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CABRAMATTA HIGH SCHOOL SMASHES THE STATE



2013 NAPLAN results confirm Cabramatta High as a top school for academic growth.

Numeracy results in year 9 were 40.3% above the state growth. The top students for growth were: Kalio Sau Fefiloi, Sievmey Kouch and John Duc Duong. Literacy results in year 9 were 59.8% above the state growth.

Year 9 boys have improved by 29 scale scores from the 2012 data in the test aspect of Reading.

Year 9 girls are 38 scale scores above the state average growth in the test aspect of Writing.

Literacy results for year 7 were also excellent. The school growth exceeded both similar school groups and the State. The top students for growth were Kalyb Stanley and Hussein Al Esawi who each improved more than 600 scaled score points since 2011.

Cabramatta High is a newly built learning environment that engages students. Our highly experienced staff are using these resources to provide quality teaching and high academic results. The Homework Centre provides free tutorials from 3.30 - 5.30pm with trained tutors. In addition there are opportunities for talented students to be accelerated.


Please contact Cabramatta High School on 9726 2424 for additional information regarding the application and entrance examinations for the year 7 Advanced Learning Class.

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The Student Voice



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CABRAMATTA HIGH SCHOOL

CABRAMATTA High School is holding a fund-raising dinner at Golden Star Palace on November 29 in a bid to raise money for two schools that were affected by the 2009 tsunami in Samoa. The school is hoping to raise \$9000 on the night, which will go towards purchasing new resources for the schools. The *Champion* asked five students how important it was to help the affected schools.

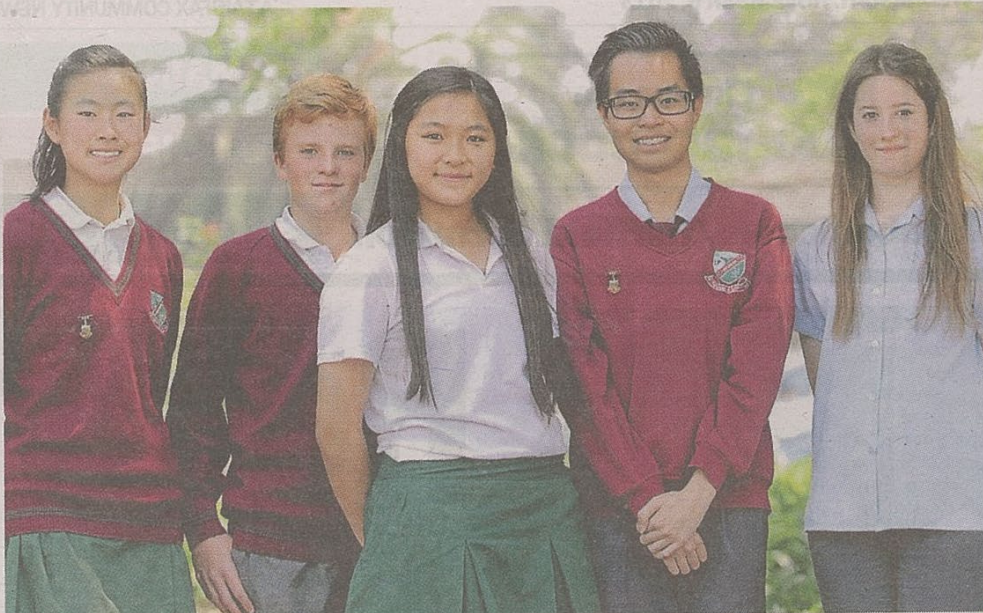
■ **Luke Trainor, 14 :**
"It's very important.
Everyone should have a
right to primary education."

■ **Tracy Chau, 13:**
"I believe it's extremely
significant because helping
other students get a proper
education is the right thing
to do."


■ **Sylvia Lim, 13:**
"It's very important
because we can change the
quality of life for the
students over in Samoa."

■ **Phil Nguyen, 17:**
"I believe that education is
the first step to alleviate
poverty."

■ **Anja Inic, 17:**
"It's our duty to help the
less fortunate. Education is
a precious resource."



Helping hand: Cabramatta High School is holding a fund-raising dinner on November 29 in a bid to raise money for two schools that were affected by the 2009 tsunami in Samoa.
Picture: Wesley Loneragan

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CABRAMATTA HIGH SCHOOL

Cabramatta High School students and teachers celebrated peace and the work and commitment of this year's Sydney Peace Prize winner Cynthia Maung on Friday with representatives from 20 other schools. Cynthia Maung was a special guest on the day. Students dressed in various national costumes and told the *Champion* what the day meant to them.

■ **Cindy Nguyen:**

"It's where all cultures come together and everyone is united."

■ **Nhu Mai:**

"It brings every culture together and is a day different cultures can interact."

■ **Sanja Cupic:**

"It's a day to celebrate multiculturalism and everyone coming together."

■ **Austin Vuong:**

"It is the celebration of peace and a multicultural country. I liked the different costumes and the performances."

■ **Charity Bosco:**

"It's a day where everyone dresses up in their national clothes. It's a peaceful day."



Peace: Cabramatta High school students Cindy Nguyen, Nhu Mai, Sanja Cupic, Austin Vuong and Charity Bosco on Friday.

Picture: Simon Bennett

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CABRAMATTA

Inspiring message of peace flies high

SCHOOL HOSTS CELEBRATION

Kimberley Caines

VISITORS to the Peace Day celebrations at Cabramatta High School on Friday walked away feeling wiser and empowered.

This was achieved after Sydney Peace Prize winner Dr Cynthia Maung shared her touching story at the Peace Day — Inspire to Heal event.

"To be good leaders in the school, in the community and in the country, regardless of ethnicity and religion, makes you really feel peace," Dr Maung said.

"The students (at Cabramatta High) are willing to learn not only about each other but about the world."

Principal Beth Godwin invited Dr Maung to the annual event for her work and commitment to peace.

"The title of this year's event is a tribute to Dr Maung's healing of bodies and spirit," she said. "There are many role models in our lives and I believe Dr Maung will be one of those."

"Not only to those who wish to be in the medical field but those who wish to make their own mark on the world (and) those who wish to extend their helping hands to people in need."

Highlights of the celebrations included greeting of guests at the school gates by Chinese Lion dancers, the



COMMITMENT

■ The annual Peace Day event reinforces Cabramatta High School's commitment to peace and multiculturalism

■ Sydney Peace Prize winner Dr Cynthia Maung (pictured above) was the guest of honour due to the support from the Sydney Peace Foundation

■ Patrick Dodson, Dr Hans Blix, Irene Zubaida Khan and Olara Otunnu were previous guests of honour

Guard of Honour Walk by officials, a drumming performance by the school's African students, a student forum with Dr Maung and the releasing of 100 white doves.

School Captain Shayla Dang, who was on the team of students planning the event, said: "I've always had an interest in helping others and listening to what Dr Cynthia Maung had to say was very inspiring."

"You know that anything is possible."



Dragana Josipovic, Dajana Draca and Milena Preradovic, at Cabramatta High School's Peace Day on Friday. Above right: Judith Agripa. Top: A colourful crowd.

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They came in peace

Visitors to the Peace Day celebrations at Cabramatta High School on Friday walked away feeling wiser and empowered. Full report, page 7

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Insight: Cabramatta Police Station's youth liaison officer constable Frank Ly and crime co-ordinator senior sergeant Jacob Reeves with students in the mentoring program.
Picture: Wesley Loneragan

Guiding future leaders

By Bianca Martins

CABRAMATTA Police have joined forces with Cabramatta High School to help 12 Pacific Islander students gain an unprecedented insight into the NSW Police Force.

The program, which started in term one, comprised three stages — mentoring, physical fitness and a three-day camp at Milson Island, on the Hawkesbury River.

Cabramatta police station's youth liaison officer constable Frank Ly said the aim of the mentoring program was to develop leaders within the Pacific Islander community.

"For part one, we took the students to various branches of the NSW Police Force such as mounted police, the riot squad, air wing and the dog squad to show them all the different avenues they can take if they joined the force," he said.

"The students also attended workshops, which included problem-solving activities and police-related activities."

Cabramatta police crime co-ordinator senior sergeant Jacob Reeves said the program strengthened the relationship between the students, police and the school.

School teacher Charmaine

Walton said each student benefited from the program.

"They have gained more skills such as communication, teamwork and leadership," she said.

"They are showing more initiative, greater engagement at school and there's been an increase in their attendance rates."

Student Malia Levao, 16, said the program was an invaluable experience. The program will continue next year.

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Funds help the rebuild

STUDENTS RAISE AWARENESS FOR THE PLIGHT OF POST-TSUNAMI SAMOA

Kimberley Caines

AFTER a group of Cabramatta High School teachers visited Samoa in July and saw the aftermath of last year's tsunami they knew they had to help.

Project Samoa, a committee of 15 students and 15 teachers, has organised a fundraising dinner at the Golden Star Palace in Cabramatta on Friday, November 29, to raise money to send a container with resources and basic necessities to two schools in Samoa.

Manumalo Baptist School has more than 430 students and was relocated to two different cities when it lost furniture, resources and equipment in Cyclone Evan.

Vaimauga College is a disadvantaged school with 800 students. The basic necessities most schools take for granted are not available.

"I can't wait until they open the container," Project Samoa organiser and teacher Rhianna Lim said.

"We are sending instruments because they are starting their music pro-



Staff and students at Cabramatta High School are holding a fundraising dinner to support two schools in Samoa.

gram over there. We are sending USBs, printers, exercise books, pencils, pens, white boards, dusters and football jerseys."

During the fundraiser, there will be performances by lion dancers, drummers,

Samoa, Tongan and Cook Island dancers, as well as raffles and door prizes.

"On the night, our big goal is to raise \$9000 because that is the cost of the container. Our community has been donating a lot of furniture,

money and gift vouchers," Ms Lim said.

School captain Darren Huynh said: "The resources will give them (students) better access to equipment to help with creating a better learning space."

FUNDRAISER

- **Where:** Golden Star Palace, Cabramatta
- **When:** Friday, November 29, from 7pm
- **Cost:** \$40 per person
- **Details:** 9726 2424

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Stop the silence about violence

By **Blanca Martins**
and **Michael Morgano**

THE statistics for domestic violence in the Cabramatta police command area are staggering — yet it's just a fraction of what really takes place behind closed doors.

Detective Inspector Darren Newman said domestic and family violence was under-reported in Fairfield City.

Research indicated somewhere between 30 per cent and 50 per cent of incidents.

"This is the dark secret for our local community," he said.

The station's domestic violence liaison officer, Senior Constable Peter Khamlu, agreed.

He said there were several factors contributing to why women didn't report it.

"The majority of the Vietnamese community want to 'save face' so to say 'the police came to my house' is like a stigma to the community," he said.

"The other reason is because they are afraid their husband will be locked up in jail.

"They think: 'He is the bread winner so who is going to support me and the kids?'"

"Language barriers will always continue to be a problem with the police."

Cabramatta local area command responded to 1358 incidents of domestic violence in the past 12 months and dealt with 118 breaches of domestic violence orders.

Detective Inspector Newman said when police received that first 'call for assistance from a domestic



Raising awareness: Fowler MP Chris Hayes, Cabramatta High School students Joanna Qiao and Gemimah Omari, and Detective Inspector Darren Newman of Cabramatta police at White Ribbon Day celebrations.
Picture: Simon Bennett

violence victim, research told them the person had on average already been a victim of domestic violence on 24 prior occasions.

"Domestic violence incidents accounts for 30 per cent to 40 per cent of all police work in most local area commands across NSW and is the highest crime type we deal with," he said.

"Sadly, domestic violence also

accounts for 40 per cent of all homicides."

The Cabramatta community united at Cabramatta PCYC on Friday, taking an oath during a ceremony to say no to domestic violence.

Attendees, including Fowler MP Chris Hayes, swore not to commit, excuse or remain silent about domestic abuse.

Violence Against Women — the statistics

- One in three Australian women over 15 reported at least one incident of violence.
- Women aged 18 to 24 are more at risk of experiencing domestic violence.
- 80 per cent of incidents are not reported to police.

Public School Visits NSW Parliament



School Captains Leadership Seminar

Canley Vale High School Captains Kelvin Trinh and Julie Pham and Cabramatta High School Captains Linda Chan and Sean Ngo attended NSW Parliament for a leadership seminar. It was truly inspiring to meet such talented future leaders of our society and I wish them well in the future.

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CABRAMATTA HIGH



**Cabramatta High School's
Police Links Day.**

Students prove powerful force

CABRAMATTA High School students proved too good for Cabramatta Police when they went head-to-head in a basketball game for the Police Links Day.

The annual event is held to teach Year 7 students about the impacts of cyber bullying, stealing, drugs, smoking and peer pressure.

Teacher and event coordinator Dhiresh Prakash said feedback from the students was positive and teachers lost count of the game 10 minutes in.

"The reason we do it is because we want to get them in Year 7 so they learn the consequences of their actions early," he said.

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Local language leaders

SCHOOL TAKES TOP FOUR PLACES IN HSC VIETNAMESE

Kimberley Caines

MONTHS of study and weeks of taxing exams paid off for four former Cabramatta High School students who topped the state in Vietnamese Continuers.

Thuy Lan Duyen Nguyen, Xuan Khanh Minh Nguyen, Thuy Tien Nguyen and Hoai Manh Tat have all achieved rewarding ATARs and are now set to embark on their next challenges.

First Place in Course achiever Thuy Lan Duyen has been offered places at both Macquarie and UTS.

She plans to complete a combined degree in finance and commerce or construction project management and international studies.

"I want to be a stockbroker and be involved in the share market. I like to work in a changing environment where you get to face a lot of challenges," she said.

"I believe the share market is where opportunities, wealth, knowledge, experience and luck meet."

HIGH ACHIEVERS

■ **WHAT:** Four former Cabramatta High School students topped the state in Vietnamese Continuers in last year's HSC

■ **FIRST PLACE:** Thuy Lan Duyen Nguyen now plans to study to become a stock broker

■ **SECOND PLACE:** Xuan Khanh Minh Nguyen will enrol in an applied science degree

■ **THIRD PLACE:** Thuy Tien Nguyen

■ **FOURTH PLACE:** Hoai Manh Tat

Xuan Khanh Minh came second in the subject and will enrol in a Bachelor of Applied Science degree at the University of Sydney.

"I would like to work in the medical field," she said. "I find it fascinating how we are constantly trying to fight our inevitable end."

She puts her HSC success down to consistent study.

"The insane pressures will push you beyond your usual limits," she said.



Xuan Khanh Minh Nguyen placed second in the state for Vietnamese Continuers in the HSC and will go on to study a Bachelor of Applied Science at the University of Sydney.

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Winner: Sports Achiever of the Year Stefan Pupovac with 2013 winner Georgia Rowntree, Fowler MP Chris Hayes, Fairfield mayor Frank Carbone and 2014 ambassador Shane Heal.

Terrific all-rounder shocked but excited

SPORTS ACHIEVER OF THE YEAR

STEFAN Pupovac, 15, has achieved much on the sports field this year.

So much so he was awarded the 2013 Fairfield City Council Sports Achiever of the Year at the Australia Day awards.

The Cabramatta resident has excelled in four sports in the past 12 months and held four captaincies at Cabramatta High school — Bill Turner Cup soccer team, open boys soccer team, under-15s basketball team and under-15s AFL team. He's also excelled on the athletics track, making the zone and regional athletics teams. "It was a shock to win the award but I was very excited," he said.

Stefan plans to continue playing his favourite sport, soccer, with Marconi this season. His talents have also been identified by the GWS Giants for future development.

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Stefan Pupovac

SPORTS ACHIEVER OF THE YEAR



Stefan Pupovac is a talented athlete who has competed in a wide variety of sports with high levels of achievement. Outside of school, Stefan competes in basketball as part of the Oblic Club, playing in centre and point guard positions. He combines his sporting ability with strong leadership skills. Last year, Stefan was approached by scouts for the Greater Western Sydney Giants. Stefan received the Cabramatta High School Sports Boy of the Year award.

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Wednesday, February 12, 2014

**Congratulations
Cabramatta High School
Class of 2013**

Congratulations to all of our students for their excellent results in the HSC. A significant number of students scored over 90 for their ATAR. We would also like to acknowledge the following outstanding achievements.

	Xuanh Khanh Minh NGUYEN 98.75		Mom Ella LIM 98.3
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Top of the state for Vietnamese Continuers

			
Thuy Lan Duyen NGUYEN 1 st in State	Xuanh Khanh Minh NGUYEN 2 nd in State	Thuy Tien NGUYEN 3 rd in State	Hoai Manh TAT 4 th in State

Some highlights of the Class of 2013:

- 45 on Distinguished Achievers List
- Thuy Lan Duyen Nguyen: First in State Vietnamese
- Tamara Peulic: First in State Serbian
- Xuanh Khanh Minh Nguyen 98.75: Dux
- 85% of students have accepted tertiary offers in areas such as Law, Business, Forensic Biology, Policing, Communication and Nursing.

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CABRAMATTA HIGH SCHOOL sets high expectations for student performance and behaviour. Our highly experienced staff are using newly built learning environments to provide quality teaching and high academic results. The Homework Centre provides free tutorials from 3.30 - 5.30pm with trained tutors. In addition there are opportunities for talented students to be accelerated.

We would like to congratulate our HSC class of 2013 for their excellent results. 85% of students have accepted tertiary offers in areas such as Law, Business, Forensic Biology, Policing, Communication and Nursing.

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Wednesday, May 21, 2014



Green thumbs: Cabramatta High School students (from left) Cathy Pham, Ken Xaybounheuang and Nita Cong took part in the Great Mulch Race last Friday as part of the school's annual Green Day.

Picture: Jeff de Pasquale

Teens race to gardens

CABRAMATTA High School held its annual Green Day last Friday.

Students and volunteers were involved in projects around the school in a bid to help maintain the environment.

This year's focus was the Circle of Life and students took part in the Great Mulch Race.

The event comprised a bucket relay to transfer mulch to areas around the school that needed replenishment.

This included the school's garden beds and its Peace Garden.

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Alumni revisit campus

ACHIEVERS RETURN TO INSPIRE

Kimberley Caines

CABRAMATTA High School is the place where dreams are made, principal Beth Godwin believes.

To inspire this year's crop of HSC students, the school welcomed back its brightest 2013 graduates for a high achievers morning tea.

The annual event is organised to show the HSC students they can achieve their goals.

A high number of last year's top achievers scored an ATAR above 90.

Ms Godwin said she remained impressed the school placed first, second, third and fourth in the state for Vietnamese Continuers.

"Each year, the results keep improving. We've never done that well in language," Ms Godwin said.

International student Nhung Trinh, who received an ATAR rank of 93.35, advised students to study for

LEADING THE WAY

WHAT: Cabramatta High welcomed back its brightest graduates from the 2013 HSC staff to inspire students

WHO: Forty-five HSC students made the 2013 distinguished achievers list

■ Thuy Lan Duyen Nguyen placed first in Vietnamese

■ Tamara Peulic topped the state in Serbian

■ Dux of the class Xuanh Khanh Minh Nguyen received an ATAR of 98.75

■ 85 per cent of students have accepted university offers in courses including law, business, forensic biology, policing, teaching and nursing

trate in class and find a quiet study area.

Nhung will study a Bachelor of Nursing Advanced degree this year.

What do you think of the results? Email editor@fairfieldadvance.com.au



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Message strikes a chord

By Ashleigh Milton

CABRAMATTA High School celebrated the many different cultures at the school at Harmony Day last week.

Students performed in cultural dances and the school held activities which allowed the students to discuss what Harmony Day meant to them.

Teacher Toni Robinson said the school's population is drawn from several cultural groups.

"We look at celebrating days that acknowledge these differences and allow students the opportunity to work together as a whole," she said.

"We also celebrate Peace Day each year in November."

Year 9 student, Lavern Leauma enjoyed celebrating Harmony Day at the school because it brought all of the students together.

"Today I performed a traditional Samoan dance which represented peace and harmony," she said. "Because today brings all our cultures together people don't care what race you are and that makes me proud."

Year 11 student Jenifer Nguyen said she performed a traditional Vietnamese dance in front of her peers because she was not ashamed of her culture.

"Today I get to see other new cultural dances I wouldn't normally be able to see," she said. "Harmony Day proves any cultures can work together and bring each other's strengths."

Fowler MP Chris Hayes said according to Australian Bureau



Harmony: Cabramatta High School students Natasa Cupic (in traditional Serbian dress), Lavern Leauma (in a Samoan "lava-lava" sarong) and Jenifer Nguyen (holding a fan) to perform a Vietnamese fan dance called *vu phien*. **Picture:** Luke Fuda

Statistics data his electorate was the most multicultural in Australia, with 50 per cent of residents born overseas. "Harmony Day is a day we celebrate the vibrancy, colour and diversity of our multicultural nation," he said.

"Becoming the Member for Fowler has allowed me to see first hand the wonderful contributions various cultural groups make not only to their respective communities but also to the general fabric of Australia itself."

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FOWLER ELECTORATE



Cabra-Vale Diggers senior director Jim Thompson (left) and vice-president George Taylor (right), Chris Hayes and Cabramatta High vice-captains Phil Nguyen and Anja Inic.

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Students investigate Anzac legacy

Kimberley Caines

APPRECIATING peace and the sacrifices it took to achieve it is the focus of the Fowler electorate Anzac centenary schools project.

More than 20,000 students from 41 schools will study World War I and its significance to the Australian way of life over the next year.

Principals, Fowler Federal Labor MP Chris Hayes and representatives from

LEST WE FORGET

- Next year marks the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing
- Forty-one schools in the Fowler electorate will honour the sacrifices of the fallen soldiers through the 2015 Anzac centenary schools project
- Students will be involved in activities, exhibitions and the launch of a book which commemorates the Anzacs

RSL clubs will lead students through the project.

Cabramatta High School vice-captain Anja Inic said her family relocated to Australia when she was a

child due to war in Serbia.

"We came here for a better future. I think it's really important to honour and commemorate what the Anzacs did for us," Anja, 17, said.

Mr Hayes said engaging with young people was a vital aspect of the project because they would be the future of the country.

"What we want to do is not so much capture the history of the landing at Gallipoli but research its significance to modern Australia," Mr Hayes said.

"We want to be able to focus on what events of 100 years ago mean today."

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Councillor Ken Yeung

Representing the Fairfield Ward, Councillor Yeung was first elected to serve on Fairfield City Council in 2012. Cllr Yeung completed a Bachelor of Arts degree, specialising in Asian Studies and Political Science. He hopes to strengthen the voice of Fairfield's Asian communities and promote equality across all communities, regardless of cultural, religious and socioeconomic divisions. He has lived in Fairfield City for more than 20 years and attended Cabramatta High School.
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CABRAMATTA



Amy Ngov, 15, has been chosen to attend the UBS Young Women's Leadership Academy.

Amy on course for leadership role

➤ AMY Ngov has been recognised for her leadership potential and is attending the week-long, exclusive UBS Young Women's Leadership Academy.

The Year 11 Cabramatta High School student is one of 50 young people across Australia who have been selected to attend the University of Sydney this week to discuss goal-setting and career development.

"I want to learn more about being a community leader and meeting girls similar to my age with similar aspirations," Amy said.

"We will be talking to women who have made it in business.

"This program is one that I know will be of high benefit to me and my future."

The program, in its 10th year, gives students industry exposure and the chance for field visits. Girls selected for the academy needed to have an interest in working in finance or business and be recognised as an emerging leader in their school. Principal Beth Godwin said Amy was the first Cabramatta High student to attend the academy.

"Amy is a wonderful student who deserves this opportunity," Ms Godwin said.

"One of the things I am hoping Amy will learn is to be confident in who she is."

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Bistro 38: Senior hospitality students Helen Nguyen, Vincent Phan and Anne Marie Huizing add finishing touches to their high tea.
Picture: Jeff de Pasquale

Staff relish students' creations

By Ashleigh Milton

CABRAMATTA High School's senior hospitality students treated school staff to a sophisticated high tea last week.

The students, with the guidance of their teacher, delivered a tasty menu to 40 people.

It included buttermilk scones with berry conserve and cream, roast capsicum crostinis and caramelised eschallot tart with chive and chantilly cream.

Head teacher of home economics, Michelle West, said "Bistro 38" was the culmination of what the students had learnt over the past year.

"The students take responsibility of a specific dish and see it through right to serving to the customers," she said.

Year 12 student Kevin Ho said preparing food for someone else was rewarding.

"I wouldn't even mind getting a career in hospitality now," he said.

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Joined forces: Students Socheata Bunna (from left), Sarah Allouche, Senimili Rabuatoka and Ruby Nguyen joined senior constables Lyndall Olsen, Daisy Nguyen and Ha Son for a friendly game of basketball. **Picture:** Wesley Loneragan

Cops, students strengthen bonds

By **Bianca Perez**

THE relationship between Cabramatta police and Cabramatta High School students has strengthened after the school held its annual Police Links Day earlier this month.

Officers met with year 7 students to discuss topics including cyber safety, juvenile crime and its consequences and the Young Offenders Act.

The school's Police Links co-

ordinator Dhiresh Prakash said the police liaison officers also addressed sexting, a growing problem among youth.

"About 20 years ago, this wasn't an issue but with the rise of multi-media we now need to make kids aware," he said.

He said officers spent the second half of the day speaking to students about drugs, alcohol, tobacco and how to avoid crime by not submitting to peer pressure.

"This is the biggest issue kids are facing. We also used the case study of Nona Belomesoff, who was murdered by a young man in 2010 after he befriended her on Facebook. This was to highlight the dangers students face when using social media."

The students spent the remaining part of the day playing a friendly match of basketball with the police.

This was a definite highlight, Mr Prakash said.

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CABRAMATTA

Doorknock saves lives

STUDENTS JOIN SHIELD APPEAL

Kimberley Caines

MORE than 100 Cabramatta High School students will give up their time on Saturday to support Australians in need.

The Red Shield Appeal Doorknock takes place this weekend with thousands of residents volunteering their time to raise funds for social and community services.

Cabramatta High School principal Beth Godwin is hoping the community will support the appeal.

"If everyone in Cabramatta can give \$1, imagine how many lives can be changed," Ms Godwin said.

The students, ex-students and teachers will walk from house-to-house to collect

DIG DEEP

- **WHAT:** The Red Shield Appeal Doorknock urges residents to dig deep
- **WHY:** To support Australians in need
- **WHO:** More than 100 Cabramatta High students
- **WHEN:** May 24 and 25
- **DETAILS:** salvos.org.au

donations to ensure the Salvation Army can continue providing meals, food vouchers and counselling for those in crisis and beds for the homeless.

"We hope to be able to cover all of Cabramatta, Bonnyrigg, Lansvale and up to Fairfield," she said.

Ms Godwin said students learnt much from the event.



Salvation Army Captain Nicole Viles (centre) is banking on the support of students Anja Inican, Darren Huynh, Shayla Dang and Huu Manh Phat Nguyen in the doorknock. Picture: ROBERT POZO

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Wednesday, July 2, 2014



Learning: Students Nhu Mai and Johnny Do with Cabra-Vale Diggers Club director Jim Thompson look at the World War I educational online calendar.

Picture: Simon Bennett

WWI calendar is online

By Bianca Perez

STUDENTS will get greater insight into World War I after an educational online calendar of daily events of the period was launched at Cabramatta's Whitlam Library last Friday.

The calendar, which features events that took place from June 28, 1914 to November 11, 1918, was launched to commemorate the upcoming centenary of Anzac and World War I.

Fowler MP Chris Hayes said the calendar will optimise learning opportunities for young students.

"World War I, and particularly the ANZAC efforts, helped forge

our national identity and define our national character," he said.

"Our community is using the federal government Anzac centenary grant funding to commemorate this important time in Australia's history through a number of community events.

"We're also using it as an opportunity for knowledge building, to teach our young people, in particular, about the history that has allowed us to enjoy the freedom and peace we have today."

Cabra-Vale Diggers Club group general manager Michael Foulkes agreed and said the website was created to help the community

understand how modern Australia was shaped. "It was a really good day," he said. "There were students from Cabramatta High School and they took part in a multiple-choice quiz. The message we're sending to students is not to take peace for granted."

As part of the upcoming Anzac centenary celebrations, students from more than 40 local schools will also have the chance to express their own understanding of Australia's involvement in World War I through an arts competition.

Calendar: onthisday.net.au
(password protected).

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LEARN FOR LIFE

EDUCATION WEEK 2014



Getting ready: Cabramatta High School's gifted and talented students are preparing themselves for this year's Best of the Best challenge.

Picture: Jeff de Pasquale

"It's important that gifted and talented students are given the opportunity to achieve their full potential."

Students battle to be the best

CABRAMATTA High School is celebrating Education Week by holding a Best of the Best challenge.

The event aims to find the best students in each field of learning through a wide range of competitions across all fields of study.

Administration head teacher Mark Avery said it was designed to identify and recognise student achievement.

"Cabramatta High School runs competitions in each field and across all age groups to motivate students to achieve their best," he said.

"It's important that gifted and talented students are given the opportunity to achieve their full potential and Best of the Best allows them to work at a level beyond what is normally required of them."

The event started on Monday and runs until July 30, with a special recognition assembly on August 1.

Mr Avery said competitions included poetry, maths, a "Faces of Cabra" art competition, a Masterchef-style cooking challenge and a physical training boot camp competition.

There would also be two science activities.

"Students in years 7 and 8 can write an essay on 'An invention that changed the war' while years nine and 10 students will have to invent a case for an egg that will allow it to be thrown without breaking," Mr Avery said.

"The student whose egg is thrown furthest without breaking will be declared the winner."

Winners will receive certificates and prizes.

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Miranda Whitton (front) and Bernadette Amituanai and their classmates are keen to film a video to accompany their CD.
Picture: IAN SVEGOVIC

Lyrical lesson

Cabramatta High School students have written the rap song *Right Mind* to educate their peers about the dangers of one punch attacks.

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CABRAMATTA

Giving a piece of their mind

PUPILS RAP ABOUT VIOLENCE

Rosaline Walters

A GROUP of Cabramatta High School students have written a rap song warning against one-punch attacks.

The Year 9 and 10 students were inspired to spread the message to their peers after the death of 18-year-old Thomas Kelly who died after being punched in the head in Kings Cross in 2012.

The students worked with music producer 6Pound to create the song *Right Mind*.

Miranda Whitton said she felt responsible for teaching younger students about avoiding violence: "I would like them to realise how stupid it is."

Classmate Bernadette Amituanai wrote her verse while worrying about younger siblings: "When they grow up I don't want them going down the wrong path."

Producer 6Pound taught the group the finer points of writing rap.

"He mumbles random words until it starts to make

LYRICS

What did I tell you 'bout the coward punch,
It really don't empower much.
Thinking that you're with troublemakers hanging out at lunch.
It takes a minute but regrets last a lifetime,
Commit a crime and you must be out of your right mind.

RIGHT MIND

WHAT: A rap song written by 13 students from Cabramatta High School

WHY: Following the death of Thomas Kelly they wanted to warn fellow students about the dangers of one-punch attacks

sense," Ms Whitton said. "It helped a lot."

Now the group is hoping to film a music video to accompany the song.



Congratulate the students at Facebook/fairfieldadvance



Bernadette Amituanai with the CD of the students' song *Right Mind*.

Picture: IAN SVEGOVIC

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Debating team fit for next word war



Beautiful minds: The Cabramatta Debating Team, [back from left] Eric Urng, Cindy Bui, Sylvia Lim and Luke Trainor, [from the front left] Denise Antonio, Amanda Easterbrook, Tracy Chau and Linda Ly.

Picture: Jennifer Duval

It furthered my knowledge and skills and was extremely intriguing. The coach engaged us by incorporating current world issues, which were truly enlightening.

— Sylvia Lim

By **Eric Urng**

CABRAMATTA High School's debating team will be better prepared the next time they wage a war of words, after recently spending a day in training.

On July 21, the group of year 9 and 10 students attended the Annual Debating Training Day at the University of Western Sydney's Parramatta Campus.

It was co-ordinated by the Masters Academy and current Law students.

The aim of the training day was to teach students, from a variety of schools, how to effectively debate.

The students said they thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to learn debating strategies that will assist them to achieve their best in future debating competitions.

The Cabramatta student debaters

have already been involved in debates against teams from other schools.

So far they have won two out of the three rounds they have contested.

The team hopes that their participation in the university training day will further strengthen their individual abilities.

"The debating training day was an excellent experience," said Cabramatta team member Sylvia Lim.

"It furthered my knowledge and skills and was extremely intriguing. The coach engaged us by incorporating current world issues, which were truly enlightening."

By being a part of the debating team, the students agreed they felt as though they had gained valuable time management skills, while also boosting their self-confidence.

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Setting goals and managing time

By **Alysha Le**

WITH the help of business mentors, a group of Cabramatta High School students are learning the finer points of goal setting and time management.

The select group are taking part in the 2014 GOALS program, hosted by the Australian Business Community Network (ABCN).

The GOALS program offers students the chance to grow and learn new skills with the help of a mentor.

The students will attend five sessions in total.

These theme-based sessions aim to recognise, develop and enhance students' strengths. They also encourage the students to call on the support of their mentors.

The first session focused on the

process of achieving a goal. Students were shown the importance of setting achievable goals to ensure their success.

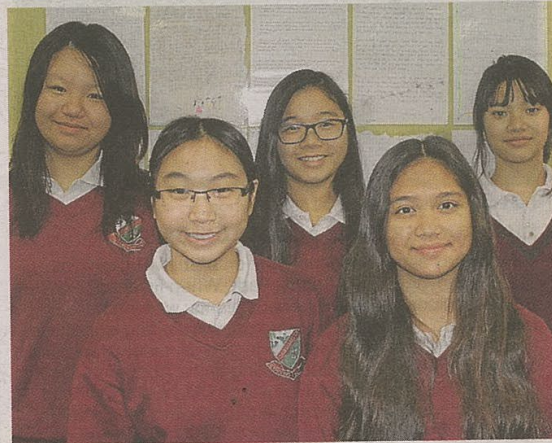
The second session targeted the concepts of communication and presentation.

The presentation component was centred on how an individual should present themselves to create a positive impression.

Students are currently focusing on setting and completing short-term goals in the lead up to their next session.

"I believe the GOALS program will help tremendously in managing goal setting, stress and time management," said participating student Amanda Easterbrook.

"It will also help me handle problematic situations and have an optimistic approach to life."



Learning life skills: A handful of Cabramatta GOALS team, [back from left] Josephine Lang, Janet Lim and Amanda Easterbrook, [front from left] Alysha Ly and Denise Antonio.
Picture: Jennifer Duvall

Ready for first bouts

By **Amanda Easterbrook**

NEXT week a group of Cabramatta High School students will test their strength at the 2014 NSW Taekwondo Competition.

The competition will be held on August 10 at Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre.

It will be the first time the Cabramatta Taekwondo team will compete against other schools.

The students say they are thrilled at the opportunity to fly the local flag at the competition.

"I hope that I will gain a lot of experiences and I hope to win," said team member Siriyakorn Chaimueangmun. "I don't want to be there just to impress the judges or referee."

While preparing for the competition during regular grade sport, the participating year 9 and 10 students have been lucky enough to be given the chance to gain their colour belts.

This was due to involvement of the Martial Arts Spirit Health and Fitness Academy.

As well as their in-school competition training, the team have also taken in practice bouts on Tuesdays and Saturdays outside of school hours.

"I just have to say that Cabramatta High School has set an incredibly high standard for the quality of martial arts training for high school students," said coach Leizel Jayne. "What an amazing and inspiring group of young adults."

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Proving ability: Cabramatta High School's students and their teacher Andrew Hallab (right) entered their short film *RMS Cabramatta*.

Picture: Jeff de Pasquale

Filmmakers reveal skills

By Bianca Perez

THE students at Cabramatta High School have re-created the movie *Titanic* with a local twist.

The school's junior and senior support classes, along with 20 teachers, created the short film, *RMS Cabramatta*, and entered it into Nova Employment's Focus on Ability Short Film Competition.

The five-minute film replicates the award-winning movie *Titanic*.

Computing teacher Andrew Hallab said the competition allowed schools to create a film displaying ability through disability.

"Ability was shown by year 11 student Adrian Van Gool, who rescued a drowning Miss Godwin, to using a motorised wheelchair driven by year 8 student Sally Hem in assisting the lifeboats in the water while the ill-fated ship was sinking," he said.

"To create the look of the film, the main prop used was a model of the ship. This was created in class using cardboard."

He said everyone who contributed to making the film worked extremely hard and he was proud of all their efforts.

"Everyone had a great time

being filmed and getting involved with creating the model ship, setting up the classroom with the green screen and recording the scenes using a tripod.

"We spent two weeks making the model, just over two weeks to film it and 24 hours editing it."

The school submitted the short film on July 31, with online voting commencing a day later.

More than \$80,000 in cash and prizes are up for grabs, with the winners to be announced on September 4 at Fox Studios.

To see the short film visit tinyurl.com/nervj4 and vote.

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Great potential: Cabramatta High student To Nhi Tran. **Picture:** Simon Bennett

Student mentors new pupils

By Bianca Perez

CABRAMATTA High School year 11 student To Nhi Tran has developed a support program for those using the school's Intensive English Centre (IEC).

After getting involved in Max Potential, a youth mentoring program in Fairfield, she organised a Cabramatta High School Experience Day.

The day gave students the chance to learn more about the transition to year 10 and offered practical experience of high school study.

As part of the program, IEC students were buddied up with other pupils in the same year before taking part in three school periods.

They then met Miss Tran, who shared her own experiences and provided information and tips to the students.

She said her aim was to better prepare incoming IEC students for high school.

"I am very satisfied with the outcome," she said.

"Each student said it was a great opportunity and they hope it will be provided to the next group of IEC students.

"They also made lots of new friends."

Max Potential, sponsored by St Johns Park Bowling Club, matches businesses or community workers with a young person nominated by their school or community group.

They work together through a 22-week program aimed at accelerating the young person's potential.

Miss Tran said the program taught her how to organise an event and boosted her confidence.

"I was able to express and speak out my idea to the crowd, get more practical experience, be organised, responsible and share my individual experience," she said.

Nineteen students from schools including Cabramatta, Bonnyrigg, Fairvale, St Johns Park and Westfields Sports high schools took part in this year's Max Potential program.

All projects will be presented at St Johns Park Bowling Club tomorrow.

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Students take on Titanic task

REINVENT AN EPIC FOR FILMMAKING CONTEST

Rosaline Walters

STUDENTS from the Support Unit at Cabramatta High are hoping to win the Focus on Ability short film competition with a remake of *Titanic*.

Teacher Andrew Hallab said the students filmed the movie as part of a filmmaking project in their computer life skills program.

"We wanted to go with the behemoth of movies," Mr Hallab said.

Ten students from Years 8 to 12 spent an entire term writing the script, casting the actors and filming in front of a green screen.

Year 12 student Tyra

FOCUS ON ABILITY

WHAT: Cabramatta High students have entered their movie, *RMS Cabramatta*, in the Focus on Ability short film competition. The competition raises awareness of the abilities of people with disabilities. Winners will be announced September 4.

PRIZE: Judge Choice prize - \$15,000. Online favourite prize - \$3500.

Mani-Cezer said the hardest part was creating a scale model of the *Titanic*.

"It took a couple weeks to build it" she said.

Twenty staff worked as extras on the movie.

School principal Beth Godwin played the ship's captain, who tragically drowned with the ship.

The film is a heartbreaking blend of action and romance, with staff and students waltzing around the upper decks as the iceberg hits.

If the students win the \$15,000 judges prize at the competition they will donate the money to the school.

Winners will be announced on Thursday, September 4.



Watch the film *RMS Cabramatta* at [facebook.com/fairfieldadvance](https://www.facebook.com/fairfieldadvance)



Students Sally Hem, Tracey Huynh, Tyra Mani-Cezer, Adrian Van Gool, Christine Phanith, Rida Saad, Sonia Toilolo with teachers Andrew Hallab, Shonrita Prasad and Judith Halmsley.

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Students look to help

DONATE \$500 TO HOSPITAL

A GROUP of Cabramatta High students has raised \$500 for Fairfield hospital.

The money will go towards a freezer and microwave to store and heat breast milk in the Intensive Care Unit.

The student group LEO, Leadership Experience Opportunity, presented the cheque to the hospital's general manager Arnold Tammekand.

They raised the funds by selling food at a festival.

Supervising teacher Azadeh Slade said the students had also donated to other groups.

"Just recently \$500 has gone to the Cancer Council, \$1000 to the Serbian floods, \$400 to families struggling in the community and today \$500 to Fairfield hospital," she said.

The group was formed six years ago and has strong ties with Cabramatta Cabra-Vale Lions club.

"It was started to create another means for students to develop leadership skills apart from the SRC," Ms Slade said.



School Leadership Experience Opportunity members Amanda Easterbrook, Nay Kim and Katrina Trinh with hospital general manager Arnold Tammekand and community manager Robyn El-Khair.

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Mind and body work as one for wins



Triumph: Cabramatta High School's taekwondo team claimed victory at this year's NSW State Open Taekwondo Championships.

Picture: Jeff de Pasquale

By Bianca Perez

EIGHT students from Cabramatta High School triumphed at the NSW State Open Taekwondo Championships recently — bagging 11 medals between them.

It was the first time any high school had entered its students in the event, which was held at the

State Sports Centre on August 10.

Lyn Nguyen, the school's learning support head teacher, said the success was the result of an innovative program introduced into the school last year by national taekwondo champion Terrence Fernandez, as well as the school's PDHPE head teacher Joy McElligott.

"The eight students competed in a

range of events from sparring, poomsae [patterns] and speed board breaking," she said.

"Their achievement was outstanding considering taekwondo was offered as a Tuesday afternoon sport only last year."

Students not only learnt new skills but were given the opportunity to get graded and attain their belts.

Year 9 student Marijana Trkulja said it was a great program with many benefits.

"It gives us an opportunity to try something new, get fit and make new friends," she said.

"The coaches are very inspiring and motivational.

"And they're part of the reason that makes us want to come back every

lesson and try our hardest to succeed."

In the lead-up to the event, the students sold roast beef rolls at two of the school festivals in a bid to meet state entry fees as well as purchasing sparring equipment for the team.

The team hopes to attend the national competition in Adelaide

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That calls for an encore

By Amanda Easterbrook

CABRAMATTA High School's Tournament of Minds team had so much fun taking part in the annual competition that they felt a need to relive the experience.

Earlier this month they treated pupils from Cabramatta West Public School to an encore of their dramatic performances.

The two Cabramatta teams presented a showcase of the plays they devised for the tournament's language and literature challenge.

The tournament was held at the University of Western Sydney on August 23.

It is a problem solving program designed to challenge the minds of young students from across the country.

Students have their creativity and teamwork put to the test.

"The Tournament of Minds was a great experience, despite the stress," said Cabramatta student Sylvia Lim. "I gained a lot from the program as it allowed me to improve upon my communication, team work and time management skills."

During competition, the students had to finish a short term challenge, as well as perform their planned presentation.

Both of the school's teams performed well, with one receiving an honours award.

"I had fun and it was a pleasure working with all the members," said student Ozkan Askin. "The members amazed me with their talent and the play we came up with was very, very cool."



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Giants help Cabra kids learn new skills

By Alysha Le

A group of Cabramatta High School students have been treated to some expert tuition in Aussie rules football this year.

Since term three, students from the Year 9 Intensive English Centre, have been attending weekly training sessions with the Greater Western Sydney Giants.

The team's instructors have taught basic games skills, with the aim of encouraging student participation in the sport as well as increasing their levels of physical activity.

It has been found the program has also had benefits inside the classroom.

The program has operated at the school for the past two years and also offers the Greater Western Sydney instructors the chance to recruit students who show a natural talent for the sport.

"I think it's a wonderful idea for our students to be exposed to AFL alongside rugby league, cricket and soccer," said the school's IEC teacher Mr Nguyen.



Outdoor classroom: [from left] Linda Ly and Tracy Chau.

Picture: Jennifer Duvall

Nick Lalich MP **Cabra Matters**

Cabramatta High School's Best of the Best



In August, I had the honour of
presenting awards and prizes
to students who came out tops
in this year's Cabramatta High
School Best of the Best challenge.

The competition aimed to find the best students
across all fields of study. Well done to all the winners
and students who competed!



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TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF[IE]



Ralph Street, Cabramatta: Cabramatta High School student Sally Do.

- **What is your favourite spot in Fairfield?:** Cabra-Vale Park.
- **What is your favourite way to spend a rainy day?:** Annoying or pranking my older brother.
- **What is your favourite food?:** I'm not a picky eater and I enjoy all types, so its hard to pick one.
- **What are some of your hobbies?:** Cooking.
- **What sporting team do you go for?:** I don't have one.
- **What is the best advice you have ever been given?:** Just be yourself.
- **Which three people would you invite to dinner?:** Miranda Kerr, Taylor Swift and Ellen Degeneres.
- **What would be your personal theme song?:** *Shake it Off* by Taylor Swift.
- **Would you choose money or love?:** Love.
- **What is at the top of your bucket list?:** Study overseas for international studies.

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Students tackle exams



Phil Nguyen and Darren Huynh are among more than 11,900 students in the Metropolitan South West Region sitting their HSC exams.

Picture: MELVYN KNIFE

Rosaline Walters

HSC STRESS STARTS TO SUBSIDE FOR CAPTAINS

PRETTY easy and fun is how Cabramatta High School's Darren Huynh and Phil Nguyen described their first HSC exam on Monday.

School captain Darren said the exam, English Paper One, was overall pretty easy.

However he said he wasn't able to finish the creative

writing section of the exam paper due to a lack of time.

The duo are among the 11,929 students in the Metropolitan South West Region, which includes Fairfield, who are sitting the HSC

Darren, 18, is hoping for an ATAR of around 85, so that he can study a Bachelor of Landscape and Design at

the University of Technology Sydney.

He's been trying to deal with the stress of HSC exams by listening to classical music.

Friend and school vice-captain, Phil Nguyen, 18, said that, the weighting of questions had changed, so Monday's English Paper

One exam was less work to read than practice exams.

"I don't want to jinx it, but it was fun," he said.

Phi is hoping for an ATAR of 80 so that he can study teaching.

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TESTS SNAPSHOT

TODAY: Ancient history, classical Greek continuers, PDHPE

WHEN: The final exams are on Wednesday, November 5

WHO: 11,929 students are sitting the HSC in the Metropolitan south west region

RESULTS: Released on Wednesday, December 17

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Accolades for work well done

The award means that not only my work but teachers in public schools are being recognised.

— Ram Pratap

By Kirstie Chlopicki

CABRAMATTA High School has had a lucky month, with two teachers awarded for their school service and two students offered scholarships valued at \$7000.

The students, Changleng Suy and Petra Matic, will each have access to \$4000 from the Australian Business and Community Network during their senior years, and \$3000 for their first year of tertiary education.

The scholarships are designed to help students overcome economic, family or social challenges that may affect their studies.

Teachers Jenny Burnett and Ram Pratap both received regional awards for excellence.

Mr Pratap said he was grateful for the recognition.

"The award means that not only my work but teachers in public schools are being recognised as they work towards quality teaching and learning for the future of Australia," Mr Pratap said.

"To me personally the award means that I am on track in the education and fulfilment of the department's goals and need to keep focused and keep working harder."



Winners: Students from Cabramatta High School, Changleng Suy and Petra Matic have won national ABCN scholarships and teachers Jenny Burnett and Ram Pratap have received regional awards for their work.

Picture: Simon Bennett

Mr Pratap has taught at the school for 10 years and co-ordinates extra-curricular activities including tournament of the minds, economics and business studies competitions and mock trials.

For the human society teacher the award is motivation to improve public school education.

"It's good to see that my passion for teaching is being validated by external organisations and will

raise the profile of other teachers in public schools too," he said.

"The award makes me feel proud to be a public school teacher and makes me work harder for the betterment of students and school."

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CABRAMATTA

High honours for level of learning

TOP MARKS FOR TEACHING, SCHOLARSHIPS

Rosaline Walters

TWO Cabramatta High School students have each won \$7000 scholarships to further their education.

Year 10 students Petra Matic and Chanleng Reaksm Suy are the recipients of grants for talented students and funded by the Australian Business and Community Network, a national group of companies and business people.

"These two outstanding students are worthy of recognition," principal Beth Godwin said.

"They will make the most of this opportunity. They were two out of the 14 students selected at a national level."

The school was also recently chosen by the NSW

GREAT SUCCESS

WHAT: Cabramatta High School was chosen by the NSW Government as an example of excellence in teaching to host a delegation of Queensland educators

WHO: Another success for the school is Year 10 students Petra Matic and Chanleng Reaksm Suy winning Australian Business Community Network scholarships to further their education



Visiting Assistant Regional Director Steve Bell with student Diana Lam, 13.

Government to host a delegation of Queensland educators who were visiting to learn about excellence in teaching.

Visiting Far North Queensland region Principal Coach Shirlee Gallow said she was impressed by

the ethic of the teachers at the school.

Far North Queensland Assistant Regional Director Steven Case said he thought an important factor in the school's excellence was principal Beth Godwin's support of teacher training.



Cabramatta High Year 10 pupils Petra Matic and Chanleng Reaksm Suy have each won \$7000 scholarships for talented students.

Picture: IAN SVEGOVIC

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Human rights advocate and barrister Julian Burnside QC releases a dove at Cabramatta High School's annual Peace Day event.

Pictures: TIM CLAPIN



Students dress in traditional costumes for a dance.



A performance by students at the school.



Another of the dance performances held on the day.

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United: Cabramatta High students Lauren Ly Huynh, Mariam Bosco, Shivam Seth and Anointed Ehunmwunse will help raise funds for African youth.

Picture: Gary Warrick

Support for kids in Africa

By Kirstie Chlopicki

CABRAMATTA High School will host a fund-raising dinner at the school on Saturday to raise money to build and improve schools in Ethiopia and South Sudan.

Cabramatta High School teacher Setotaw Befekadu helped organise the event and said he hoped that money raised would have a positive impact on African communities in need and help improve education.

"We want to build schools

■ The Cabramatta High School African fund-raising dinner will be held at the school on Saturday, November 29 at 6.30pm. Tickets \$40 adults, \$20 children. For more information call: 9726 2424.

for kids," Mr Befekadu said. "Our aim is to gather charity money that we can distribute for this cause."

The funds will be used to build a school in Ethiopia,

provide computers to a school in South Sudan and rebuild a school that was destroyed by war.

The theme of the fund-raiser is: An Australian community supporting African youth. The night will include dinner and cultural entertainment as well as an art sale, raffle and presentation by groups organising the overseas projects.

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Thanh Le and Huy Dang won medals at the Australian Taekwondo Championships in Adelaide.

Picture: TIM CLAPIN

Champs advance in leaps

NATIONAL TRIUMPHS

Jennine Abdul Khalik

TWO Cabramatta High School students kicked their way to victory at the 2014 Australian Taekwondo Championships in Adelaide this month.

Year 10 student Huy Dang took home two golds in the yellow belt 15-17 year-old boys division in both sparring and traditional poomse. Student Thanh Le came second in sparring and third in poomse.

Fellow student Amanda Easterbrook was unable to attend but won gold in sparring and poomse – uncontested.

The winners were decided on points in sparring after three rounds.

Huy and Thanh travelled to the Adelaide Superdrome with their coach Terrence Fernandez, a multiple national champion and past shadow Olympic team member.

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First in course: HSC award winners from around the state.

Picture: Geoff Jones

Students top HSC courses

By Kirstie Chlopicki

THE patience of Year 12 students has been rewarded, with the release of their HSC results and subject rankings.

More than 75,000 students sat their exams this year, but just 105 students received first in course awards.

Demi To from Canley Vale High School and Lam Ngoc Tuyen Pham from Cabramatta High School received first in course awards this year.

The award acknowledges the highest-achieving student in a given course.

Demi earned her first in course for her retail services examination, while Lam received a first in Vietnamese continuers.

Education Minister Adrian Piccoli said that to come first in any course is an achievement that students should be proud of.



High achiever: Demi To.





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January 21, 2015





Congratulations

Cabramatta High School Class of 2014

Congratulations to all of our students for their excellent results in the HSC.
A significant number of students scored over 90 for their ATAR. We would also like to acknowledge the following outstanding achievements.

 Jasmine NGUYEN 98.95 • Dux 2014	 Quang Huy DO 98.7	 Shelia LAM 98.6	 Le Thanh Dat Tony DO 98.5
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High Performing Students

 Lam Ngoc Tuyen PHAM 1st in State in Vietnamese Continuers	 Le Thanh Dat Tony DO 3rd in State Vietnamese Continuers	 Hua Thien Tu LE 4th in State in Vietnamese Continuers	 Cindy Nguyen 3rd in State in Hospitality
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- Joy Cheung: HSC Textiles Major Project was one of 25 to be exhibited at Textstyle: The Exhibition
- Kimfong Ly: HSC Visual Arts Body of Work selected for Art Express
- Lisa Pu: Industrial Technology Multimedia Major Project selected to be exhibited by the University of Wollongong and Institute of Industrial Arts Technology Education

In 2014, Cabramatta High School was recognised by the Department of Education and Communities as a High Performing school.

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January 21, 2015

Her textile art hits the big time

By Bianca Perez

AT just 18, Joy Cheung has a lot to be proud of. The former Cabramatta High School textiles and design student had her HSC major art piece selected to be displayed at the textile exhibition at the upcoming Stitches and Craft Show at Rosehill Gardens Racecourse.

Ms Cheung said she was among 12 students who were selected to have their HSC major work selected for the exhibition.

"My textile art comprised two pieces — a necklace and a dress," she said.

"It was inspired by nature so all my fabric was natural and consisted of cotton and wool.

"The necklace has branches coming out from the bottom and

the dress contains maple leaves, with embroidery on top."

Ms Cheung said she was overwhelmed when she learnt she was selected to take part in the exhibition, describing it as "a dream come true".

"I'm amazed because I went to the Stitches and Craft Show in year 10 and remember thinking there's no way my major could feature here. So it's a great achievement."

Ms Cheung said while she plans to do a business course at the University of Technology, Sydney, she is hoping to sub-major in event management and eventually work in the fashion industry.

The Stitches and Craft Show will be held at Rosehill Gardens Racecourse from March 5 to 8 from 10am to 4.30pm.

Picture: Simon Bennett



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Wednesday, February 18, 2015

Waratahs pass tips about life to students

By Kirstie Chlopicki

CABRAMATTA High School students had a rare experience last week when they played a game of rugby with three members of the NSW Waratahs.

Bernard Foley, Sekope Kepu and Taquele Naiyaravoro visited the school on Friday to meet with the seniors and have a squad versus school match.

The players also answered students' questions and talked about their life experiences, including training, using social media and dealing with negativity.

The trio advised students to have belief in themselves, surround themselves with positive people and remember the value of preparation and doing work at home.

Reporter Kirstie Chlopicki asked four students: What's the best thing about being involved in sport?

Kirimasi Panapa

"Enjoying it and getting to meet other people."

Lasalo Tuilahi

"Being involved in activities, meeting new people and having fun."

Pilimi Felila

"Plain and simple: Victory."

Matthew Viane

"Playing for your family, giving it your all and keeping fit."



Healthy: NSW Waratahs players Bernard Foley, Sekope Kepu and Taquele Naiyaravoro visited Cabramatta High School.

Pictures: Simon Bennett



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NSW Waratah players Bernard Foley, Sekope Kepu and Taquele Naiyaravoro visited Cabramatta High School. Picture: JONATHAN NG

Students enjoy Waratahs' lessons

Jenny Pogson

STUDENTS from Cabramatta High School were given some tips for success from rugby union greats when NSW Waratah players visited the school.

Players Bernard Foley,

Sekope Kepu and Taquele Naiyaravoro dropped in to throw the ball around and chat about how much commitment was involved to have a professional sporting career.

Teacher Marsha Marasinghe said the students ap-

preciated hearing about both the physical and mental training professional players undergo.

"For them it was a bit of a reality check about how much work it actually takes to go out and play a game," she said.,

"For the kids it was nice to have high performance athletes have a chat as if they were part of the team."

Afterwards the players went out to the oval to perform some drills with the students and played a short game.

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From tragedy to triumph

By Kirstie Chlopicki

CABRAMATTA High School graduate Kimfong Ly is no stranger to adversity, but now he also knows the taste of triumph.

The artist has been selected to have his HSC work *Mater Matris* displayed in the ARTEXPRESS exhibition at the Art Gallery of NSW, and dedicates his artwork to his late mother.

"It was a surprise for me — I'm just proud of myself," he said.

"The landscape of my artwork looks like where my mother is buried.

"At the opening of the exhibition one lady came to me almost crying and said it was really touching.

"Hopefully my painting will inspire people not to give up."

Kimfong said he and his family have been through some tough times, but he is grateful to be where he is today.

"Sometimes we have to go through tough situations," he said.

"With my mum gone we lost everything, our family had to go through a

horrible situation but today we are still standing here stronger than before.

"I'm thankful to all the teachers at the school who pushed me forward."

The ARTEXPRESS exhibition recognises the best works by Higher School Certificate visual arts students last year.

Almost 400 works were submitted for consideration and 219 were selected for state wide exhibits.

Of these, only 37, including Kimfong's piece, were chosen to be shown at the Art Gallery of NSW.

Department of Education and Communities' executive director Jane Simmons said that those selected would appear alongside some of the finest artworks from Australia and around the world.

"Many of the students featured through ARTEXPRESS's history have gone on to become highly successful and well regarded international artists," she said.

Kimfong received an offer to study visual arts at the University of Sydney and hopes to begin study within the next year.

The exhibition will run until April 19.

On display: Kimfong Ly has had his artwork chosen for the ARTEXPRESS exhibition.
Picture: Simon Bennett



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Scholarship secrets

Clarissa Bye

YEAR 12 students wanting to study at university should begin investigating scholarship options as soon as possible, says young Cabramatta student Mai Le.

The 18-year-old knows what she's talking about — she's been awarded a \$30,000 scholarship from Sydney University to study a Bachelor of Commerce.

Ms Le, who completed her HSC at Cabramatta High School last year, said she was thrilled to be selected for the merit-based award.

She had to pass a five-stage selection process, including several interviews and undertake community work. Ms Le spent her school lunch hours raising money for Red Cross and selling food. She also volunteered at a kindy to help youngsters read and write.

All the extra-curricular activities have paid off, with the scholarship helping pay for textbooks, living expenses and transport costs.

"I knew I wanted to do commerce for a very long time, since Year 8," Ms Le said.

"This is my dream and I've already bought my text-



Mai Le has won a scholarship from Sydney University.

THE PROGRAM

Inspired by Business is designed to recognise and support talented youngsters from disadvantaged communities

DETAILS:
sydney.edu.au/scholarships

books, I'm so very happy. It's a fantastic opportunity."

Ms Le, who made the Distinguished Achievers List for Business Studies and Ad-

vanced English, said the university would also give her more academic support, including weekly sessions with mentors.

Ms Le said Year 12 students should begin thinking early about applying for scholarships.

"Do your resume now," she said. "They get thousands of applications, so make sure you submit a resume that stands out. It's worth it."

1915 - CELEBRATING OUR ANZAC HEROES - 2015

Two lives 100 years apart



Cabramatta High School captain
Timothy Lam and World War I
soldier Private Gordon Bede Brennan
are from our region but their lives
are a world apart. We look back to honour
the centenary of the
Anzac spirit. Full report: Pages 4-5

Picture: MELVYN KNIPE



Same age but lives

LIFE IN 1915

POPULATION: NSW was home to 1.8 million people, but more than 60 per cent lived in rural areas. Sydney's population was 764,000. Life expectancy was 56 for men, 59 for women.

DEMOGRAPHICS: The biggest source of immigrants in NSW was Britain – 205,000 residents. Only 8000 were born in Asia.

REAL ESTATE: A two-bedroom house in Paddington was worth 400 pounds (\$38,000).

WAGES: The average pay for men was 56 shillings a week, equal to \$270 today. For women, it was 26 shillings. The working week was 49 hours.

TRANSPORT: Horse-drawn carriages competed for road space with newly-electrified tram network. Steam trains operated on three main lines. There were 15,000 privately owned motor vehicles. Road speed limit in Sydney was eight miles per hour (13km/h).

MEDIA: There was no radio or television. Newspapers were sold on the street and cost one penny. Only a few thousand "subscribers" had access to a telephone.

HEALTH: Cigarettes were freely sold and advertised in media. Ten for sixpence (\$2.40).

ARMED FORCES: To join in 1915 you could be 18 to 45 years with minimum height of 5ft 2in (157cm). Women were barred.

EDUCATION: Children went to school from age six to 14. Eight weeks holidays a year.

ENTERTAINMENT: Silent films were sixpence a ticket (\$2.40). Cabaret and music hall shows.



**GORDON BEDE BRENNAN, 18
BORN: 1897 FROM: CANLEY VALE**

- Private Gordon Bede Brennan enlisted at age 18 with the 10th Reinforcement of the Army 19th battalion on November 19, 1915
- Before the war he lived in Canley Vale and worked as a carter, at a time when the Fairfield area was predominantly rural, with farms, vineyards, orchards and dairy and poultry farms
- He embarked on the ship Orsova in March 1916 and trained in Egypt before being sent to the battlefields of France
- Killed in action on November 14, 1916, near Flers, and is buried in the Warlencourt cemetery

Source: FAIRFIELD CITY LIBRARIES

WE honour an 18-year-old soldier who signed up for duty a century ago and discuss the Anzac spirit with a present-day teenager. **Rosaline Walters** reports.

COURAGE in the face of fear, endurance under extraordinary conditions.

Canley Vale's Private Gordon Bede Brennan spent just a year in uniform in WWI before being killed in France in 1916, but his story exemplifies the qualities that define the Anzac spirit.

The 18-year-old soldier's sacrifice is a world and a century away from the daily concerns of Cabramatta High School captain Timothy Lam, 17, who dreams of becoming a heart surgeon.

Timothy learnt about Anzac Day from school services. This year he will attend his first dawn service at Cabravale Memorial Park, taking the school leadership team along.

"I think students these days, they don't put much

thought into it or war ... taking the peacefulness for granted," he said.

"I'm really against war ... there can be other ways of settling things without having people dying."

Private Brennan, who would later die in battle conditions that contemporary journalist Charles Bean described as the worst ever encountered by the Australian Army, enlisted in Casula in November 1915 just months after he came of age.

He lived with his father Charles in Canley Vale, and worked as a carter, transporting goods, at a time when the region was filled with dairy farms, orchards and market gardens.

Private Brennan's war

"I am writing to ask if you think it possible for me to obtain any of (his) personal belongings."

- Private Brennan's sister

was a short one. He left Sydney in March 1916 and trained in Egypt before shipping to France and being killed in an attack near Flers almost a year after enlisting.

He was buried nearby, in the Warlencourt British Cemetery.

LEST WE FORGET

WHAT: The names of every Australian who died in WWI are being projected on to the facade of the Hall of Memory at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra

WHO: Canley Vale's Private Gordon Bede Brennan's name will be projected nine times until July 2016. The next projection will be on May 26 at 8.29pm

DETAILS: Visit awm.gov.au

are a world apart



A parade during the time of The Great War winds its way along The Crescent in Fairfield. It is said to be either a patriotic parade in support of the allied troops or a victory parade celebrating the end of the conflict.

Source: FAIRFIELD CITY LIBRARIES

Timothy, who studies from 8pm to 1am every day, finds it difficult to imagine Private Brennan's life, which was full of hard physical labour. "When I was studying history, I would often imagine myself there," Timothy said. "In the trenches or... in the ships."

"But then I also imagine the fun they might have had. The games they played and the camaraderie they had for each other."

I also imagine the fun they might have had. The games they played and the camaraderie.

- Timothy Lam

Private Brennan would not recognise Timothy's favourite way of relaxing on weekends - watching movies online - but then he wouldn't recognise Cabramatta either.

Although Italian and Bal-

tic migrants had begun to arrive in Cabramatta by 1904, the area was still overwhelmingly white. With blue eyes and fair hair, Private Brennan was the epitome of the Anglo-Saxon population.

Now, 30.3 per cent of Cabramatta's residents are of Vietnamese ancestry, 29.6 per cent Chinese and 8.8 per cent Khmer. Born to Vietnamese migrants, Timothy is typical of the area today.

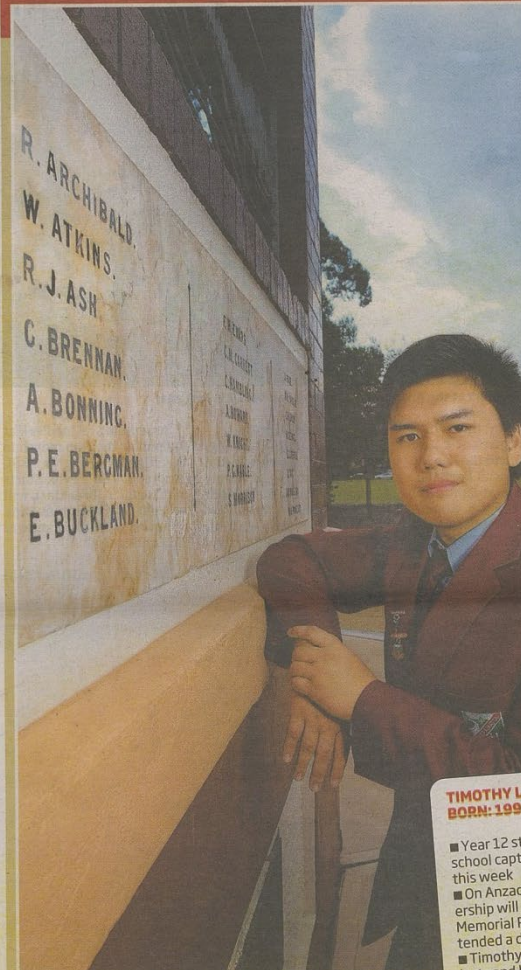
After Private Brennan's death, his father Charles Joseph retreated to his Canley Vale home, taking some time off work, and his sister Aileen sent a letter to the Australian Government.

"I am writing to ask if you think it possible for me to obtain any of the personal belongings," she wrote. Records do not show if she received a reply. Private Brennan's name lives on, engraved on the Cabravale memorial bandstand and the Australian War Memorial roll of honour.



This embroidered postcard made in France by Bert Woellner is part of a collection of correspondence sent to Marion Stimson, wife of Walter Stimson, from friends on the war front.

Source: FAIRFIELD CITY LIBRARIES



Cabramatta High School captain Timothy Lam visits Cabravale memorial bandstand which features the name of Private Gordon Bede Brennan, 18, who died in World War I.

Picture: MELVYN KNIFE

LIFE IN 2015

POPULATION: NSW is home to 7.5 million people, three-quarters of whom live in Sydney, which has a population of 4.8 million. Life expectancy is 80 for men, 84 for women.

DEMOGRAPHICS: Last year more than 500,000 Asian-born people were living in Sydney compared to 225,000 born in Britain.

REAL ESTATE: Sydney's median house price is \$800,000.

WAGES: Average weekly earnings in NSW is now \$1500 for males and \$1300 for women. The working week is 38 hours.

TRANSPORT: More than five million vehicles are registered in NSW. Sydney trains handle 314 million passenger journeys a year on four main lines and 14 branch lines. Light rail runs on single line to the inner west, but is planned for east and Parramatta.

MEDIA: 92 per cent of Australians use the internet. Mobile phones and tablets have taken over as preferred media sources. Three-quarters of Australians own a smartphone, 53 per cent own three electronic devices.

HEALTH: Cigarettes now have restricted sales and advertising. \$20 for a pack of 20.

ARMED FORCES: Applicants must be at least 17, 152cm, tall, body mass index below 33. Women accepted.

EDUCATION: School age from five to 17. Must complete Year 10. Eleven weeks holiday a year.

ENTERTAINMENT: Movies downloaded 24 hours a day on internet TV. Cinema tickets \$20+. Major concerts \$100+.

TIMOTHY LAM, 17 BORN: 1997 FROM: CABRAMATTA

- Year 12 student Timothy Lam, Cabramatta High's school captain, will lead the school's Anzac services this week
- On Anzac Day, he and the school's student leadership will go to the dawn service at Cabravale Memorial Park. It will be the first time he has attended a dawn service
- Timothy studies mainly maths and science subjects and hopes one day to become a heart surgeon. He is currently undertaking a workplacement at Liverpool Hospital

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Leadership program inspired

By Kirstie Chlopicki

CABRAMATTA High school student Chanleng Reaksmei Suy was one of only 50 year 11 students across the country who was chosen to attend the UBS Young Women's Leadership Academy in Sydney this month.

The week-long program brought students who had been nominated by their principals for their leadership potential and helped them build confidence, new skills, business knowledge and awareness of social issues.

With English as her second language, Chanleng entered Cabramatta High through the Intensive English Centre and said the academy gave her a good insight into her options for the future.

"I am very grateful; I just can't believe that I was given the chance to be able to attend and to be selected," she said.

"We did so many things, each session was full of fun and showed us how organised leaders are.

"I got information about selecting subjects and university degrees related to different jobs and I found it interesting to learn about the business industry."

Throughout the course of the program, students were introduced to female leaders including principal of the Women's College at Sydney University Dr Amanda Bell, Clare Kelly from the Foundation for Young Australians, Head of Fixed Income at UBS Anne Anderson, and Professor of Media at Macquarie University Catherine Lumby.



Leader: Chanleng Reaksmei Suy was selected for the Young Women's Leadership Academy.

Picture: Simon Bennett

Chanleng is still deciding what career she would like to pursue after graduation, but said the experience had given her new confidence.

She thanked her school for the opportunity.

"The most important thing I have learnt from the experience was how to go after your dream

job – everything from picking the right subjects to writing a resumé, practising interview skills and gaining the confidence to do it," she said.

"I'd love to have a job that involved working with people and helping them in some way.

"I hope students can read this article and realise that confid-

ence is something you can build and develop.

"I want students like me to feel confident and put their hand up for opportunities because you never know where they can take you or what you can learn."

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WE REMEMBER
Commemorative Edition



Students paid respects

By Kirstie Chlopicki

CABRAMATTA High School students have paid their respects to the Anzacs with a wreath laying ceremony and the sounding of the Last Post.

Students attended a special

assembly with speeches on the significance of Anzac Day, as well as choir and dance performances.

The school also ran Anzac-themed lessons and activities for the week including studies of the war poetry of

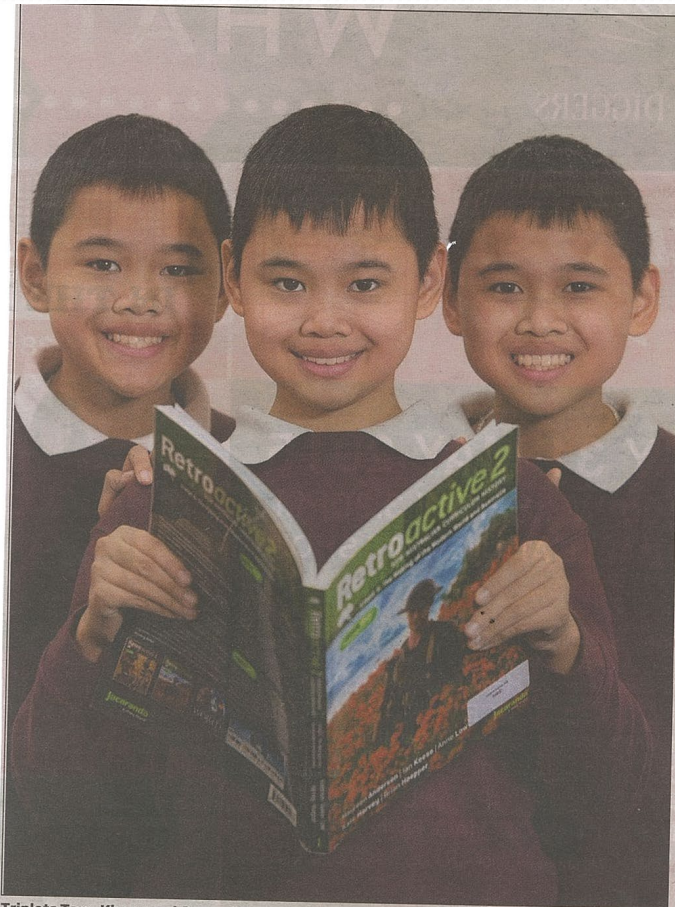
Wilfred Owen, making poppy wreaths and looking at primary sources.

They were visited by Royal Australian Engineers' army Corporal Ryan Flanders.

■ See the gallery online: fairfieldchampion.com.au

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Triplets Tam, Khang and Quang Duong, 12, prepare for Year 7 NAPLAN testing at Cabramatta High School.
Picture: MEL VYAN KNIFE

Triple the excitement before exams

Rosaline Walters

NERVOUS parents and students are preparing for NAPLAN testing this week, including Cabramatta High School triplets Tam, Khang, and Quang Duong.

The 12-year-olds, who are in Year 7, said they were all excited about sitting the tests.

"After each exam, it gets a bit easier," Tam said.

The brothers have been completing workbooks in preparation for the tests.

Cabramatta High principal Beth Godwin said parents should not put too much pressure on their children to achieve the highest NAPLAN marks.

"We need to remember that it is one measure of how students are performing," she said.

"Mistakes are sometimes a good thing as it gives us the opportunity to know what to teach next."

From Tuesday to Thursday this week, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will sit lan-

guage, reading, writing and numeracy tests as part of the national assessment program.

Based on last year's results, Cabramatta High was labelled a "high performing" school by the NSW Department of Education, and was listed as one of the top 300 schools in Australia for numeracy growth in Year 9.

Ms Godwin said NAPLAN testing was a worthwhile tool to work out what types of teaching and learning was needed at a school.

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FILMMAKER'S DEBUT ABOUT REGION'S REAL STORIES TO SCREEN AT FESTIVAL



A scene from the feature film *Riz*, which will be shown at the 2015 Sydney Film Festival in June.

Rosaline Walters

A FORMER Cabramatta High School student, whose debut film has been chosen to screen at the Sydney Film Festival, says the decision proves to western Sydney filmmakers they can achieve success.

Guido Gonzalez co-wrote and directed *Riz*, a film about a day in the life of a group of teenagers in western Sydney, which will premiere at the festival in June.

"My inspiration was to do a story that showcased the characters of western Sydney that you traditionally don't see on Australian TV," he said.

"All the characters are based on my circle of friends at the time."

Riz was filmed over nine days with a comparatively meagre budget of \$75,000.

When he learned the movie had been selected for the festival Mr Gonzalez said he was "stoked".

"I knew how big that was going to be for the young people involved," he said.



Guido Gonzalez co-wrote and directed *Riz* which has been chosen to screen at the Sydney Film Festival.

Picture: DAMIAN SHAW

"We showed them it was possible."

The feature was made with a crew of 12 young people aged 15 to 23 from the western Sydney region.

"There is a massive interest from young people in the area in filmmaking," Mr Gonzalez said.

The difficulty of making films about western Sydney is something Mr Gonzalez knows well.

A child of Chilean immi-

grants, Mr Gonzalez grew up in Cabramatta and started making films when he was 18, as part of a community project.

"I was working for a year and kind of dreaming about making films but not knowing if it was possible for somebody from Cabramatta to make a film," he said.

"When heroin was at its peak (in Cabramatta) ... it was very hard to see the positive."

Since then Mr Gonzalez has worked on four other films and joined Curious Works, a Casula-based arts company that tells the stories of multicultural communities in Western Sydney and helped create *Riz*.

His ultimate dream is to fund an educational program or building that would take filmmaking to western Sydney schools, allowing young people to tell the stories of migrants.

SCREENINGS

WHAT: The film *Riz* is based on the real-life experiences of co-writer and director Guido Gonzalez growing up in Cabramatta

HOW: It has been picked for the Sydney Film Festival and will screen at Dendy Opera Quays on June 6, Casula Powerhouse on June 7 and Dendy Newtown on June 8

DETAILS: Visit sff.org.au

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Better than all the rest

The Sydney South West Open Girls Volleyball Team won the state championship for a fourth time in the past five years. They had eight convincing wins in the preliminary matches, losing only one match, to Sydney West, 26-24 in each set. They got their revenge in the final, defeating Sydney West 25-21 and 25-14.

The team included Prairiewood High School students Leylani Pese and Rosie Cowley, St Johns Park High School students Chris Samu and Easter Samu and Cabramatta High School student Easter Leauma.

Easter Leauma won the SSW Coach's Medal and Chris Samu, Leylani Pese, Rosie Cowley were selected in the NSW CHS Team.

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NSW Education Minister Adrian Piccoli at the official opening of Cabramatta High's two new buildings. Pictures: MELVYN KNIPE

School's facilities in a class of their own

HI-TECH CLASSROOMS MARK NEW ERA FOR CABRAMATTA HIGH

Rosaline Walters

STUDENTS can enjoy 10 new classrooms at Cabramatta High, after a \$7.7 million development was opened by NSW Education Minister Adrian Piccoli.

The classrooms are in one of two new buildings which were unveiled.

Mr Piccoli said the two buildings contained touch screen whiteboards and other state-of-the-art technology.

"This upgrade will allow staff to continue to provide excellent learning oppor-



Cabramatta High School students at the official opening of the two new buildings.

tunities for students in modern facilities," he said.

The new buildings are stage three of a series of

LEARNING

WHAT: Cabramatta High has two new buildings following \$7.7 million in State Government funding

HOW: A new school building features 10 classrooms, two shared learning areas, two seminar rooms and two practical activity areas

PLUS: A new administration block was also built and 11 classrooms refurbished

works, which started in 2010.

Principal Beth Godwin said the opening was the day

a dream became a reality.

"Education is the way to the future and that is worth investing in," she said.

Ms Godwin also thanked students and staff for their patience during the building works.

"When ... bulldozers and heavy machinery rumbled through the school, the rain flooded our demountable classroom city and when our playgrounds became workers compounds the school ... smiled and continued," she said.

"(This) is an opportunity to say thank you."

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Articles from the students of Champion Schools 2015
A CHAMPION SCHOOLS INITIATIVE

Students strive to assist Nepal

By Katrina Trinh

WHEN Cabramatta High School heard of the devastating 7.8 magnitude earthquake in Nepal, they couldn't wait to lend a helping hand.

The students were particularly drawn to the story of an orphanage near Kathmandu that was in the process of being built for 20 children.

With the help of the Loof Foundation, the orphanage was only a month away from completion.

Unfortunately, with the devastating earthquake in late April, the orphanage was completely ruined.

With the knowledge of the monsoon season fast approaching, the students of Cabramatta High School are urgently working towards fundraising opportunities to assist in the rebuilding.

Once Ms Julie Piesse, Cabramatta High School's head teacher of science,

heard of the horrendous news, she immediately began preparations.

She gathered more than 40 students and 11 teachers to raise funds to improve living conditions in Nepal, and to complete the orphanage.

This group of students and staff is determined to make a difference in the lives of others who are less fortunate. They have set the benchmark of raising a minimum of \$2000 and will not stop until they reach as close to this goal as possible.

School captain and member of this committee Timothy Lam said, "It's very beautiful seeing people thinking and caring for others considering the world we live in today."

Ms Piesse's Home of Hope Committee decided on several activities, ranging from coin collecting, adopt-a-bear and food festival stalls.

The students at Cabramatta High School are extremely excited to work towards their goal of helping others.



Happy to help: Ms Piesse, Alyssaz Tran, Cassandra Lau and Kylie Kua.

Picture: Jennifer Durall

Work experience builds bonds

By Ken Xaybounheuang

TERM two at Cabramatta High School has been an extremely busy and successful one for the students.

With a rare opportunity, students from years 7 to 12 have been given the chance to undergo a work experience program at Cabramatta primary school.

The strong bond between the two schools has been further strengthened, with the high school students working in close proximity with the primary school students.

Cabramatta High School's deputy principal, Janice Gooden said: "The program allows students to build their leadership and work readiness skills and it allows the primary pupils the benefit of having a teenage mentor."

The high school students' involvement with the primary students is in the form of taking on the role of the teacher. Some of the subjects that the students teach are Dance, Personal Development and Physical Education, Digital Media and Design and Music.

This program has been an

incredible experience for students, to immerse themselves in a work-style atmosphere and build on their skills to see if teaching appeals to them.

Sandy Nguyen of year 9 said: "Personally I find that the work experience engages me and I thoroughly enjoy getting involved when I'm there. Teaching is pretty interesting!"

As a result of this program, students are building positive working relationships with future Cabramatta High School students and developing excellent interpersonal skills.

Top talent takes stage

By Nita Kong

THE second annual Cabramatta High School concert is scheduled for June 16 at Cabra-Vale Diggers. It will be a wonderful showcase of the talent that students possess at Cabramatta High School.

With the successful response to the 2014 showcase, it was immediately decided that it should be made a permanent event on the school calendar.

This year, nerves and adrenaline circulated through the audition room. Participants were keen to showcase their talent to the judges as a musician, dancer or singer. This year's judges

comprised a selection of senior students and teachers, who were impressed by what they witnessed.

The upcoming showcase is significant in encouraging students to step out of their comfort zone. It promotes a sense of community and strengthens Cabramatta High School's connection with Cabra-Vale Diggers.

Darren Abbott, Cabramatta High School's music teacher and event organiser, said: "I've witnessed incredible talent in such young people. It is for this reason that I'm looking highly forward to this year's concert. I know it is bound to be memorable."

Tickets can be purchased at Cabramatta High School's front office for \$5 a ticket.

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Cabramatta win under-14s

Cabramatta High School (pictured) won the under-14s division of the inaugural Parramatta Girls' Rugby League Day last week.

The full list of winners from the day were:

under-10s: Merrylands Public School

under-12s: Seven Hills West Public School

under-14s: Cabramatta High School

under-16s: Merrylands High School



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CABRAMATTA

A heroic effort by students

CELEBRATING EDUCATION WEEK

Rosaline Walters

SCHOOLED

CABRAMATTA High students are preparing for an academic marathon during Education Week, as each department hosts a series of scholarly competitions.

Principal Beth Godwin said that at this year's Education Week the competitions would revolve around local heroes.

"This gives us an opportunity to explore heroes at many levels ... from parents to local identities and then to reflect on heroes on more of a global scale," she said.

During Education Week the maths department will hold a mathematical *Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?*

PDHPE will host an *Amazing Race*-style obstacle

WHAT: During Education Week schools hold a series of events celebrating public education

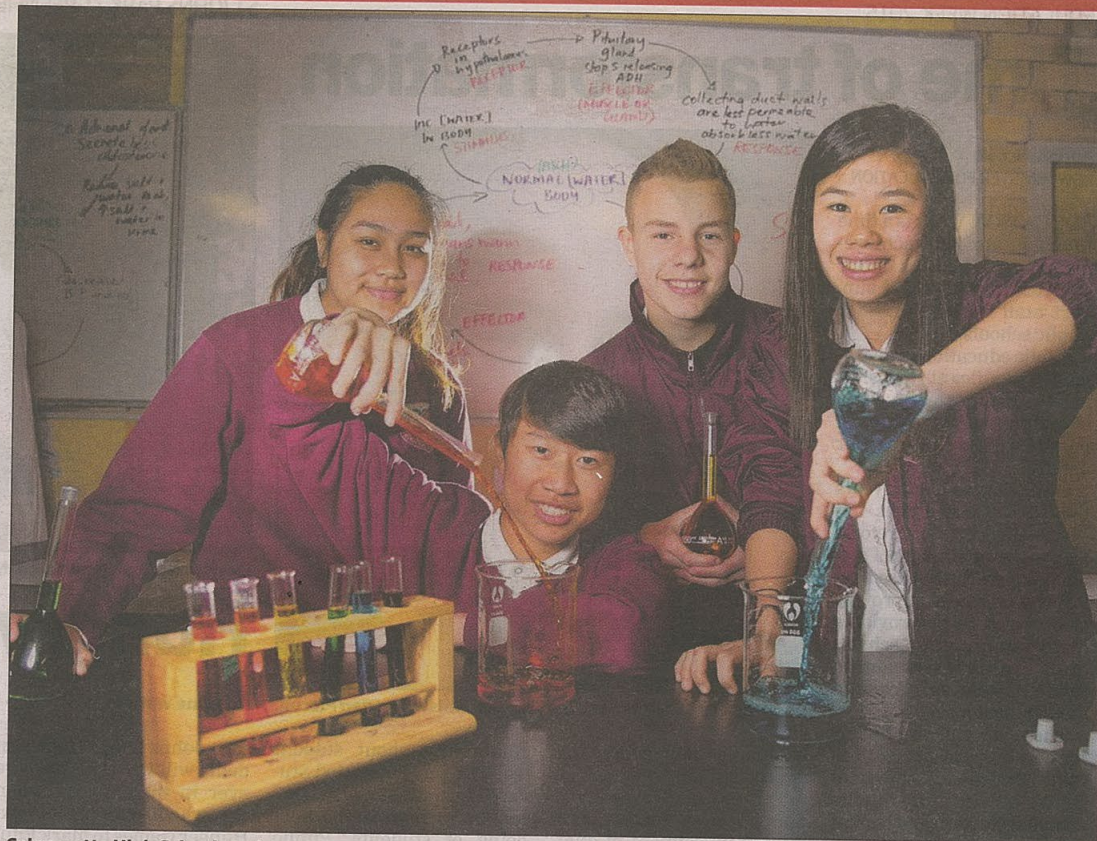
HOW: This year's theme is Celebrating Local Heroes

WHEN: July 27-31

WHO: NSW Education Minister Adrian Piccoli said it was a time to celebrate the achievements and successes of students, teachers and support staff

course and the home economics department is challenging students to create dishes from a recipe in a *MasterChef*-style cook-off.

Science students are presenting reports on heroic



Cabramatta High School students Krisna Souk, 14, Brandon Chea, 14, Stefan Dukic, 15, and Kim Le, 15 prepare for Education Week.

Picture: MELVYN KNIPE

scientists. Year 9 student Stefan Dukic said he was researching Professor Elizabeth Blackburn, who won the Nobel prize for Medicine in 2009 for her work on molecular biology.

"I like being able to find a reasonable and logical explanation as to why certain things happen the way they do," he said.

Ms Godwin said that Education Week showed that

one of the strengths of public education was how it constantly reviews its teaching practices.

"We don't rest on our achievements but we use achievements to continually

grow and move forward," she said.

"Public education does not discriminate. It ensures that education is a right for all, not just those that are privileged."

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CREATIVE CRUSADE

EDUCATION WEEK 2015

Cabramatta schools unite in sweet harmony

By Kerriann Hellier

CABRAMATTA High School recently teamed with Cabramatta West and Cabramatta public schools in a grand performance of dance and music.

Cabramatta High School music teacher Darren Abbott co-organised the concert for the second year in a row in an effort to display students' talent.

"Other schools I've worked at put on concerts and they weren't doing it here so we decided to put one on," he said.

Mr Abbott said the idea stemmed from taking a ukulele group to one of the primary schools.

"I think music teaches children timing, dexterity and valuable life skills."

Darren Abbott,
music teacher

Almost 200 students participating in the concert and about half were primary-school students.

This was the first year the primary school has been included although the schools have previously united for multicultural days, including Peace Day.

"It's nice to get among the community and let them see what we do and to promote music to the kids," Mr Abbott said.

"For a lot of them, it's the first time they have performed in front of a community.

"I think music teaches children timing, dexterity and valuable life skills.

"A musical instrument is also something you can play by yourself at home."

Many of the students started rehearsing once a week for a term before the performance.

"It was a great night," Mr Abbott said.

"The actual evening was the easy bit because it all happens.

"It's the lead-up that takes the time but the students did very well indeed.

"It really was another fantastic event."

Right: Cabramatta students rehearse in the lead-up to a recent combined schools' performance.

Pictures: Simon Bennett



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Disaster relief: Students Changleng Reaksmei Su and David Hang from Cabramatta High School have raised funds for the people of Nepal.

Students help quake victims

CABRAMATTA High School students have dug deep to help fund disaster relief for those recovering from the earthquakes in Nepal.

During second term the students formed a leadership team with teachers and organised a number of fundraising events, including a pop-up shop of donated items, guessing competitions, food fest, gold coin donations and barbecues.

Head science teacher Julie Piesse raised school support to help victims of the earthquakes after two buildings of a Home of Hope orphanage for young children were destroyed.

The school set a target of \$2000 and last week announced they had raised more than \$6000.

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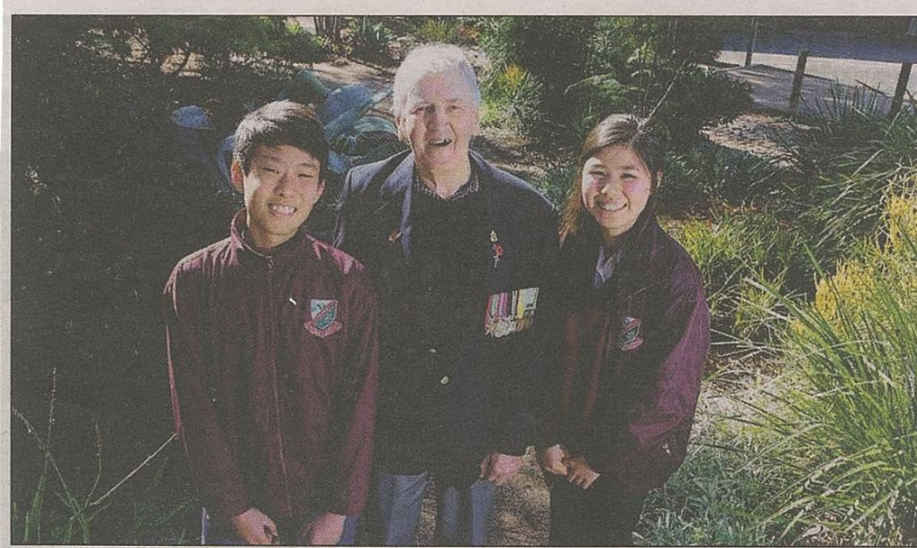
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KYLIE GILLIES
visiting students at
Cabramatta High School.
Bec, Hurstville

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Students Jinglong Chen and Kim Le, both 15, with World War II and Korean War veteran Ken Frank (centre).

Picture: CARMELA ROCHE

Veteran shares stories

Clarissa Bye

HISTORY lessons in high school can sometimes seem a bit musty and far removed, but not for the students of Cabramatta High.

Year 9 students were captivated by a visit from World War II and Korean War vet Ken Frank.

Mr Frank, who turns 90 on August 26, spoke at a packed lecture about war.

Teachers say it was the first time someone had held the attention of students for

KOREAN WAR

WHAT: The Korean War began in 1950 when 70,000 soldiers from North Korea invaded South Korea and tried to impose communism

WHO: 17,000 Australians served, of which 340 were killed and over 1500 were wounded

so long, so intensely. Mr Frank served as a wireless mechanic in the Royal New Zealand Air Force in Bougainville and Guadalcanal,

then returned to conflict as a radio reporter during the Korean War.

- He recalled the incredible amount of technical difficulty required to get broadcasts back to the public.

"We had to use a tank battery and it was so heavy it required three men to handle it," Mr Frank said.

"This was (used) to power the tape recorders.

"The recorded messages were then sent back to New Zealand and broadcast at home for radio."

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Wednesday, August 19, 2015

Tribute to mum an ArtExpress success story



Kimfong Ly's *Mater Matris* is on display for ArtExpress.

FORMER Cabramatta High student Kimfong Ly's dreams have come true as his artwork *Mater Matris* is being displayed at the Margaret Whitlam Galleries, at the University of Western Sydney, Parramatta.

Mr Ly, 20, said his work was a homage to his mother, who died in 2007 from lung cancer.

"The tree represents my mum and the landscape represents my home country, which is Cambodia," he said.

Mr Ly emigrated to Australia in 2012, and is now taking a gap year before starting a Bachelor of Art.

His work is on show for ArtExpress, a display of the best 2014 HSC artwork. It ends on September 27.



Constable Noel Rayner and Senior Constable Ha Son with Year 7 students Anastasia Malinovic, Maria Samuelu, Eric Dang and Jack Bogg.

Picture: IAN SVEGOVIC

Law lesson for students

Rosaline Walters

CABRAMATTA students have been scared straight by police at a day of mentoring at the school.

Teacher Marsha Marasinghe said the Year 7 students spent the day with police to learn about the effect their actions had in the real world.

"If they bully each other at school its dealt within the school," she said.

"When they do this ... they start seeing how problems

POLICE LINKS

WHAT: A program where police officers talk to students about how their actions can turn into crimes

WHERE: Students at Cabramatta High spent the day with two officers, talking about drugs, peer pressure and cyber bullying

can start small and how it can escalate."

Cabramatta's Constable Noel Rayner and Senior Constable Ha Son took the

students through lectures on shoplifting and peer pressure, drugs, alcohol and cyber bullying.

"Cyber bullying has the biggest connection to the kids," Ms Marasinghe said.

"It tells them what they need to look out for."

Students performed role plays to understand the affect that their actions can have.

The Police Links program day ended with a competitive basketball game between the cops and kids.

Fairfield City Champion

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Environment's on their agenda

By Ken Xaybounhuang

EVERY Friday at lunchtime Cabramatta High's Environmental Club, known as the Enviro Club, gather to discuss future projects and potential opportunities.

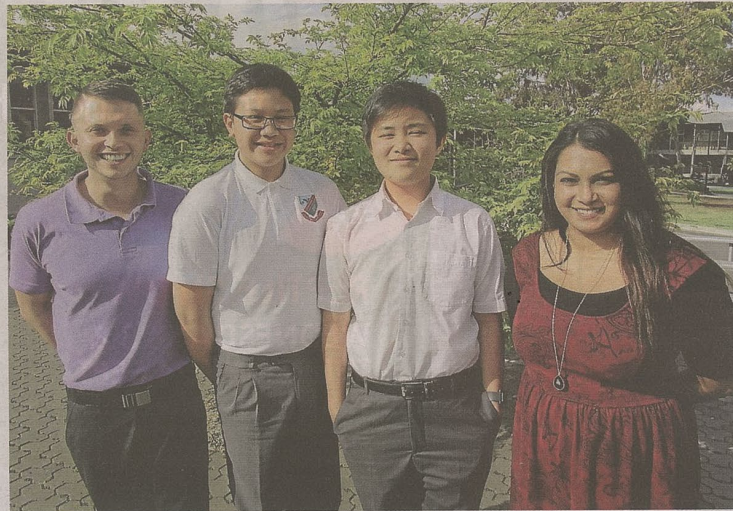
The main goal of the club is to promote community awareness about the environment.

Operated by two teachers and a committee of more than 25 students, the Enviro Club maintains a variety of initiatives such as a weed killing program, plantation and care of trees within the school and a spinach garden.

Kevin Tear, one of the club's members, said: "It's always fun, and you feel good when you're out there doing things you know will mean something in the future".

The Enviro Club's passionate nature is an outstanding example of the sorts of values presented by Cabramatta High School students.

Stuck to the door of the meeting room is an inspirational quote: "The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now."



Enviro Club: Mr Michael Araco, Johnny Pratthana, Ryan Luu and Ms Deepti Kanti.

Picture: Jennifer Duval

Expert help improves volleyball skills

By Nita Kong

EVERY Wednesday after school, volleyball training takes place at Cabramatta High School under the guidance of Joe Sleiman, an instructor from Baulkham Hills Volleyball.

Each lesson seeks to improve the capabilities of young and eager volleyball players.

Students are professionally taught how to execute fundamental skills such as serving, spiking, digging and setting through a series of drills.

Volleyball has yet to become a prominent sport among Australian students.

This training scheme provides an opportunity for students to

become familiar with volleyball as a sport, to enjoy it individually and as a team.

The atmosphere on Wednesday afternoons is highly cheerful, the amount of fun is endless and the activities are challenging.

Students who attend these sessions have become significantly more confident in their volleyball abilities, leading them to undertake positions on state teams.

Anh Mai from year 8, who is a part of this training program, said: "Volleyball is not just a hobby to me: it has become a part of me."

"Being able to have extra after-school training for volleyball is an absolute privilege, while giving me the opportunity to extend my abilities and improve my skills."



Training pays off: William Lai, Ken Tran, Robert Phounsavanh, Danny Lo and Ronny Ek.

Picture: Baulkham Hills Volleyball

Space camp trip is out of this world

By Katrina Trinh

CABRAMATTA High School has offered the best extra-curricular opportunities for their striving and serving student body, with the iStem (Invigorating Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics) Space Camp being just one example.

iSTEM was created in 2010 for like-minded scientific students to participate in enrichment activities that extend students' engagement with the school curriculum.

One of the most renowned events is the Space Academy excursion held in Huntsville, Alabama.

The founder of iSTEM, Ken Silburn, said: "Over the past six years I have had the opportunity to meet and share a great experience with over two hundred teachers and students... this is a way that I can share my experience with others."

Based in America, students are given the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for an extravagant scientific journey.

From visiting museums to spending a week in the NASA Space Camp, this trip demonstrates the physical, emotional and mental demands that astronauts face.

It also allows students to gain a sense of independence.

Nita Kong, Sandy Nguyen, Cathy Pham and Katrina Trinh are Year 9 students from Cabramatta High School that are looking forward to attending the Space Camp during the 2016 September school holidays.

As the price to take part in this experience is fairly high, it takes a lot of effort in order to raise the funds needed.

From fundraising, catering and writing letters of sponsorship, these four girls have been working hard since 2014 in order to attend this trip.

Cathy Pham said: "It's something that everyone should experience. Going on this trip requires a lot of money but with the determination and passion you have for science, the amount doesn't matter."

Former students, who have previously taken part in the program, have described it as "memorable and experience".

The Space Academy Program is open to any students from years 9-11. For more information, visit the website: www.spacecamp.com.au.

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Wednesday, October 14, 2015



Cabramatta High School's Shivam Sanjivkumar Seth, Xena Yangnouvong and Timothy Tan Dat Lam are among 11,910 students in the southwest who are completing their HSC exams, which began with English on Monday.

Picture: MELVYN KNIPE

English exam marks start of testing time for students

Rosaline Walters

STUDENTS across Fairfield have survived the first day of HSC exams, with some labelling it "not bad".

At Cabramatta High School on Monday, student Shivam Sanjivkumar Seth, 18, said the English exam was not as bad as he had thought it would be.

"But only results will

tell, I guess," he said.

Both Shivam and fellow student Timothy Tan Dat Lam, 18, had been worrying about the two English papers the most.

"A heavy burden has been lifted from my shoulders," Timothy said.

"English is not one of my strengths. I'm more of a maths person."

After coming out of the

exam, Xena Yangnouvong, 17, said she was thinking about changing the way she studied for her next exams.

"I could do better if I just tried harder," Xena said.

There are 11,910 students enrolled in the HSC in Sydney's southwest this year, many hoping for marks high enough to enter university.

Timothy aims to study medicine at UNSW, and

wants to be a heart surgeon.

Shivam wants to take a Bachelor of Commerce at the University of Sydney, and Xena hopes to study construction and property management at UTS.

With Timothy and Shivam not finishing until October 27 and 28, and Xena finishing on October 30, all three students have a long month ahead of them.

HSC 2015

- The exams finish on Wednesday, November 4 with a visual arts exam
 - Results will be released from 6am on December 16
 - The three most popular elective courses are maths, biology and business studies
- SOURCE:** Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards

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Wednesday, November 4, 2015

Picture: Simon Bennett



Students show their appreciation

Teachers and educational leaders were awarded for their hard work at the Principals Celebration and Awards Event last week at Mounties. Representatives from 120 schools across Bankstown, Fairfield, Campbelltown and Liverpool attended the event which recognised teachers who go above and beyond and are committed to improving the field of education. Students from participating schools, such as Cabramatta High School, were also chosen to perform on the day to say thanks to their mentors. Pictured is the school's drumming group.

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Wednesday, November 18, 2015

Peace through the arts

Sydney Peace Prize winner George Gittoes visits
Cabramatta High School. — story page 4



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Peace: George Gittoes at Cabramatta High School's Peace Day.
Pictures: Anna Warr



Students delighted to host a man of peace

By **Kirstie Chlopicki**

SYDNEY Peace Prize winner George Gittoes was the special guest at Cabramatta High School's Peace Day celebrations on Friday.

Students released a flock of doves and rang a peace bell as part of the event, which is a chance for students, parents, teachers and the community to come together and celebrate success in the area of multiculturalism and the creation of peace.

Mr Gittoes, who is known for exposing injustice through art and filmmaking, gave a

speech to the students, answered questions and planted a tree in the peace garden.

On the day, students presented Mr Gittoes with funds they had raised to go towards the Yellow House Foundation, a sanctuary that the Peace Prize winner established for artists in south Afghanistan.

Principal Beth Godwin said the school honoured Mr Gittoes with a display that was colourful, harmonious and creative. "Fifteen schools came together to hear how one man strives to bring peace on a global scale through the arts," she said.

"Students were amazed at the many countries that George Gittoes has been to and the risks he takes to bring peace to troubled areas.

"He is a very deserving winner of the Sydney Peace Prize; it was our honour to fundraise and then donate the proceeds to help him continue the Yellow House project."

Students dressed in cultural costumes and watched performances by other students before they enjoyed morning tea with the principal and special guests.

What the students said:

■ "It was an honour to meet Mr Gittoes and listen to his experiences and see how he inspired other people," **Petra Matic, 17**, said.

■ "It was great to be able to contribute to Mr Gittoes' Yellow House Foundation with some fundraising we did over the past few weeks," **Carlos Guacte, 16**, said.

■ "We were happy about how well the event went overall, it was great to be involved," **Jordan Treloar, 16**, said.

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Wednesday, November 18, 2015

CABRAMATTA

Peace-prize artist joins schools' diversity celebration



Sydney Peace Prize winner George Gittoes and Cabramatta High students release doves on Peace Day. Pictures: JUSTIN SANSON

Marie Hogg

AT A time of unprecedented global terrorism and conflict, students from 15 schools stood united in peace at Cabramatta High.

Sydney Peace Prize winner George Gittoes joined

students at the annual peace day at the school on Friday to celebrate the region's multicultural diversity.

The Australian artist was recently honoured with the 2015 Sydney Peace Prize for his 45-year-long battle to expose injustice, confront

violence and promote tolerance.

Principal Beth Godwin and students welcomed Mr Gittoes in a colourful display of culture, harmony and creativity.

"A particular highlight for me was the bringing togeth-

er of 60 cultures striving for peace," she said. "When there is so much attention on war and conflict, learning about how to create peace will benefit the future."

Gittoes addressed students and participated in the release of white doves.



A lion dance was part of the official welcome.



Students perform a traditional dance.

In turn, the students raised funds for his Yellow House project – a safe house for artists in Afghanistan.

"It was definitely the most amazing day of my life and certainly one of the happiest," Gittoes later wrote to Ms Godwin.

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Wednesday, November 25, 2015

Reaching for the stars

THREE BRIGHT STUDENTS GET READY FOR SPACE ADVENTURE

Marie Hogg

ORBITING the earth suspended in zero gravity could be on the horizon for these three bright students from Cabramatta High School.

Nita Kong, Katrina Trinh and Sandy Nguyen have received sponsorship to attend space camp at the United States' Space and Rocket Center in September next year.

The week-long Space Academy in Huntsville, Alabama, provides hands-on training for budding astronauts and engineers.

The students will also learn about the mental, emotional and physical demands astronauts face in space.

Cabramatta teacher Kim Catton will accompany the students.

"It is a once in a lifetime experience," Ms Catton said.

But the industrious girls may not have been able to embark without the generosity of two local clubs.

Cabra-Vale Diggers and Cabramatta Bowling Club

SPACE ACADEMY

CABRA-VALE DIGGERS:

Gave \$1000 to each of the three students

CABRAMATTA BOWLING CLUB:

Gave \$2000 to each student

WHO: 56 teachers and students will attend the Space Academy in Huntsville, Alabama, each year

sponsored Nita, Katrina and Sandy's lofty ambitions.

Nita Kong said she was overwhelmed by the generosity of the clubs. "It was so unexpected," she said.

"I am definitely looking forward to this rare opportunity."

Only 11 Australian schools participated in the iSTEM Space Academy Program last year – led by LAZSTA (Metropolitan South West Science Teachers Association).

The enrichment program also includes visits to attractions in South Korea, Los Angeles, San Diego and San Francisco.



Cabramatta High School students Nita Kong, Katrina Trinh and Sandy Nguyen are on their way to the United States for Space Camp.

Picture: TIM CLAPIN

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Wednesday, December 2, 2015

Bingo! In the bin it goes!

Cabramatta High School has taken part in a recycling initiative with Sydney waste management company Bingo Bins for National Recycling Week. The company donated a four-tonne skip bin to the school at the start of the month which was then picked up last week and taken to a recycling centre. Bingo will now generate a recycling report showing a breakdown of the materials found in the bin and teach students about the types of recycled products these materials will eventually become. Teacher Deepti Kanti said the school's Enviro Club had also been visited by a representative of Fairfield Council to teach them about the dos and donts of recycling. The club scoured the school for old unusable items like disused furniture and wood to add to the bin.



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Wednesday, December 9, 2015

Early risers race off to get fit

By Katrina Trinh

TWICE a week Cabramatta High School students wake up in the early hours and race to school to keep fit and active.

Welcome to Fitness Club, which is becoming popular across all grades.

Run by teachers Jonathan Nguyen and Sophie Le, the club promotes fitness in the school to help maintain student health.

From circuits to interval training and social games, Tuesday and Friday mornings can never come fast enough for students.

This is accompanied by Breakfast Club to finish a healthy routine.

Kayla Trinh, a regular attendee of these sessions, describes Fitness Club "an opportunity for students to catch up on their weekly fitness, benefiting their future".

Students have found that an active morning helps them to perform well during class.

They are attentive and can focus well during the day.



Getting active: Cabramatta High School students Sunita Tia, 15, Sophia Beckerle, 15, Gordon Ion, 15, Larry Huynh, 15, Jennifer Vo, 16, Aaliyah Kim, 15.

"I feel that I have also benefited mentally from it," says Kayla.

Year 9 student Duy Pham says he can have fun participating and it has improved his fitness.

After Fitness Club a healthy breakfast is provided.

The benefits of this club are

seen across different areas in the school, including an enhanced performance in annual sporting events such as cross country.

Student stamina, physical ability and, most importantly, enthusiasm for fitness has also improved very markedly.

Gifted singers strike a real chord

By Nita Kong

AS part of the Australian Business and Community Network's 10-year anniversary, The Song Room organisation, which creates music and arts programs for kids, selected Cabramatta High School as one of three schools to perform on October 12.

The students performed John Farnham's song *You're the Voice*.

The Song Room is an organisation that encourages the engagement of youth through creativity.

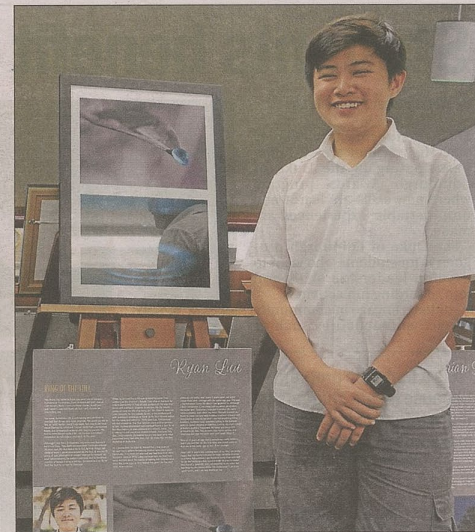
Cabramatta High School had four artists — Sandavy Lam, Oscar Pritchard, Sandy Nguyen and Jessica Huynh — contribute to the wonderful performance.



Leading up to the big performance, Cabramatta High School students attended workshops with professionals from The Song Room. Students involved regarded this opportunity as an experience that they will never forget.

Sandy Nguyen, a year 9 student who represented Cabramatta High, said: "This would have to be the best experience I've ever been involved in. It was such a privilege to be able to perform in front of so many important guests."

Very creative: Cabramatta High School students Sandavy Lam, Oscar Pritchard, Sandy Nguyen and Jessica Huynh.



Your face, your story: One of the participants, Ryan Luu, 15.

Project unlocks creative talents

By Ken Xaybounheuang

"The opportunity to express oneself through art and to grow as a person."

This is what the Forty Faces Project, also known as Your Face Your Story, is all about.

Since 2007, Cabramatta High School has been taking part and has once again achieved incredible results with this year's program.

Asked about the significance of the *Forty Faces Project*, participant Ryan Luu said: "It is important because this project features people from different backgrounds and allows you to see the unique lives of all the individuals."

The initiative is a result of the close partnership between Cabra-

matta High School and the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA).

It sees CBA employees mentor students selected from digital media design, visual arts and intensive English centre classes.

Sculpture, paintings, collages and photography are created to capture their stories.

This takes place during workshops held at the school, where mentors and students meet to share experiences, giving students insight into life beyond schooling.

They also plan art works in preparation for a city exhibition.

Student participant Stefan Dukic said: "It is a unique experience that I highly recommend ... it has allowed me to express my creativity with the proper guidance."

HSC CONGRATULATIONS

Amy's method a success

Rita Rizk

CABRAMATTA West teenager Amy Ngov hopes to cement herself a spot at university after scoring a successful HSC mark of 99.

The Cabramatta High School graduate is one of 38 classmates who scored a band six, a mark above 90 in the 2015 HSC.

She said her continuous hard work throughout the year has paid off.

"You've just got to think of the HSC as a marathon instead of a sprint," Amy said. "If you study hard throughout the year and not cram everything into one study period, you'll be fine."

The 17-year-old said the key to a high mark is eight to nine hours of sleep a night and a healthy diet.

"Although studying is a huge part of getting a good mark, breaks during study and eating right also helps," she said.

"I didn't miss a meal."

The school has an after school centre inside the library where students get together to study daily.

Amy said the centre was a great spot to concentrate and share information.



Cabramatta High School HSC graduate Amy Ngov says breaks during study periods are important to stay focused.

BAND SIX SCORER SHARES STUDY TECHNIQUE

"We would all get together and just assist each other where we could. I found that really helpful because we could ask teachers questions and they'd help us," she said.

After 13 years of study, Amy is looking forward to studying either medicine or optometry this year.

"My parents are very proud of me and that makes me happy," she said.

Cabramatta High School had 179 students complete their HSC last year.

Amy advised students in stressful situations to find out what study method works best for them.


HOW OTHER SCHOOLS SCORED

■ Canley Vale High School ranked 115 among NSW schools.

■ Of the 201 students who completed their HSC, 156 scored band 6 results – a mark of 90 and above.

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CABRAMATTA HIGH SCHOOL
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Congratulations

Cabramatta High School Class of 2015

Congratulations to all of our students for their excellent results in the HSC.
A significant number of students scored over 90 for their ATAR.
We would also like to acknowledge the following outstanding achievements.

 <p>Amy NGOV 99 DUX</p>	 <p>Cindy THAI 98.75</p>	 <p>Kylie HUYNH 98.35</p>
 <p>Sok Haing PHORK 98 in Advanced Maths (Accelerated)</p>	 <p>Safaa Hadi Hashim AL JEBORI 2nd in state Arabic Continuers</p>	 <p>Richgena LOR 95 in Korean Continuers</p>

- *Accelerated Maths Advanced— students in Year 11 completed the HSC*
- *Unprecedented high number of students received early university offers*
- *Congratulations to the 80% of students moving on to tertiary studies*

In 2015 Cabramatta High School continued to maintain its status as a High Performing School.

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Fairfield City Champion

Wednesday, February 17, 2016

SCHOLARSHIP AIDS STUDIES

TWO recent graduates have received \$10, 000 scholarships from Mounties Group to go towards their university education. Winners Julia Nguyen from St John's Park High School and Kylie Huynh from Cabramatta High School will study at the University of Sydney. Kylie has chosen a Bachelor of Speech Pathology and Julia will study Commerce and Arts.

Daily Telegraph

Friday, March 11, 2016

THE JON I KNEW WAS A TRUE SUPERSTAR



CRAIG BENNETT

With his distinctive raccoon eyes, wild mane of chestnut hair and captivating, raspy voice Jon English was Aussie rock royalty, absolutely.

The kid from London who arrived in Australia by ship when he was 12 kicked off his showbiz career at Sydney's Cabramatta High School playing guitar. By 1969 he was playing in a backing band for iconic rocker Johnny O'Keefe.

Forty-seven years later Jon is a legend, a much celebrated star of stage and screen who had hit the big time as Judas in the original Australian production of Jesus Christ Superstar. And he is dead. Only 66.

He was getting set to travel to Sweden to record his next album — he was a bone-fide superstar in Scandinavia. There were even hushed whispers he might collaborate with Russell Crowe.

In what was to be Jon's last national TV interview, on Studio 10 last month, the al-

ways deliciously candid entertainer told me he was terrified of that JCS audition, reluctantly attending, convinced he'd never make the cut.

Instead, his vast talent and charisma saw him nab a leading role he made his own.

"I honestly never thought I'd make it in showbiz. I wanted to, but somewhere in my mind I figured my lot in life was to become a very frustrated school teacher," he told me. "A scary school teacher because my look is me, it's no act."

That's why in my early

TV acting years I was invariably cast in shows like Division 4 and Homicide as a drug-crazed axe-murdering hippie."

Instead Jon's star soared and he did it all, recording more than 20 albums and hit songs around the world: Hollywood Seven, Words Are Not Enough and Turn The Page. He co-wrote Six Ribbons — and if you listen to the lyrics there's only five ribbons.

He became an unexpected musical theatre darling, starring in shows like The Pirates Of Penzance, Spamalot, HMAS Pinafore and The Mikado. His audiences always

hanker for more. On the small screen he landed a Logie for his role in the mini-series Against The Wind.

He flashed his comedy chops in the sitcom All Together Now, playing ageing rocker

Bobby Rivers, opposite Rebecca Gibney and Steve Jacobs.

"The thing about doing a sitcom is you quickly learn not to bump into the furniture. I loved All Together Now. The out-takes were so hilarious we were gifted them as Christmas presents."

As an entertainment reporter for the past 30 years, you meet many greats of stage and screen. Few celebs shone brighter than Jon English, and he never took an acting or singing lesson. He was the real deal, one of the nicest guys in the biz, a fervent Parramatta Eels supporter and he loved a cold beer on a hot day.

Away from the showbiz shimmer, Jon studied English literature, loved Shakespeare, was incredibly insightful and articulate, cooked a comforting strogan-off, mastered a mean potato salad with Greek



Jon English (left), and (above) with journalist and friend Craig Bennett. Main picture: AAP

yoghurt dressing, loved living on the NSW north coast and became a champion to the Tassie Devils, raising awareness and funds toward a cure for the deadly devil facial tumour disease.

Jon had his demons — he told me about his past battles with depression and the bottle, which, he said, contributed to the collapse of his 37-year marriage to high school sweetheart Carmen Sora.

Almost two weeks ago Jon underwent a check-up on his ribs. To the shock of family and friends, it was discovered he'd suffered a serious aortic aneurysm. A simple surgical procedure involving a stent would correct the aneurysm. Jon underwent surgery in a Newcastle hospital on Wednesday, as his family — ex-wife Carmen and their four children Jessamin, Josephine,

Jonnie and Julian — waited anxiously for a positive outcome. At 4:18am Thursday morning I received an SMS from Jon's devoted partner and manager, Coralea Cameron, her heart in a million pieces, advising of Jon's devastating passing. The surgery was supposed to be routine.

The news was beyond shocking. Three weeks ago we were huddled together on a Valentine's Day cruise around Sydney Harbour, as Jon belted out his hit songs along with another Aussie rock legend, Peter Dinklage.

Jon English was a one-off, a never-to-be-repeated showbiz dynamo. To paraphrase Jon's beloved Shakespeare, we will never see the likes of him again.

Craig Bennett is a showbiz reporter on Studio 10 and a dear friend of Jon English.

Sydney Morning Herald

March 12-13, 2016

Jon English 1949-2016

Rock or G&S: it was all in this English history lesson

If Jon English had concentrated on just one aspect of his energetic assault upon Australian entertainment his place in the upper echelons of our cultural fabric would be assured. That he hurled himself, from his teens, into every creative environment that came his way or took his fancy established him over decades as an almost cyclonic force of breadth and diversity. His was a constant and reliable presence.

He came at us in a rush, with a cracking humour to match his enthusiasm, as a roaring pub rocker and bandleader; a prolific and highly successful recording artist; a stage actor in everything from rock operas to Gilbert & Sullivan operettas to rollicking mainstream musicals to David Williamson dramas; a television star and had a record producer; and even as an ambassador for a Save the Tasmanian Tiger breeding program. It has been said that those spun into his orbit had no desire to escape.

Jonathan James English, born March 26, 1949, was raised in Hampstead, England and arrived in Australia, along with siblings Janet, Jeremy and Jill, in the wake of a father whose job with KLM air cargo division landed the family in Sydney. The 12-year-old was besotted by the British pop explosion, his enthusiasm becoming rockier when Janet took him to Sydney Stadium to see the Beatles in 1964.

He taught himself piano with a smattering of bass and drums and at Cabramatta High School formed a series of bands, becoming the lead singer of the Sebastian Hardie Blues Band, who would evolve into the internationally regarded symphonic progressive outfit Sebastian Hardie.

A year below him was Carmen Sora, whom he married in 1969 at age 20. When impresario Harry M. Miller, fresh from successes with *Hair*, brought the rock opera *Jesus Christ Superstar* to Australia, he and director Jim Sharman auditioned some 2000 applicants for the role of Judas Iscariot, handing the plum job to the migrant kid from Cabramatta. Lyricist Sir Tim Rice has said "I will always be grateful to him for his original and powerful interpretation of the role."

English would play Judas for more than 700 performances, returning to the musical in 2012 for a stint as Pontius Pilate. In the years that followed he would be seen in *Ned Kelly*, *Baccho!*, *Rasputin*, *Big River*, *Noises Off*, *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, *Are You Being Served?*, *Dad's Army*, *Hairspray*, *Spamalot* and his Gilbert & Sullivan triumvirate - *The*

Mikado, *H.M.S. Pinafore* and, most memorably as the rapacious Pirate King in *The Pirates of Penzance* (which he delivered on stage more than 1000 times).

For all his theatrical flair he could not be separated from the rock and soul of his childhood and from his love of performing in grimy pubs and beer barns with the Jon English Band, the Foster Brothers, Duck, Pulsar, Baxter Funt and his old comrades Sebastian Hardie.

From his debut 1973 solo album *Wine Dark Sea* and its sequel *It's All a Game*, English proved to be a formidable chart star, with a string of memorable hits, brooding in their intensity - *Handbags and Gladrags*, *Turn the Page*, *Hollywood 7*, *Behind Blue Eyes*, *Words are not Enough*, *Get Your Love Right* and *Hot Town* - that would find their way to a top five double "best of" album *English History*.

The most successful hit, recorded with Sebastian Hardie's leader Mario Millo, was the lilting *Six Ribbons* which captured public imagination not only in Australia but across Scandinavia. English had been a familiar face on the small screen before that series, turning up in the likes of *Matlock Police*, *Homicide* and *Chopper Squad*. There was a drug-crazed hippie look, with piercing eyes, that he perfected for such parts, with him once tossing off: "I can't help it if I look like I could axe murder my mother!"

His familiarity with television paid off when he was cast as the hapless, dazed 'n' confused rocker Bobby Rivers in *All Together Now*, alongside Rebecca Gibney, which ran for more than 100 episodes.

He was cast as the male lead in the 1980 film *Touch and Go* and also notched up roles in the film *Walk the Talk* and was seen as Old Troy in the 2008 children's series *Time Tracers*.

A portrait of him, by Danelle Bergstrom, won the Archibald's Packing Room Prize. English's run

of consistently well-received albums continued well into the '80s - with such outings as *Calm Before the Storm*, *Inroads*, *Beating the Boards*, *Jokers & Queens* (with Marcia Hines), *Some People*, *Dark Horses* and *The Busker* commanding rock respect.

In 1974 English had co-written, with Roy Ritchie, the ballet *Phases*, which was performed by the NSW Dance Company at Sydney Opera House.

He had long harboured a fascination for Trojan War mythology and by 1990 had worked with expatriate record producer David McKay on his own rock opera *Paris (Prince of Troy)*.

The soundtrack album, recorded

in England with the London Symphony Orchestra and London Philharmonic, with such guests as Barry Humphries, Denis Roussos, John Waters, Philip Quast and Doc Neeson of the Angels, won him and McKay a 1991 ARIA Award. It was to English's considerable regret that he was not able to seriously mount the musical on stage.

Over the past decade English recreated the pub rock of his early years, fronting versions of *The Rock Show* at venues such as Sydney's State Theatre, with a string of promising young performers he came upon at a music college bringing to life classic music from an array of the rockers who shaped him - The Who, The



Left: Jon English and Mario Millo receive their gold records for the song *Six Ribbons*. Right: English with Marcia Hines. Both appeared in *Jesus Christ Superstar*.



Rolling Stones, Elton John, Bob Dylan, Led Zeppelin and their contemporaries.

In 2012 he was at the Swedish Rock Festival backed by hard rock band Spearfish. At around the same time he took to the stage playing the lead in *The Removalists*. The contrasts, of course, did not appear to concern him for a moment.

Performers who had worked closely with him, such as John Paul Young, spoke of his capacity to take on anything and make it work. All marvelled at his geniality, with Ian Meldrum observing that "he never had a bad word to say about anything and nobody had a bad word to say about him". He claimed as "passionate" his devotion to Parramatta and Fitzroy football clubs.

A mainstay of Australian entertainment for more than 50 years, Jon English was in the midst of his customary busy schedule of booked shows when he had complications from heart surgery following a fall. He died, two weeks short of his 67th birthday, surrounded by his family. He is survived by his first wife, Carmen, his present partner and manager Coralea Cameron, his siblings and his children Jessamine, Josephine, Jonnie and Julian.

Glenn A. Baker

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Cabramatta High School open basketball side 1965. No. 18 is Jon English. Picture: supplied

Fond memories of English as student

Bikini tale true, says principal of school where music icon studied

Frances Sacco

THE tale of Jon English parading around Cabramatta High school in a purple bikini has been enlarged as it passed into local folklore, but it's true.

The man himself recounted it to the current principal, Beth Godwin, recently when he visited the school while making his episode of *Australian Story*.

"It was his final day at school, as I understand it," she said.

"He paraded in a purple bikini for all to see. He actually went on top of a building."

English died last Thursday after a complication from an operation, leaving the Cabramatta community in mourning.

"We spent a few minutes of our assembly on Monday paying tribute to him," Ms



Performer Jon English. Right, tributes to the legend.

Godwin said. "We were privileged to have him, this Australian icon, as one of our Alumni."

The school will run a full tribute to the legendary performer on Friday, including students performing one of his songs.

"I have had a flood of calls



from former students and teachers since the end of last week," Ms Godwin said.

At the age of 12, English emigrated to Australia in 1961 with his parents and three siblings.

Several members of the family still reside in the area. At school, he was involved

in drama and musicals and played in the school's first grade rugby and basketball teams.

He returned to the area often to play, with many of our readers attending concerts in Guildford and Greystanes.

Neeta City manager Brendan Sheedy and Fairfield Chamber of Commerce president Vince Movizio added their floral tributes to the 'Faces of Fairfield' pillar outside the shopping centre.

"We decided to place flowers at the 'Faces of Fairfield' of Jon English at the front of the Neeta City Shopping Centre," Mr Sheedy said.

"Hopefully his legacy is an inspiration to the young children of the region so they too can realise their dreams and one day become entertainers."

FACEBOOK MOURNS

Our readers took to Facebook to share their memories of Jon English

Fiona Fraser Went to Cabra High in the late '70's and even then he was talked about. I have seen him a few times over the years. Great in concert. Lovely guy. He will be missed. R.I.P John

Julie Grigoridis I had a photo taken with him many years ago when he was inducted into the hall of fame at Lynwood Hall Guilford. RIP"

Sandy Lancaster I went to Cabramatta High School with Jon English, may he R.I.P.

Roslyn Hay Taylor

Went to school with him.

Jon was a great person and so too his family. My mum worked in the Tuck Shop with his Mum.



Sheralyn Bidwell He was a legend of the area. I saw him in concert in 1977.

Robert Ward I went to school with him. Sorry to hear this.

Johnny Taylor Remembered by family and friends but never forgotten rip

Sarah Pastuszak May he R.I.P

Glenn Elmore People tell me he would be seen in the Greystanes Inn

Matthew Russell his sister was a recently previous long term CEO of the organisation now known as CORE Community Services, Cabramatta

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IN MEMORY: Jon English standing beside the Faces of Fairfield plinth on Smart Street in 2011. The entertainer passed away on Wednesday surrounded by friends and family.

Singer-songwriter Jon English dead

SINGER-songwriter Jon English has died aged 66 after suffering post surgery complications.

The Cabramatta High School graduate is immortalised as one of the 'Famous Faces' featured on a plinth outside Neeta Shopping Centre on Smart

Street. When the plinth was installed in 2011, Mr English said that compared with his Logie and ARIA awards, being a Face of Fairfield was "a bit more important."

"It's really lovely, really nice to be recognised in your home town," he told the Champion five years ago.

"I have a lot of very happy memories of my boyhood here, when the live music scene was really turning out great local bands and local talent; that's what we need to bring back in Australia, the live music scene."

Online tributes have poured in for the well loved

entertainer, who broke into the industry through his role as Judas in Jesus Christ Super Star.

"An amazing entertainer, performer and rock icon," Fairfield City mayor Frank Carbone said. "Our thoughts are with his family at this sad time."

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Gonski funds hailed a big part of schools' success



Jing Chen and Kim Le (Cabramatta High School Year 10s), Patrick Young and Jorjina Antranik (Fairvale High School Year 12s), Jeffery La and Gemma Truong (Canley Vale High School Year 9s). All three schools are on the high achievers list for NAPLAN. Picture: Tim Clapin

Support work after hours leads to Naplan improvement

Frances Sacco

SPENDING of Gonski funding to support students outside school hours has been credited in helping Canley Vale, Cabramatta and Fairvale high schools achieve success in Naplan testing.

The schools, within walking distance of each other, have been named by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority as being among the best performers based on Naplan results improvement between 2013 and 2015. Cabramatta High deputy principal Dave McEwan said the school's Year 9 numeracy scores showed the greatest improvement

The facts

- » Last week ACARA updated the My School website with the latest data on about 10,000 schools across the country
- » Schools that recorded the biggest educational gains for students between years seven and nine for high schools and three and five for primary schools were sent a letter congratulating them on their achievement
- » To find out more about your school's results, visit myschool.edu.au

since 2009, jumping from a minus 10 to a plus 4.9, above the state average in 2015.

Fairvale High reported its best result in Year 9 writing, an improvement of 10 points since 2014.

Canley Vale made the list for improving in both reading and numeracy.

Fairvale principal Kathleen Seto said targeted support for the students across the three schools made possible by Gonski funding, played a large role in the success.

"We have a homework centre, a senior and junior learning centre during study

periods when teachers who can support them are on duty," Kathleen Seto said. "It's amazing what a little bit of extra help can do."

Each school also has a breakfast club funded by the community.

Canley Vale High School principal Pete Rouse also paid tribute to the community surrounding the schools.

"The students are often from a family that has migrated to Australia," Mr Rouse said. "They value education and the parents are supportive."

Despite doing well, the schools said they did not aim their teaching at Naplan results, rather using the test to target weak-

nesses in their programs.

"It's a great diagnostic tool," Mr Rouse said.

The results are also used to give students individual feedback.

"Students love feedback, they crave it," Mr Rouse said. "They do want to know what they're not doing well."

The principals also acknowledged their Naplan improvements would not be possible without the hard work of many dedicated teachers.

Our Lady of The Rosary Primary School in Fairfield was also on the list of primary schools commended for its improvement.

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REMEMBER: Students Joanna Qiao, Junior Lese, Steve Lemalu, Lasalo Junior Tuilagi, Leilani Palepua and Vincy Cuia played a tribute to Jon English. **Picture:** Chris Lane

Students pay special tribute

CABRAMATTA High School students paid tribute to former student and singer songwriter Jon English with a ceremony on Monday.

An outdoor assembly was held on the day which included a speech by the principal and senior students who also performed a rendition of *Get Your Love Right*.

Mr English attended the school from 1963 to 1967 and had a reputation as a keen sportsman.

He held roles as a school prefect and house captain, played basketball and was awarded the best and fair-



FLASHBACK: Jon English.

est award and Athletics Age Champion in 1966.

He also started his first

band at the school and married another former student, Carmen Sora.

Monday was also Harmony Day at the school with the theme 'Everyone Belongs'.

Students celebrated with performances and a catwalk of cultural outfits.

Harmony Day is an initiative by the Australian Government to celebrate diversity and promote inclusiveness, respect and belonging. It coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

— KIRSTIE CHLOPICKI

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ANZAC TRADITION: Cabramatta High students Carlos Guacte, Joanna Qiao, Petra Matic, Jordan Treloar. **Picture:** Chris Lane

Student art competition respects Anzac legend

WESTERN Sydney students were recognised for their understanding of the Anzac legend in a ceremony at Cabra-Vale Diggers club last week.

Fowler MP Chris Hayes, local RSL sub-branches, schools and community

groups formed a committee in 2014 to raise awareness of the Anzac tradition.

41 schools participated in an art competition on the theme 'Not taking peace for granted'.

On Wednesday, the com-

mittee returned the students' artwork, along with a book of the artwork, and a seedling from the Gallipoli Lone Pine.

Cabra-Vale Diggers group general manager Michael Foulkes was delighted by the response.

"The respect and the understanding of the Anzac tradition is quite mind-blowing.

"We're not talking about Anglo-Saxon Aussies, we are talking a multicultural group of young people from all over the world," Mr Foulkes said.

Fairfield Mayor Frank Carrbone was also impressed.

"This has been a fantastic program to ... tell the story of the Anzacs," he said.

"And that story is who we are."

— LUCY STONE