

COLO HIGH SCHOOL IN CONTACT



OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF COLO HIGH SCHOOL

Term 4 - Week 10 | 2019



*Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year
from all of the staff at Colo*

EXECUTIVE TEAM MESSAGE:

By Mr Sargeant, Mr King and Mrs Wright

2019 has produced some amazing opportunities for our students and staff and culminated with outstanding results in the HSC. Overall, Colo High School received 28 Distinguished Achievers (Band 6 results) and jumped a massive 170 places in the state rankings. Furthermore, we improved significantly in all bands. A more detailed breakdown of our results will be available soon. This is a true reflection of the hard work of our staff and students over the last 12 months and we are all very proud of your efforts.

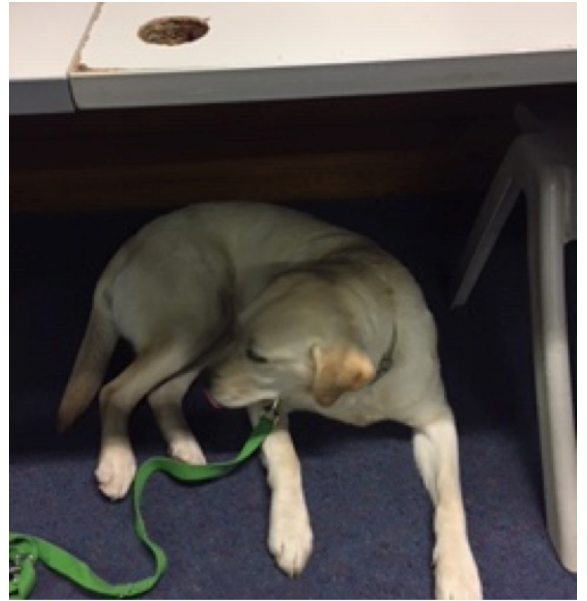
To all those students and families leaving us in 2020 we thank you for your contribution to Colo High School and wish you all the best for the future. For those of you joining the Colo community in 2020 we look forward to meeting and welcoming you in Term 1

STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

Misty the Guide Dog in training

Misty the Guide Dog in-training came to school on Friday 6/12/19. She is nearing the end of an intensive 20 week training course at the Glossodia Guide Dog complex to become a guide dog. She currently lives with our School Administration Manager who home boards her and drops her off at the centre on her way to work. Misty trains at the centre during the day and is collected in the afternoon after school finishes. Misty is due to graduate this week and, as she is tagged to be matched with a sight impaired student who attends a high school, she came into work to see how she handled a day in a school. She attended 4 classes and as you can see from the photo she was extremely well behaved, was not distracted with the level of noise or movement of students and followed all instructions perfectly.

Good luck Misty the Guide Dog.



Careers

Positive Paws

Despite having their Positive Paws volunteering drastically curtailed by extremely hot weather, smoke, and the 'catastrophic' closure of many schools last month, Term Four's student group pulled out all stops to make up for lost time at Guide Dogs, Glossodia. The students were able to interact with older dogs which gave them a better understanding of just how important their patience and skill is when training excitable puppies.

This gave them the opportunity to see the distinct differences in each dog's personality and ability. It soon became very apparent why each dog is matched closely with its new owner and why there is a distinction between guide, assistance, or therapy dogs. At the end of the volunteer sessions, many of the students had picked out their particular 'favourite' based on their personal interactions with the dogs.

Leadership qualities, as always, showed through and next term's mentors will be named at a special graduation early in the New Year, in lieu of this term's cancelled one. Positive Paws has proven to be a great boost to students' communication, confidence, teamwork and leadership skills as well as awareness of volunteering and social responsibility, and, the many careers available within the Animal industry.



STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

Careers Market 2020

Plans are already underway to make the 2020 Colo High Career Market bigger and better with an even greater range of exhibitors to appeal to a wide range of students' career interests. The date has already been added to the school calendar so make sure June 2nd is marked on yours. This year we invited Year 9 to attend the market and they were overwhelmingly positive about the information they received and being included in the event.

Next year, Year 8 will also be invited to attend the Careers Market to ensure that they are thinking ahead about their '8 into 9' Subject Selection. We believe that students should be considering their career options at an earlier age. This increases engagement in their learning and exploration of careers and makes decisions for transitioning into future training pathways and employment easier.



TAFE Transitions

Not everyone wants to go to university and students thinking about studying at TAFE have the opportunity to attend TAFE Infofest information sessions. You can register your interest at specific TAFE Colleges at: <https://www.tafensw.edu.au/infofest>.

Downloading a Year 10 Record of Student Achievement (RoSA)

Students in Years 10, 11 and 12 need to create a NESA account to gain access to their Student Online account. The account is used to access certificates such as Record of Student Achievement (ROSA), Preliminary Record of Student Achievement (Year 11), Higher School Certificate (HSC) and grades such as HSC results, or Minimum Standards, it also provides study information and Examination timetables. Most students have already activated their NESA Students Online accounts and created their six digit access PINs.

How to log on:

Open the NESA student's online site: <https://studentonline.nesa.nsw.edu.au/>

- The login section has an "activate your account now" link; use this when first accessing the site.
- Select Colo High from the drop down menu, then fill in your student details and submit.
- A notification stating your NESA number will appear - this number is vitally important as it will provide access to the account and it will be used to submit any material for the HSC. Save it somewhere that is safe and readily available.
- Having completed these steps an email will be automatically sent to the student's Department of Education email account. The next step is to open the student email account, locate the sent email and click on the activation link.

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Student Department of Education email accounts are in the form:

firstname.lastname.possiblyanumber@education.nsw.gov.au and the password is the same one that is used to access school computers.

Once you have completed your login click on the My Account tab and Results Services, then follow the prompts to access and print your eROSA. Please note that access via the Department portal is only available until the 30th June 2020.

Many students will decide to move on from school. If this is the case, please remember that until a student is 17 year old, they must be in one of the following in NSW:

TAFE Enrolment – Full time

Students wanting to enrol in TAFE must take a printed copy of their RoSA eligibility with them. A screenshot will not be accepted. Please note that the school does not issue any other paperwork. You will need to provide the school with proof of enrolment (e.g. an invoice) in a full time course as well as written parent permission before you can be signed out of school.

Apprenticeships

Many students gain apprenticeships during the school holidays. Before you can be placed on a TAFE roll to complete your apprenticeship certification requirements, you must be taken off the school roll. You cannot be on two rolls at once. You will need to provide the school with:

- a Letter of Support from a parent/guardian stating they are happy for you to accept the apprenticeship
- a Letter of Offer from the business with their Australian Business Number
- a Training NSW Apprenticeship/Traineeship contract – this is a thirteen page document that is signed by the student, a parent or guardian, the employer and the Training NSW representative. A Training Plan often accompanies this but it is not sufficient on its own. This is to ensure that the letter of offer has been formalised with the same apprenticeship certification as stated in the offer.

Full Time Employment

The minimum number of hours classified as full time employment is 25 hours per week. Again, written Parent or Guardian permission is required as well as a letter from the Employer, clearly stating the position to be held, the minimum number of hours to be worked, and the pay award. This is to protect students from unscrupulous employers and ensure that it is in the best interest of the student.

Part Time TAFE Study/ Part Time Employment.

Students can combine these to maintain the 25 hours minimum as long as all of the above paperwork is completed.

Exiting students are also required to have an Exit interview with the Careers Adviser, before they are signed out of school.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

Year 9 Masterchef Yuletide Chocolate Log

Year 9 Masterchef got into the Christmas spirit by making a traditional Yuletide Chocolate Log. They made their own chocolate sponge cake, rolled it up with jam & cream inside then covered it in a delicious chocolate ganache/icing before decorating it.



Year 9 Masterchef and Japanese: Teppenyaki Excursion

Year 9 Masterchef together with our Japanese students went into the city for a fun filled Japanese Teppenyaki lunch and a strange food treasure hunt. The treasure food hunt winners were Team Keith, who were sporting some fancy new visors and face smoke masks, Many thanks to Year 9 for a fun day who all represented Colo proudly.



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STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

Year 10 Japanese Excursion

Last week saw our Year 10 Japanese elective students travel into the city to have lunch at Lantern by Wagaya Japanese Restaurant and have some fun doing karaoke. Students participating in a Japanese Treasure Hunt and represented Colo beautifully.



Year 10 Japanese Final Lesson for 2019

For their final class of 2019, Year 10 Japanese made onigiri rice balls. Thank you for a wonderful 2 years of hard work and fun! From your teachers.



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STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

Dance News

Congratulations to all students who committed themselves to rehearsals and performances throughout 2019. It has been a fantastic year of achievements. Dance students have represented the school in some very exciting events this year including the Synergy Dance Festival, Hawkesbury Eisteddfod, Hawkesbury Dance Festival, Schools Spectacular and many other school and community performances.

The students should be commended on the way they have conducted themselves both on and off stage. They have always performed to the best of their ability with dedication and enthusiasm. On all occasions Colo High School and the local community were proud of the students' efforts and achievements.

Once again students have been commended on their 2019 performances from Colo High staff, parents and members from the community who viewed their performances. This is very pleasing.

Hawkesbury Dance Festival

Students in the Junior and Senior Dance group performed at the evening performance of the Hawkesbury Dance Festival at the Windsor Function Centre on Wednesday 23rd October.

Dance Elective Excursion

Years 9, 10 and 11 attended an excursion to see a professional performance of a work by the Sydney Dance Company as part of their course work on Monday 4th November in Sydney. This was a wonderful experience for the students to view current Contemporary work. 5 Colo students also got to be apart of the performance and attend a workshop with the Sydney Dance Company dancers. This was a fabulous opportunity for these students – Congratulations -Jed Parsonage, Keira Broderick, Ashleigh Collins, Sara Kirkwood and Danyka Charman.

NSW Public Schools School Spectacular

Colo Dance and Music students performed at the Schools Spectacular on Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd of November at Qudos Bank Arena. These students were outstanding in the way they conducted themselves at rehearsals and the long performance day/nights. They also performed brilliantly and gained so much confidence and skills from been a part of this huge event. Thank-you to all the parents and friends that came to the shows to support the Colo students and to the teachers and students who came to the Friday Schools Matinee performance.

2019 School Spectacular Dancers

Year 9

- Keira Broderick
- Kayla Scholte
- Grace Shirvington
- Amy Slattery
- Zoe Sullivan
- Felicity Worger
- Jed Parsonage (Hip hop ensemble)

Year 10

- Olivia Barker
- Danyka Charman
- Ashleigh Collins
- Sara Kirkwood5
- Imogen Sinclair
- Chloe Snell

Music – NSW Public Schools Millenium Marching Band

- Isabel Egan – Year 12
- Cambell Egan – Year 11
- Isaak Salami – Year 11
- Manning Chia – Year 10

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Dance photos

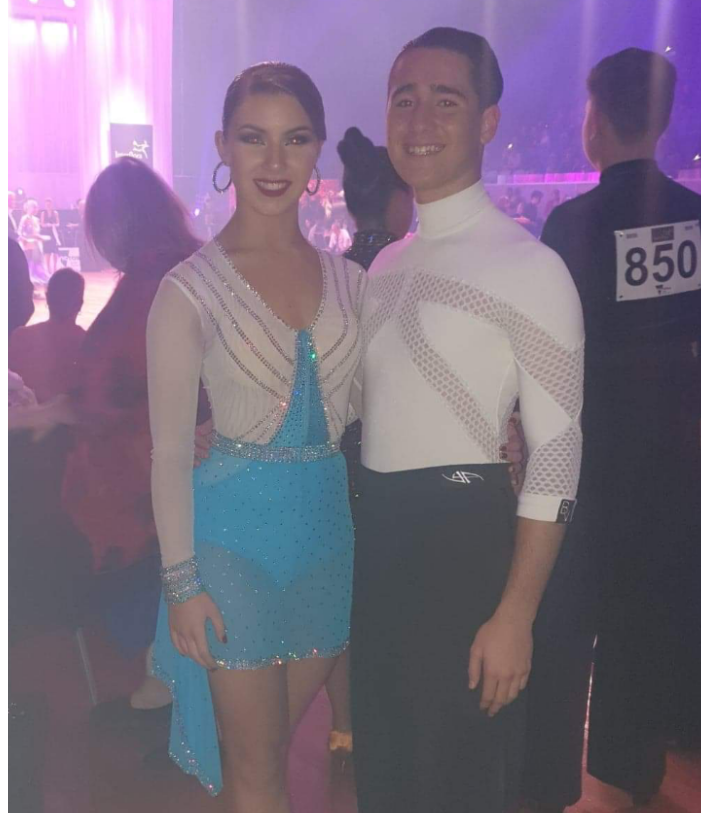


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STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS:

Congratulations Tiahni

Just six weeks after coming back from a serious leg injury, Tiahni Paddison (Year 10) placed 4th in the Junior Open Standard, 3rd in the Junior C Grade Standard and 4th in the Junior B Grade Latin at the ADS Interflora DanceSport Championship held in Melbourne. Congratulations!!!



Congratulations Imogen

Congratulations to Imogen MacMahon in Year 10 who was recently selected to go to Taiwan to compete on the Australian team for the Asian Cup Ice Hockey competition. Congratulations!!!



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COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD:

BIG TRIP 2021:

The History Department is looking to run the bi-annual BIG Trip to Belgium, Italy and Germany in 2021. This is a fantastic opportunity for Colo students in Years 10, 11, 12. Please keep an eye out next year for the expressions of interest and the information nights that will be occurring early in Term 1. We are aiming to give everyone wishing to join the wonderful adventure of the BIG trip the maximum time to save and pay for the trip. The 2021 estimate for the cost is currently \$7000. This includes meals, accommodation and flights for two weeks in Europe.

Kind Regards,

Miss Jones.



BYOD:

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Bring
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Device



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IN 2020, ALL YEAR 7 & 8 STUDENTS AT COLO HIGH ARE EXPECTED TO BRING TO SCHOOL A LAPTOP AS AN ESSENTIAL LEARNING TOOL USED IN ALL CLASSES.

To assist families purchase devices, Colo has teamed up to HP to offer a range of suitable devices and peripherals at a heavily discounted price. All devices offered at Colo's HP Store meet the requirements of our BYOD policy.

You can purchase devices here:

<http://hpshopping.com.au/colobyod>

Parents can also purchase devices from other vendors, as long as the devices meet the minimum BYOD standards.

A summary of these *minimum* standards are:

- Windows or Mac Laptop format. (No Android or iOS devices.)
- Screen size: 11.6"
- RAM: 4GB
- Hard Drive: 128GB

N.B. There is no need to purchase any 3rd party software, as all required software will be provided by the Department of Education at no cost. E.G. Office 365, Adobe Creative Suite.

More details can be found on the Colo High website:

<http://colo-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/>



COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD:

COLO UNIFORM SHOP:

The Colo High School uniform shop will be open from 9:00am to 1:00pm on the following days:

- **TUESDAY 21ST JANUARY**
- **FRIDAY 24TH JANUARY**
- **TUESDAY 28TH JANUARY**

HAWKESBURY SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION:

- Are you interested in experiencing a different culture and living overseas for a month?
- Are you aged between 14-17?
- Are you keen on hosting an overseas student for a month?
- You may be the perfect candidate for our Cultural Exchange Program with Kyotamba in Japan OR Temple City in California USA.
- The cheapest cultural exchange program in the Hawkesbury.
- For the cost of an airfare and travel insurance you could be off to Japan or the USA.
- Lodge your expression of interest and we will let you know when the application for 2020 open up.
- <https://forms.gle/x5x3NMXPwordt1Z1A>



Hawkesbury Sister City Association

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KEY DATES:

Staff Development Day:

Tuesday 28 January

Term 1 Commences for Years 7, 11 and 12:

Wednesday 29 January

Term 1 Commences for Years 8, 9 and 10:

Thursday 30 January

Swimming Carnival:

Thursday 06 February

Year 7 Camp:

Wednesday 26 – Friday 28 February

Year 9 Camp:

Monday 16 – Wednesday 18 March

USEFUL LINKS:

Canteen Menu

Uniform Shop Price List

Parent Portal

Facebook

Instagram

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