Welcome back to Term 3. I trust that families had a pleasant break from their regular routines, even if parents continued to work over the school holidays.

Kara and I spent about five days in North Queensland visiting friends, going on a rainforest walk and drinking coffee.

Staff week at school
In the third week of the school holidays, all of our staff were back at school for professional development. It was great to start each day with a Christian devotion that inspired us to teach and work in a manner honouring to God.

On the Tuesday, four of our teachers (Mrs Arthur, Mrs Corban, Mrs Holdsworth and Mr Kennedy) gave some outstanding presentations to our teachers on effective, motivating...
ways to teach students effectively and how to assess their academic progress.

These teachers had been to an external professional development course on this topic earlier in Term 2.

I have never seen teachers so overwhelmed with enthusiasm from what they learnt at a course!

Given that this course had such a wonderful impact on these four, I really wanted them to share their enthusiasm with all the other teachers at the school.

Student voice
Another important feature of the week was what we termed “student voice”. During Term 2 our teachers interviewed students to find out from them how they learn best.

Their thoughts were shared with our teaching staff during staff week. Hearing a student’s perspective on what makes for effective learning is a powerful way to help teachers improve their professional practice.

Adjustments for learning needs
Every six months during the January and July professional development weeks, a significant amount of time is given to making appropriate adjustments for students with particular learning needs.

These adjustments may be for students with a diagnosed disability, or it may be for students who just need a little bit of extra help with a particular area of learning.

A significant amount of time is also invested in trying to cater to students with a particular talent or ability so that they can be extended and challenged.

I am confident that teachers’ efforts in this regard will result in a tangible benefit for students.

Christian teaching perspective
The other major topic we covered during staff week was a full day with a facilitator from Christian Education National (CEN), working on integrating a Christian perspective into what we teach.

This day really went to the core of the school’s mission and vision and I am confident that teachers have been equipped with some excellent skills to be able to meaningfully reveal a Christian perspective on a range of topics they teach.

New staff members
Before I close, I would like to welcome two new teachers.

Mr Daniel Mattes has been appointed to replace Mrs Bluhdorn while she is on maternity leave.

Mr Mattes has been teaching for about eight years and has taught HSC English several times at his previous school, St George Christian School (see page 9).

Mr Greg Smith started as the Head of Secondary at the beginning of staff week. Read an interview with Mr Smith on page 3.

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P-2 Athletics Canival

Friday 12 August, The Ridge
Everyone’s welcome!

Program
Teachers will be at the field at 8.30am

Roll Call: 9am
Welcome and prayer
Torch Relay
Morning Tea Break
Ribbon Presentation
Tabloid Games
Carnival Concludes: 12.30pm
Meet Mr Greg Smith, Head of Secondary

‘To learn, to listen, to get know
Shire Christian’

“I love learning. I love getting to know people, and seeing them grow, develop and learn new things. I love seeing them stand taller as they build in confidence,” with these words Shire Christian School’s new Head of Secondary, Mr Greg Smith, launches into the heart of our community.

An important aspect of Greg’s role is to support teacher learning and development “so that they can teach well and students can learn well”. He adds: “I love seeing people work well with others, achieving more together and developing a deep sense of community. I love working with parents in the education of their children.”

Asked what his aims are for his first few months at Shire Christian, Greg responds: “To learn. I’m seeking to listen to and get to know students, staff and parents.

“My role is to ensure that Secondary functions well: that students and teachers are supported so that student learning is maximised. For this to occur I need to listen and learn as I build trust.”

Greg, who worships at Menai Anglican Church, says his favourite Bible verse is Romans 5:8: “While we were still sinners Christ died for us”, explaining it is a reminder that “Christ’s great love for me is completely undeserved and everything I have from him is a gift.”

Greg married Nicole almost 16 years ago and they have two very energetic boys, Ethan (Year 1) and Liam (Year 3). About his boys Greg says: “Both have a passion for eating, playing sport and using the iPad and they love reading and Maths.”

Having been inspired by his Chemistry teacher, “she had a real concern for me and, despite my initial lack of interest in the subject, made sure I understood what was being learnt”, Greg ended up teaching Chemistry for most of his career, illustrating the difference a teacher can make in the life of a student.

He completed an Honours in Microbiology, a Diploma in Education and a Masters in Educational leadership and recently became an accredited coach through Growth Coaching International.

Greg started his career at William Carey Christian School, spent time teaching in England and then more than 12 years at Inaburra School. In recent years he has performed different roles, including Science Teacher, Year Advisor, Head of Science and, finally, he was the Director of Welfare for the Senior School.

What stood out to him about our school is the commitment to high quality Christian education “with a focus on Christ and a desire to understand him more and what it means to live well in His world”.

Greg explains: “When Jesus was asked what was the greatest commandment, he said: ‘Love the Lord with all your heart soul mind and strength and the second is like it, love your neighbour as yourself’.

“For me, this is the purpose and process of education. The purpose of education is to equip young people with knowledge and skills so that they can love. It is also the process of education, we educate students because of love. It is the driver that propels us to do our jobs in an effective and caring way.”

A Sydney FC and Sydney Swans supporter, Greg enjoys playing soccer in an all-age team and likes to surf, fish and “be anywhere near water in the holidays”. He enjoys “creating things and getting power tools out around my own home”.

• We welcome Greg and his family to our community and pray for God’s blessing on them and his time at Shire Christian School.

Mrs Ina Dorfling, Editor
Outstanding results for soccer teams at Zone

Well done to all four of our soccer teams for performing exceptionally well on Monday in cold, windy conditions on a heavy track.

It is great to see the talent and enthusiasm students at our school have for the sport, and is a credit to the parents and club coaches who have developed them over the years.

As conveyor I would especially like to acknowledge and thank The Ridgebacks and Bangor Football clubs for their generous assistance with manpower and equipment on the day. It is much appreciated.

Our Opens Boys team and Junior girls qualified for the State Championships by going through undefeated on the day, and winning Finals against Inaburra, which of course was an added bonus in the friendly rivalry stakes.

The Junior boys were also undefeated before the Final, and very unlucky to lose in “Golden Point” extra time against St George.

Our Open girls also did very well in ranking first after the preliminary games and then losing a penalty shoot-out in the semi-final.

- Mr Phil Askew, Head of Sport

Take a tour with the principal and learn about the planned building program

Due to an unexpected visit to the hospital, Mr Hartley could not conduct a tour of the school to discuss the planned building program last term, so it has now been rescheduled.

**Date:** Friday 26 August

**Time:** Immediately after Junior School assembly, around 8.50am.

**Where:** Meet in the Breezeway

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At the end of last term Year 6 students celebrated Japan Day by dressing in traditional (and not so traditional) costumes and making Japanese food.
Drowning in information, no Rock to find a footing

Part of what’s involved in my chaplaincy role at school is the writing of “Today’s Quick Word” for all the Shire Christian staff to receive by email each school day. I choose a verse from a different chapter of the Bible each day and write a short devotional on it.

“Today’s Quick Word” for today (Friday) was on Acts 17 verse 11: “Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.”

Examining the Scriptures

We don’t know a lot about the Christians in Berea (now Veria), but this little snapshot we do have of them is very inspiring. Oh, to be remembered as someone who “examined the Scriptures every day to see if what [I was being told] was true”!

Two thousand years later, we are suffering from “information overload” emanating from all our electronic screens, and too much of this has its source in a worldview that is diametrically opposed to our Biblical Christian worldview.

How important it is that we test everything by the inspired truth of God’s Word! I fear, however, that even in our churches the tide might be going the other way. What priority do we give to the discipline of reading and meditating on the Scriptures.

Our School Psalm reminds us: “Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.” (Psalm 1:1-2).

Are we too prone to take for granted our biblical background and knowledge, forgetting that “the Word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.” (Hebrews 4:12)? For it to be “living and active” in our hearts in practice, we need to have it open before us - daily!

Paul wrote to the Romans: “Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will.” (Romans 12:2).

The world is doing all it possibly can, using every means of communication at its disposal, to “conform” us to its “pattern”, its worldview that has no room for God; and that is why the Apostle urges us to take positive action to not let this happen “any longer”.

Left to our own devices, without conscious intervention, we will allow ourselves to be “squeezed into the world’s own mould” as JB Phillips expresses it. Is that not true of our experience?

‘Renewing our minds’

The “transformation” that comes from the “renewing of our minds” is a continual process, which is why we must “examine the Scriptures every day to see if what we are being fed through all our communication channels is true”.

Like the Bereans, let us strive to have a “more noble character”, a heart and mind that are constantly being shaped by God’s Word! Or, as Paul urged the Church some 400 km south of Berea: “We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.” (2 Corinthians 10:5).

Is this not one of our most pressing needs in a world that is drowning in information but has no rock of truth on which to find a footing?
Performance showcase

Wednesday 3 August at 12 noon

Some members from the cast of Alice In Wonderland will be performing at Menai Marketplace.

All parents are welcome to join us as we showcase our school to the community.

Come and support our school!

Join parents, some teachers and other community members at the P&F’s Breezeway Cafe next Friday from 8.30am for a lovely warm cuppa and something sweet to eat ... all on the house!

Parent Help needed...

Writers: Students may require a writer for their exams due to acute injury or a long-standing disability. Writers assist by completing written elements of exams as dictated by students. Exam Writers are not required to read for students, unless stipulated.

Readers: Students may require a reader for their exams to assist in their completion. They are required to read all of the written information including unseen texts and sources, diagrams, criteria, questions and instructions. Readers are not required to write for students, unless stipulated.

You may also be required to practise with a student for a few sessions in order to familiarise yourself and student with the process.

If you are interested please contact Miss Lauren Dalrymple learningsupports@shirechristian.nsw.edu.au

We desperately need writers for the yearly exams and HSC Trials:

HSC trials are 8 to 19 August.
Yearly exams are in the week starting September 12.
If you can assist please contact Miss Lauren Dalrymple urgently: learningsupports@shirechristian.nsw.edu.au
Tell us a bit about yourself

I have been an English and History teacher for eight years and went straight into teaching from university. I have been married to my wife Dee for six years and we have a five-year-old daughter, Sophie, with a bubby on the way due in August.

I will be teaching English to Years 7-11, while Mrs Bluhdorn is on maternity leave.

Why did you want to teach at Shire Christian School?

I believe that Christian education has an important role in our community and having previously taught at St George Christian School, I have had positive encounters with Shire Christian School students and teachers. It seemed a natural step to take when I applied for the role.

Where did you work previously?

I was previously at St George Christian School where I held a variety of positions as a Middle School, English, History, Christian Studies and TAS Teacher. It was a valuable time for me as it formed who I am as a Teacher and I really valued the Christian Community there.

I also had a really great time taking the group of boys who graduated in 2015 as Year Adviser.

Which of your teachers had the biggest influence on you? Why?

My Modern History Teacher from Menai High School, Mr Skinner, had the biggest influence on my life. He taught me to not just appreciate History, but to learn from it so that we are not doomed to repeat it.

What is your vision for your students this year?

It is my intention for both myself and my students to journey through our texts and navigate them together, learning from each other as we engage with our world, finding a passion for the written, spoken and viewed word.

“Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.” - Isaiah 40:28-31 (ESV)

- Praise God that He is everlasting and that He never grows weary but gives strength to those who wait for Him.
- Praise God for a refreshing school holidays.
- Pray for the students and staff for the term ahead, that there will be much learning and joy throughout the many classes, activities, excursions, sporting events, information nights held in Term 3.
- Pray that God’s name will be honoured throughout the school this term.
- Pray for any new students, new staff and new families to the school that they will be welcomed.
- Pray for those who are sick and weary, or feeling burdened or anxious at school, that God will comfort them, heal them and provide them with support and understanding friends.
- Pray for the Year 12 students studying and preparing for their HSC exams next term.

Meet the Teacher

Mr Daniel Mattes, English teacher
We would like to welcome back all families and students to this term.

Term 3 begins with some exciting Sport events and includes Book Week dress-up day, excursions and, of course, the musical *Alice in Wonderland*.

Please ensure that you keep up to date with the newsletter and Edumate Calendar so that you know what is coming up in the life of the school.

**Netball/Soccer Gala Day**

On Tuesday, our Junior School Netball and Soccer teams competed at the Zone Gala Day (pictures page 6).

It was encouraging to see the way our children played with good sportsmanship, cooperation and respect. All Senior A and Junior A Soccer and Netball teams have qualified for the State Metro Cup in two weeks time, with the Junior A and Senior B Soccer Teams winning their competitions on the day.

Thank you to the coaches for their training and encouragement of the teams, to the parents who helped on the day and to Mr Bluhdorn for organising the Soccer Competition. We look forward to hearing how our teams go at the coming State Cup.

**Student survey**

Last term, our Year 5 and 6 students completed a survey that allowed them to voice their thoughts and ideas about our school and their learning. Our Junior School Teachers spent time analysing and reflecting on what the students had said.

We were encouraged by the students’ feedback and discussed various teaching techniques and changes that we could make to improve our school and the students’ learning.

**Welcome Miss Haralambou**

We pray for Mrs Oste and Mrs Bluhdorn who are expecting their next child in the coming week. We welcome Miss Haralambou to 6B for the next four weeks while Mr Bluhdorn is on paternity leave.

**Bronze Awards**

*Week 10 Term 2*

Jayden Macklin
William Davies
Jeremiah Judd

*Week 1 Term 3*

Malechail Pantano
Joel Zabaras

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**What our students say**

Teachers were at school last week working away, learning new things and planning for the coming term. One new initiative that we explored was responding to “student voice”. Here are some of the charts that we reviewed for your own interest.
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At the end of last term, many families had the treat of viewing a fabulous performance night featuring Infants and Primary students. The show was a sell out and there were lots of great acts featuring students from Prep to Year 6 and beyond (a guest performance by the Primary staff was a crowd favourite). We are proud of all the students who worked hard to share their skills and abilities at PIPE 2016!

Movements in Music

At the close of last term we said a very sad farewell to Jennifer Geering as she moved to her new role at SCEGGS Redlands. Jennifer has served our school community with her gifts in music education for over a decade, and it was a privilege to be able to participate in the celebration of her work here at Shire Christian School.

There were countless stories from staff, students and parents about those little moments that have left a lasting impact. She will be greatly missed.

Our current part time music staff members Elissa Stonesteeet and Bronwyn Irvine have graciously accepted teaching extra days this year with a minimal number of classes starting this semester with a new music teacher.

Emails have been sent to students and parents in classes or ensembles that have been affected.

Mr David Humphreys, Head of Music
What is operation Christmas child?

The world’s largest Christmas project of its kind, Operation Christmas Child, uses gift-filled shoeboxes to demonstrate God’s love in a tangible way to children in need around the world.

Filling a small shoebox can teach a child about the love of God, lead him or her to faith in Christ, inspire pastors and plant new churches. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out is eternal.

Through Operation Christmas Child the discipleship program “The Greatest Journey” was launched four years ago.

This 12-week program teaches children the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and last year 1.1 million children gave their lives to Jesus. There are currently more than 84,000 trained church volunteers in over 80 nations equipped to teach the course each year, all they need to get the ball rolling is a shoe box.

Every shoe box is a Gospel Opportunity. Want to be involved?

Collect a pre-printed shoebox and instructions on how to fill the box from the Primary or Secondary Library, or on the table in the Breezeway. Spend some time collecting items to fill your box.

Return it to the Secondary School Library in Weeks 1 & 2 of Term 3.

Last year our Shire Christian School community filled 274 shoes boxes, nearly 40 more than the previous year. Wouldn’t it be great if we could do even more this year!

Please pray over each and every box that the school sends in 2016 and beyond, that God will bring to pass His promise in Revelation 7:9-10 of a great multitude of believers in Heaven that no one can count.

Mrs Lillian Corban, Teaching Staff

After school care employment

Christians are encouraged to apply for casual employment in our after school care program. We don’t need anyone for before school care.

Those who are interested should send a brief email to Mr Brett Hartley at: principal@shirechristian.nsw.edu.au and also apply through the Camp Australia website: http://careers.campaustralia.com.au

Once approved by Camp Australia, those people will be placed on the casual list for after school care at Shire Christian from 2.30pm to 6pm Monday to Friday and they will be contacted when needed.

Community Notices

August 9 is Census Night

Sleeping over on Census night?
Enter ‘none’ for the suburb part of the question ‘Where does the person usually live?’, regardless of where you are staying on census night.

Need help?
Ask your local service provider or call 1300 214 531 from 22 July. Get online on August 9.

Items in Community Corner of the newsletter are placed at the discretion of the School. However, the School does not endorse any such item.
Bicycle couriers, Dobermans out loose on the street, feuding neighbours and the possibility of securing compensation - all the ingredients for an interesting and challenging legal battle.

Our Mock Trial Team, travelled to Freeman Catholic College, Bonnyrigg Heights on Monday as the legal counsel for the defendant, who was being sued for not providing adequate duty of care in securing her Doberman dog in her yard.

It was alleged he escaped and attacked a bicycle courier causing her to fall from her bike, resulting in a broken wrist, cuts and bruises and alleged psychological damage.

Our barristers, Emily Dewar and Benjamin Warren, were commended by the Magistrate for their thorough preparation and presentation, ably assisted by their solicitor, Madison Freer.

Our witnesses, played by Bethany Munckton and Rachael Knight, were flawless in their roles, and did not falter under the Prosecution’s cross examination.

Katelyn Anderson as the Court Officer ensured the efficient running of the trial.

The magistrate, based on legal argument, evidence presented and legal precedent, delivered his finding at the end of the trial and then scored each individual participant, from both schools, on their performance.

Based on these scores, our team won the Mock Trial on points and now proceed into the statewide elimination finals.

The next trial will be held on Friday 5 August against Frensham School Mittagong.

Mrs Lillian Corban, Teaching Staff
Prep 2 Bike Day
Year 11 Geography recently had the opportunity to investigate coastal dune environments at Minamurra Sand Spit at Killalea State Park near Shellharbour.

The excursion was undertaken as part of their topic on Biophysical Interactions, with coastal dunes being their major case study.

Students learnt about the formation of coastal dunes between the Minamurra River and Mystics Beach.

They undertook fieldwork research to help understand the coastal dunes, using fieldwork equipment to research air temperature, soil temperature, wind speed and to identify dune vegetation.

Students also identified the adverse impact of the “East Coast Low” weather conditions on the coastal dunes. The fieldtrip was a great outdoor experience for all.

They got to observe contrasting river and coastal environments and how they interact.

Overall, the Year 11 Geography students came away with great memories of the time spent together and a wonderful case study on coastal dunes.

Mr Matthew Miller, Teaching Staff
I was privileged to take the U15s Netball team to the CSSA Netball Gala Day on Monday 6 June at Jamison Park, Penrith.

This is a full-day commitment for the team that consisted of Abbey Baker, Hannah Kusch, Amelia Sara, Naomi Waters, Isabelle Mullins, Georgia Mullins, Aimee Purvis and Annika Rathbone.

I am so proud of each and every one of these girls! Having qualified for the finals, they eventually played eight games on the day. With their clean, skilful approach, they represented themselves and our school exceptionally well.

During the five Pool Rounds, the girls never dropped a game! It was brilliant to watch these convincing wins.

In the quarter finals we played our closest game of the day against Inaburra, who many of you may know, is a very capable and competitive team. We beat them by two goals.

In the past, this was as far as we had made it. With baited breath we progressed to the semi finals, playing Covenant Christian School ... and won that convincingly.

‘We can do this!’

So, for the first time, we made it to the Grand final and we started to think: “You know what, we could win this!”

This gave our team renewed vigour at the end of a very tiring day, when energy was waning after seven games. We needed to dig deep and back it up for the eighth and final game.

In a nail-biter grand final, we played Oxford Falls.

It was especially challenging when, at half time, the competition replaced four players with rested substitutes for the second half of the game.

Win, lose or draw I was so incredibly proud of their efforts: we’d made it further than ever before, but the girls were hungry for the win (and so was I, just quietly) and boy, did they rise to the occasion!

Outstanding effort

It was a tough game and at one stage we were down by a couple of goals, but the girls stepped it up and, to their absolute credit, we won the game by four goals!

Now what makes that effort so astounding, was that we played the entire eight games across the Gala Day, with only eight players because Charlie Taylor fell sick the day before. She was too unwell to even attend to watch.

The girls’ incredible effort was even noticed by other team managers who congratulated us afterwards on how lovely they were as a team, playing skilful, competitive, clean games.

The Gala Day is an important opportunity for girls who wish to try out for the State CSSA Netball Team and selectors were closely observing throughout the day.

Congratulations to the girls who did try out for the State CSSA Netball Squad: they were all were chosen. They are Jade Harding, Caprice Schodel (Open Team), Abbey Baker, Amelia Sara and Annika Rathbone (U15).

It was a brilliant effort by all the girls. They were awarded the trophy for winning the Grand Final at yesterday’s Awards Assembly.

Mrs Julianne Holdsworth, Netball Coach
What are your interests?
Bethany: Reading fantasy books, playing the violin and trampolining.
Ella: Netball, practising singing, reading Alice Miranda books.
Evangeline: Swimming in the pool, reading the Secret Seven and annoying my sister.

What extra curricular activities do you do?
Bethany: Gymnastics and Violin.
Ella: Singing, Dancing, Netball, Piano, Swimming, Speech and Drama.
Evangeline: Dancing (Ballet and Jazz) and Piano.

What role did you audition for?
Bethany: Any role I just wanted to be a part of Alice In Wonderland.
Ella: Alice
Evangeline: Cheshire Cat or Small Alice because I was really small.

How did you feel when you found out you had the role of Alice?
Bethany: I was really excited and shocked.
Ella: I was really happy.
Evangeline: Really, really excited.

What have you done to prepare for your role?
Bethany: I practise at home on Sundays with Clayton my brother (King of Hearts). I also go over my lines with my Grandma when she minds me on a Wednesday.
Ella: I go over my lines in my Speech and Drama lesson. I practise my lines with my mum at home. I learn my songs in my singing lessons.
Evangeline: I practise two hours each day at home with Mum. I also sing and practice my lines with my sister who is a flower in the musical.

What are you enjoying about being a part of Alice in Wonderland so far?
Bethany: I love spending time with other children who are interested in the same thing and working towards the same goal.
Ella: Making friends with children in other years. Learning how to act and sing and acting with Tweedle Dum and Tweedle Dee because they are so funny.
Evangeline: I love rehearsing on the stage in the hall with the big kids.

How do you think you will feel up on stage performing?
Bethany: I think I will feel a tinsy bit scared but I will enjoy it.
Ella: Nervous, but mostly excited.
Evangeline: Nervous and excited.

How would you like the audience to feel after each performance?
Bethany: I would like them to enjoy it and to know how much work was put into it and appreciate all the work.
Ella: Very happy and to be laughing.
Evangeline: I would like them to feel happy.

What would you like people to pray about for you?
Bethany: That all the preparations would go well for the musical and that it would all come together. That I would stay healthy and not break any bones when I go to the snow a week before the musical. Also that I won’t be nervous.
Ella: To stay healthy and not to get nervous.
Evangeline: That I won’t get sick or too nervous. Also that I will remember to clear my throat before I say my lines.

Mrs Christine Wright, Director
Learn to code like a ninja
Take up the NCSS Challenge! The NCSS Challenge is an online programming competition for school students aged 10-18. Run over five weeks from 1 August, students learn to code as they compete and solve fun programming problems on a variety of topics from movies to medicine. The Challenge caters for all skill levels, so register now at http://ncss.edu.au/ncss-challenge, or email challenge@ncss.edu.au for more information.

Open Days
• SAE Sydney: 6 August 11am to 3pm. Level 1, 11-17 York Street, Sydney. If you’re considering studying creative media, now is the time to speak to our experienced team. During the day you can expect, Q&A sessions, student showcases, games, prizes and a lot of fun. Register here: https://goo.gl/O2TdVa
• TAFE: Saturday 27 August Ultimo, Sydney University, University of Technology and Notre Dame. Come and check out your career options. Open Day will give you a chance to chat, ask questions and find out the range of courses and career opportunities available.
• University of Wollongong: Saturday 13 August.
• AIE: Sunday 14 August. Discover the courses designed to get you started in game development, 3D animation and visual effects. AIE Sydney, Melbourne Canberra and Adelaide campuses will be opening their doors to visitors eager to find out about full-time and part-time courses starting in 2017. http://www.aie.edu.au/OpenDay
• International College of Management Sydney: Sunday 14 August 10am-2pm.
• Western Sydney University: Info and interview days and events to assist students in finding find out about careers in creative fields of communication, media, arts and design. Also register for an early offer place for 2017 in our undergraduate courses. Open Day, 28 August: https://www.westsydney.edu.au/humanities_communication_arts/hca/blog_and_news/young_creatives_day

Early Entry
University of Wollongong Early Entry: opens 1 August, closes 26 August.

Study Overseas Information Evening
Wednesday 31 August, 4.30pm to 7.30pm.
Ascham and Kambala Schools are hosting a ‘Study Overseas Information’ evening at Ascham School. For Years 10, 11 and 12 students and their parents to meet representatives from a range of overseas tertiary institutions from North American, UK, European and New Zealand. At 6pm there will be simultaneous workshops presenting on the North American and UK application processes. These workshops will be repeated so attendees will have an opportunity to attend a second workshop.

This event will be held at Ascham School, 188 New South Head Road, Edgecliff with easy access directly across the road from Edgecliff Station. This event will be free and the Trybooking registration is now open. Any enquiries may be directed to Gillian Sloan, Tertiary Education and Careers Adviser at Ascham School at gillian.sloan@ascham.nsw.edu.au

Cadetships, Apprenticeships, Traineeships
• Schindler Lifts Australia: Electrical Apprenticeship. The Schindler Group is one of the world’s leading providers of elevators, escalators and moving walks. Applications for our 2017 Electrotechology Apprenticeship Program are now open. To apply go to https://app.revelian.com/SchindlerCareers. Applications close 31 August.
• First Year Shopfitting apprentice in the Sutherland Shire. Having a licence is not essential as they will go out with the tradesmen to any site work. They are actually based at Kirrawee, very near to Bunnings. Please contact Chad Smith at 1300apprentice on 97157344 if you are interested.
• Landscaping apprenticeships: I have been operating a Landscaping company in Sydney for the past 12 years, In that time the company has grown and we have employed many apprentices. We are starting our employment drive for 2017 and wanted to get in touch with enthusiastic young workers that may have an interest in the landscaping industry. I can be contacted via email at phil@antscapes.com.au or phone at (02)94172111.
### What’s on

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