Message from the Principal

The Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Assessments

The unauthorised or unacknowledged use of AI in assessments is a form of cheating and will be considered malpractice. We understand that AI can offer many benefits in terms of efficiency and productivity. We are finding that some students are successfully using AI when developing summary notes and when trying to find information about a particular topic. However, when AI is used in assessments, students are presenting work that is not their own. Note – many writing assistance tools (eg Grammarly) are AI-based. Using these can lead to student work being flagged by our AI detection software. Students are encouraged to use Word/Google Docs spelling and grammar checking tool instead. Students should anticipate submitting all research and hand-in tasks via Turnitin, and that such tasks will be subject to Turnitin's AI detection tool. If unauthorised use of AI is suspected, it is the student's responsibility to prove the originality of their work. In doing so, they may be asked to:

- Provide drafts of their work.
- Meet with the Assessment Review Team to explain how they prepared their assignment.

Therefore, students should keep a record of the ongoing work they have completed on hand-in assessment tasks. As such, it is highly recommended that students work in a cloud-based platform (e.g. Google Docs) should they be required to produce evidence of the originality of their work.

Year 12 English Standard Friday lunch workshops

Each Friday lunch, Mrs Lepre has been walking students through the process of answering the comprehension section of the HSC English Standard examination. Students find the step by step process of answering questions based on unseen texts particularly useful. Students who are interested in being trained up for Paper 1 Section 1 (Reading) before the Trial and HSC examinations can come to the LIBLC every Friday at 1.20pm. Mrs Lepre has extensive HSC marking experience so students are encouraged to take up this opportunity.

ICAS Academic Competitions

Thanks to Mrs Lepre for organising our ICAS assessments. These are a great way for students to test themselves against other students from across the globe. All students in Years 7 to 10 are invited to participate in the 2024 English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Digital Technologies competitions. Students who want extra opportunities to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external assessment situation or to become accustomed to competitive external testing with time constraints, can enter the ICAS competitions. They will receive a certificate and a detailed results letter indicating overall performance compared with other students in every participating state and country.

An email has been sent out outlining the dates, cost of participation and to pay online. For more information about ICAS, contact Mrs Lepre in the Languages staffroom.

Week 4 Term 2 2024

Creative Writing Workshop for EAL/D Students

What an absolute pleasure it was to have our local celebrity and published author Penelope Johnson, (mother of William (Year 11) and Toby (Year 9)) at the Forest High School this term, to share her creative writing knowledge and expertise with Year 12 EAL/D English. It was an honour to listen to Penelope's writing journey as she shared her passion, wisdom, and industry skills with our students across writing workshops and feedback seminars.

Penelope's love for sensory writing was simply infectious and the students were completely inspired and captivated by her personal insights and feminist perspectives of authentic and empowered writing. Thank you, Penny, truly a unforgettable experience and one the students will take with them well after their HSC is over.

LAUREN WEATHERALL
ENGLISH TEACHER

The Forest High School

LET'S TALK MENTAL HEALTH

Presented by Steve Gamble founder of Anchor Health

A presentation for parents to assist with supporting your children

Wednesday 5 June

7.00-8.30pm
in The Forest High School Hall

$10 fee - please pay via our school website

1. Click on the Payments Tab on the green section bar in the middle of the home page
2. Scroll down to bottom of page and click on "Click here for non-student payments"
3. Click on Add Item
4. Select "Let's Talk Mental Health"

Coding Club is back next week on Monday lunchtimes in the Library

Parent and Tutor Darren Coterill leads our school Coding Club. This is an opportunity for students to learn or improve programming skills or work on their own projects with some help. It's a fun environment and a great way for students to learn some basic programming skills if they plan to do any IST/software related courses, if they need some help with projects they are currently working on, or just want to have some fun with computers.

Last year the students worked on:
- Beginner Python courses for students with no previous experience
- Building graphical games with Python
- Using Micro:bits to build physical programs with sensors, buttons and LEDs
- Creating music with code
- Using HTML to build web-pages.

Everyone is welcome, no experience necessary, just an interest in programming and to learn something new. Darren will suggest a few tutorials and ideas based on experience to get started, and the group will sometimes work through a mini project together during the session.

BYOD if preferred, or borrow a school laptop.

Upcoming Events

3 June - Year 10 Minimum Standard Testing Week

5 June - Year 11 & 12 Minimum Standard Testing

6 June - Year 10 & 12 Careers Expo

7 June - Zone Athletics

8 June - Working Bee - 9am-1pm

10 June - King's Birthday Public Holiday

11 June - Silver Assembly - 9am in School Hall followed by morning tea

12 June - Diversity & Inclusion Meeting - 7pm

12 June - Year 11 & 12 Minimum Standard Testing

13 June - Year 8 Maths P+P+P+P

17 June - SRC Environment Week

19 June - P&C Committee Meeting - 7pm

20 June - Year 10 Science Expo - A Day of Change

21 June - Stage 5 Music Night

positive partnerships

Working together to support school-aged students on the autism spectrum

Positive Partnerships facilitate a range of workshops about autism specifically for parents/carers and school staff.

NSW / ACT
Term 3&4 Workshops 2024

Explore our lineup of scheduled workshops throughout NSW / ACT for Term 3 and 4 in 2024. To learn more about our workshop options and to get in touch with us, simply scan the QR codes located at the bottom.

Term 3

Date	Program	Location
30 & 31 Jul	2 Day Professional Learning workshop	Dubbo
7 Aug	2 Day Schools and Families Together - Day 1	Maitland
13 & 14 Aug	2 Day Professional Learning workshop	Macquarie Park
22 & 29 Aug	Professional Learning sessional	Online
27 Aug	1 Day Parent Carer workshop	Queanbeyan
27 Aug & 3 Sep	Professional Learning sessional	National Online
4 Sep	1 Day Parent Carer workshop	Mascot
17 & 24 Sep	Parent Carer sessional	National Online
18 Sep	2 Day Schools and Families Together - Day 2	Maitland

Term 4

Date	Program	Location
2 & 9 Oct	Parent Carer sessional	National Online
15 & 16 Oct	2 Day Parent Carer workshop	Macquarie Park
22 & 23 Oct	2 Day Parent Carer workshop	Dubbo
30 Oct	1 Day Parent Carer workshop	Cooma
6 Nov	1 Day Parent Carer workshop	Young
12 Nov	1 Day Parent Carer workshop	Sutherland
11 & 18 Nov	Professional Learning sessional	National Online
19 & 20 Nov	2 Day Parent Carer workshop	Orange

Scan the QR codes for information and resources on a range of topics.

Diverse Communities   Parent and Carer   Professional Learning   First Nations People

To find out more, please contact Trish Nicoll, NSW / ACT Coordinator

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