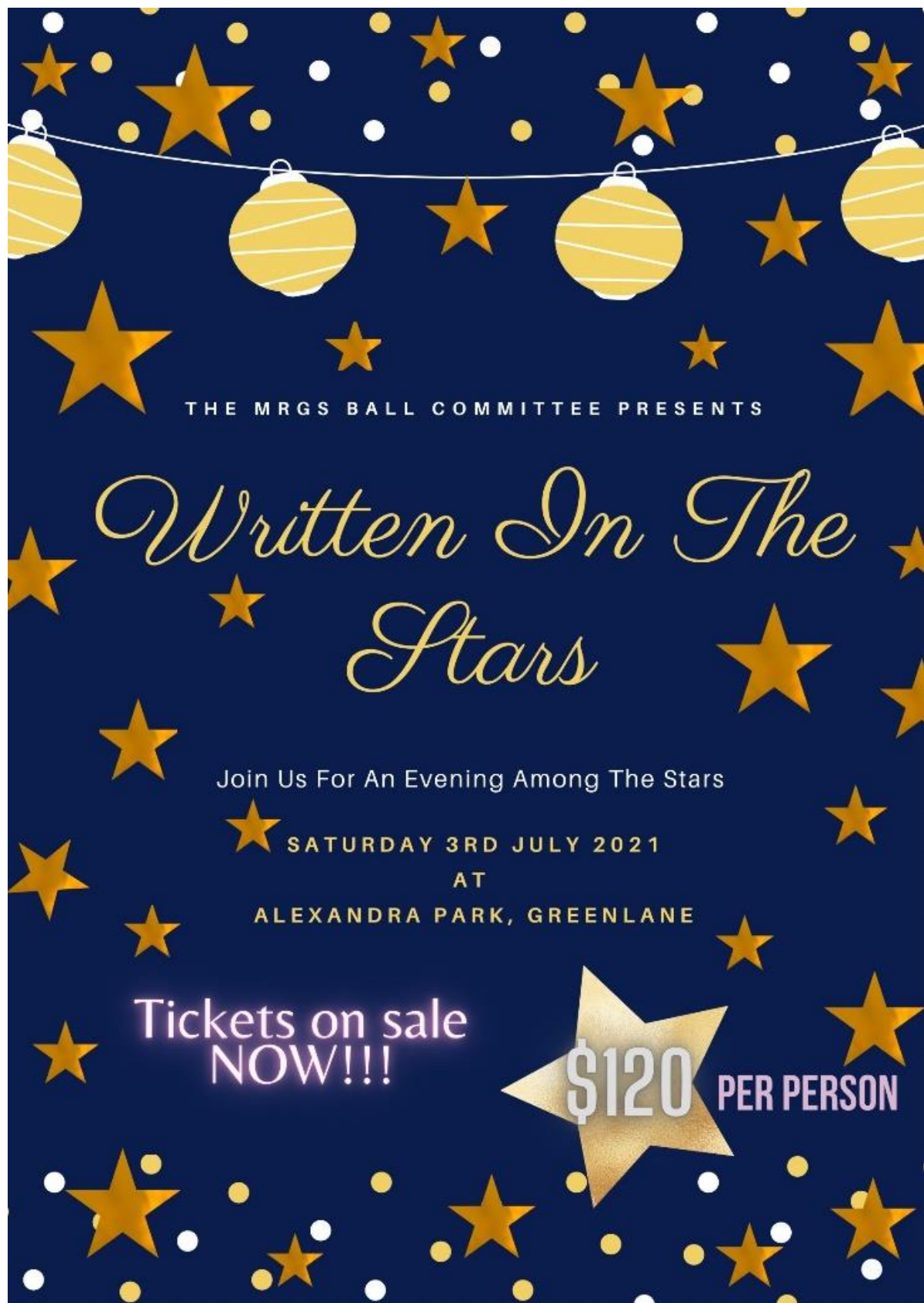
HOW?

School nurses, supported by District Health Board staff have checked to see which vaccines students may have missed. Information is available in consent forms that will be sent out in the coming weeks to students who may have missed out on these vaccines. Parents/guardians need to sign these consent forms and return them to school so you can receive the immunisations. These forms should be filled in and returned even if you do not wish for your child to receive these at school (each form has a section for declining at school immunisation). You can get these vaccines any time at your GP clinic for FREE also. Nurses will come to school August 2nd-8th to provide these vaccines to students at school.



**FREE catch-up
immunisation for Mt
Roskill Grammar students**



ElizabethMichael UNIFORMS

Please allow for 6 weeks for delivery of Made-to-Measure school uniforms

Special Fittings for Mt Roskill Grammar Uniforms

Elizabeth Michael Uniforms offers a Made-to-Measure service at no extra cost to those students who fall outside our school uniform size range (please see side panel).

In order to be able to offer this service we need all students to visit us at our Elizabeth Michael Uniforms, 4 Bond Street, Grey Lynn.

You must allow 6 weeks for your Made-to-Measure garment(s). During back to school this can be longer due to the Christmas and New Year holiday season so we encourage you to organise your Made-to-Measure garments before Christmas so they are booked into production.

All student's who do require this service must visit us at Elizabeth Michael Uniforms.

Please phone us on 09 358 1680 ext 8 to book in your Made-to-Measure session with our in-house experts.

Elizabeth Michael Uniforms is open 6 days a week:

Monday - Friday	9am - 5pm
Friday	9am - 4pm
Saturday	9am - 12pm

Please note our special fitting service is available on Tuesday - Thursday only.

4 Bond Street, Grey Lynn, Auckland
P: 09 358 1680 • F: 09 358 1685 • uniforms@elizabethmichael.co.nz
www.elizabethmichael.co.nz

Orders for Made-to-Measure school uniforms need to be placed before Christmas for back-to-school.

- Are you exceptionally tall or have very long arms for your age?
i.e. the length of sleeves or body length in regular clothes is usually an issue for you?
- GIRLS are you smaller than a size 4 or larger than a size 22?
- BOYS are you smaller than a 64cm waist or a 2XS shirt?
- BOYS are you larger than a 132cm waist or a 5XL shirt?
- Please note all Elizabeth Michael garments are 'adult' sizes.

All uniforms are to be paid in full at the Mt Roskill Grammar Uniform shop before you come to Elizabeth Michael Uniforms to be measured. An invoice or docket will need to be presented at the time of the fitting.

- This service is offered to those who require a "Made-to-Measure" service, we do not make special garments for minor differences.
- Hem and sleeve shortening is the responsibility of the individual. Elizabeth Michael Uniforms do not offer an alteration service for standard size garments.

EAT SMART

WRAPS+SAMMIES

Fresh Wraps	see selection available	little veg	from \$4.50
Sandwiches	see selection available	little veg	from \$3.00
Filled Rolls	see selection available	little veg	from \$5.00
Crispy Chicken Roll			\$4.00
Butter Chicken Wrap			\$5.50

EAT SMART SALADS

Freshly made Eat Smart salads are available daily. little veg

Also see the Pasta & Rice category for full list of pasta salads.



BLACKBOARD SPECIALS

New food, special deals and more! Ask our friendly staff at the tuckshop what the Blackboard Special of the day is!



PASTA & RICE



Pasta Selection	hot or cold	little veg	from \$4.50
Teriyaki Chicken	rice or noodles	little veg	from \$5.00
Butter Chicken	on rice	little veg	from \$6.00

THE CLASSICS



Hash Brown	veg	\$1.00
Chicken Tender		\$2.50
Garlic Bread	plain or cheesy	veg from \$2.50
Wedges	veg	\$3.50
Hot Dog		\$4.00
Cheese Burger		\$4.50
Chicken Burger		\$6.00

+ more available in-store

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Message from Watercare - Road Closures

Bremner Avenue closures:

We are now installing the water main along Bremner Avenue. We have now reached the point where the road will be closed to through traffic with no public access to John Moore Reserve or Milliken Ave. Please use an alternative area to drop off your children.

Winstone Road and Memorial Avenue upcoming closure:

Winstone Road and Memorial Avenue will be closed from approximately 6 April for at least 3 months due to complex works starting to tunnel a section of pipeline and build additional chambers. Please use Denbigh Avenue to get to Frost Road during these works.

How to find out more from MRGS



www.mrgs.school.nz



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Mt Roskill Grammar School

MRGS School App




Keep up to date with the MRGS App.

1. From your device go to the App Store/Play Store.
2. Search for "School Stream" and tap the install button.
3. You will be prompted to accept push notifications - select OK.
4. Type Mount Roskill Grammar School into the search bar then select it.

The App will give you access to daily notices and newsletters as well as allowing you to update personal details and notify the school about absences.

Homework Centres

Subject Area	Times	Venue	Description	Teacher in Charge
Catch Up All subjects	Tuesday 3:20- 5:30	Learning Extension	Students seeking help and support for any subject should attend the Homework Club or "Catch Up" time at LXTN. Some snacks are available to keep you going.	MKT/LEN 
Māori All subjects	Thursday 3:15- 4:30	Library	Students seeking help and support for any subject should attend our Māori Homework Centre Puna Wānanga. It will be held in the the Library while our Whare is being renovated. Kai is also provided.	REW/MNC/ TWL/SYD/RJJ
ESOL	Wednesdays 3:15 - 4:15	R6	Assistance with ESL, NL homework. Support for English Language Learners in mainstream English. A quiet place to study after school. Chromebooks available.	RYJ/YAN
Mathematics	Wednesdays 3:15 - 4:15 Thursday 3:15---4:15	R9, A18, A7 A10, A20, A21	Y12's Y13 Calculus Students Juniors, Year 11's & Y13 Statistics A range of maths teachers are available Chromebooks available	SBV
Tongan Homework Centre	Wednesday 6:00-8:00 pm	D11	All levels in all subjects.Started two weeks ago & runs every Wednesday without fail. Very dedicated experienced tutors. Any other students needing help are welcome. Cheese & crackers available at the end of session.	TNG
Languages	Wednesdays 3:15 - 4:15	R3	Japanese (included in R-Block Homework Centre)	KOJ
Computer Science/Digital Technologies	Thursdays 3:15 - 4:15	B7	Help with work from any Year Levels and opportunities for students to catch up on work not completed in class.	NLL
History	Tuesday Lunchtime	C3	Any help with assessments or questions about the course work can be answered.	HTG
English	Tuesday 3.15-4.30	H6	Any help with assessments or questions about the course work can be answered.	GYC
Media	Wednesday 3:00-4:30	T7	Supervised assistance with homework and computers available for editing	HPK
Chemistry	Thursday lunchtime	S6	Chemistry teachers are available to help with any Level 2, 3 or scholarship chemistry.	MCS
Visual Arts	Tuesday 3.20- 4-20	A13 to A16	Supervised homework, students can get help from teachers. All other days after school and lunchtimes students can use facilities to work by themselves	GRO
Performing Arts	—	Studio	Always happy to sit with individuals and families anytime with a previous booking to go over any work. THT students can join the Technology Homework Centre.	GSE
Technology	Thursday 3.20-4.45	D4	Help with portfolios in DSM and DVC as well as non-practical work from TMM, BCT and TCE.	PGD
Music	Monday - Thursday lunchtimes	Music Block	The Music Block is open to all Music students to practise or work in the computer lab. There is always at least one teacher on duty and available to help.	HDN



We value freedom of choice

All children develop in their own way, and we make sure that our care reflects this. We encourage free play, exploration, and creation. Celebrating culture and each child's individuality is important at our centre, as we aim to create learners who are both proud of their own identity and supportive of their peers.

Why choose us

- Excellent child-teacher ratios
- We take pride in our quality facilities
- 27 years experience
- Home away from home environment
- Celebrating diversity
- Qualified staff

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