



# NEGS

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# Akaroa

Semester Two 2017

# 2018 Calendar

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### Term One

Friday 26 January	Australia Day
Monday 29 January	Orientation Afternoon for New Students
	Boarders Return by 8pm
<b>TUESDAY 30 JANUARY</b>	<b>CLASSES COMMENCE</b>
Thursday 15 February	Father and Daughter Dinner
Friday 16 February	NEGS Swimming Carnival
Friday 16 March	Bullying No Way Day
Friday 30 March	Good Friday - Easter Weekend
Monday 2 April	Easter Monday
Thursday 5 April	Commonwealth Games excursion departs
Thursday 12 April	Last day of Term One

### Term Two

Monday 30th April	Staff Day
	Boarders return by 8pm
<b>TUESDAY 1 MAY</b>	<b>CLASSES COMMENCE</b>
Friday 8 – 11 June	Queen's Birthday Long Weekend
Monday 11 June	Boarders return by 8pm
Tuesday 12 June	Classes resume
Friday 15 June	NEGS Athletics Carnival
Thursday 28 June	Last day of Term Two

### Term 3

Monday 23 July	Staff Day
	Boarders return by 8pm
<b>TUESDAY 24 JULY</b>	<b>CLASSES COMMENCE</b>
Friday 14 September	Grandparents' Day
Thursday 27 September	Valedictory Day
	Last day of Term Three

### Term 4

Monday 15 October	Staff Day
	Boarders return by 8pm
<b>TUESDAY 16 OCTOBER</b>	<b>CLASSES COMMENCE</b>
Tuesday 11 December	Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols
Wednesday, 12 December	Year 7 - 11 NEGS Speech Day
	Last day of Term Four

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# Principal's Welcome

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As you browse our final Akaroa for 2017, I hope you enjoy reading about some of the incredible achievements from our Junior and Senior School students, from academic, to sporting, equestrian, boarding and more.

I would also like to take a moment to reflect upon our blessings, as collectively we give thanks for the many opportunities provided to students by this dynamic school community. From our incredibly beautiful campus, our small class sizes, the specialist programs that NEGS offers and, most importantly, the sense of collaboration between staff and students, singularly ensuring the best academic outcomes available. There is much that inspires wonder at NEGS.

Ultimately, it is an exciting time to be a student at NEGS. As an organisation that sparks change, we constantly strive to uplift and empower our students and support the beliefs, values, understanding and emotions that come with being a member of our community.

2017 has been an incredible year. Strategically the relationship between the Junior and Senior School has never been stronger, with a focus on a whole campus model and the junior students benefiting from our dedicated facilities and the extensive knowledge of our specialist teachers, some of those who form part of the Senior School academic cohort.

Much like our learning community is constantly developing, and our teachers continue to embrace innovation, so too must we also embrace change. In 2017 our school has undergone extensive rebranding, with a new website in place and the St John's Junior School moniker changed to the NEGS Junior School. These efforts have been undertaken with the best interests of the pupils and the school in mind, ultimately making us stronger together.

Sustainability and practical hands-on learning has also been part of the 2017 NEGS focus. Many families will note that some of the school's expansive grounds have been turned over to a large agricultural precinct with a composting system implemented that involves a successful dining hall scrap recycling program, manure from the equestrian centre and the school's 100 plus chooks supplying the dining hall with eggs. In turn, the girls benefit from a practical understanding of the food production cycle.

Learning should always be engaging and stimulating. Entrepreneurship has been a strong focus for our Year 9 and 10 Commerce students who have formed their own enterprise with a specially created coffee cart so girls can learn the ropes of planning, organising and running a small business.



I would also like to take a moment to congratulate our wonderful Junior School teacher, Mrs Catherine McCann, who has been recently recognised by the 2017 ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards (ASG NEiTA). Mrs McCann is one of 30 state and territory finalists selected out of more than 1,450 nominations for the awards this year.

I am so proud to be at the helm of a thriving co-educational Junior School and a strong single-sex Senior School where students are forging their academic career in an environment designed to bring out their very best.

I would like to end with a quote from our recently elected Head Girl, Emily Barton, which I believe encapsulates the sense of belonging, connectedness and the positive school community for which NEGS is renowned.

*"NEGS has played a significant role in shaping the person I am today and the lessons I have learnt during my time at NEGS will have a lasting impact. I can honestly say I'm proud to be a NEGS girl and look forward to my final year, in which I hope to leave behind a legacy we can all be proud of".*

*Thank you - Emily Barton*

Mrs Mary Anne Evans | NEGS Principal

# Meet our Prefects

## Meet our Prefects

School Prefects are selected by their peers and teaching staff through a rigorous process, based on their contribution to the school and their ability to be true ambassadors of NEGS.

For 2017/18, we are delighted to announce that our Head Prefect is Emily Barton and our Senior Prefect is Jessica Ross.

Emily joined NEGS in Year 9. Emily enjoys water skiing, camp-drafting, working on the farm during holidays and being involved in the NEGS Livestock Team. She is studying English, Mathematics, Economics, Modern History, Biology and Agriculture. After completing her HSC she plans to have a gap year before embarking on possibly a double degree in Agriculture/Business, Business/Economics or a Bachelor of Resource Economics.

Jessie also joined us in Year 9. She loves Polocrosse and has represented Narrabri, NEGS, North-West Plains, New England, NSW and Australia. Jessie is studying English, Maths, PDHPE, Modern History and Biology with the aim of studying Physiotherapy or Speech Pathology at University.

Both Emily and Jessie are looking forward to coming to grips with their Head Prefect responsibilities, implementing some changes and getting to know the younger pupils. They are keen to set a good example.



### EMILY BARTON

#### What was the interview process like and how did you prepare?

The interview process, whilst it was rigorous, was a great experience and it somewhat prepares students for potential interviews in life beyond school. There is limited preparation required. The only advice I would give to anyone in a similar situation is to stand true to your beliefs and be yourself.

#### What are your roles and responsibilities?

As Head Girl, there are many roles and responsibilities that require dedication and commitment. As a leader, there are various functions and events that you are required to attend as Head Girl and a main role is to deliver a number of speeches at events such as the Sports Dinner, the Year 12 Induction Ceremony and Speech Day. Part of my role is to facilitate the cohesion of the student body and be a conduit between the students and staff to invoke change for the betterment of the school. In addition to public appearances, the leaders are also responsible for a range of projects such as Year 12 fundraising. I am considered to be a role model for the younger years and I strongly believe in leading by example. I would never ask someone to do something I wouldn't be willing to do myself.

#### What plans do you have for 2018?

In my final year at school, I hope to not only achieve my academic goals but also be involved in all aspects of the school community, including extra curricular activities and school based functions and events. Whilst I hope to achieve my academic goals, I also hope to build upon my relationships with the girls, in all years, from Year 7 to 12.

### JESSICA ROSS

#### What was the interview process like and how did you prepare?

The interview process proceeded in alphabetical order, meaning I was last. Watching the six candidates before me go out of class with sweating hands and returning back with massive sighs of relief got me anxious about the questions I would be asked. So, I ran over a few generic situations and honest answers and did my best to keep my cool.

#### What are your roles and responsibilities?

As Senior Prefect my role is to assist Emily in any way possible, ranging from things like sending emails to organising the Year 12 class. In doing this Emily can better spend her time preparing for speeches and formal functions. My responsibilities are the same as the rest of Year 12; lead by example; be a voice for the student body; create conversations and friendships with younger students; and be a positive ambassador for our school.

#### What plans do you have for the upcoming year?

Going into our senior year means it's time to knuckle down and get busy, although my primary focus will be academics I still plan to be an active member in the school body to continually improve our school. Being a boarder means I am very close to all the girls and consider them all one of my sisters. Keeping this in mind I plan to make many fun filled memories with them before I leave.

# NEGS News - Senior School

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## Agriculture News

Our chickens are certainly getting bigger and are now producing delicious, fresh eggs for the kitchen. At NEGS we continue to embrace our sustainability program. The food waste is collected from our dining hall and the scraps are offered daily to the chickens. Scraps that are not consumed that day are collected and composted. Our school compost system also includes equestrian centre waste and garden green waste. Compost is used on site at NEGS as a soil improver at our school farm, equestrian centre and gardens.

## Marie Bashir Peace Awards

Congratulations to NEGS Year 12 student Emily Sole who was

honoured to receive one of eight Marie Bashir Peace Awards from the National Council of Women of NSW. Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO presented the Awards on 25th September, 2017 at Parliament House, Sydney. Emily was nominated for her significant contribution to harmony and social justice through displaying leadership in fostering harmonious relationships and peace. She thanked NEGS Principal, Mrs Mary Anne Evans, her Year Advisor and teachers for fostering a strong and active Wellbeing Program in the school which enabled her awareness of global injustice, and promoting leadership opportunities to all students.



## Old Girls' Gift

We were delighted to receive a beautiful gift from one of our Old Girls recently. A huge "Thank You" to Mrs Carr who most generously donated her violin for our girls to use. She will be often remembered when we hear the sweet sound emanating from it. The school and the students are greatly appreciative of such a wonderful donation to the school.



## Armidale Rifle Club

NEGS participated in a successful fundraiser shoot for the Westpac Rescue Helicopter. Literally "shooting for peanuts" NEGS shooters, Alex Patten, Sophie Sutherland, Emi Hasegawa (Target Rifle) braved several weather seasons at the Wollomombi Range.

## Gold Duke of Edinburgh

Congratulations to Year 12 student Charlotte Raleigh for completing her Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award.



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## Remembrance Day

Senior students from NEGS attended the Remembrance Day Ceremony at Central Park to pay tribute to the members of the armed forces who have died in the line of duty. Lest We Forget.

## Australian Defence Force visits NEGS

We believe NEGS girls will fly high in the future and succeed. Thanks to the Australian Defence Force, NEGS girls were fortunate to have the Air Force visit the school where they had the opportunity to participate in a number of amazing activities including flying an Air Force simulator, using virtual reality flying goggles, air traffic control activities, and trying on a few of the aviation suits and equipment. It was also lovely to welcome back NEGS Old Girl, Jaime Steel who was part of the Air Force team. Jaime is training to be an Air Traffic Controller. It was great to see the range of opportunities that are available in the Defence force for women.



## NEGSpresso

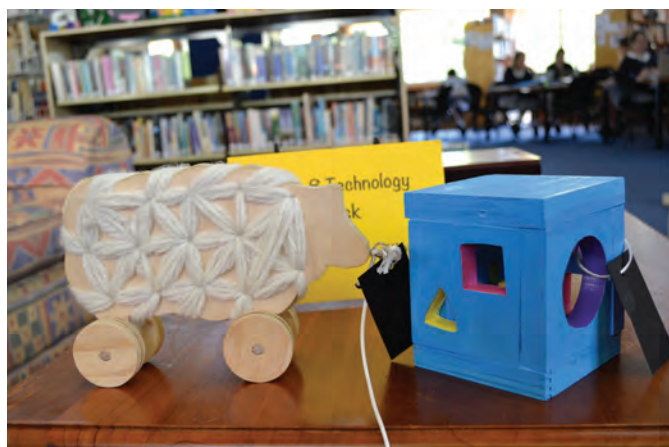
As part of their course requirements, Year 9/10 Commerce embarked on the topic 'Running a Business'. This required the girls to understand the functions and processes of setting up and running a small business. 'More than a School' was embraced by the class and textbooks put aside as they embarked on opening their own business, hence NEGSpresso, a barista bar was born. The Commerce class involved themselves in the setup of NEGSpresso through operational design, finance, marketing and human resource management. This included developing a budget, location, sourcing suppliers, market research and staff training. Many

of the girls completed their TAFE certificate in Coffee Making. In Term 3, NEGSpresso opened selling coffee to staff and hot chocolate and chai lattes to students. Not only have the students gained invaluable insight into the operations of their own business but a skill which will assist them in finding employment in the future. Year 9/10 Commerce are grateful to all those who have supported this project including, NEGS P&F, Westside Espresso, McCafe Armidale, Altitude Coffee, Paperware Distributors, Espresso Services and, of course, Mrs Evans and the team in Akaroa.



## Design and Technology

As part of the **Design and Technology** unit, Years 9-10 Textiles group have made door stops and Year 8 students were required to make wooden toys for young children. We are loving the quality of work and creative flair that NEGS girls are presenting. We were lucky to have them on display at the Black gully Music Festival.





## NEGS Chapel News

Hope Hour is an initiative of the Chaplaincy Department that provides a fun and warm space for the girls to meet each week, to have hot chocolate or a snack, and have an opportunity to get to know girls outside of their year group. The girls are wonderful at supporting one another and learning how to apply the Christian faith directly. As a group they have hosted a Pancake Day to raise money for Compassion, they have put on a Soccer game for the school and have encouraged one another every Wednesday lunch time. We are thankful for our Chapel Prefect, Emily Sole, who was a great leader to the younger girls and helped Miss de Sauty with the running of this group and its initiatives.

We were pleased to welcome to NEGS Chapel Pastor Warren Spooner from Compassion who came to thank students for their generous donations. NEGS donated \$1,216 to Compassion from the Pancake Day and personal pledges. Our donation will give access to water for five villages and will provide vaccinations, mosquito nets, baby essential kits, a pregnancy kit, seven chickens, one goat and one cow. This will make a huge difference to families who are living in poverty. Well done NEGS and Chaplaincy Hope Hour for initiating this project.



## NEGS Service Week

During service week girls were involved with many activities both at school and in Sydney. Some of the Year 8 and 9 girls headed to Sydney to help at a food and clothing shelter, "Thread Together", where they sorted and provided new clothing for those who need it most, along with food preparation and educational discussion. They assisted at Cook4Good cooking meals at a community kitchen and making deliveries to homeless shelters and community cafes. The program included an interactive activity about homelessness. Students delivered several hundred meals to Rough Edges in Darlinghurst. They then proceeded on an Urban Walk led by a Rough Edges patron, exploring the streets of Kings Cross from an insider's perspective. The Urban Walk was interactive and engaging, and an age appropriate discussion took place throughout.

# Head of Junior School

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The goal of a successful primary school is to provide a rigorous and balanced education that prepares all students for future education and life. NEGS Junior School's investment in Music education is what demonstrates our genuine commitment to nurture and grow each child's potential.

Music lessons and Creative Arts enrichment provide ample outlets for the development of children's creativity and imagination. The additional benefits to Science, Mathematics, reading and literacy skills are well documented and this is all within an activity that is motivating, stimulating and appealing to children. Imagination and enthusiasm for school is a by-product of an activity that is a load of fun. Research on brain and intellectual development are evidence that Music training for young children connects academic success and the development of strong learners. The inherent value of strengthening character traits such as dedication and persistence, can only contribute to their future work ethic and ability of a student to engage and enhance their own learning. Ensuring every child has access to a quality education must include a strong Music program due to its direct impact on all areas of academic achievement.

NEGS Junior School is so fortunate to have the quality team of Mrs Sally Spillane and Mr Phil Oxley to make this happen everyday! Quality lessons and Band and String programs are embedded into classroom programs. The number of co-curricular opportunities has grown and strengthened with new groups offered and also existing activities opened to more students.

The number of children involved in NEGS JS Vocal Ensemble has tripled in 2017 and has included children in Year 2 and Year 3. Mr Oxley's passion for the Handbell Choir is infectious, with a committed group of students who polish bells and practice their skills each week.

Mud Club pottery group has proved to be very popular for our young artists.

Performances at Armidale Eisteddfod and the Night of Music were huge successes for the term, which then led to the highlight of 2017, the Snow White Musical. This amazing event happened because of the inspirational work of Mrs Spillane and her support team of Mr Oxley, Ms Nolan and the Junior School staff and parents. The performance by all children from Kindergarten to Year 6 was an artful balance of comedy, acting skills, quality songs and stage management. The process of developing a school musical production is one that can be fraught with high demands but Mrs Spillane didn't miss a beat.

Our strength in Music Education can only go from strength to strength as we work towards the first attendance of NEGS Junior School at the IPSHA performing Arts Festival in 2018 in Sydney. This will be a wonderful opportunity for our students.

SHANNON ROSEWOOD



# NEGS News - Junior School

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## Northern Inland Indigenous Roadshow Netball Skills and Activities Day

Junior School girls had a great opportunity to be involved in the Northern Inland Indigenous Roadshow Netball Skills and Activities Day.

## Frog Dreaming Excursion

Years 5 and 6 attended Frog Dreaming, a two day excursion held at UNE's Newholme Research Centre. Generously organised and run by our local Landcare Group, the excursion provided a fantastic opportunity for our girls to learn more about our local biodiversity and sustainability initiatives. They participated in a range of fun activities including camping, hiking, mingling with students from other local small schools and bush regeneration. A real highlight was the bush cinema and looking for and finding colourful and cute Peacock spiders. The girls really enjoyed the experience and many are hoping to return in Year 9 as mentors for the younger students.



## Year 6 "Letter Day"

There's always something fun and exciting happening in our Junior School! Our amazing Year 6 students organised their Year 6 Fundraiser, "Letter Day" where students dressed up as their favourite letter or start of their name. All students had a brilliant time with face painting, braving the haunted house, lolly guessing competitions, lob a choc and "a minute to win it" competitions. Well done to Year 6 for organising such a well run fundraiser.



## French Day

Bonjour! The Junior School had a great day being immersed in everything French for French Day. They enjoyed French activities such as, crepe flipping, bopping croissants, French words pass the parcel, French waltz, making a beret, a French singing competition, best French dressed competition, French food including vol au vents and French fries for lunch, movies and much more. Merci to Madame O'Neill for organising such a fun day.



## Tour de Rocks

This year the Tour de Junior School event was a huge success. Boys and girls from Transition to Year 6 were able to ride, run or scoot laps of the road, tennis court or turning circle for sponsorship. A circuit of 0.7km per lap made it very challenging for the senior riders. After thirty minutes of frantic riding and some very red faces, all students could proudly say that they tried their very best. The donation total was impressive, with a sum of \$1500 being donated to Tour de Rocks.

Head of NEGS Junior School, Ms Shannon Rosewood says, "part of our duty is developing a culture of giving, of being outwardly focused and contributing to a fully functioning community. Tour de Rocks is an organisation committed to inspiring and engaging our communities to work together to make a difference in the fight against Cancer. I am incredibly proud of how our little ones always pull together and show so much enthusiasm, from finding sponsors to the herculean effort they put in on the day."

The remaining funds are being utilised to build a shelter for the student's bikes in the playground and to create a Maker Space, an exciting STEM initiative aimed at enhancing the opportunities for students to build, explore and experiment with materials.



# Round Square @ NEGS

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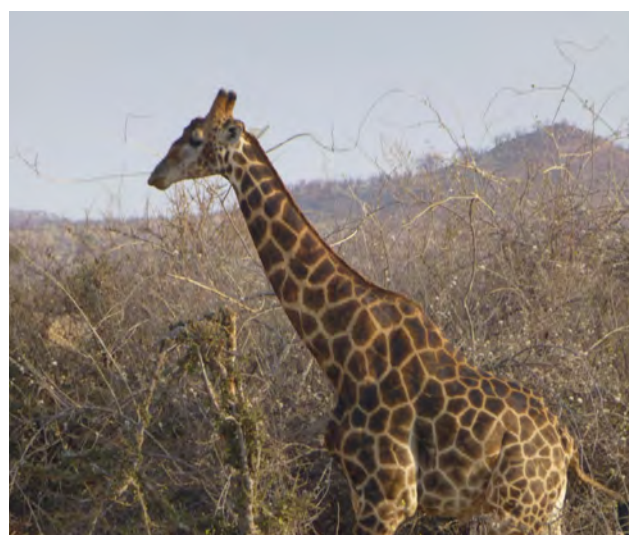


The NEGS Student delegation who attended the 2017 International Round Square Conference in the October holidays presented to the School Assembly a little about their adventure!

What you and I would define as a conference is very different to the experience the students have when they attend a Round Square conference. There is always a theme - the 2017 theme was "Ignite the Fire Within". The guest speakers, service learning and adventure experiences throughout the conference encapsulated this theme. At this conference the students and staff had the experience of a lifetime. The location of the conference was Botswana, Africa and Cape Town, South Africa.

The list below gives you an idea of what they spoke about in assembly:

- Lioness and her cubs
- Cheetah and her cub
- Hyenas in their den
- Elephants
- Giraffe
- Zebra
- Impala
- Wildebeest
- Warthogs
- Ostrich
- Baboons
- Table Mountain and the cable car ride, Cape Town
- V&A Waterfront, Cape Town
- Dust
- Food
- Meeting hundreds of other students from around the world
- The experience that makes us, breaks us
- Lightning hitting the plane
- Fun



# Mathematics, Science and Agriculture Department

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## Titration Comp

In June this year our Year 12 Chemistry students, Mikaela Ball, Charlotte Raleigh, Thelma Dauvunau and Matilda Adamson had the pleasure of participating in the regional Royal Australian Chemical Institute Titration Competition at the University of New England.

The RACI Titration Competitions are designed to encourage those students who enjoy Chemistry, particularly its practical side, to develop their skills and to reward those who attain a high level of proficiency. Our students worked hard and displayed excellent skills to accurately determine the unknown concentration of an acid by using titration techniques. Titration is the slow addition of one solution of a known concentration to a known volume of another solution of unknown concentration until the reaction reaches neutralisation, which is often indicated by a colour change. By carefully measuring volumes used, the exact concentration of unknown solutions can be found.

Our team worked well and were awarded 1st place in the regional competition.

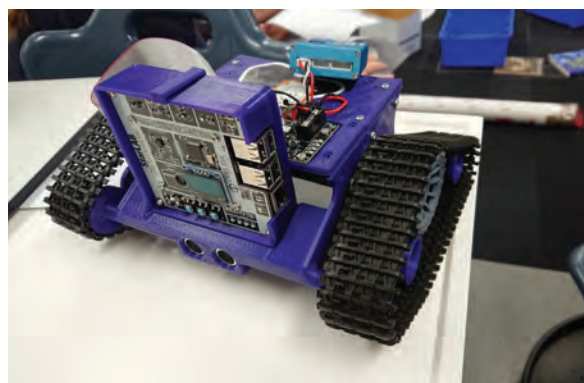


## iSTEM Classes

The iSTEM class were presented with the challenge to design, build and code a robotic arm that can pick up a plastic cup without crushing it, move it to a different location and let it go. So what was so hard?? NO INSTRUCTIONS!!!! The girls came up with a range of very different, innovative designs.



Well done to the girls in iSTEM who completed the Mars Rover Challenge. Despite significant frustration with technical malfunctions and code anomalies, the girls soldiered on and worked through many challenges.



# Mathematics, Science and Agriculture Department

Mathematics, Science and Agriculture Department

The NEGS Livestock Team competed at this year's Scone Beef Bonanza. This event has grown to be one of the top 'exhibition carcass steer' competitions in the state, if not country, with over 380 head of led cattle and 40 unled. Over 800 school students also competed this year!

As always, our team represented our school very well with excellent team work, work ethic, manner and presentation. A lot of fun was had showing cattle in huge competitive classes, camping, socialising and going out to dinner. Four out of our five steers won a ribbon with our best pure Limousin steer winning his class - an exceptional result. Our school Charolais X South Devon calves, bred at the Cassidy's farm, 'Merilba', all received ribbons. Our Charolais X Shorthorn steer was very competitive in a very tough class of top quality cattle.

Our students achieved very pleasing results in the Paraders competition with most winning a ribbon.

A huge "thank you" to our supporting beef producers: Mr and Mrs Cassidy 'Merilba', Mr Ben Toll, 'Toll Cattle', Dubbo, and Mr George Vickory, Guyra. A very big "thank you" to Miss Cambridge for stepping in at the last minute as our camp mum and for all her hard work! Our team will now start preparing cattle for our local shows next year.

NEGS received 1st place in the heavy weight carcass competition at Scone Beef Bonanza.

Congratulations and many thanks to Mr George Vickery who bred the steer.

It is wonderful to see such incredible achievements at Scone for the Livestock team. With the 5 head of cattle taken they received a number of places whilst competing against 380 head of cattle overall.





*Below: Year 11 Ag students getting involved in our shearing of Dohne and Dohne/ White Suffolk ewes.  
Big 'thank you' to Mr Mark Clayton and Mr Jim Brown for educating our students!*



# Sports Department

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## NEGS Athletics Carnival Results 2017

### AGE CHAMPIONS

AGE	AGE CHAMPION	RUNNER UP
12	Polly Watkins	Jacinta Morgan
13	Sophie Mason	Paige Anderson
14	Charlotte Chapman	Olivia Strelitz
15	Grace Cassidy	Grace Brown
16	Penny Haynes	Evey White
17	Sarah Wyatt	Claudia Neate
18+	Charlotte Raleigh	Claudia Smith



### THOMPSON TROPHY FOR HIGHEST POINT SCORE OF THE CARNIVAL (Field and Track)

Charlotte Raleigh

### BARWICK TROPHY FOR HIGHEST FIELD POINT SCORE OF THE CARNIVAL

Charlotte Raleigh

### INTER-HOUSE RELAY CUP

Lyon

### MARCHING CUP

1st - Murray

2nd - Green

3rd - Lyon

4th - Dumolo

### OVERALL ATHLETICS HOUSE CUP CHAMPIONS

Lyon - 755

Dumolo - 414

Green - 386

Murray - 355



### RECORD BREAKERS

#### EVENT

16yrs Javelin	Chelsea Devenish - 23.09m
18yrs Javelin	Charlotte Raleigh - 24.03m
18yrs Discus	Charlotte Raleigh - 29.06m
18yrs Long jump	Charlotte Raleigh - 4.74m
Open 3000m	Sarah Wyatt - 12:39.29

#### CURRENT

#### PREVIOUS

A. Pattern 2015 - 21.63m
N. Armstrong 2013 - 18.43m
H. Raleigh 2013 - 23.58m
H. Raleigh 2013 - 4.38m
Grace Cassidy 2016 - 12:53.91



### NEGS Rowing

The NEGS Rowing program has recommenced for the first time since the early 2000s with two crews training in preparation for the Head of the River in 2018. The junior crew consists of Amity Coxon, Isabella Reardon, Anna Jarvis, Francisca Dugdale and Charley Hackett. The senior crew consists of Penny Haynes, Laura Frear, Cilla McCamley, Josie Bartel and Evey White.

### NEGS Independent Girls' Schools Sporting Association (IGSSA) Hockey and Netball Grand Finals

NEGS had a great year at the Independent Girls' Schools Sporting Association (IGSSA) competition finals in Sydney. All three teams won their Grand Final.

Junior IGSSA Hockey  
won their Grand Final against PLC Armidale 2 - 1.

Junior IGSSA Netball  
won their Grand Final against Kambala 23 - 20.

Senior IGSSA Netball  
won their Grand Final against Roseville 28 - 23.

### NEGS 2017 City2Surf Team

A team of 7 NEGS girls travelled to Sydney to participate in the 2017 City2Surf. The Sun-Herald City2Surf presented by Westpac has now been running for 46 years. In 2017 the fun run had over 80,000 entrants. Congratulations to Lucinda Parry, Victoria Bennet, Laura Claridge, Molly Evans, Eliza White, Ellie Bourke, Abbey Jackson and Mrs Evans who all completed the gruelling 14km run.



## NEGS Celebration of Sport

The Annual NEGS Celebration of Sport was a great night celebrating all of the sporting achievements of the girls in 2017. We were thrilled to have current @GIANTSNetball and @AussieDiamonds netball player Susan Pettitt as the special guest for the evening.

*Congratulations to the following Major Award winners:*

- Connor Shield: Charlotte Raleigh,
- Junior Sports Achievers Award: Grace Cassidy,
- Student Coach of the Year: Emily Sole,
- NORTEC Sportswomanship Award: Laura Claridge,
- Most Outstanding Individual Sporting Achievement: Jaimie McElroy,
- Most Outstanding Equestrian Achievement: Jaimie McElroy,
- SportUNE Spirit of Sport Award: Akasha Beresford,
- Team of the Year: Junior IGSSA Hockey team / Senior IGSSA Netball team
- Sportswoman of the Year: Charlotte Raleigh.





# Equestrian Centre

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## North West Equestrian Expo

"Congratulations" to the amazing NEGS Equestrian Team who attended the 2017 North West Equestrian Expo at Coonabarabran. What a truly memorable week it was, full of amazing success, team spirit, laughter and camaraderie between the girls and our amazing parents.

The team displayed incredible diversity and skill by winning or placing in every event. NEGS won the Eventing Championship (trophy for Highest Achievement for One Day Event), the Dressage Championship (trophy for Best Dressage School), the Polocrosse Trophy (the Hirst Family Trophy for Polocrosse), Team Penning, the Working Horse Challenge, the Individual Six Bar Jumping, the Final Two Round Grand Prix Show Jumping and the Pentathlon. Two girls, Jessica Towns and Sarah Wyatt were overall champions in their age group and Charlotte Jacobson was Reserve Champion in her age group. NEGS was the second fastest team in the Barrel Racing and second in every class in the Warrumbungles Way for each age group.

Added to all this, NEGS won the trophy for Best Presented School. None of this could have happened without the incredible support and dedication of our parents and the amazingly energetic team of instructors and assistants at the NEGS Equestrian Centre who are so passionately devoted to the success of the NEGS Equestrian Program.



Polocrosse Trophy  
(the Hirst Family Trophy for Polocrosse)  
Sam Halstead, Josie Wilson, Sophie Wells,  
Jessie Ross, Hayden Turnbull



Anna Campbell, winner Six Bar Jumping



Coach Imtiaz Anees with Matilda Hall, Isabella Arabejo and Sarah Wyatt in the EVA105



Winner of the Combined training, Isabella Arabejo with Bruce Farrer



Show Riders Bronte Dagg and Molly Michell-Smith

## NSW Interschool Championships

### Eventing

NEGS attended the NSW Interschool Championships at Sydney International Equestrian Centre.

Day One saw three girls place in the top 10 in the EVA105. Sarah Wyatt finished a close 2nd, Matilda McCarroll was 5th and Isabella Arabejo was 10th. Katie Hancock was our sole representative in the EVA60 and won the class by over 10 points in a very large division. Ashleigh Lowe rode extremely well in a very competitive EVA 80 class to finish 7th. Ellen Archer finished 10th in the EVA95 division.

### Combined Training

Congratulations to Isabella Arabejo winning the 95 Combined Training at NSW Inter-schools. She did a brilliant dressage test, scoring 70% and a clear show jumping round to win the class. Katie Hancock had a busy and successful day with a close second and a third on her two mounts. Charlotte Jacobson finished fifth and Molly Michell-Smith finished 10th.

### Showing

Congratulations to all the show riders who competed at NSW Inter-schools. Elizabeth Wythes placed 1st in the Led phase with her beautiful horse, JFK JR. In Working Hunter Secondary, Charlotte Jacobson was 4th in her ridden phase and 7th overall on her lovely gelding, Stoney Creek.

### Dressage

Isabella Arabejo rode perfect tests on her mare, Four Wings Funky Chick, and was overall Novice Champion and overall Reserve Champion at the Elementary level. Isabella was also Combined Training Champion at the event. A wonderful result for the pair who have worked extremely hard this term. Molly Michell-Smith did some lovely tests and finished 6th overall in the Novice Championship division. Matilda Hall had two solid tests and was placed 10th over all at the Preliminary Championships. Charlotte Jacobson did beautifully on her new mount with consistent tests.



Isabella Arabejo and Four Wings Funky Chick



Molly Michell-Smith and Ballymount Lord Rubin

# Grandparents' Day

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# Sad Farewells

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## Mrs Hiscox

**KAY HISCOX - DIRECTOR OF STUDIES**  
1956 - 2017

After a few years at Calrossy in Tamworth, Kay began her time at NEGS during 1992. A teacher of HSIE subjects, and particularly Geography, Kay was at all times dedicated and whole-heartedly committed to the education of girls at NEGS.

Kay was always gracious and a true professional when dealing with students, colleagues and parents. She was the model of probity and thoughtfulness.

A New Englander by birth, Kay nonetheless had the curiosity to see much of Australia and many overseas countries as was demonstrated by her travel destinations in later years, always in the company of family and friends.

Aside from teaching, Kay was a mum to three and grandmother to two, all of whom were dearly loved.



A lady of great faith, Kay was stoic and courageous – this was notable during those times when life was not so smooth. These characteristics were particularly noticed in the last few months of her full life.

The large attendance at her funeral was testament to the impact of this wonderful lady, whether this was through the connections of family, friendship, church, St Albert's College (UNE) and of course current and past students and colleagues of NEGS and Calrossy. The NEGS Choir sang beautifully and the rest of the school stood as a "Guard of Honour" in reverence to this great teacher and friend.

Kay has been remembered in a tangible way with the "Kay Hiscox Memorial Award for achievement in Stage 6 HSIE" presented at Valedictory and a bird bath and plaque generously donated by Year 12, 2017.

As Jamie Anderson (poet) says "Grief is just love with no place to go".

Thank you Kay for all you have been to so many, we are missing you.

## Mr Downs

**IAN TREVOR WILLIAM DOWNS**  
FORMER PRINCIPAL AND DIRECTOR OF NEGS LTD  
2009 - 2015

NEGS was founded by Florence Emily Green in 1894. The principles enshrined in the school are still relevant today, and a bronze bust recognising her stands in the school grounds.

It is the stamp of people like Ian Downs, a man whose strongest traits were integrity, compassion, excellence and humility, that one rarely comes across in a lifetime.



A great school needs a great Principal, and Ian was coerced out of retirement in 2009, until 2011, and again in 2012. Ian, with his loving wife, Shirley, put his indelible stamp on NEGS academically, administratively, on boarding and student wellbeing, and more visibly, in new major infrastructure that was constructed during his time at NEGS.



Both Ian and Shirley were fully in line with the School motto "Whatsoever you do, do it heartily". Ian was a true friend, an educator and mentor to many young people who were all enriched by knowing him.

For his outstanding leadership NEGS commissioned a bronze bust of Ian, atop a New England granite plinth.

There is one plaque two sayings: one chosen by Ian. "Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds that you plant" by Robert Louis Stevenson

The second quote is by John Cassidy, Chairman of NEGS and a friend and admirer of both Ian and Shirley. "Twice he brought his vast experience to NEGS, a devout Principal, one of life's true gentlemen".

# OGU - President's Report

## NEGS Old Girls' - President's Report

The Old Girls' Reunion weekend was held on the 9th and 10th of September. This year we welcomed the 40, 30, 20, 10 and 5 Year reunion groups. With a predicted forecast of high winds and near freezing conditions we braced ourselves. To our delight, the sun shone and the wind was not too bitter. Many participants picnicked at the Spring Fair and enjoyed the company of old friends.

The Annual Framed! Art Exhibition was also held over the Old Girls' Reunion weekend, starting with the Art Show and Sale Opening Night Cocktail Function. Thank you Margaret Duncan who donated an artwork of Peonies, named "Three's Company", which was raffled over the weekend for the Old Girls Union. A special 'thank you' to; the Honourable Nan Robertson, Sara Schmude, Shara Menzies, Libby Parry, Cath Farrar, Jo Campbell, Deb O'Brien, and their helpers, for all their efforts with preparing and running the Framed! Art Show. This event is our main fundraiser for the year and all the profits from the Framed! Art Show, go towards OG's scholarships.

This year the Year 12 Old Girls' Lunch was held in August for the current Year 12 girls to inform them of how our Old Girls' Union operates and the benefits of them becoming a life member. Membership funds help in many areas of the school, such as shared cost of the publication of Akaroa. Keeping the Old Girls connected is our high priority.

Poppy Abbott has recently been made a Patron of the NEGS Old Girls' Union. We welcome Poppy to this position. Poppy has been a strong supporter of the NEGS Old Girls for a long time and is always there to help out at functions and behind the scenes. For this we are extremely grateful.

Thank you to all our Committee members for your contributions over the past year. We have members from various age groups who all contribute in different ways. The executive team are a pleasure to work with and do a terrific job. I would like to thank Jenny Fulloon for her unwavering support and the fantastic way in which she performed her position of Secretary. Jenny retired from her position after 4 years. At this stage we do not have a candidate to take over the Secretary's role, so please let us know if you are interested in contributing to our wonderful team of Old Girls.

I have retired from my position as President. It has been a pleasure to work with the committee who I have found to be extremely supportive, always. I wish to welcome our incoming President, Georgie Lynn and wish her the very best for her duration in office.

**MRS LINDY CANNINGTON (KEATS '83)**  
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## OG High Tea Old Girls' Weekend

OG High Tea - Old Girl's Weekend



# FRAMED! Art Show

NEGS Old Girls' - FRAMED! Art Show and Sale

Old Girls' Weekend 2017 started with a flourish with the Opening Night of the 10th Framed! Art Show and Sale. Artworks were again sourced from Old Girls, the NEGS family and the Armidale Community with local artist Meg Duncan (who worked in the Music Department at NEGS during the 1970s) donating the stunning raffle prize of pink Peonies which was won by Jo Campbell of Armidale.



'Fire Horse' - People's Choice Award Winner, Mrs Selina Croft



Mrs Jo Campbell, winner of FRAMED Art Sale & Show Raffle

Members of the NEGS Family who exhibited include Old Girls Lucy McCann (who has exhibited every year), Betsy Norton, Althea Crowley, Annaliese Rolfe, Anna Sutherland and Claudia Nash; while Gillian Hook, Kristie Farquhar, Marg Duncan, Nancy Hunt and Selina Croft represent the wider school family.

Helen Milne travelled from Buderim to exhibit her jewellery and felt pieces which added a lovely contrast to the artworks.

People's Choice sponsored by Olivia Fulloon of Cedar Wholesale Nursery and Design was won by NEGS staff member Selina Croft for her 'Fire Horse' painting.

Two Old Girls exhibiting for the first time were Althea Crowley (Rivers 73-77), who only took up art a year ago, returning with her cohort for their 40-year reunion, and Claudia Nash who reinterpreted her lifelike Year 12 major artwork of turtles. Both artists' works were also very popular in the People's Choice.

This year the Student Art Prizes attracted entries of approximately one hundred works featuring what was close to students' hearts, such as their family, grandparents, siblings, and treasured pets. Thank you to the Regional Australia Bank and the Servies for supporting and sponsoring the student art.

The retiring committee would like to thank all those that have contributed their time and enthusiasm to hanging, decorating and providing food for the Art Show and Opening Night.



# Old Girls' News, Events & Reunions

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## NEGS Cohort Reunions 2018

### 70 Year Reunion (1948)

Fay "Col" King (Fenwicke)  
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### 60 Year Reunion (1958)

Elizabeth Brown (Pixley)  
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### 50 Year Reunion (1968)

Margaret Coleman (Dutton)  
55 Beaconsfield Street  
CHATSWOOD 20167

### 40 Year Reunion (1978)

Julia Anderson (Robertson)  
P: 02 6743 7866 | E: juliaanderson9@icloud.com

### 30 Year Reunion 1988

Marianne Potter (Miller)  
E: sandmpotter@hotmail.com

### 20 Year Reunion 1998

TBC

### 10 Year Reunion 2008

Anna Hudson  
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### 5 Year Reunion 2013

Molly McNeill  
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**2018 Old Girls' Weekend**  
**Friday 14th -**  
**Sunday 16th September**

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# 5 Year Reunion

## 5 Year Reunion (2012)

A surprising number of 2012 leavers travelled from far and wide for our five year reunion in September. Starting with a get together on Friday night at the New England Hotel and then a more formal gathering at the Coughing Gherkin reunited over 30 of us! Five years under our belts all with varying experiences and careers underway but we all agreed essentially nothing had changed within this tight knit group. Those that could not attend were greatly missed but were in our thoughts. Some of us attended the Old Girls' meeting, Spring Fair and Chapel Service to reconnect with the school and to take in some of the changes that were underway and to reminisce on some of the traditions that remain. Plans are underway for our ten year reunion!

Lucy Hook



# 10 Year Reunion

## 10 Year Reunion (2007)

While the 2007 graduates were part of an exceptionally small year group, it didn't dim the enthusiasm for the gathering of our 10 year reunion this September. It was wonderful to see many of the girls who had travelled from all corners of the globe to reunite for a weekend of catchups and reminiscing. There have been many exciting developments across the year group since our reunion five years ago, in both the careers and personal lives of the girls. Thrillingly, some of our friends even have families of their own now!



*The reunion served as a reminder of how the friendships from our schooldays at NEGS are everlasting. Whether years or weeks have past, our year group has always had the ability to reconnect in an instant.*

Thank you to all who were able to attend. We hope to continue our own reunions each year and look forward to seeing familiar faces again in the near future.

Jade Tindal





## 40 Year Reunion

40 Year Reunion (1977)

### Classmates of '77

We paused a moment at the door  
While eager hearts raced on ahead  
We long to skip on nimble feet  
But walk with dignity instead

We meet again as old friends do  
At first constrained by passing years  
But Classmates' faces soon take form  
There are hugs all round amid loud cheers

The Art Show and White Bull  
gatherings just for now  
We reminisce through the corridors or at

High Tea on Saturday  
Learning that each has lived a rich, full life-  
And gained in stature on their way

Soon it's time for drinks in Barney Street  
Followed by dinner at the 'Newie'  
More familiar faces, 22 in total  
Now the laughter is nonstop as we share all  
the 'trueies'

Some paths have crossed to meet again  
Some stars have dimmed and burn no more  
On many, happiness has left its mark  
And some show sorrows that they bore.

A sideways glance down the tables,  
Brings youthful images fresh to mind  
A metamorphosis takes place  
That shows upon a face that's lined

And suddenly the years recede.  
The time between has ceased to be  
And we are classmates of '77 once more  
The carefree friends we used to be.

Wendy Coombes ('77 Perkins)

# OG News

## OG News

An interesting fact about NEGS and Campdrafting!

An Old Girl's grandfather, Clarence William Smith, started this very old Australian Bush Sport in 1885. A Memorial to him is at the gates to the Tenterfield Showground where the first official Campdraft was held.

He was a fine horseman who owned 'Boorook Station', east of Tenterfield. His only living granddaughter **Shane Anne Purvis Wells ('54 Smith)** is the last of his family to have ridden at Boorook with him. He died in 1957 aged 96 years. Shane is now 80 years old.

## Goodbyes

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#### Sisters

**NANCY MURIEL HEATH ('47 formerly Barker, nee Williams)**  
7/5/1930 – 4/7/2017

**MARGARET MARY SMITH ('50 Williams)**  
23/1/1933 – 5/3/2017

Sadly passed away within 4 months of each other. They are survived by their sister Helen Ryder ('52 Williams)

Nan married Hugo Barker and they lived on the land in the Gunnedah district. Nan and Hugo had 6 children, Geoff, Marion, Helen, Ruth, Jimmy and Mary. Hugo died in 1968 and Nan then took over running the property, and did so very successfully for the next 18 years. In 1986 Nan handed the place over to her sons and married Ron Heath, also from Gunnedah. They had 5 very happy years together before Ron unexpectedly passed away. Nan eventually moved into town where she enjoyed her friends, golf, bridge, woodturning, sewing and her beautiful garden.

She is survived by 6 children, 15 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Nan was very proud to be the 2nd of 4 generations of NEGS girls.

Marg was a farmer's daughter from Barraba NSW. She married a farmer also from Barraba where she lived during her married life. Marg is survived by 3 daughters, 7 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren. Marg felt her roots were in Barraba having been a descendant of the first European settlers to the town. Marg died suddenly in her own home having enjoyed her independence until the end.

**CATHERINE MACKENZIE ('69 TAYLOR)**  
Sadly passed away 04/12/2017



## Share your story

### Share your story



We love to hear the success of our Old Girls and NEGS Archivist, Dr Heather Fisher has recently been in touch with **Aneeta Sundararaj (Class of 1991)**. Aneeta has remained a longstanding true friend of NEGS, sponsoring a prize for commitment to art (one of her favourite subjects at NEGS) and book gifts for the Prefects, over the years. On leaving school she trained as a lawyer and practiced for 5 years before following her dream of writing which has encompassed books as well as 205 feature articles for a national newspaper, magazines and journals. She has a passion for encouraging storytellers and has her own website called "How to tell a Great Story". We would love to hear from more NEGS Old Girls and we encourage you to contact our Archivist, Dr Heather Fisher.

# NEGS Scholarships

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NEGS offers a number of scholarships and bursaries each year to girls entering Years 7 to 11.

Scholarships:

- Academic Scholarship (Years 7 to 11)
- All Rounder Scholarship (Years 7 to 11)
- Boarding Scholarships (Years 7 to 11)
- Music Scholarship (Years 7 to 11)
- Visual Arts and Design Scholarship (Years 9 to 11)
- Equestrian Scholarship (Years 7 to 11)
- Indigenous Scholarships in conjunction with Indigenous Youth Leadership Program (IYLP) (Years 7 to 11)

## Scholarships 2019

Registrations for 2019 scholarships are now open and NEGS will host a Scholarship Day on Monday 29th January 2018 for students entering in 2019 which will incorporate a parent information session, morning tea and personalised school tours and the opportunity to meet our student leaders. Registrations close on 19 January 2018.

Candidates for all scholarships are required to:

- Complete and submit the relevant scholarship application form;
- Complete and submit an Application for Enrolment form (unless this has been completed previously) and provide all documentation referred to in that form;
- Attend an interview with the Principal.



## SCHOLARSHIP DAY 29 JANUARY 2018

We are so proud of the 2017 NEGS cohort who collectively have achieved excellent results in this year's HSC exams along with a number of outstanding individual performances.

Our impressive ATAR results reflect the high calibre of academic standing with our top score an incredible 99.1 and a student ranking 9th in the State in Design and Technology.

**IF YOU ARE SEEKING AN ALL-ROUND EDUCATION FOR YOUR DAUGHTER THAT ENCOURAGES SUCCESS & ACADEMIC RIGOUR, PLEASE CONTACT OUR ENROLMENTS OFFICE ON 02 6774 8700.**



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Dear Friends of NEGS,

*In support of the development of NEGS, it is again that time of year where we contact our families, alumni, grandparents and friends to let you know of our Annual Giving options and further information.*

Whilst we recognise the many personal contributions made by members of our NEGS community, we also gratefully accept financial donations, large or small that will go towards benefiting our wonderful School and maintaining our reputation as one of the most respected day and boarding schools in the region.

This year the Annual Giving appeal will go towards the NEGS Education Trust Fund which enables us to offer a range of scholarships and special bursaries to those girls who are befitting of the NEGS ethos but may not have the financial means to support their dream. These girls may have a passion for music, visual arts, equestrian, sporting, and academic and, if specified, your donation can be allocated to a particular area that is close to your heart.

Additionally, the NEGS Building Trust will also be the beneficiary of donations as we continue to invest heavily in the School's infrastructure, such as boarding house upgrades.

Donations are tax-deductible and can be made in one single payment or if larger can be pledged over a five-year period to make it easier for you to be generous and make a real difference to NEGS.

If you would like to make a donation, please call Jane Simmonds on 02 6774 8700.

Finally, a heartfelt thank you to all those who have donated in the past. Your vision and investment in our school is truly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs Mary Anne Evans | Principal**



# NEGS

MORE THAN  
A SCHOOL



# BOARDING SCHOOL LIFE:

WHERE EVERY BOARDER MATTERS AND EVERY MOMENT COUNTS

At NEGS, our boarders hail from as far away as the Northern Territory, far north Queensland, Sweden and beyond. We also love our locals with a strong mix of Armidale, Tamworth and Walcha students making up a big part of our NEGS family.

As the academic year draws to a close we showcase a handful of our girls' achievements in 2017 and invite you to consider a future for your daughter at our beautiful school.



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### NETBALL AND HOCKEY:

This year **NEGS** triumphed in both hockey and netball. The girls blitzed the Sydney and regional competition bringing home three trophies from the Independent Girls School Sports Association.

**NEGS** junior and senior netball teams and our junior hockey team proudly finished the season undefeated throughout the IGSSA competition.

### STEM:

This year Years 7-10 students competed in Education Perfect's World Series Science Championships. We achieved some fantastic results.

**NEGS** ranked:

- 2nd in NSW (out of 73 schools)
- 5th in Australia (out of 239 schools)
- 7th in the world (out of 321 schools)
- Our global ranking out of 1281 schools and 80 000 students = 109.

### OVERSEAS EXPERIENCES:

10 students took part in an exchange program with our sister schools, including England, France, Germany, USA, Canada, South Africa. 2017 has also seen equestrian tours to USA and New Zealand.

### WELLBEING:

Emily Sole was awarded the Dame Marie Bashir Peace Award. Selected from 85 nominees across the State for her outstanding contributions to harmony and social justice.

### AGRICULTURE:

Joint program facilitating pathways to agriculture and natural resource management degrees at the University of New England.

### FUN ACTIVITIES:

Skiing in Perisher, competing in Sydney's City to Surf, rowing, canoeing, yoga, shooting, aerobics, Livestock Team, riding lessons, rugby, touch football and loads more.

## SEEING IS BELIEVING:

To discover more about the **NEGS** boarding experience for your daughter contact Enrolments to book a tour around our beautiful campus. **NEGS** is offering a handful of boarding scholarships and bursaries available for 2018 and 2019. For more information visit our website:

[negs.nsw.edu.au/enrol/scholarships](https://negs.nsw.edu.au/enrol/scholarships)

