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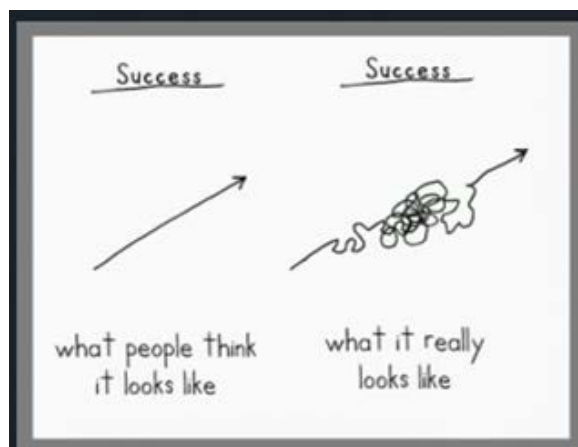
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FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM

MRS KATRINA NEW



What makes a student successful? It is an interesting question that is simultaneously simple and complex. Wouldn't it be wonderful to possess a magic formula that led to success! Unfortunately, most of the time success looks more like this illustration.



For those working towards or completing the HSC, success can often be defined as those that reach academic heights. These successes do deserve to be celebrated. They are the culmination of many years of focus and determination, practice and perseverance. These are, of course, behaviours that lead to success. In our 2022 Year 12 cohort, 16 students were placed on the HSC honour roll for achieving a score of over 90% across 27 subjects.

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From the Director of Curriculum, cont.

The breadth of subjects achieving high levels of student success is a testament to the quality and depth of the education on offer at Arndell, and something of which we all should be immensely proud. We congratulate the following students on their success.

- **Oliver Baldwin-Marshall:** English Extension 1; Music 1
- **Ellyce Ballantyne:** Mathematics Standard 2
- **Lachlan Bell:** Industrial Technology
- **Braydon Blackhall:** Industrial Technology
- **India Culey:** English Advanced; English Extension 1; Mathematics Advanced; Mathematics Extension 1
- **Maddison Gorrell:** Music 1
- **Monique Haksteeg:** Earth & Environmental Science
- **Braith Houston:** Mathematics Standard 2
- **Boyi Li:** Earth & Environmental Science; Mathematics Advanced; Mathematics Extension 1
- **Jake Martignago:** Mathematics Standard 2
- **Mitchell Plass:** Information Processes & Technology; Mathematics Advanced
- **Guy Ruzgas:** Mathematics Standard 2
- **Natalie Sproule:** English Advanced; Society & Culture
- **Bailey Tucker:** Mathematics Advanced; Software Design & Development
- **Sophie Walker:** Mathematics Advanced
- **Victoria Zahra:** Business Studies; English Extension 1; Legal Studies

Additionally, **Lachlan Bell** and **Braydon Blackhall's** respective Industrial Technology - Graphics Major Projects were nominated for display consideration in the annual HSC showcase of outstanding projects. **Maddison Garton's** Visual Arts major work has been selected to be part of the Art Express HSC exhibition. Exhibited locally at the Hawkesbury Gallery in June, I encourage our community to visit and see for themselves how our student's work stacks up against the best in the state!

It is wonderful to see our young people gaining accolades and reaping the reward of many years of hard work. However, we also have so many students who display the characteristics of being a good learner every day, who may not end up with their name in print or on an honour roll. Students who display courage in the classroom; students who demonstrate an intrinsic motivation to learn about the world and their place in it; students who understand that growth is uncomfortable but immensely rewarding; students who appreciate that growth is the by-product of trying and failing and trying again. To emerge from an educational journey with an understanding of how to set and strive for goals, overcoming obstacles on the way and displaying the tenacity to keep going despite difficulty is the measure of true success because learning is all about character.

The Apostle Paul wrote this to the church in Rome:

We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.

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From the Director of Curriculum, cont.

What a wonderful promise this is. I wish every student at Arndell the very best for the year ahead, fully aware that there will be difficult moments, and that within those difficult moments unimaginable blessing and opportunity can be found.

God Bless

JUNIOR SCHOOL LEADER INDUCTION SERVICE

MR STEVEN CATT

The Junior School Student Leader Induction Service was an excellent event last week and we are very blessed to have such a wonderful group of leaders take on their roles officially for the year.

Thank you to our College Captains, Antonia Beard and Luke Cousins for attending and speaking at our service. Congratulations to all our leaders and we look forward to witnessing you reflect Christ's love for us through your servant hearted attitudes as well as honouring our College values of respect, service and care.





YEAR 11 RETREAT

MRS TRACY MORRIS

Last week Year 11 students headed to Galston for their annual retreat. As it is an amazing opportunity to begin their final two years of school on a positive note, our Year 11s used the time to strengthen their relationships, develop their study habits to help with the challenges of the next two years, and brainstorm immediate and future goals.

The camp at Galston is always a great space for learning and growing, with beautiful views and the occasional visit from the resident possums. Our students threw themselves into a variety of activities and workshops (and into the pool!) and emerged refreshed to listen to inspiring and passionate speakers from Burn Bright, Elevate, and the HopeFULL Institute. Year 11 also expended their considerable energy through basketball, extreme planking and a themed Trivia Night. The highlight, apart from Mr Gordon's method acting, was the variety of costumes, from Men in Black to Care Bears. Kudos to the Goblins, who went all in and are still getting rid of their green body paint.

One of the best sessions was a presentation by Glen from the HopeFULL Institute. Glen is a speaker who truly lives his mantra, which is showing young people how to live their best lives, lives with hope and purpose. As always, he was engaging and knowledgeable, and students came away with a renewed vision and determination to succeed. Our students also became much more confident and comfortable sharing their hopes and dreams with each other in small groups.

After all these new experiences, tired brains needed rest, and our students enjoyed having a bit of downtime and rest in their cabins. Most of them had spectacular views over the Gorge and surrounding bushland, which provided many photo opportunities.

Once again, the Year 11 Retreat was a great experience for all and a safe space to shoot for the moon. We wish you, our new Year 11s, the opportunity to make your mark on the world. We have no doubt that the world will be a better place with your future selves in it.



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Open Days

Wednesday 9th & Thursday 10th March 2023

Online Bookings Essential

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applications



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**Performing Arts @
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Co-Curricular

PERFORMING ARTS – Secondary

Throughout the year Arndell Anglican College students will have the opportunity to become involved in the Performing Arts life in many various forms. From school-based performances to community projects, the Performing Arts department enables students to use their God-given gifts to become involved in the life of the College and the wider community. The Arts play a vital role in many students' lives and it is through performance and showcase opportunities that students can truly demonstrate their gifts. The following is a list of ensembles and co-curricular groups that performing arts students can become involved in throughout the year.

Ensembles

Jazz Ensemble: Students who are interested in jazz repertoire are invited to join the Jazz Ensemble. Students who play Brass, Woodwind, Guitar, Bass, and Drums are invited to be involved. The Jazz Ensemble rehearses at lunchtime on Tuesdays during the school term.

Vocal Ensemble: Students from all year groups, boys and girls are invited to become involved in the Vocal ensemble. Under the direction of Miss Spiteri and Mrs. Court students perform a range of repertoire from traditional choral music to popular music. The Vocal Ensemble rehearses at lunchtime on Fridays throughout the school term.

Guitar Ensemble: Students who play the Guitar are invited to join the Guitar ensemble. The ensemble focuses on the acoustic guitar and plays repertoire from classical to popular music. The ensemble rehearses at lunchtime on Thursdays throughout the school term.

Junior Rock Band: The Junior Rock band is made up of students from years 7, 8, and 9. Instruments include keyboard, Guitar, Bass Guitar, Drums, and Vocals. All students from years 7, 8, and 9 are invited to join the ensemble. Rehearsals take place at lunchtime on Fridays throughout the school term.

Senior Rock Band: Year 10, 11, and 12 students are involved in the Senior Rock Band. The band plays increasingly difficult repertoire and performs music from various popular genres. The ensemble rehearses at lunchtime on Thursdays throughout the school term.

Chamber Ensemble: The Chamber Ensemble is open to students who play string instruments or woodwind. The ensemble performs various repertoire from classical to 21st Century Art music. The ensemble rehearses at lunchtime on Wednesday.

Chapel Band: The Chapel Band is open to students from all year levels. The band plays twice a week at the secondary school chapel services. Rehearsals are on Monday lunchtimes with a sound check before school on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 8 am.

Dance group: The Dance Group is for students from years 7 through to 12. The group performs many styles of Dance and performs at the school's showcase concerts. The Dance group rehearses at lunchtime on Thursday throughout the school term.

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Webinar for Parents How to Help Your Child Manage Their Time

Last week our Year 7, 8, 9 and 11 students participated in stage appropriate study sessions with Elevate Education.

We're excited to announce that Elevate Education's next free parent webinar will be taking place on Wednesday 1st March, focusing on Time Management.

Elevate Education works with our students, delivering high impact workshops on study skills, motivation, wellbeing, and exam preparation. By tuning into their webinar series you will learn how you can help better support your children at home through reinforcing the skills they learn at school.

Wednesday 1st March @ 6:30pm

Register here:

<https://get.elevatecoaching.info/au/schoolwebinar>

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2023 ARNDELL JUMPING CLASSIC



Date: 11 March 2023

Hawkesbury Showgrounds

Heights from cross
rails to 1.05m

**ENTER VIA NOMINATE
CLOSING 5 MARCH**



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Term Dates – 2023

Term 1 (10 weeks)

Thursday 19 and Friday 20 January	Kindergarten Transition Assessment Interviews
Monday 23 to Wednesday 25 January	Staff Professional Development Days
Thursday 26 January	Australia Day Public Holiday
Friday 27 January	Year 7 Orientation & Secondary Leaders
Monday 30 January	Pre-Kinder – ½ day (morning) Year 7, Year 11 and Year 12 Students Commence
Tuesday 31 January	Pre- Kinder ½ day (morning) Year 1-6 and 8-10 Commence
Wednesday 1 February	No Pre-Kinder Kindergarten Students Commence
Thursday 2 February	Pre-Kinder ½ day (morning)
Friday 3 February	Pre-Kinder ½ day (morning)
Monday 6 February	Regular Pre-Kinder timetable begins
Thursday 6 April	Term 1 Concludes
Friday 7 April to Monday 10 April	Easter

Term 2 (9 weeks)

Monday 24 April	Staff Professional Development Day
Tuesday 25 April	Anzac Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 26 April	Term 2 Commences
Monday 12 June	King's Birthday Public Holiday
Friday 23 June	Term 2 Concludes

Term 3 (10 weeks)

Monday 17 July	Staff Professional Development Day
Tuesday 18 July	Term 3 Students Commence
Friday 22 September	Term 3 Concludes

Term 4 (9 weeks)

Monday 9 October	Staff Professional Development Day
Tuesday 10 October	Term 4 Students Commence
Wednesday 6 December	Term 4 Concludes – Junior School
Thursday 7 December	Term 4 Concludes – Secondary School
Friday 8 December	Staff Professional Development Day

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Head of Middle School (7-9):

Head of Junior School (P-6):

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Asst Head JS: Pastoral Care (3-6) & Organisation (P-6):

Asst Head of JS: Pastoral Care (P-2)

Chaplain P-12:

Director of Curriculum 7-12:

Director of Professional Learning:

Director of Strategy and Planning:

Director of Wellbeing & Community Service:

Director of Business Services:

Enrolments Manager:

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