



HALLS HEAD

COLLEGE MAGAZINE

We had a ball!

The annual School ball was held at the Optus Stadium this year and what a venue. Sweeping views of the city skyline, spacious dining and dance floor, a plentiful banquet, and everyone in their splendid outfits made the night a truly special event.

More photos inside...



COLLEGE BALL

Students were in awe of the venue and its scale allowing them the freedom to wander from the dining room to have photos taken by the large glass windows, with the setting sun and city lights behind them. All of the students' behaviour was exemplary and a credit to their parents and families. It is important to acknowledge and thank the wonderful work of our very own students Braydi and Lily who put in the initial legwork and sold the idea of a venue change to our Executive and Leadership. Their vision, together with the support and work of a tremendous staff lead by Doug Beeton our Year 12 Coordinator, have created a memorable evening that will never be forgotten.

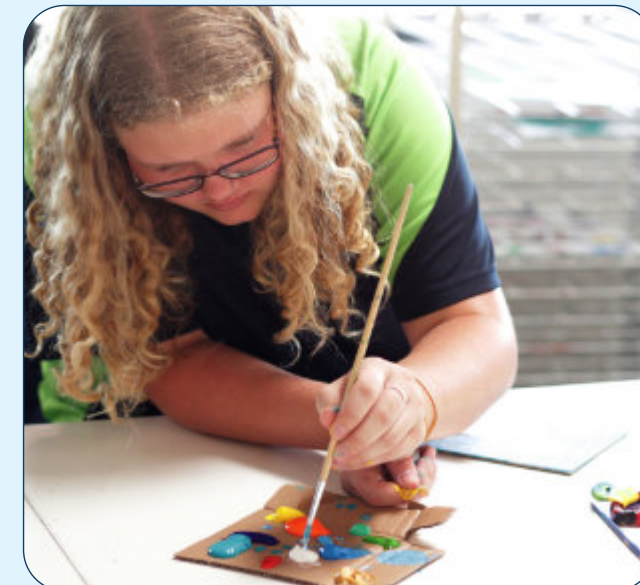


VISUAL ARTS



Surrealism

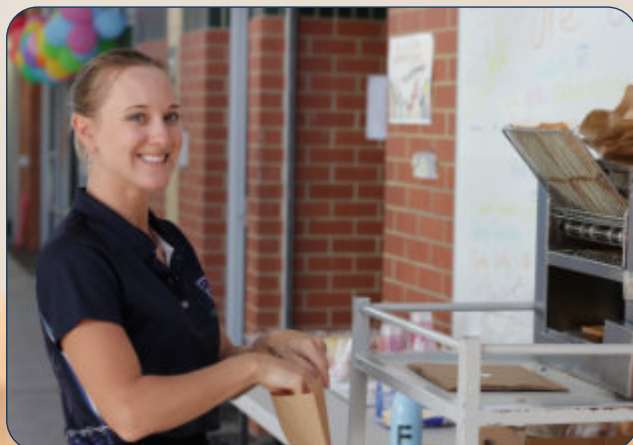
Mrs Thomson's Year 10 Visual Arts class have been exploring Surrealism in Art and have produced a phenomenal collection of 'Surreal Lips' that will be completed with magnet and brooch fastenings. These funky, punky, miniature mixed media sculptures have been thoughtfully and artfully executed with incredible attention to detail.



FREE BREAKFAST

WARM & TOASTY

On Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings each week, the canteen area hosts a free breakfast for all students. Toast, butter, jam and vegemite plus a wide range of fruit cups provide a great start to the day. Proudly supported by the P&C and community donations.

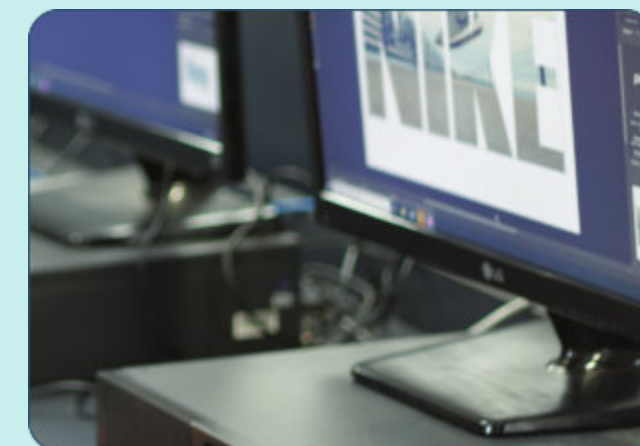


ART ACADEMY

DIGITAL ART

Each week the Year 7 Art Academy students have been learning and building on their computer graphic design skills. Mr White, our Media and Marketing Officer, has been up-skilling the students with real world graphic design tasks using Affinity Photo. They are navigating the software, getting to know the tools available and where and when to use them.

In these photos students were introduced to typography and text design. Mrs Thomson (Teacher) says, "We are giving the students a tool in their belt, to learn the program well and know when to use it. These are real world design industry skills that will make our students a key asset to any future employer."



HOSPITALITY



YOUTH WEEK

Jane Nikora, our Student Support Officer, obtained funding for Youth week to showcase the Year 12 Hospitality students' skills for their Hospitality Cert. The students made appetisers that would appeal to students as that is one of their units (appetisers and salads). They prepped and made mini pizzas, mini spinach and ricotta pastries, fruit kebabs, mini beef sliders, mini dutch pancake skewers and mini milkshakes and they setup and served the students at recess.

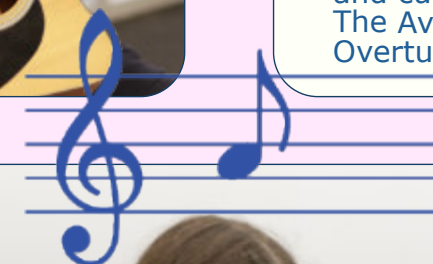


MUSIC



GET BACH..

In Music, students are busy practising songs for upcoming performances. In Year 9, students are tasked with researching a style of music and then learning a song in that style ready to perform to the class. Instrumental students are attending lessons weekly learning skills on different instruments as well as playing in the concert band. Concert band rehearses weekly and currently play pieces including The Avengers, Frozen Medley, 1812 Overture and more!



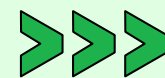
BIG PICTURE



TREE PROJECT

On the 18th March 2021 student and staff representatives participated in the making of the Marra Borna (Hand Tree). Student representatives included members of different cultures, different year groups, Education Support Centre students and individuals from a variety of interests and passions.

The banksia tree had unfortunately passed away and the Marra Borna was created to give the tree a new life. As a Big Picture Advisory we decided to lead this initiative. The original idea for the tree was to make it a blue tree, to raise awareness for R U OK day. Through further research and consultation we found out that blue trees are not appropriate to have in a school setting. It was then decided to create a tree to raise awareness for mental health in general, inclusivity, and to have a sense of belonging within the school.



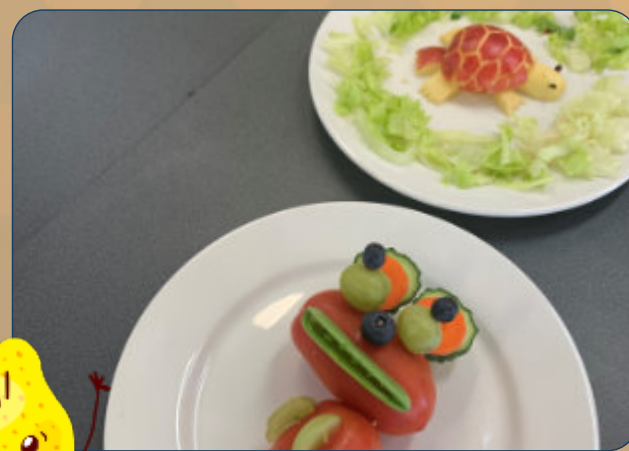
We had several meetings with the Principal, Koodah, Jane, Bunnings and the P&C. There's lots of consultation when you try and do this type of project justice. The idea was then to have two representatives from each year group and also students from ESC to place their marras upon the tree. Students' hands were in purple, with staff representative's hands painted blue. The purple hands wind around the tree to represent our journey together, with the elder students at the bottom, acting as the foundation. Blue hands of staff surround our student hands as they are there to support us on this journey.

The Marra Borna is located between block 5 and the gymnasium. I hope to see you out there sometime.

Chaya H.



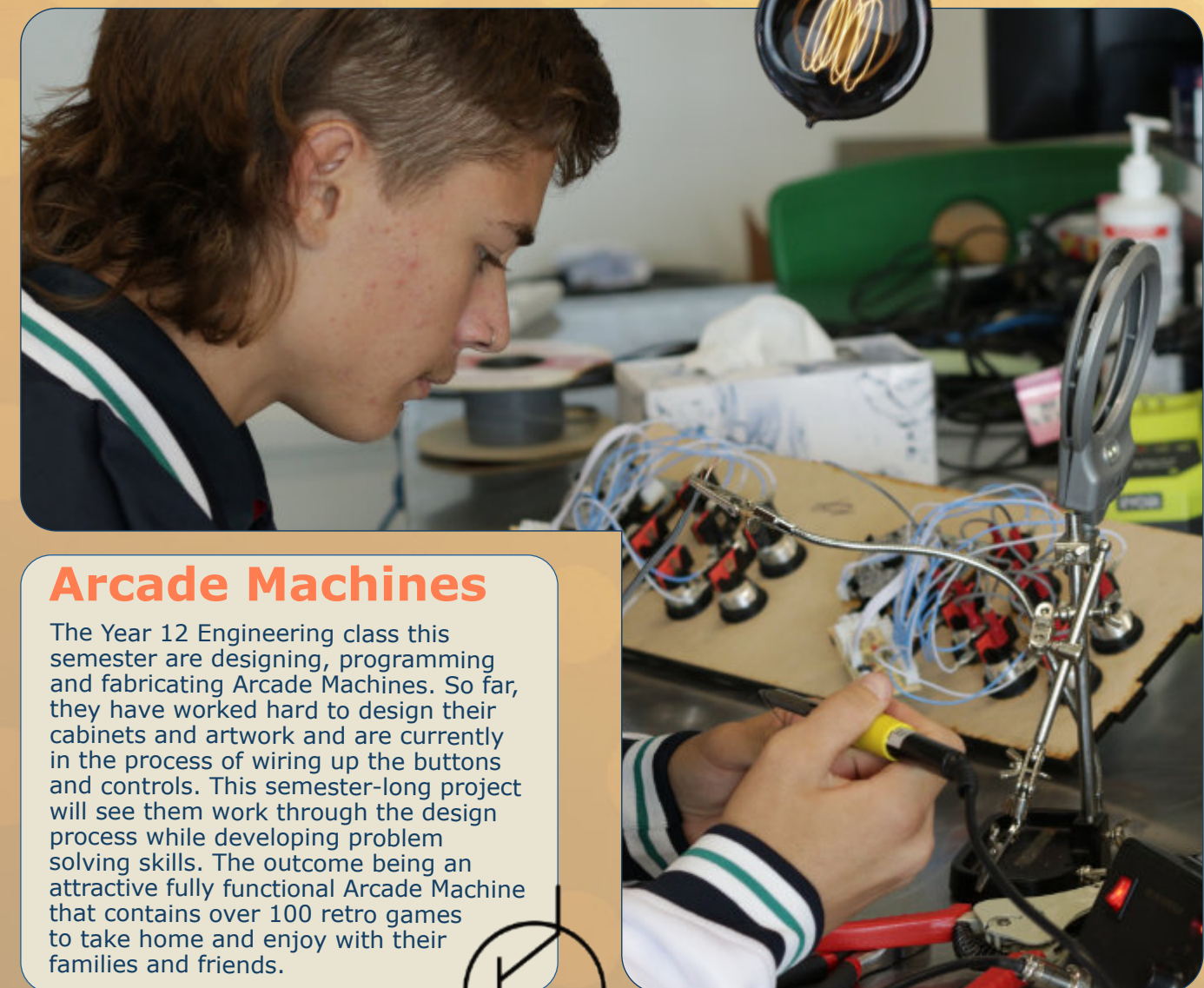
Design & Technology



Food Project

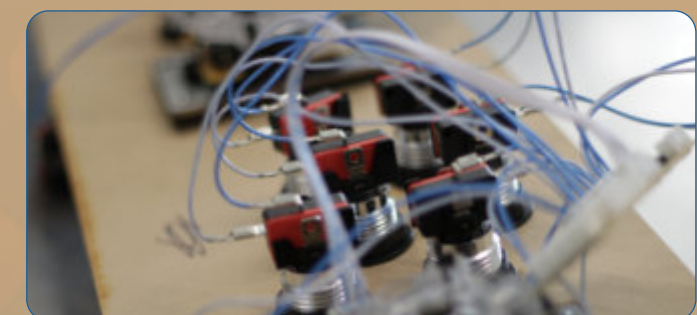


Students at Halls Head have been challenged this year to design and make food that is not only healthy but is more than meets the eye. Having spent some time developing cutting skills they were asked to create a 3D animal out of fruit. They could pick any fruit and any animal that they desired but had to work out themselves where and how to make cuts to make this illusion. The results were amazing - excited students designed and created swans, turtles and even cute rats! This project could not have been possible without the generous donation of fruit from Spudshed Mandurah.



Arcade Machines

The Year 12 Engineering class this semester are designing, programming and fabricating Arcade Machines. So far, they have worked hard to design their cabinets and artwork and are currently in the process of wiring up the buttons and controls. This semester-long project will see them work through the design process while developing problem solving skills. The outcome being an attractive fully functional Arcade Machine that contains over 100 retro games to take home and enjoy with their families and friends.



Design & Technology



Metal Work

The students are given the opportunity to design and build their own projects. They have access to machinery such as: CNC Plasma Cutting, CNC Laser and CNC Routing Machines, along with the traditional workshop machinery and tools.

Both the General and Certificate courses have the opportunity to utilise all aspects of our workshops and computer classrooms. This prepares the students well in readiness to enter the workforce or Higher Education Institutions.

It's not all hard work, the students do enjoy the regular BBQ breakfasts as a reward for them starting the day at 7.30am during our Class Zero's.



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Geography

During Week Eight of Term One, the Year 11 General Geography students ventured out to the Munda Boodja (Bush Block) to undertake a geographical inquiry on ecosystems, food chains and webs, trophic levels and pyramid numbers. Students counted plants, insects and small animals found in the area, and analysed the data to make assumptions on the area's ecosystem and environment. Koodah spoke to the students on connection to land and spirit (Wirrin) and explained traditional methods of land care during the investigation. The Year 11's have settled well this term and have also been studying mapping skills and are looking forward to undertaking a geographical inquiry on the wider area of Mandurah.



Big Picture

Furry Friend on campus

On the 16th of March 2021, Halls Head College had a visit from two very special guests. Their names were Wendy and Jake. Jake is a therapy dog and Wendy is his owner. This visit was put together by Matilda, a year nine student in the Big Picture Academy as part of her end of term exhibition. Students in the Year 9 Advisory enjoyed having Jake in their room and Matilda is hoping to eventually have a Therapy Dog come to Halls Head College on a more permanent basis.



SSTP



Kicking Goals



Our Senior School Transition Program is in its 6th successful year at Halls Head College. Our students who are attending TAFE one day per week and participating in 1 day of Workplacement are kicking goals in the workplace.

This Term's spotlight is on Tia who is completing a AUR20716 Certificate II in Automotive Preparation and Workplacement at Brooke's Girl Torque in Greenfields. Tia is loving her Workplacement and her on the job skills are being reinforced within the structure of the Workshop and Training facilities of South Metro TAFE.



Where Are They Now

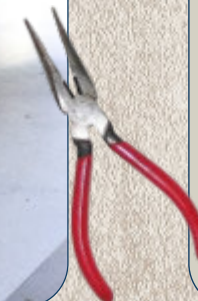
Sabin and Tom are both 1st Year Apprentices at MAP (Mining and Plant) Group in Greenfields. Whilst attending Halls Head College they chose 2 different pathways but are now working together in their Chosen Field.

TAFE & SSTP Pathway :

Sabin completed a MEM20105 Certificate II in Engineering at South Metro TAFE and Workplacement at Mandurah Hydraulics and Mining and Plant Group

School Pathway:

Tom completed his MEM20413 Certificate II in Engineering and Workplacement at Steelcor Construction and Mining and Plant Group.



Goodbye To Jane



So long, farewell...

Jane Nikora has been a pivotal part of our College since 2014, when she joined our Student Services team as our Student Support Officer. Unfortunately for us Jane is returning to New Zealand to be with her family and we reluctantly need to bid farewell to this outstanding lady. We will certainly miss her. She has made a positive difference in the lives of so many students – too many to count – with her empathy, kindness and care.

As if her field of influence wasn't enough Jane also took on the role as chair of our P&C for the past four years which, under her leadership, has seen our canteen reach new heights both as a brilliant place to be and as a business entity to raise funds for our college. Last year the P&C donated over \$80,000 to our college for a range of initiatives to benefit our students. We look forward to keeping in touch Jane as we say Kia ora – thank you. We hope to be greeting you with a Kia ora – hello, and hope you will visit us – you will always be welcome here. You have left your mark on our hearts.

On behalf of our college and our families I would like to say Nga mihi nui ki a koe - huge gratitude to you Jane, from us all.

