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NEGS Newsletter

Term 4 Week 8 - Wednesday 25th November 2015

From The Principal

Mr Clive Logan



A world of words and uncertainty

We live in a world of words and in a world of increasing uncertainty.

Words have meanings that bring varied responses from each of us. Words such as *happiness*, *acceptance*, *peace* and *success* describe what each of us want out of life. I believe that the word that best describes these desired attributes is **attitude**. Attitude is the primary force that will determine whether we succeed or fail to reach our expectations.

We want to see our students at NEGS, as an acclaimed author on leadership studies, Myles Munro suggests, "integrate **attitude**, **attributes** and **aptitude** to produce an **altitude** of thinking." It an adjustment in our belief system – it is not about ability, it is about **mentality**:

- **Our attitude determines our approach to life** – it is impossible for us to tailor make all situations to fit our lives perfectly. But it is possible to tailor make our attitudes to fit. This is what may be called learned behaviour and does not come automatically. School gives opportunities for students to be able to try these out in a safe environment. We all help create the environment – mental, emotional, physical and spiritual – by the attitude we develop.

- **Our attitude determines our relationships with people** – students are frustrating at times, interesting but not always charming, not always predictable because they have minds of their own. You can't always get along with them and you can't teach without them. Yet it is essential to build proper relationships with them – bridges – to connect with them.

We also live in a world that is increasingly uncertain. The terrorist attacks recently in Paris have shocked the world and brought about reactions in their wake. The Project host, Waleed Aly, on Channel Ten recently went viral in the wake of the terrorist attacks in Paris with a shocking, uncensored and thoroughly reasonable rant about the importance of maintaining social cohesion as a means of defeating radicalisation and terrorism. For a look at what he had to say, view at: <http://www.news.com.au/entertainment/tv/tv-shows/walked-aly-hits-out-at-isis-over-paris-attacks-calls-them-weak/news-story/e884afd6dd7781d6f7a105b321ca5d2d>

The completely sensible outburst in the segment, 'Something we should talk about', shared over 400,000 times, was described by digital media experts as 'insanely levelheaded'. Reports indicate that merely hours after the video's release, YouTubers were already posting response videos. One is named 'Teens React To... Waleed Aly' and features teenagers watching the video and responding with quotes like, "This seems completely obvious and sensible to me," and "As a teenager, I consider this message of unity and pluralism to be a welcome antidote to the senseless drumbeat for war so often parroted in other media." What a different world we live in today!

Lou Holtz, former Notre Dame Football coach, once said: "Ability is what you're capable of doing, motivation determines what you do, attitude determines how well you do it." In many cases, what you think is more important than what you do.

May I thank the NEGS community for their support for their children and for the School throughout the year. Another year has gone by but I firmly believe that the School is heading in the right direction thanks to the input of the Board, the Executive team, Heads of Department, Year Advisors and all staff, academic and support, and the faith of the parents. The students of this school would not prosper without the full support of all involved.

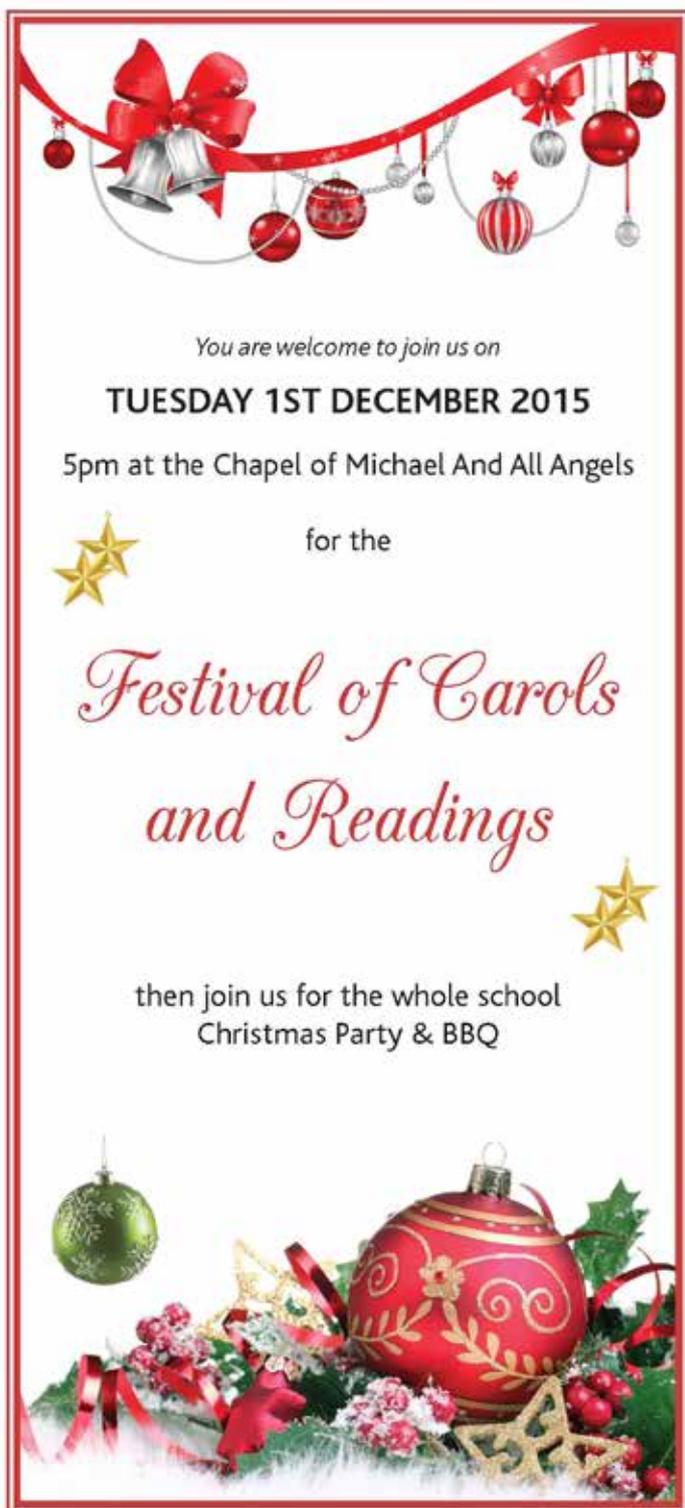
It's that time of year again. December has come and with it all the joys of Christmas. But what is the real meaning of Christmas? Is it the gifts under the tree, the lights in the windows, the cards in the mail, turkey dinners with family and friends, snow in the yard (if you live in the northern hemisphere), stockings hanging in the living room, and shouts of "Merry Christmas" to those who pass us in the streets? Is this really Christmas?

Christmas can be a season of great joy. It is a time of God showing His great love for us. It can be a time of healing and renewed strength. Christmas is when we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. God sent His Son, Jesus, into the world to be born. His birth brought great joy to the world.

Let's remember the real message of Christmas and not let the world's events influence what we do and think. As we celebrate Christmas in a variety of ways, even though some will be at work, most Australians, find the festival as compelling as ever. Its timeless magnetism stems from a powerful, renewable virtue that is essential to the human heart - hope. For over 2000 years, the rebirth of hope inherent in the Christmas story has spilled out in abundance to those who have embraced entirely different religious creeds, or none.

Its promise of a better world manifests itself in the greater tolerance and acts of kindness synonymous with this time of year, which tends to draw out the best - and occasionally, unfortunately, the worst - in human nature.

Finally, may I wish you all a Happy and Holy Christmas and a safe New Year spent with family and friends. Drive carefully, stay safe and enjoy the season. I look forward to seeing you all back in 2016 with classes commencing on Thursday 28 January.



You are welcome to join us on

TUESDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2015

5pm at the Chapel of Michael And All Angels

for the

*Festival of Carols
and Readings*

then join us for the whole school
Christmas Party & BBQ



**NEW ENGLAND
GIRLS' SCHOOL**

The Principal, Mr Clive Logan, warmly invites you to attend the

120th NEGS Speech Day

on

WEDNESDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2015

9.30am in the NEGS Multi Purpose Centre

with Special Guest Speaker

**Vice Chancellor Professor
Annabelle Duncan PSM,
University of New England**

followed by Morning Tea at 11.30am in the Assembly Hall

You are also welcome to join us on

TUESDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2015

5pm at the Chapel of Michael And All Angels
for the **Festival of Carols and Readings**

RSVP: Monday 23rd November 2015
P: 02 6774 8700 or E: reception@negs.nsw.edu.au

Term Two and Term Three Calendar Dates

TERM 4

9 weeks

Monday 5 October	Public Holiday P&F Meeting, 7pm – WH Lee Room Boarders Return 8:30pm
Tuesday 6 October	Term Four Classes Commence Prefects Induction Assembly Year 11 Leadership camp departs
Thursday 8 October	Year 11 returns
Monday 12 October	HSC Examinations commence
Friday 16 October	Sports Presentation Evening
Monday 2 November	Year 7 & 8 Examination week
Friday 6 November	HSC Examinations conclude
Monday 9 November	Year 9 & 10 Examination week
Monday 16 November	Year 10 Work Experience Week
Monday 23 November	Year 10 Service Week
Thursday 26 November	St John's Celebration of Learning
Tuesday 1 December	Carol Service – 5pm
Wednesday 2 December	Year 7-11 Speech Day – 9:30am - MPC End Term Four

From the Uniform Shop
Mrs Rosemary Campbell

Uniform shop Opening Days - Nov-Jan

December

Wednesday		Thursday	
2	Dec	3	Dec
9	Dec	10	Dec
16	Dec	17	Dec

January

Wednesday		Thursday	
13	Jan	14	Jan
20	Jan	21	Jan

2016 Term Dates

TERM 1

Monday 25 January	Staff Day
Tuesday 26 January	Australia Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 27 January	Staff Morning Orientation Afternoon, Years 7 – 11 new students only (Boarding Houses open from 2.00pm) Boarders return by 8.00pm
Thursday 28 January	First day of school All students
Friday - Monday 25 March – 28 March	Easter Public Holiday
Thursday 7 April	Last day of Term 1
Friday - Monday 8 April – 25 April	School Holidays

TERM 2

Monday 25 April	ANZAC Day - Public Holiday Boarders return by 8.00pm
Tuesday 26 April	First day of Term 2
Monday 13 June	Queen's Birthday - Public Holiday
Thursday 23 June	Last day of Term 2
Friday - Friday 24 June – 15 July	School Holidays

TERM 3

Monday 18 July	Staff Day Boarders return by 8.00pm
Tuesday 19 July	First day of Term 3
Thursday 22 September	Year 12 Valedictory Day Last day of Term 3 Last day for Year 12
Friday - Friday 23 September – 7 October	School Holidays

TERM 4

Monday 10 October	Staff Day Boarders return by 8.00pm
Tuesday 11th October	First day of Term 4
Wednesday 7 December	Speech Day Last day for Years 7 - 11

Private Vehicle Conveyancing (PVC) travel diaries

A reminder that all travel diaries (for boarders' travel) should be returned to me at NEGS by the end of Term 4 detailing trips made in Terms 3 and 4, otherwise the minimum will be claimed i.e. 1 return trip for each term.

Please note: for families who are not registered, to be subsidised for Semester 2 (Terms 3 and 4) the cut off date for applications is the end of November. Once again, if your application is successful, could you please forward a copy of the original form to NEGS so we can ensure that you will be paid your subsidy? Thank you for your assistance.

Helen Smith (helen.smith@negs.nsw.edu.au)

Year 10 will Shine!

This week Year 10 are participating in a week of various opportunities including a First Aid Course, Careers advice and completing "All my Own Work". The girls are also participating in the 'ShineGIRL' program. ShineGIRL is about equipping girls with the knowledge and skills to discover who they are and the person they want to become. It also hopes to offer girls new, proactive positions to co-construct stories of identity in which they discover a new language to speak about what they value and treasure in their lives, and to state their hopes and preferences.



This program encourages participants to find the strength and courage within themselves to make healthy choices and live life to their full potential. The program is not aimed at stereotyping what girls should be like or how they should behave, but using a holistic approach, it reinforces that every girl is different and has different strengths, qualities and skills. ShineGIRL takes a strengths based approach inspiring the girls to grow and change by using their strengths as a personal resource. It applies experiential learning to purposefully engage participants through direct experience and focused reflection in order to increase knowledge, develop problem solving skills and clarify concepts. The program also focuses on developing emotional intelligence- to understand yourself and to understand others, including their feelings.

Congratulations to our Year 6 students.

Best wishes to our Year 6 students as they prepare for an exciting new stage in their education as Secondary School students in 2015. The Secondary teachers enjoyed engaging with the girls and are looking forward to teaching them in 2015.

Wishing you a safe and blessed Christmas and holidays.**Music Department**

Ms Kirrili Williams

Congratulations to *Charlotte Chapman, Hayley Whitehill, Keeley O'Connor, and Zoe Stuart*, who all completed a Trinity Music Exam last week!

Organ Scholarships 2016

A small number of organ scholarships have been made available for 2016, which is a very exciting opportunity. Applications are open to students currently in Years 4 to 9 (2015) who have some piano skills and a willingness to work consistently on the organ. Please apply for an audition and interview at music.admin@negs.nsw.edu.au. Auditions will consist of basic piano skills, reading and aural tests.

Bravissimo! Excursion February 2016

Hurry!!! Places are filling fast!!!

Music students from Years 7-12 are invited to participate in the excursion to the Bravissimo! concert in Port Macquarie on Wednesday February 10, 2016. The concert will feature NEGS 2015 HSC student Isabella Watson who was selected for her inclusion based on her outstanding achievement in performance this year which is a credit to NEGS and our Music program. This is a day trip and, should places fill, preference will be given to senior students. Permission slips have been emailed home and copies are available from the Music office or music.admin@negs.nsw.edu.au

Music Excursion to Sydney March 2016

Hurry!!! Places are filling fast!!!

Following the success of last year's three day excursion, this trip will be offered again in March. Students will see the evening performance of Encore (the showcase concert of outstanding HSC work in Music) as well as two professional performances and/or workshops. (Last year's trip included the Australian String Quartet at City Recital Hall, meeting composer Ross Edwards and the cabaret show Don't Mention the Wall!) Dates have not been confirmed by BOSTES yet but expressions of interest are welcome.

Carol Service Rehearsals Week 8

These will occur during periods 1-3 each day of Week 8 and will involve Year 8, all choristers and members of the String Quartet. Please let us know of any potential interruptions during this week as there is a lot of music to prepare. We look forward to seeing you all at the Carol Service at 5:00pm on Tuesday 1 December in the Chapel.

Lets make coming back to school fun!!

WEEK 1, TERM 1 2016

BOARDERS AND DAY STUDENTS

WEEKEND AT...



WHEN: Friday 29th January - Sunday 31st January 2016

WHERE: Treasure Island Holiday park + 'Dreamworld OR Water World' at the Gold Coast

WHO: All Boarders and Day Girls are welcome

Please Note: Permission and medical notes have been emailed to students and parents. These are due Monday 30th November, 2015.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Our heartiest congratulations to **Laura Strelitz** and **Sarah Parkes**, who have been offered UNE GRASS Industry Placement scholarships. Close to 50 applications were received for this program and all applicants were invited to an all-expenses paid student camp held in October.

Following the camp and through an application and interview process, 15 students were selected. Well done girls! They will have the opportunity to work with industry/research scientists as they complete their 5 day industry placements in November, December or January.

NEGS Science Faculty

STEAMING SUCCESS!

Our Year 9 students have been very busy engaging in a wide range of activities as a part of the inaugural NEGS STEAM week. From engineering challenges, robotics, Geogebra and food science, to Saumarez Homestead, Moree and music compositions - the girls have experienced STEAM in a real-world context. This will hopefully provide them with some clarity as to what STEAM careers involve and what they can work towards for the future. Some students have already expressed a desire to follow up on some of the activities they participated in, which is fantastic.

Jenna: *"I really enjoyed STEAM week. It was a nice break from classes and a chance to do something different. I really enjoyed Robotics. I thought that it was something different that I had never tried before and it was an enjoyable way to do Science. I also really liked Food Science. I thought it was good that we got something out of it and also a chance to do our favourite Science pracs."*

Emily B: *"STEAM week was fun and I learnt many things. It was great fun learning about GeoGebra and I found Marine Biology very interesting as I hadn't really done much before."*

Georgia L: *"The STEAM week activities were entertaining, especially building the robots, and they were all equally challenging, making us extend our selves to complete the tasks."*



NEGS LIVESTOCK TEAM DINNER

A great night reflecting on another successful year and celebrating 20 Years of cattle at NEGS!

Major Award winners were;

Isobel Robertson - Clonan Family Award,
Olivia Carter - Robertson Family Award,
Emily Barton and Chelsea Devenish - Mr
Lyll Cameron award.

Full colours awarded to Isobel
Robertson, Katie Cannington and Sophie
Watson.

Score Beef Bonanza

The NEGS Livestock Team has continued to post some impressive results this semester, most recently taking out some major wins at the Score Beef Bonanza. A huge number of cattle and some 800 student exhibitors attended the Bonanza. NEGS took out first place in the heavy weight steer competition and second place in the medium weight steer.

Team members did an amazing job in the parader classes, with Emily Barton taking home first in the 14 years paraders and second in judging. Emma Kaul was also placed third and Olivia Carter highly commended in 15 years paraders and Chelsea Devenish, Highly Commended Parader.



GOLD COAST TRIP 2016



What to Pack

- Beach towel
- Pillow and pillow case (optional - all bed linen and bath towel supplied)
- NEGS Swimmers and a rash shirt or t-shirt
- Excursion uniform is to be worn on the bus (including covered shoes) - this can be worn to school on our departure day - Friday 29th January 2016.
- Toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo, conditioner, personal items, soap is provided)
- Sunscreen, hat and water bottle
- Underwear
- Pyjamas
- Casual clothes for Saturday and Sunday - no midriff, shoe string strap singlet tops or ripped shorts. Check with me if unsure.
- Thongs
- Jumper
- Insect repellent
- A small bag to share for theme park to put towels etc in.
- Money for shopping at Harbour Town
- Plastic bags for wet clothes and towels
- Travel calm (if you get bus sick)

NEGS Rifle Club wrapped up the year with a Parent - Student Shoot followed by a Presentation Barbecue at Wollomombi Range last Saturday.

The occasion was a fabulous opportunity for both mums and dads to try the sport and see the challenges their daughters overcome every time they shoot competitively. The wind certainly helped here, swinging from a strong warm westerly to a cool misty south easterly mid afternoon.

Following a tasty barbecue the annual trophy presentation saw Captain Isabel Cameron win the Club Cup for overall best shot, the Larsson Plate for best wind coach and the Konecsny Cup for Club service. Sarah Wyatt won the Murray Plate for best AAGPS score, Alex Patten the Coach's Plate, Sophie Sutherland and Bronte Hiscox the Most Improved Trophy and Anna Campbell and Brydi Holmes the Service & Perseverance Award.

The Club is looking forward to kicking off again in Term One in 2016.





**NEW ENGLAND
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Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends of NEGS,

You are invited to attend the

**NEGS Swimming Carnival 2016.
Friday, 19th February, 2016.**

Enjoy a lovely day supporting the students of NEGS as they strive to do their best in, and out, of the pool.

You are very welcome to come dressed in the colours of your daughter's house to add to the atmosphere.

When: Gates open at 8am, spectator fee of \$3.00 upon arrival.

Where: The Monckton Aquatic Centre, Dumaresq St, Armidale, 2350.

On the completion of races all students will return to school and convene in the MPC for the House Cheering Final and Award Presentation. Parents are welcome to attend.

Volunteers: We are looking for parent helpers to time keep during the day. If you wish to volunteer your services please email the Sports Coordinator, Laura Cambridge at: laura.cambridge@negs.nsw.edu.au and she will be happy to allocate you a time slot.



Major Sport Awards

Next year the Major Sports Award application process will be going online.

This means that students can fill in their form at any time throughout the year as they complete their achievements. They can fill in the form as many times as they wish before the cut off date at the end of Term 3. Those competing in events over the Term 3 break can then have the opportunity to submit once more in the first week of Term 4.

All results are collated in a spreadsheet format and are then used by the award committee to determine the winners.

The link can be found on the NEGS website under the 'Parent' tab, followed by '2016 forms'. Please apply at the Major Sports Awards bar.

Armidale Sports Council Awards

Congratulations to the **Coona Polocrosse** team who won one of the Junior Teams of the Year!!!

Lindsey Doolan was also selected as a finalist in the Junior Sports Star of the Year category from 40 nominees!

Bronte Dagg was awarded a 100.3FM Special Award.

Charlotte Raleigh was also a nominee.



Risk Warning

(Under Section 5M of Civil Liability Act 2002)
On Behalf of **New England Girls' School**, AHIGS and IPSHA:
Sporting Activities 2016

New England Girls' School organises many individual and team sporting activities during the course of a year. Some of these are organised in conjunction with the Association of Heads of Independent Girls' Schools NSW (AHIGS) and some with the Independent Primary School Heads' Association of Australia NSW (IPSHA). Students participating in these sporting activities take part in practice and in competitions.

New England Girls' School, AHIGS and IPSHA expect students to take responsibility for their own safety by wearing compulsory safety equipment, by thinking carefully about the use of safety equipment that is highly recommended and by behaving in a safe and responsible manner towards team members, opponents, spectators, officials, property and grounds.

While **New England Girls' School**, AHIGS and IPSHA take measures to make the sporting activities as safe as reasonably possible for participants, there is a risk that students can be injured and suffer loss (including financial loss) and damage as a result of their participation in these sporting activities, whether at training or in actual events.

Such injury can occur while the student is engaging in or watching a sporting activity, or travelling to and from the event. The injury may result from a student's actions, the actions of others, the state of the premises or equipment failure.

On some occasions, an injury can be serious (such as torn ligaments, dislocations, back injuries, concussion or broken bones). In very rare cases an injury can be life threatening or result in permanent disability. If a student has a pre-existing injury, participating in a sporting activity could result in an exacerbation of that injury.

Students could also suffer loss as a result of their personal property being lost, stolen, damaged or destroyed.

Risk Warning

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On Behalf of **New England Girls' School**, AHIGS and IPSHA:
Non Sporting Activities 2016

New England Girls' School organises many activities such as debating, mock trial, orchestra, choir during the course of a year. Students participating in these activities take part in practice and in competitions.

The Association of Heads of Independent Girls' Schools NSW (AHIGS) administers and convenes inter-school activities (such as Archdale Debating and Festival of Speech) in which many students, including students of this school, participate.

While **New England Girls' School** and AHIGS take measures to make the activities as safe as reasonably possible for participants, there is a risk that students can be injured and suffer loss (including financial loss) and damage as a result of their participation in these activities, whether at practice or in actual events.

Such injury can occur while the student is engaging in or watching a non-sporting activity, or travelling to and from the event. The injury may result from a student's actions, the actions of others, the state of the premises or equipment failure (e.g. a collapsed stage during a debating competition).

On some occasions, an injury can be serious (such as torn ligaments, dislocations, back injuries, concussion or broken bones). In very rare cases an injury can be life threatening or result in permanent disability.

Students could also suffer loss as a result of their personal property being lost, stolen, damaged or destroyed.

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An annual sewing retreat for those who love to sew. A week where you can increase your knowledge, technical expertise and broaden creativity while meeting new/longstanding sewing friends.

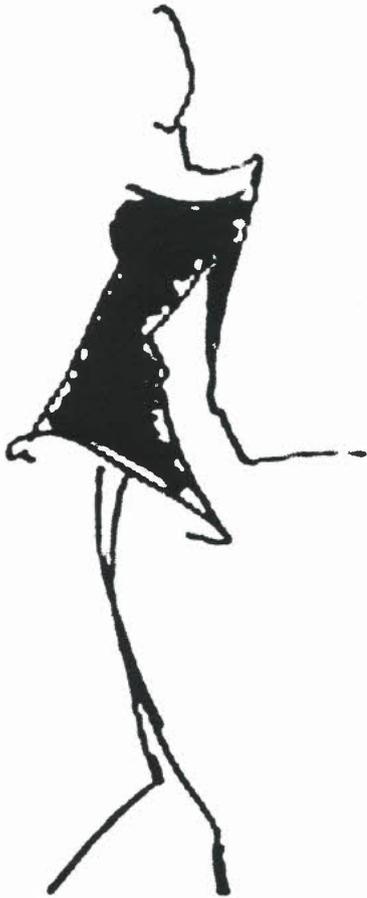
We welcome you on Sunday with an inspirational parade of couture garments and Year 12 major works followed by a sausage sizzle.

Dates:
January 10th - 15th 2016

Venue:
New England Girls' School
(NEGS), Uralla Road,
Armidale
Multi-purpose Centre

Hours: Sunday 10th: 2pm - 5pm
Monday 11th - Friday 15th
9am - 4pm

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ACCOMODATION

On campus accomodation will be offered - single rooms with shared facilities including continental breakfast. Lunch & Dinner will be available if required.

For more details on course content, tutors and what to bring, contact Fabric Fair. Facebook will be continually updated.



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COURSES OFFERED:-

Junior, Teen, Master Class, Year 12 Major Works and Evening courses.

**JUNIOR - Sew Up A Storm
- Cook Up A Storm**

Sewing on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday includes fun projects with printing and dying. Cooking Thursday & Friday including a bake off competition. All materials included in tuition fee.

TEEN

Learning to sew creatively using commercial patterns with tuition in fabric making and surface embellishments.

WHAT CAN I DO IN A MASTER CLASS?

You can make any garment of your choice with professional help in both fitting and construction. Each day there are scheduled seminars on particular technical topics. Choose a garment that offers what you want to learn - fit, evening wear, boning, lace work, sewing specialised fabrics and tailoring.

MAJOR WORKS YEAR 12

What a wonderful opportunity to get a head start on a project with the help of professional pattern makers and couture teachers. Time to experiment and explore and take the pressure off that August deadline.

EVENING COURSES

- KNOW YOUR OVERLOCKER
Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th
6:30pm to 9:30pm

Tutor: Lorraine Jenkins

- PATTERN MAKING
Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th
6:30pm to 9:30pm

Tutor: Rhonda Di Luzio

A NIGHT WITH BERNINA

Wednesday 13th - 6:30pm

Bree the Bernina Trainer & Educator will present a free seminar to inspire and dazzle us with her knowledge and expertise in the world of Bernina.

ALL SMALL CLASS GROUPS

TUTORS

All tutors are highly qualified, hands-on, talented, creative teachers. They are leaders in their fields with a wealth of up-to-date knowledge and experience in teaching adults and young people.

VENUE

Teaching space will be fully equipped with irons, ironing boards, cutting tables, mannequins, sewing library and inspirational material.

MACHINES

If it is not possible to bring your own machine (in working order) we can supply a limited number of Bernina machines.

HOW TO BOOK

Contact Fabric Fair and request a registration form.

Phone: 6772 7745

Email: fabricfair@bigpond.com or
Fabric Fair on Facebook

COST

Master Classes: \$420.00

Junior: \$360.00 (includes all supplies for sewing and cooking)

Teens: \$320.00 (plus own materials)

Pattern Making: \$90.00 (plus materials charge)

Know Your Overlocker: \$90.00 (materials list supplied)

BOOKING POLICY

For week long courses, a deposit of \$150.00 is payable on booking.

Evening courses \$50.00 deposit.

Please note that your booking will not be valid until this deposit has been paid.

Balance for the course is payable before December 1st.

Cancellation Policy

A 50% refund will be given if cancellation is before November 30th 2015. No refunds will be made after December 1st, unless your position can be filled.

Gold Coast Getaway Forms



November, 2015

'2016 Gold Coast Getaway'

Dear Parent/Guardian,

In consolidating the establishment of new traditions in 2014, and welcoming the past and present young women of NEGS, the 2016 Gold Coast Trip will be occurring on Friday 29th January - 31st January (at the end of Week 1, Term 1, 2016). This trip is compulsory for boarders as it is seen as an integral component of creating collegiality and bonds at the beginning of the year. It is highly desirable that all day girls attend as well as the positive relationships between day girls and boarders is the essence of what makes NEGS special.

During the two day excursion the group will be visiting Dreamworld OR White Water World, enjoy the variety of activities offered at Treasure Island Holiday Park and a little shopping at Harbour Town Shopping Centre.

The time away will provide ample opportunity for the girls to get to know one another better and support each other as they return from their Summer break.

Therefore, the first weekend of term will be a '**closed weekends**' for all Boarders.

Summary of Details:

- WHEN:** Friday 29th January - Sunday 31st January, 2016.
Depart from the NEGS turning circle at 1.30pm on Friday.
Return to the NEGS turning circle at approximately 9.00pm on Sunday.
- ACCOMMODATION:** Treasure Island NRMA Holiday Park
117 Brisbane Rd
Biggera Waters, QLD
PH: (07) 5500 8666
- METHOD OF TRANSPORT:** New England Coaches
- ACTIVITIES:** Dreamworld, Shopping at Harbour Town and varied activities at Treasure Island Holiday Park
- WHAT TO BRING:** Swimmers, towel, rash vest, thongs, casual clothes, sunscreen, covered shoes, toiletries, plastic bag for wet swimwear, hat, PJ's. A more detailed list will be placed on the NEGS website over the Christmas Holidays.
- COST:** \$305
- TEACHERS ATTENDING:** Mrs Evans, Mrs Thomas, Mrs McCulloch, Mrs Middleton, Mrs Garrad, Miss Johnston, Health Centre Nurse + TBC

Please find enclosed the medical form and permission note which needs to be completed and returned to Mrs Thomas by **Monday 30th November 2015**.

Please contact me if you have any queries about the program.

Yours sincerely,

SJThomas

Mrs Stephanie Thomas

stephanie.thomas@negs.nsw.edu.au

Excursion Permission Form

Please complete the section below and return this form by the **30th November 2015** to: **Mrs Thomas**, NEGS, Uralla Road, Armidale, NSW 2350 or stephanie.thomas@negs.nsw.edu.au. Full details of the excursion, including cost are attached.

I / We give permission for _____ in **Year** ____ to attend the excursion to the **Gold Coast on 29th January - 31st January, 2016.**

I / We give permission for the staff supervising to seek any medical attention for my/our daughter and for staff to administer any medication when necessary.

Known medical conditions and present medication are listed below.

MEDICAL CONDITIONS AND DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

MEDICATIONS

Medicare Number _____ Position on card _____

Signed: _____ (Parent / Guardian)

Date: _____