

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



As 2018 is drawing to a close, it is time to celebrate the many successes of our students and staff from Five Islands Secondary College. In all areas of school involvement our students have given their best and embodied the college values of Respect, Responsibility and Aspiration.

Congratulations to our graduating Year 12 students who are now eagerly awaiting the results of the HSC. Particular congratulations to the 11 students who have received early entry into the universities of their choice. All students who applied for early entry were successful with their placement. We look forward to hearing from all of Year 12 about where they are heading in the future.

Two of our staff received Department of Education awards in recognition of their efforts and contribution to Public Education.

Bill Agnew was acknowledged for being an outstanding HSIE and VET teacher, and for going above and beyond in organizing and providing breakfast for our students as part of the Breakfast Club initiative.

Donna Dennis was recognised for her leadership capacity and for stepping up into the role of School Administration Officer during a time of significant change.

Congratulations to these highly valued staff members.

Our Permaculture garden continues to evolve and supply amazing produce that is utilized by our Hospitality students. The garden has continued to provide students with a positive environmental space for them to visit and has featured in a number of news items. This year was the first year of our Stage 6 Year 11 Permaculture course. This course has continued to thrive and is one of the most popular courses in the school. We have gained approval to expand this course into year 12. Our teacher Aaron Sorenson, was this year awarded the accolade of Permaculturalist of the Year.

2018 saw the building of an amazing deck which overlooks the garden. A gazebo structure will be completed early in 2019. The FISC Hall has had a major facelift, thanks to the Port Kembla Community Grant.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE (continued)

Big Picture commenced in 2018 and has been a highly successful initiative. Students who have participated in this program love telling me how much they enjoy coming to school and how much this program has changed their lives. We will be expanding the Big Picture Program in 2019 to four classes.

Every year brings about change and the college will experience a number of changes in staff in 2019. Jenny Jagers, our Science assistant, Bill Agnew and Ian Cobbin from the Humanities faculty, Mike Lincoln from the CAPA area, Mel Winton-Holmes from Maths, Michael Smallman from Science and Jenny McKinnon, our Senior Psychologist, will move to other roles or adventures next year. On behalf of the College community, I would like to acknowledge the contribution each of them has made in making the college the great place it is and wish them all the best in their new endeavours.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognise and thank all staff right across the school. Teachers, Learning Support staff, Counsellors, School Administrative Assistants, our General Assistants and Cleaners. I would like to thank you for the professional and caring way you have committed yourselves to improving learning and life outcomes for all students at Five Islands Secondary College. Finally, I wish everyone in our community a safe and happy festive season

Jenny Flowers
Principal

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FISC PERMACULTURE FESTIVAL IN THE GARDEN

FISC staff and students hosted "A Festival in the Permaculture Garden" with our partners in Fair Education, School Plus and Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation.



CAREERS IN AGRICULTURE DAY

FISC staff and students enjoyed a day out at the "Careers in Agriculture Day" which was held at Dapto High School.

FISC is the only school in Australia to offer "Permaculture" as an HSC subject—this is so exciting we even made WIN News!



HOSPITALITY

FISC Hospitality students have been cooking up a storm this term. Staff and students have enjoyed some delicious food, barista coffee and fabulous service.



ON THE WATER

FISC 's location means that our students get to participate in lots of fun water activities.

Congratulations to FISC Marine students who completed the BoatSmart Program with NSW Maritime and were awarded their NSW Boat Licence.



BUSINESS STUDIES

HSC Business Studies students recently visited Bluescope Steel for a quick tour organised by our expert guide, Craig Nealon, a former metallurgist and now Community Relations manager for BlueScope.

After a talk to start with, we donned the mandatory safety gear and set off to see the process and making Colorbond first hand. Students were suitably impressed with the scale of the works, the use of robotics and how few actual workers there were on site. Hopefully this will help with the Business case study question in the HSC next year.



MEDIA OPEN DAY AND SRC CEREMONY

Students, parents, families and friends joined together to celebrate the opening of the media room and the induction of the Student Representative Council 2018/2019.



PERMACULTURE

Summer is finally here and the days are getting longer and hotter. The garden has seen warmer weather, and our students and staff have been hard at work preparing the garden for the holiday break.

Our Big Picture students have almost finished their beautiful tile mosaics to decorate the garden, and these will hopefully be out on display in the garden from the start of 2019.

It is shaping up to be a very exciting year in 2019 as work commences on the final stages of our outdoor kitchen area, our next year 11 Permaculture class starts up and our HSC Permaculture class really gets into the swing of things with some awesome design projects to come.



BIG PICTURE

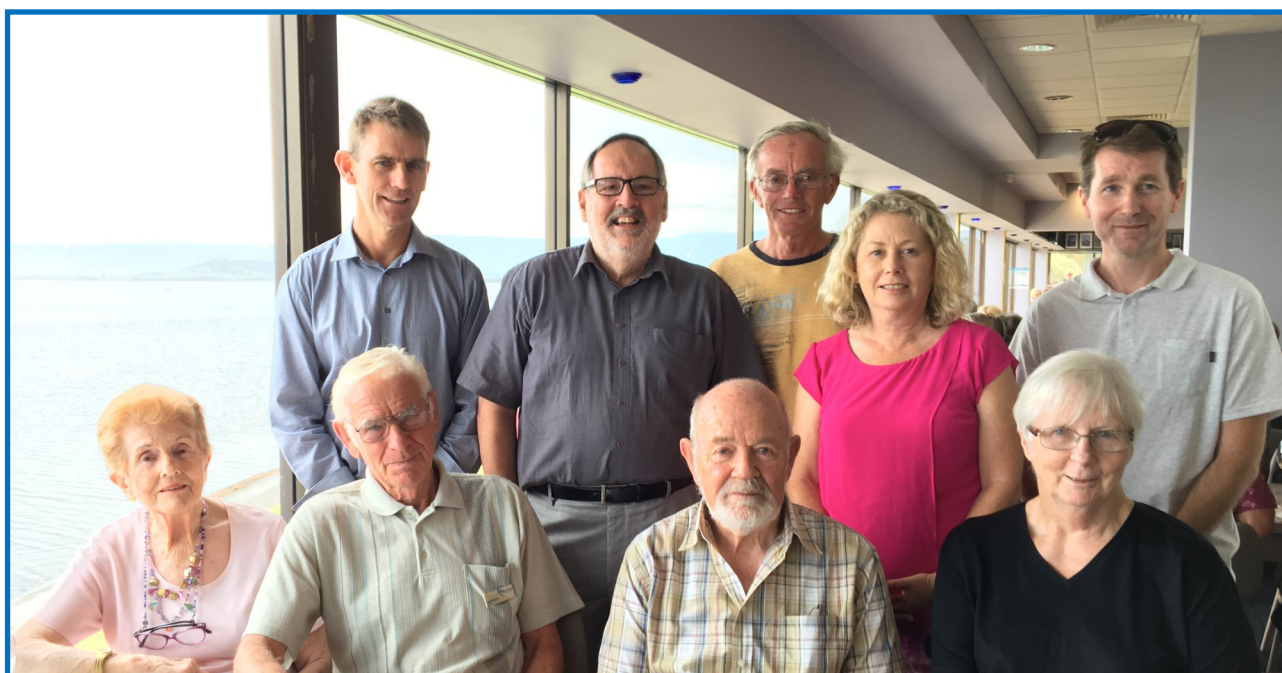
This year has been an amazing year for the students and advisors of Big Picture. Throughout the year, our students have focused on a range of different topics such as special effects makeup, architecture, nursing, psychology, working with animals, trades such as carpentry and construction and many more. Some students have completed Internships and shadow days, to further their learning in their areas of interest. They have also participated in many excursions to places such as Luna Park, the Easter show, Biennale, the Invictus Games, as well as extra walks to the beach and other places in the community.

The students of Big Picture are looking forward to developing skills related to their passions and interests as well as meeting all the new students who have been accepted into Big Picture for next year!



FISC MENTOR PROGRAM

The College expressed its thanks to our mentors for the work they have done with our students over the last year with a luncheon at the Illawarra Yacht Club last week. Jill, Ross, Gerd, Dianne and Dave have given of their time each week to support our students in their studies through their particular areas of expertise. We know how much our students appreciate them and we thank them for their great contribution. We are pleased to know that they are all promising to be back next year!



FISC WORK EXPERIENCE

FISC offers a fabulous work experience program. Our Careers Advisor, Mark Nicholl, works tirelessly with our students to secure work experience in a work place or industry that is suited to their career aspirations. Many students make the most of FISC's unique 4-day school week and take the opportunity to pursue work experience on a Friday.

During Term 4, our Year 10 students and VET students participated in one of our most successful work experience weeks ever.



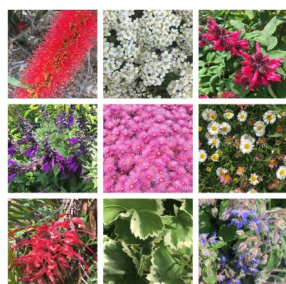
JET PROGRAM

FISC in conjunction with Illawarra Schools Work Place Learning hosts the JET (Job Education Training) Program which prepares students for the work place. In term 4, 39 students engaged in work experience opportunities

- 22% in animal care
- 17% in retail
- 13% in primary education
- 10% in hospitality
- 8% in childcare
- 6% in nursing
- 6% in construction



FISC GALLERY




Big Picture
EDUCATION AUSTRALIA



MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM WALNUT & DAISY

FISC's resident pooches, Walnut, our Assistance Dog, and Daisy, our Therapy Dog, wish everyone a Happy and Safe Christmas and look forward to seeing our returning students and new students in 2019.



IT'S TIME TO RE-IMAGINE SCHOOL



Big Picture
EDUCATION AUSTRALIA
ONE STUDENT AT A TIME IN
A COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS



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Five Islands Secondary College is excited to introduce the **Big Picture Education** framework - the philosophy is grounded in educating “one student at a time” where passions and interests drive our student learning. Uniquely, families, community mentors and teacher advisors support young people in their learning.

SO WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE?

Five Islands Secondary College is now giving you more options to find
YOUR PATHWAY YOUR FUTURE.



**BEST WISHES FOR A SAFE AND MERRY CHRISTMAS
ENJOY THE BREAK
AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO A FANTASTIC 2019**

