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From the Principal's Desk

A great deal has been happening around the school over the course of this term.

The beginning of the term spelt the end of secondary schooling for our Year 12 cohort. In many ways this is one of the rites of passage as young people move from the relatively ordered and comfortable environment that schools provide into the broader community.



Over the past two years staff have talked about the notion of respect with students and how people demonstrate their respect towards a whole range of situations and interactions. We have talked about the respect with which students hold Swinburne Senior and how this respect has been readily demonstrated through our young people's actions. I sincerely hope that our students reflect on this as being respected by your peers in whatever you choose to do is something worth striving for and achieving.

I am pleased to report that the end of year examination period ran very smoothly with no hiccups at all.

Students undertaking Year 12 with us in 2020 attended our new four day Transition Program from Monday 2 to Thursday 5 December. We welcomed over 50 new students to Swinburne.

I look forward to seeing our graduating Year 12 students and their families at Valedictory at the Hawthorn Arts Centre on Wednesday 18 December. Information regarding this event has been sent to all students.

Finally I wish everyone a safe and happy festive season and I look forward to welcoming both old and new faces to the college in 2020.

Michael O'Brien
Principal

Arts Show 2019

The annual Arts Show was once again a huge success, showcasing the creative achievements of our graduating students and the broad range of artforms explored.

This year the exhibition was held after the Year 11 and 12 examination period for the first time. The Art Show opening was held in the Auditorium on Friday 29

November in front of an appreciative and enthusiastic audience of students, parents, teachers and friends.



The delightful sculptor and educator Professor Kathy Temin from Monash University, opened the show as guest

speaker. Kathy spoke about students pursuing a career in the visual arts with great passion and applauded parents for supporting their children to develop their artistic talents.

Congratulations to all of our Visual Arts and Product Design and Technology teachers for working long hours to get the show off the ground. Special thanks to Matt Simmons for leading the group to put on such an amazing exhibition.

Congratulations to the following students who received awards in recognition of their outstanding work.

Art

<i>Printmaking & Conceptual</i>	Serena Holt
<i>Ceramics & Mosaic</i>	Aysha Kentler
<i>Painting</i>	Niamh Ralph
<i>Mixed Media</i>	Bella Moyle Ruby Ricci

Media

<i>Allround</i>	Zinnia Vroland
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Product Design and Technology

<i>Fashion</i>	Leah Bellsham Tabitha Davis-Durrant Scarlett O'Donovan
<i>Jewellery</i>	Bella Moyle

Studio Arts (Textiles)

<i>Best Folio</i>	Annika Cardak
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Studio Art General

<i>Body Art</i>	Esther Dimitrakopoulos
<i>Printmaking Innovation</i>	Therese Dias
<i>Illustration</i>	Clara Camm
<i>Painting</i>	Sarah Kottek Serena Holt

Studio Arts (Photography)

<i>Conceptual</i>	Mali Cohen
<i>Portraiture</i>	Angela Zanette
<i>Self Portraiture & Identity</i>	Maddy Ciangura

Visual Communication Design

<i>Visual Identity</i>	Patrycja Frackowiak
<i>Character Design</i>	Claire Pham
<i>Environmental Design</i>	Sascha Krnic

The 2019 Swinnies

This year the Swinburne Senior Media showcase underwent several changes. A change of time and setting, commencing immediately after the Art Show Awards in the auditorium; new awards and award categories; sponsorship from Ted's Camera Stores; external judges with Teresa Marino, Schools Liaison at Ted's, and Dr Carolyn Beasley, the head of Media and Communications at Swinburne University, rounded up by our very own

Michael O'Brien acting as the deciding vote. After viewing the 14 short films, the audience showered the aspiring filmmakers with applause as they were awarded their prizes.



The Unusual Suspect by James Wilson



Rumour Has It by Peter Shaw

Year 11 Media

<i>Best Picture</i>	<i>The Irreplaceable Prod</i> Ruby Lloyd Jude Palmer-Rowlands Booker Schwab
<i>People's Choice</i>	<i>Dreamworks</i> Sarah Harding Aurora Kuhn Eliza O'Brien

Year 12 Media

<i>Best Picture</i>	<i>The Unusual Suspect</i> James Wilson
<i>Audience Award</i>	<i>Red Betty</i> Zinnia Vroland
<i>Best Sound</i>	<i>The Unusual Suspect</i> James Wilson
<i>Best Direction</i>	<i>Rumour</i> Peter Shaw
<i>Best Cinematography</i>	<i>Red Betty</i> Zinnia Vroland
<i>Best Editing</i>	<i>Dial</i> Leah Bellsham



Red Betty by Zinnia Vroland



Dial by Leah Bellsham



Year 12 Manager's Report

As you read this newsletter, our Year 12s would have finished their exams and it is a time to celebrate safely and legally!

This was evident in our Celebration Day held on October 22, which ran very smoothly with everyone enjoying the Mentor breakfast, the Graduating Class of 2019 Yearbook, the Assembly and the BBQ. Teachers and students dressed to the theme- through the Decades and we had all decades covered from the 1920s to the 1990s.



We have been very busy in Year 12 Management enrolling the new batch of Year 12s, preparing for an extended Transition and then the release of the VCE Results and Valedictory.

VCE Results come out on Thursday 12 December and Valedictory will be on Wednesday 18 December at the Hawthorn Arts Centre. Tickets for this significant event can be accessed via the link that was sent to all Year 12 students recently. Bookings will close on Tuesday 17 December at 6:00pm. Students may book a ticket for themselves and two guests.

We wish the Graduating Class of 2019 all the best and would love them to link up with the Alumni Facebook and Linked In pages (details in their Year book) so we can keep in touch.

We hope your time in Swinburne Senior Secondary College has been an enjoyable and productive experience.

Gita Menon-Year 12 Manager

Marcus Laging and Nick Taylor-Assistant Year 12 Managers

Unlock the Entrepreneur in You Workshop

Some of the Year 11 Business Management students got to attend the "Unlock the Entrepreneur in You" workshop at

Swinburne University Business School on the last day of their Year 11 studies.



They heard from a variety of present and past entrepreneurs and Declan Saunders from SSSC participated in a panel discussion with Poppy King-the lipstick queen.

The key message was that it was important to follow your passion, join a tertiary course to further your entrepreneurship skills, practice at work and try out different paths until you find your calling. Change is inevitable and one must embrace it.

This fitted well with their Unit 1 and 2 studies in Business Management where they learnt how to start a business.

Gita Menon
Business Management Teacher

Year 12 Transition

This year the college provided a four day transition program for the 2020 Year 12 cohort from Monday 2 December to Thursday 5 December.

Students met all of their Year 12 teachers during the week and attended a series of offsite workshops at the

Hawthorn Arts Centre on the morning of Wednesday 4 December. The workshops covered:

- Team building
- Culture and Values
- Handy Tips for Year 12



Chemistry – Swinburne University of Technology Tour

Prior to the exam period, the Chemistry students of Year 11 and Year 12 toured the chemistry laboratories of Swinburne University of Technology (SUT).

One of their tour guides was the research academic Dr Francois Malherbe who presented his research work to the students in the area of Environmental Science and Nanotechnology.

The other SUT tour guide was Dr Teo Slezak, the scientist responsible for ensuring all their analytical machines are operating correctly to the high standard required for chemical analysis. Dr Slezak showed the students the

instrumentation techniques of NMR, LC-MS, HPLC and ICP. Yes, these are all techniques with acronyms, and these acronyms are familiar to the Year 12 Chemistry group.



From the tour, Swinburne University of Technology offered several opportunities for work experience in early December. Several students have shown interest and will be contacted once the work experience details are finalised.



I wish all my students well with their exam results and look forward to the Transition Program with the current Year 11 students as they progress in Year 12 for 2020

Dr Nicholas Tsipouras (DrT)
SSSC Chemistry

Chemistry – Year 12 Examination

On Tuesday 12th November, the Year 12 Chemistry students completed their final VCE Chemistry exam. Well done to all.

It was pleasing to see the relief on the students' faces after the exam, and then to hear the multiple strategies they employed in answering all the questions in this paper.

The students' thoughts regarding the exam was that it was challenging but not impossible to complete.

As our School's Chemistry teacher, I reviewed the exam paper as well, and saw how our students could have found it challenging but I believe they were well prepared for these challenges.

I am pleased with our students' effort throughout this year as they continuously showed their desire to strive to do their best. Our students built their chemistry problem-solving skills, their chemistry practical evaluation skills and their science communication skills throughout the entire year and these were the skills tested in this year's exam.

I am proud of all our Chemistry students as they performed beyond their expectations during the year, and I feel they would have continued this high level of performance during the exam.

I look forward to seeing the students at the Valedictory Celebration and look forward to the next group of Year 12 Chemistry students who I have met during Year 12 Transition.

Dr Nicholas Tsipouras (DrT)
SSSC Chemistry

Art Exhibitions 2019 / 2020

As seen through the recent Swinburne annual art show, a huge amount of work goes into the planning, preparation and hanging of this exhibition – and it is the same for any art exhibition in gallery spaces. Because of this, I'd like to personally congratulate three Year 11 students in particular who have recently put themselves forth to have their own artworks exhibited publically, which is both a fantastic learning experience and artistic career endeavour.

For the "Bayside Youth Art Exhibition" – in the Open Age section the Winner of this exhibition was Dan Navumau, for his work *Modern Repression*. Alongside him

in this exhibition was peer Hayley Page with her climate change focused colour illustration created through the use of multiple drawing media which took her over 50 hours to create.



Daniel is also to be congratulated on his first solo exhibition "*Humanity Override*" held at Art Encounters during November. This exhibition designed and curated by himself with support from his tutors, explored the theme of social media and technology in today's society, with his range of artworks incorporating a combination of abstract symbolism and emotive imagery that reflected how technology has become ingrained into our everyday lives. Furthermore, Daisy Lloyd is to also be commended on her personal exhibition of paintings currently being held at the Heathcote Winery (main street Heathcote) which continues until the end of December this month.



In 2020, we look forward to the local Hawthorn Arts Center & Town Hall Gallery supporting Swinburne in their presentation of upcoming exhibition *Untitled*. The exhibition will include a selection of students from the 2019 alumni of Year 12, and work from the 2019 Year 11 students continuing their studies into Year 12 2020. Please save the date - the exhibition opening event will be on the 21st of March at 2pm, with the exhibition

running for a month between 17th March – 12th April
2020. For further details see website -
<https://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/events/untitled>



We look forward to seeing you there to celebrate the ongoing artistic achievements of our very talented students.

Stephanie Cross
Art Teacher

