



The
Forest
High
School

WEEK 9 | TERM 2 2022



Message from the Principal

ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Again this week, staff have been analysing past HSC student course performance and identifying areas for consolidation and growth. At Tuesday's assembly we spoke with senior students about how proud we are of their progress after reviewing their mid-year reports. To those students who have built consistent routines we encourage you to keep going. For others who are finding it difficult to build momentum we encourage you to speak with a staff member and devise a plan. When student effort is combined with explicit teaching, students often achieve their best.



STAGE 5 MUSIC NIGHT

Last Friday night it was great to have live music back at the school. Our Stage 5 Music Night was an opportunity for our talented Year 9 and 10 Music Elective students to show their skills. There were many strong performances, but coming from a *Tempa Trap* fan it was great to hear Year 9 student Bianca A. do an amazing job on their most famous song *Sweet Disposition*.



INDUSTRIAL ACTION NEXT THURSDAY

The NSW Teachers Federation voted to hold state-wide industrial action in the form of a 24-hour strike on Thursday 30 June. While our school will still be open, we will only be providing minimal supervision of students on this date because of the strike. Minimal supervision for us will mean that the large majority of teachers will be offsite and there will be a small number of staff who can supervise students in the Library. For those students who are at school, they will be encouraged to undertake self-directed work such as completing assignments. The Department's learning from home resources will be available to all students for ongoing curriculum support. All students who are absent due to the strike will be marked as 'explained'. If your child is sick or away for another reason such as a medical appointment please contact the school office via email to: theforest-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au



YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE AND COURSE SELECTIONS

This week our Year 10 students have been working across Sydney in a range of professions. Work Experience can help students decide on their options for after Year 12 and beyond. They also get the chance to develop and show evidence of vital skills such as self-confidence, communication, independence and a variety of others, depending on what kind of placement they do. Many thanks to Mrs Williams and Ms Hrcka our Careers Advisers for coordinating the week.

On Tuesday next week, Year 10 students will meet with a coach to assist them when choosing course selections. These sessions were originally planned for Thursday; however, we have made the change at short notice due to the planned industrial action. If you would like to attend the meeting with your child but are unavailable to attend on Tuesday, please contact the school so other arrangements can be made. A huge thanks to Ms Turner for her efforts coordinating the subject selection process.



REFUGEE WEEK - 19 TO 25 JUNE

This week, our EAL/D Coordinator Ms Weatherall and our EAL/D students have a display running at Warringah Mall, outside the Concierge desk near Big W. The display is a depiction of the experiences of students who are refugees settled in Australia, and includes both artworks and creative writing from Forest High students. We are lucky to have such a diverse school community that is passionately supported by staff. Head down to the Mall this weekend and check out the display.



During Tuesday lunch, our SRC ran a food stall on the playground where students could come and appreciate the same rations as a refugee. Woolworths, Frenchs Forest generously donated bread, fruit and poppers to go with the kidney bean and hummus dips - made from ingredients supplied in the ration pack.



NORTH BALGOWLAH VISIT

On Wednesday evening, I spoke with North Balgowlah P&C members about starting high school. The purpose of the presentation was to provide parents with reassurance about this transition.. Prospective parents were encouraged to book a tour and come and see our students in action.

BANDS IMPRESS

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights this week our school bands (Concert, Stage and Wind Ensemble) impressed audiences while performing in the school hall. We are looking forward to hearing our talented bands throughout the year.

Upcoming Events

MONDAY 27-WEDNESDAY 29 JUNE

Year 12 Camp

MONDAY 27 JUNE

Year 7 Cybersecurity Workshop

TUESDAY 26 - FRIDAY 29 JULY

Year 10 Fitness Leader Ski Trip

Term Dates

- Friday 1 July - Last day of Term 2
- Monday 18 July - School Development Day - staff only
- Tuesday 19 July - First day of Term 2 - all students return

MEET THE PRINCIPAL SCHOOL TOURS - ADDITIONAL DATES ADDED

Informal sessions for prospective parents and students who are interested in coming to The Forest High School

- Monday 27 June - 9am
- Monday 25 July - 9am
- Monday 8 August - 9am
- Monday 22 August - 9am
- Monday 5 September - 9am
- Monday 19 September - 9am

Book a spot online:

<https://www.picktime.com/TFHSMeeThePrincipal>

Second Hand Uniforms Wanted

We are on the lookout for second hand uniform items. If you have clothing items that no longer fit your child, please ask them to hand these into the front office or Uniform Shop on Monday morning.

UPDATED WEEKLY PLANNER

Our updated weekly planner can be found on the following page.

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES AT TFHS

Duke of Edinburgh
SEE MRS COLEMAN IN THE LEARNING HUB IF INTERESTED

Dance

SEE MS CONSTANTIN IN THE CAPA STAFF ROOM



Year 7

MONDAY RECESS & LUNCH
GYM & LEARNING HUB

WED & THURS - PHYSICAL
ACTIVITIES AT LUNCH

LIBRARY EVERYDAY

MONDAY



Concert Band

7.15 - 8.30AM IN THE PAC

School 'Zine

CONTRIBUTE TO NEWS/ART/EVENTS FOR THE SCHOOL MAGAZINE
A WEEK IN A1022
SEE MS MAY IN ENGLISH

Textiles Workshop

A WEEK LUNCHTIME IN A1001
WITH MS AROYAN

Senior Study Sessions

AFTER SCHOOL UNTIL 4.15PM
IN THE LIBRARY

TUESDAY



Wind Ensemble

7.15-8.30AM IN THE PAC

Yarning Circle

COME FOR A KNIT AND A CHAT IN THE SHADE AT SOUTH END OF E BLOCK OR E0013 IF WET

Conversation Club

LUNCHTIME IN THE DBLC
COME ALONG FOR A CHAT & GUEST SPEAKERS

Dungeons & Dragons

LEARNING HUB E BLOCK

WEDNESDAY



Textiles Workshop

A WEEK IN A1001
8.10-8.40AM
WITH MS AROYAN
FUN & CREATIVE - ALL WELCOME!

Stage Band

3-4PM IN THE PAC



THURSDAY



Choir

THURSDAY 8.00AM IN D1010

Anime & TCG Club (Trading Card Game)

ANIME - A WEEK LUNCH D1001
TCG - B WEEK LUNCH D1001

Yarning Circle

KNIT AND CHAT - SOUTH END OF E BLOCK OR E0013 IF WET

Debating/Public Speaking

LUNCHTIME - SEE MS BANCROFT IN ENGLISH A BLOCK

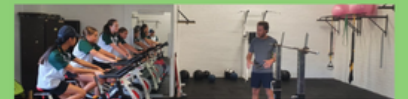
Dungeons & Dragons

LEARNING HUB E BLOCK

Beyond the Bell Homework Club

3-4PM IN THE LIBRARY
HOMEWORK & ASSESSMENT HELP
ALL STUDENTS WELCOME
EVERY WEEK

FRIDAY



Forest Fitness

WITH MR LAWLER & MR BARBAT 7.30AM ON THE OVAL

Interact Club

LUNCHTIME WITH MR ARGUE
LEARNING HUB E BLOCK
LEADERSHIP SKILLS & PROJECTS

Art Club

LUNCHTIME IN D0050
ALL WELCOME

Maths Help Desk

LUNCHTIME IN E1007
ALL WELCOME

Chess Club (and other games)

LUNCHTIME IN G0001 WITH MR GOODWIN & MS ROBERTS

Textiles Workshop

B WEEK LUNCHTIME IN A1001
WITH MS AROYAN

EAL/D Homework Club

LUNCHTIME IN THE LIBRARY