MERRYLANDS HIGH SCHOOL

TRUTH WITHOUT FEAR

THE MERRYLANDS MESSENGER

EMBRACING CITIZENSHIP

Adam Elwan awarded the 'School Citizenship Award' for his ongoing contribution to the local community.

VR APP LAUNCH SETS THE BENCHMARK FOR NSW SCHOOLS

Virtual becomes reality for IST students

YEAR 5 OPEN DAY SUCCESS

MULTI-CAT STUDENTS VISIT SYDNEY OBSERVATORY

Practical application extends knowledge of our neighbouring planets

VR APP THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN NSW

Merrylands High School students are leading the way with virtual reality application development. A group of Year 9 and 10 Information Software Technology students became the first students in the state to publish a virtual reality application to the Microsoft app store targeting the Windows Mixed reality platform. The app was launched at the NSW Art gallery as part of the Kaldor my public art project.

ART SCULPTING FUTURES

After the completion of the successful and inaugural "*Archibull prize*" initiative, students have continued to attend our Visual Art workshops every Friday. These students were given the opportunity to visit "Sculptures by the Sea" in Bondi, where they explored various forms of sculpture and how art can respond to its environment.

YEAR 5 OPEN DAY SUCCESS

Merrylands High students and future year advisors got to know the Year 7 cohort of 2021 on the Year 5 Open Day in Week 5. The highlights included the students engaging in a literacy and numeracy task that helped them find their way around their future school, NRL workshops and a dance class led by Merrylands High School's very own student dancers. We look forward to seeing them again next year for their orientation day.

MODERN DAY MATHEMATICS

A large group of Year 9 students had the opportunity to attend a Luna Park excursion, organised by the Maths faculty. The purpose of the excursion was to develop student's understanding of Mathematics and the application of these skills to the physical world – with a little fun along the way. On the day, students demonstrated great behaviour and represented Merrylands High School as safe respectful learners.

EVENTS

TECH STUDENTS CREATE FUTURE INTEREST

The *"Big Day In"* is a STEM workshop for Year 5 and 6 students. It was recently held at Hilltop Primary School. The Year 11 VET Information Digital Technology students supported the industry experts in running workshops where students participated in three to five fifty minute workshops and encouraging them to study STEM subjects in high school.

BRUSHING UP ON ART

Recently, Year 10 Art students constructed their own brushes from recycled materials. They used sticks, old brush handles, string, wool, feathers and glue to make their sculptural brushes. They then experimented with the marks the brushes made, using ink and paint. These brushes are made with a technique developed by the NSW artist Lorna Crane.

SETTING THE GOLD STANDARD

Merrylands High School recently recognised and celebrated the hard work and success of students across the school in all key learning areas. Year Advisors and Deputy Principals also identified and rewarded the most outstanding achievers with gold, silver, bronze medallions for Semester Two. Congratulations to the award winning students.

REACHING NEW HEIGHTS

Students in the multi-categorical unit have been busy exploring outer space this semester. To extend their learning on the solar system and space exploration, they visited the Sydney Observatory. The students thoroughly enjoyed the planetarium and hands-on activities. They also got the opportunity to get a close-up view of the sun through the telescope.

IMPORTANT DATES

MERRYLANDS HIGH SCHOOL

TERM 1

WEEK

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WEDNESDAY 29TH JANUARY

FIRST DAY OF TERM FOR STUDENTS IN YEARS 7, 11 AND 12

THURSDAY 30TH JANUARY

FIRST DAY OF TERM FOR STUDENTS IN YEARS 8, 9 AND 10

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THURSDAY 13TH FEBRUARY

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

FRIDAY 14TH FEBRUARY

SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL @ MERRYLANDS POOL

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MONDAY 24TH FEBRUARY

ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL @ AUBURN POOL

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MONDAY 2ND MARCH

YEAR 6 OPEN DAY

FRIDAY 6TH MARCH

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

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FRIDAY 20TH MARCH

REGIONAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL @ SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK

FRIDAY 20TH MARCH

HARMONY DAY

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THURSDAY-FRIDAY 2-3RD APRIL

STATE SWIMMING CARNIVAL @ SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK

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THURSDAY 9TH APRIL

LAST DAY OF THE TERM