

COLLEGE Matters



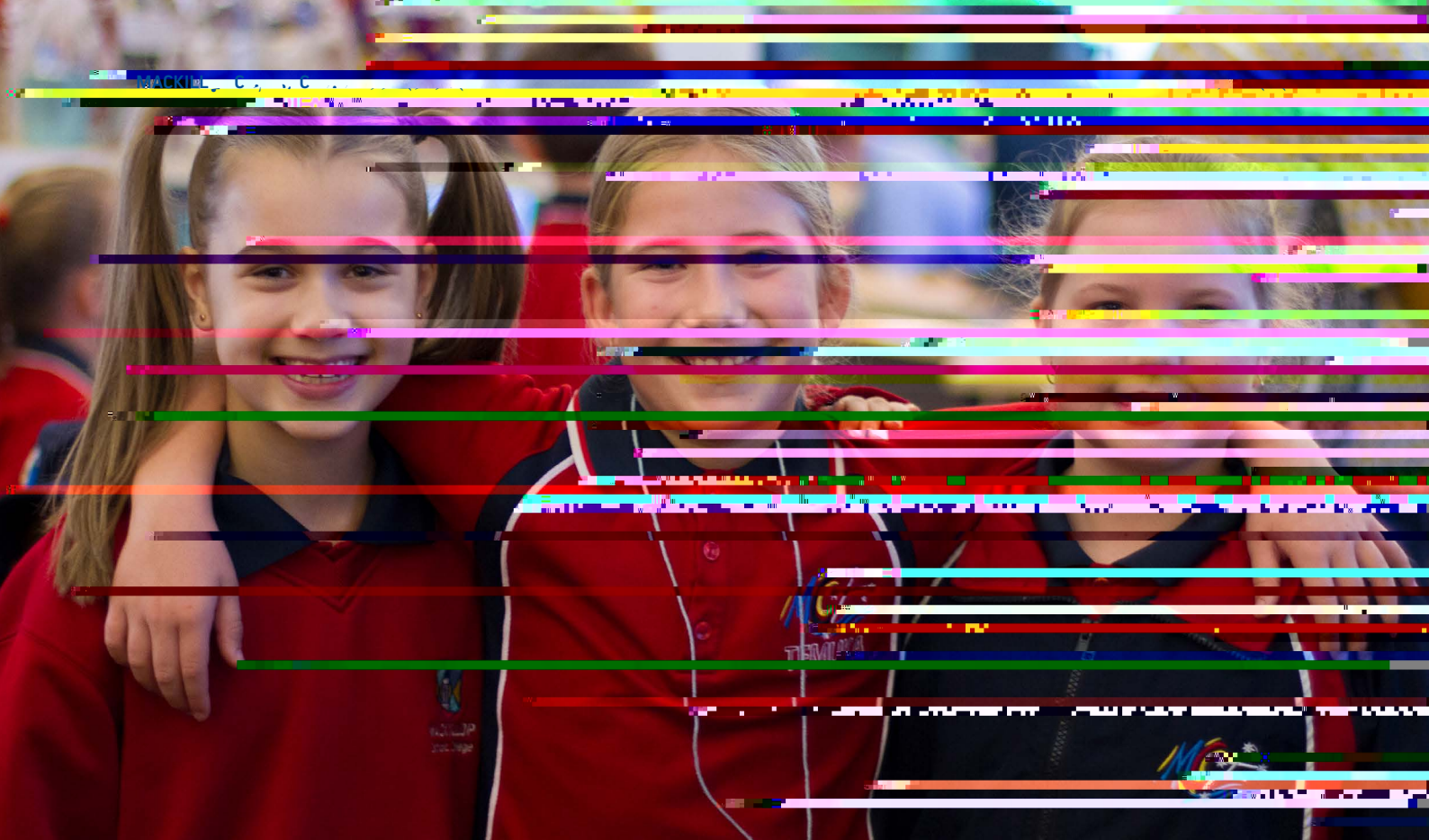
Warming hearts at MCC

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THEY SAY THAT we live in exciting and rapidly changing times. This is no less true for us here at MacKillop. It seemed that one day Mrs Dietrich was applying for a position in the Maitland/Newcastle Diocese, the next day she was successful, and the following I was 'in the chair' as Acting Primary Principall! Rapid change, indeed, and an exciting one! I am very privileged to have the opportunity to act in the role of Primary Principal for the remainder of the year knowing as I do that, within our community, I am blessed to have good people around me to

During Term 2, our children received the Sacrament of for us at Baptism. The children were so very excited at having this sacrament conferred and Bishop Peter made it special by talking about his own experience of receiving this sacrament.

What great dancers we have here at MacKillop! As I walk programme in action, I can't help but think how talented our students are and how quickly they are able to pick up, what looked to me like, quite complicated moves. Our Disco in the last week of term will provide them with the opportunity to

dance and I thank our parent body who are preparing to make this a memorable occasion.

later in the year. Regardless of the outcome we know that this is only one assessment task at one point in time and that our

teachers know their students far better than the insight one exam can provide. Parents are always encouraged to speak to the classroom teacher if they have any concerns about their children.

Years 5 and 6 have been to Bathurst and Canberra respectively and have returned with deeper insights into what they have been learning in class. All the children were exceptionally well behaved and were perfect ambassadors for our College. Despite a cold snap in the Central Tablelands as we were leaving Bathurst, the opportunity to see and play in some snow far outweighed any discomfort the weather may have provided!

As our Kindergarten children adjust to school structures and processes we begin to welcome the Kindergarten 2019 cohort. Mrs Kerry Power and I have been meeting with families of



A message from our Secondary Principal, Debra Ferguson.

OUR COLLEGE HOUSES at MacKillop link us all to the story of Mary of the Cross and her journey. I feel very blessed to have visited Fitzroy in Melbourne and stood where Mary's childhood home existed. I was in Rome for Mary's canonization and spent time in the Gesu Church where Mary spent many happy hours praying and contemplating whilst waiting for an audience with the Pope. Each year we take Year 7 to Mary MacKillop Place in North Sydney, where Alma Cottage sits in the middle of

Kincumber where Mary established a Home for boys.

Two years ago Mr Steve Todd and I travelled to a conference

school on the South Island. This left only one House location to visit and I feel very privileged to have accomplished the visit this term.

Mr Steve Todd and I attended the annual AJASS (Association

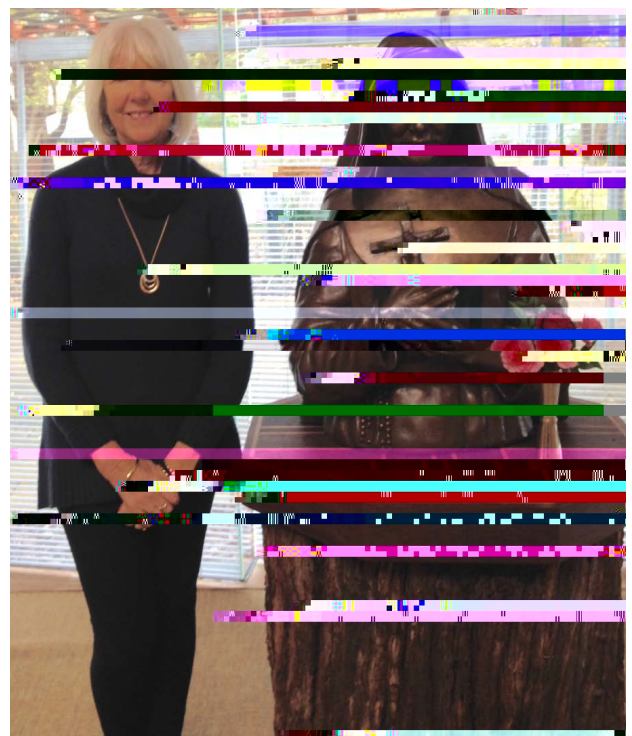
is attended by Principals in Josephite schools from around Australia and New Zealand in Week 7 in Adelaide. Penola is approximately 4 hours south of Adelaide and is the site

ago. Penola is home to a wonderful museum and where the original school site stood, there is now a beautiful park with a sound system that explains the history of Mary, Fr Julian

experience a piece of Josephite history.

To understand our past we often need to walk in the

shoes of those in that time and I hope all our families and/or students will also have the opportunity to visit all six of our House sites and remember the incredible woman who loved God unconditionally and trusted him at all times to provide. A wonderful role model for us all and a true inspiration.





Students who want to make a difference, Debra Ferguson.

EACH YEAR IN Term 2 we commence preparations for the elections of our new leaders for the next twelve months. Our Parliament leads the College from the beginning of Term 3 one year to the end of Term 2 the next. This allows our Year 12 to concentrate fully in Term 3 as they prepare for their HSC exams.

Earlier this term Mr Steve Todd and I spoke at length to Year 11 about the importance of leadership and the opportunities it provides. They were then invited to nominate for leadership and we are very impressed with the large number who have expressed an interest to give back to the College and to work to make MacKillop the best school it can possibly be.

In Week 8 all these students very bravely addressed the entire secondary assembly to outline why they wished to be a leader. All students spoke very well and we are very proud of all the nominees who are as follows:

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We are proud to announce that we have seventeen new leaders and we congratulate the following:



Helping on a global scale in the spirit of Mary MacKillop, Michelle Baxter.

ON THURSDAY 24

volunteers from Zonta Central Coast, participated in the Birthing Kit Packing Day held in the Aitken Hall.

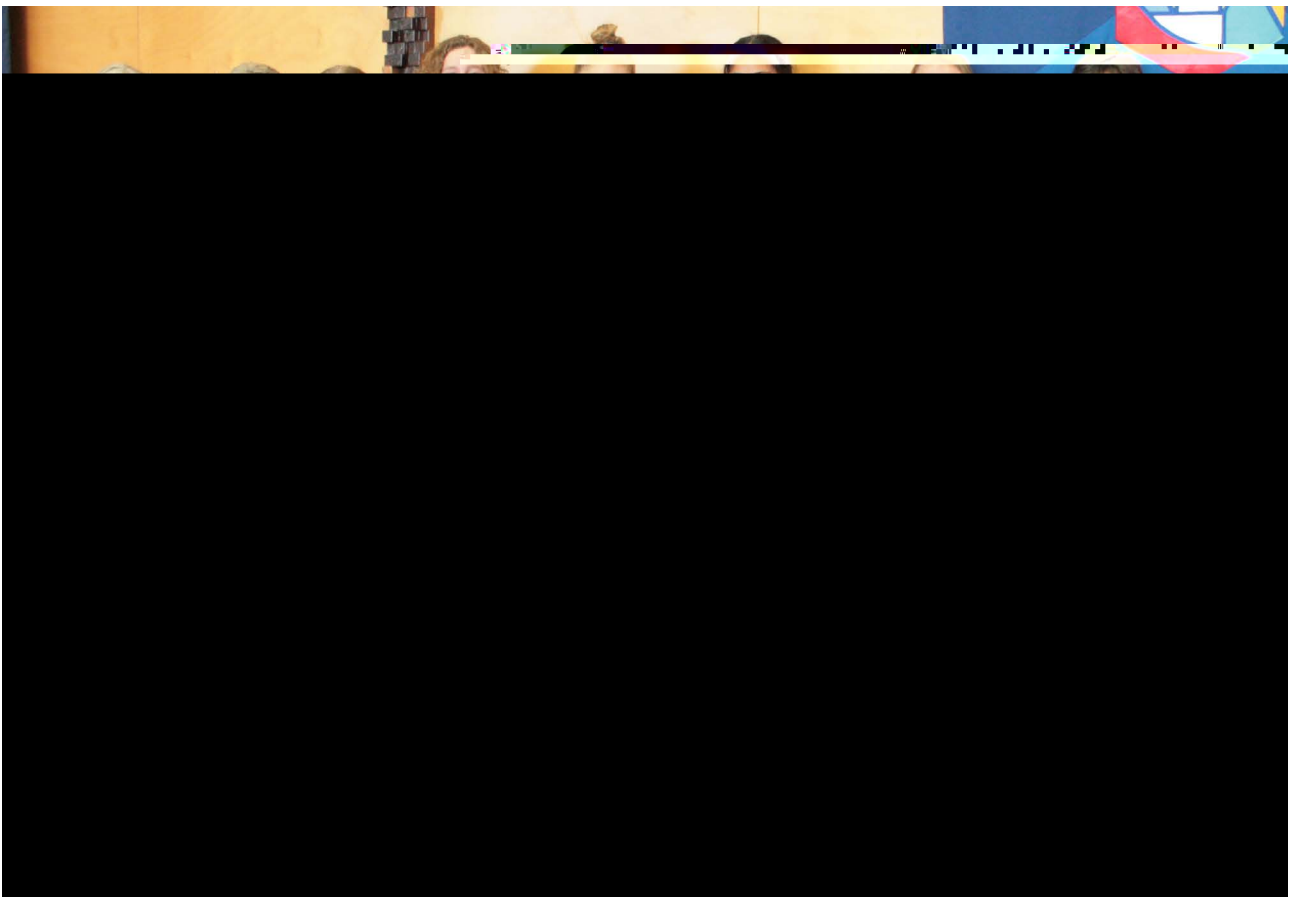
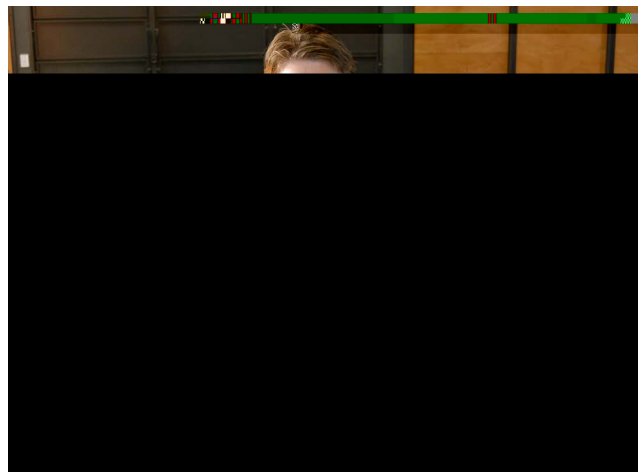
The Birthing Kit Foundation Australia (BKFA) works in developing countries to enable safe pregnancies along with clean childbirth and postnatal environments. Their vision is a world in which preventable maternal and newborn mortality and morbidity has been eliminated. We had tremendous support of this initiative. Collectively, our MCC community raised well over the target of \$600. All money over this amount

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day have the potential and their children. An excellent accomplishment that our students and community have contributed towards.

The birthing kits have now been transported to the Head

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of this wonderful event.



Michelle Baxter, shares As cyexceptional work of our students.

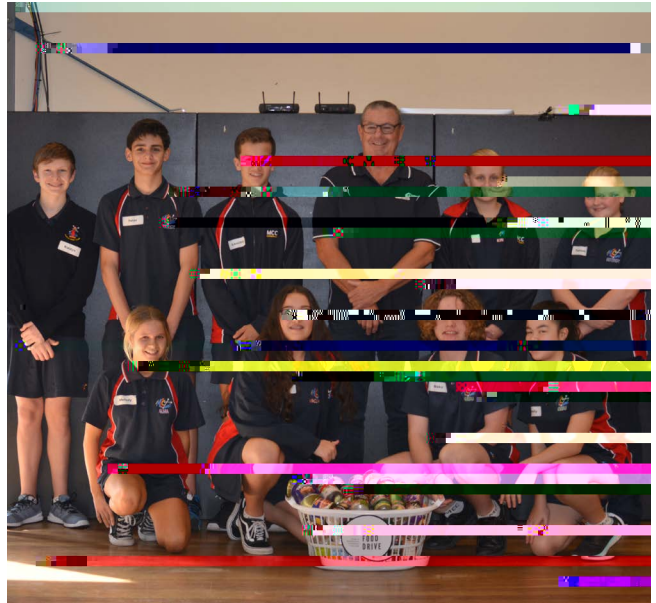
TERM 2 HAS maintained a steady pace i As cyworld of JUMP (Josephites Undertaking Mission Projects). Year 8 have certainly

community withAs cir commitment to helping os crs. Without any prompting or hesitation, Year 8 announced t cir interest i Arunning a can drive to supportAs cyOasis Centre, Wyong, in donating non-perishable food to Coast Shelter Gosford. These students never cease to amaze us and have developed a kp. passion to care for s cycommunity

With shortAnotice and not much time to prepare, our students campaigned around s cycollege and among t cir social circles, calling for s cydonation of canned food. This

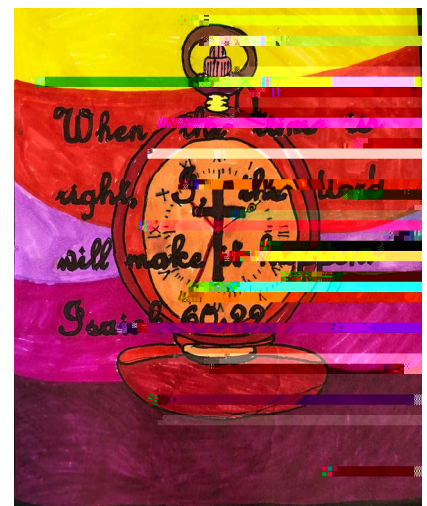
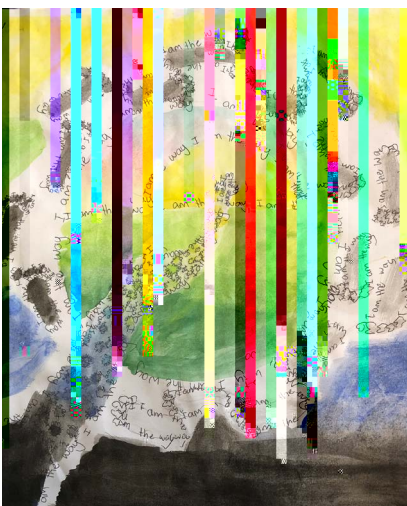
s cyOasis Centre on Thursday 7 June.

I have nothing but praise for s cygroup. Every little bit counts but it is when such displays of compassion come fromAour students and community do we really see s cyspirit of Mary MacKillop live on.



Biblical-micrography a beautiful way to illuminate God's word, Kerry Power.

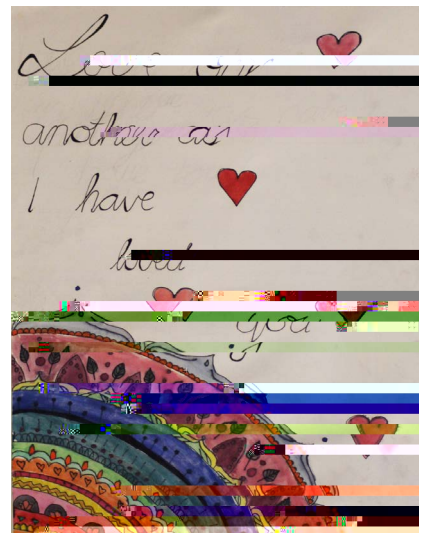
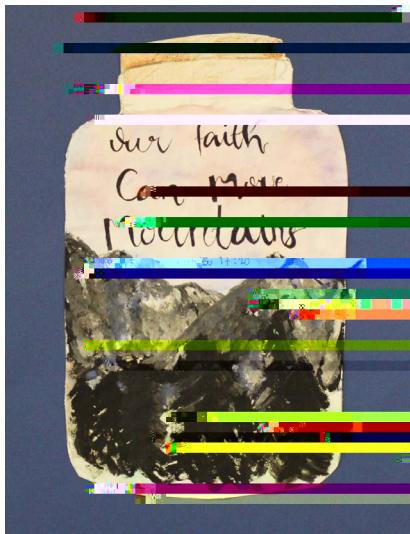
THIS YEAR THE Bishop's Art Prize took a focus on the Illuminated Word of God. As any of you who have sp. As cyhook of Kels in Dublin's Trinity College knowAs cybeauty and wonder of this painstaking artistic response to sacred text. This artform, also known as Biblical-micrography, is an activity where artists take time to ponder and deep. As cir understanding of scripture through contemplative writing. Students were asked to select a favourite piece of sacred scripture fromAs cyOld or New Testament and illustrate it using a traditional or contemporary form of illumination. Students in Kindergart. Aand Year 1 were encouraged to submit an illustration of a Biblical story or verse. Students received awards at Participation, High Commendation and Finalist levels.





Our homes, Jillian Young.

YEAR 9 CREATE Howard Arkley-inspired paintings.





A big effort for a big cause, Bronwyn Sandeman.

THIS TERM THE library has been a hive of activity with many events being hosted. From the many classes being taught to several meetings and events being scheduled, our library spaces are certainly a continual place of learning and support to the school community.

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea was a wonderful time organised by the library team to provide a fantastic array of

who jumped in and helped serve when we were inundated with customers, to those who provided yummy food to share and for those who joined us in experiencing our annual support for cancer research. It is thanks to your support that

We also thank Claudette Radford for being our awesome National Simultaneous Storytime reader to K-2 students on Wednesday 23 May. The students were delighted to hear the story "Hickory, Dickory Dash" written by Tony Wilson and I am sure Mrs Radford had just as much fun as they.

The Australian STEM video challenge has now advanced to a solid group of participants across Years 5-8. This is a great

opportunity for students to use their coding skills to explore and develop a video game with the theme this year being "Transformation". Students are working individually or in teams to journal and create a unique video game that encourages collaboration, game design, programming skills, storytelling, animation.

We are pleased to announce a new honour board being installed for the David Fletcher awards. This is to award primary students for community service and will be placed

other honour boards.

Jackie Crowe, next term after her lovely break. We are sure she will be very excited to return in time to lead one of her favourite times of year, being all things Book Week.

As we near the end of Term 2, the library team extend a big thank you for your interest and support in promoting our library services.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE students below who represented the Central Coast at the Broken Bay Cross Country at Fagan Park, Galston on Tuesday 29 May: Brooklyn Yahnel, Keira Carlson, Toby Clark, Patrick Kyle, Ava Carlson, Ruby Black, Beau Hanson, Dominic Enraght-Moony, Emma

Up against some talented runners, on a challenging course, all our competitors ran personal best performances and are better for the experience. In a fantastic run, Ava Carlson (Year

Bay Diocese in the NSWCPSS Cross Country at Eastern Creek.

We congratulate Isaac Zappala (Year 6) on representing

Polding at the NSWPPSSA Boys Soccer Carnival in Sydney during competing against teams from around NSW.

Congratulations to Ava Carlson (Year 5) who represented the Broken Bay Diocese at the NSWCPSS Cross Country at Eastern Creek on Friday 15 June. Despite running with a heavy cold

20th overall against some highly talented athletes. A fantastic

THE SECOND HALF of Term 2 has largely been a chance for

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Year 12 music 'on song' at performance evening, Scott Wallis.

A TERRIFIC TURNOUT, some nervous youthful musicians and an entertaining stage came together to light up Norah Head Sports Club on the evening of Monday 25 June. Students,

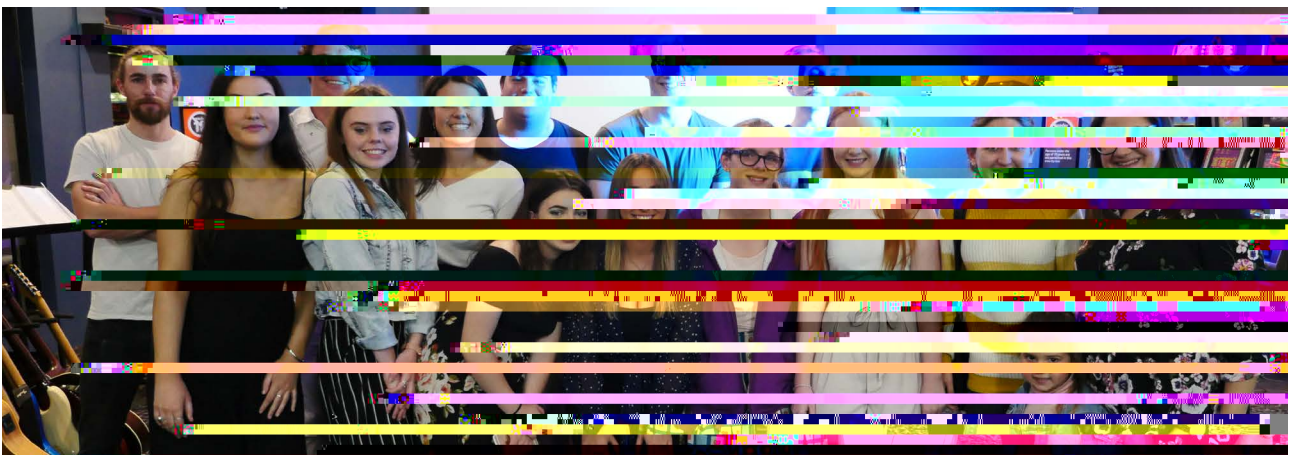
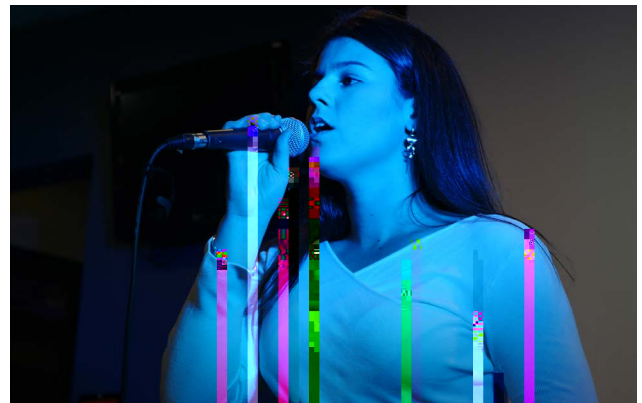
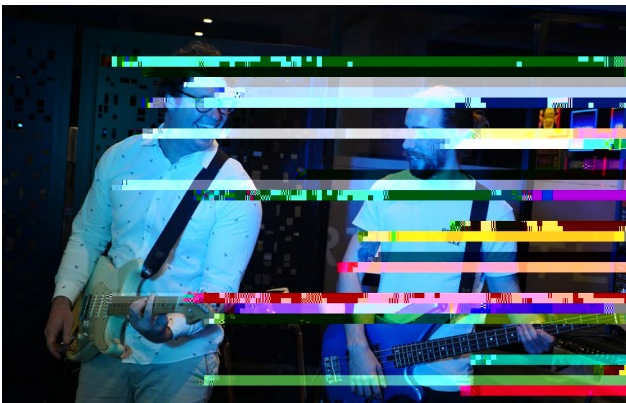
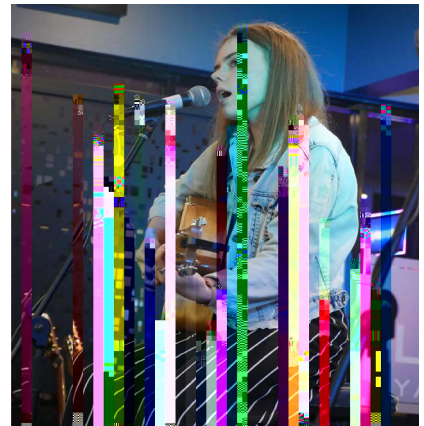
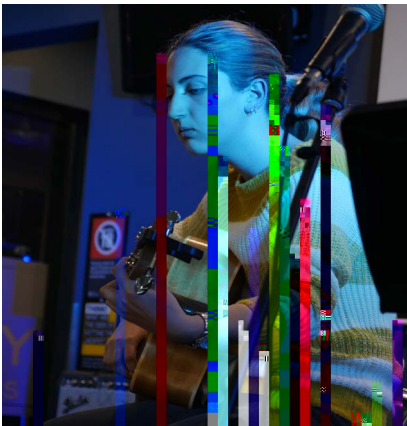
Year 12 Music students in an event that showcased their dedication as performers in the lead up to the HSC. We are forever proud of the courage shown by the students in Music, however this occasion in particular saw them move from their comfort zones of the classrooms to a live music venue, featuring the pressure of a large audience and some fresh faces for them to perform in front of.

As a class we would like to thank the people that came to

support us - the members of the audience, Mr Nick Cronin (Performing Arts Assistant), Mr Craig Fisher (Year 12 parent), Rosie Vicich and Keilan Van Bruekelen (Year 11 students)

support and organisation, Norah Head Sports Club and Mr David Moore for assisting in the organisation of the event. We would also like to thank Mrs Alyssa Chilvers for her support in promotions and Joshua Kind (Year 11) for providing his excellent photography skills in capturing this event.

keep up the good work for the HSC!





Rachael Elcoate *tells us about The SMASHED Project.*

STUDENTS OF YEAR 8 and 9 had the opportunity to take part in an educational incursion focused on under age binge drinking. The SMASHED Project is a global theatre-in-education program visiting schools across Australia and around the world. The focus of the production is to break the culture of underage drinking and reduce alcohol related harm amongst young people.

The production went for 60 minutes and it allowed the students to interact with the actors throughout the performance. Students were exposed to the pressures young people face with regards to alcohol and they were educated on the dangers and consequences they will face should they engage in such behaviour. As part of the interaction, students worked with the actors to identify the skills required when faced with peer pressure and how to walk away from such situations.

The production was well enjoyed and students left with the attitude towards alcohol.

YEAR 10 HAD

for the two day retreat and spoilt by overlooking the ocean, watching whales breach as they migrate north. The theme of this year's retreat was Positive Relationships, which was integrated throughout the group sessions, outdoor activities and of course, the

Natalie Tunstead

