

Celebrating Excellence in Student Leadership House Leader Induction Ceremony



On Tuesday 15th October 2019, the 2020 House Leaders Induction Ceremony was held. House Leaders are selected for their leadership qualities to enhance the Galston High School community spirit and PBEL initiatives.

As a part of the assembly, Cameron Philp, Mykaela Hayhurst, Amelie Stuut, Felicity Whiteman addressed the assembly outlining the vision for the House Leaders in our school for 2020. Provided below is their speech which clearly articulates what they will aspire to.

House leaders take on a role in the school that is different to any other. Our objective is to strengthen school morale and instil spirit throughout the school whilst developing pride for all those who attend Galston High School.

This leadership role takes on new meaning for all of us as leaders and as learners, as our role as House Leaders is key to promoting school spirit and pride for all of us. I am proud to be a representative of Vikings and know that I am helping to make our school an even happier, more enjoyable, place to be.

School spirit is important because it sets the tone for various aspects of the school and its students. It creates a sense of community. With a sense of community comes the development of relationships and building on school pride that is contagious. I believe that school spirit translates into higher expectations of one's self and surroundings, pushing for positive changes at school and community level. This in turn does nothing more than make our learning at Galston High School more

fulfilling because it makes us want to be here, achieving our personal best.

As house leaders in 2019 and 2020, our goal is to continue to build on student and staff involvement in a variety of activities, this year we were proud to see so many students and staff from Year 7 to 12 involved in a range of activities that we ran. We plan activities with the goal of helping all staff and students develop an attachment to their school house. We want all students to feel like they belong at Galston High School and we want you all to be involved.

House leaders at Galston High School are in a unique position, our role is to not only positively represent the school to the entire community but also support students in exemplifying our 3 keys, of respect, responsibility and personal best.



We also provide younger students with a friendly group of people for which they are available to come to at all times. As leaders we need to display friendliness, initiative, commitment, self-confidence and most importantly empathy.

As house leaders in 2019 and 2020 we will aim to continue to improve whole school house spirit and increase participation at our sports carnivals, this year it was great to see so many students come out and compete and wear their house colours. We may annoy you when it comes to making relay teams for sporting events. We may be 'loud' in our endeavours to get all students and staff involved in activities we do through the term, but we will be doing everything we can to make sure that all students feel like they belong to a house that is a part of the Galston High School culture. Remembering that participation can be as simple as showing up and encouraging others, and this can be just as important as winning an event yourself.

A year ago we were inducted as house leaders and we have done our best to continue to raise the spirit of the school that was so successfully achieved by the 2018 house leaders.

In term 4 last year, the Oztag competition gained huge traction. The current year 12 boys took out the title with a comfortable win over the teachers in the grand final. We then ran the Easter egg hunt for the second time and it was fantastic to see so many students participate. What could be

better than getting chocolate and house points!? In term 2, the new outdoor table tennis tables allowed us to run a school wide competition. It would be great if someone could please beat Mr Gage next year, he has not stopped talking about it since. The Mario Kart competition was for the second time taken out by Mr Hood and some students claim that they have already started practicing in an attempt to dethrone him.

We plan to run these four events again over the next year, as well as some smaller ones such as the carnival program cover competition for the artists out there. If you have any suggestions of some smaller events that you would like to see, please do not hesitate to speak to one of us, Mr Gage or Miss Watt.

Now it is time to present the House Points Award to the winning house. Spartans in 4th place on 1780

Samurai were next, accumulating 1875 points

Unfortunately the Vikings fell just short on 1909

In what is becoming a little bit too easy for us, the Knights have again taken out this year's House competition with 2093 points. We look forward to receiving the trophy and the ensuing glory on presentation night.

Thank you and we look forward to having

you participate in school carnivals and events.

Congratulations to our House Leaders

House leaders of Samurai

- Chelsea Johnston
- Mykaela Hayhurst
- Gemma McCusker
- Sarah Goodall
- Brianna Devaney
- Hamza Sweedan
- House Leader Captain - Jade Nolland

House leaders of the Spartans

- Hayley Clark-Donaldson
- Amelie Stuut
- Liam McKenzie
- George Stepanovich
- Jordan Harkins
- Lauren Peacock
- House Leader Captain - Chloe Anjoul

House leaders of the Vikings

- Kyla Noyce
- Imasha Kumburegedara
- Cameron Philp
- Natasha Modde
- William Hanks
- Chloe Loria
- Keshav Saki

House leaders of the Knights

- Robbie Cullen
- Felicity Whiteman
- India Dalton
- Carly Paton
- Kaylee MacKenzie
- Salma Razi

Upcoming Events

This Week

Monday 11 November

Excursion - Bronze Duke of Ed
Remembrance Day Assembly
Year 12 Hospitality Work Placement

Tuesday 12 November

Year 12 Hospitality Work Placement
Incursion - Macquarie University
Aboriginal Education Program - pd 4
Incursion - White Card Training
Year 10 AMOW - Mandatory

Wednesday 13 November

Excursion - Year 12 Hospitality Work
Placement
Year 12 sign out and clearance day
Year 10 AMOW Mandatory
Year 6 Transition visit - Lack, Marsh,
van Baarle

Thursday 14 November

HUB Class 3 Community Access -
Small
Year 12 Hospitality Work Placement
Zone Sport Finals
HUB Class 1 & 2 Community Access -
Gilmour/Lindley
Year 10 AMOW - Mandatory

Friday 15 November

Year 12 Hospitality Work Placement
Incursion - Year 10 GPs in Schools
Year 12 Sign out and Clearance Day
Excursion - Rec Sport pds 1-2

Sunday 17 November

Excursion Bronze Duke of Ed

Next Week

Monday 18 November

Excursion Hub 3 - Community Access
- Marsh
Bronze Duke of Ed
Excursion - Year 7 Swim School

Tuesday 19 November

P&C Meeting 7.30pm Waddell
Learning Centre
Excursion - Year 7 Swim School

Wednesday 20 November

Excursion - Year 7 Swim School

Thursday 21 November

Excursion Hub Class 3 Community
Access - Small
Excursion - Year 7 Swim School
Incursion - 2020 Student Librarian
Leadership Day

Friday 22 November

Excursion - Year 7 Swim School

Saturday 23 November

Excursion - Gold Duke of Ed

Sunday 24 November

Excursion - Gold Duke of Ed

Still to come

Monday 25 November

Excursion - Gold Duke of Ed

Tuesday 26 November

Sydney North Cricket Trials
Incursion - Macquarie University
Aboriginal Education Program - pd 4

Wednesday 27 November

Excursion - Quirindi
Gold Duke of Ed

Thursday 28 November

Excursion - Quirindi
Excursion - Gold Duke of Ed
Excursion - Hub Class 3 Community
Access 12 - 3pm - Small
Excursion - Hub Class 1&2 Community
Access - Gilmour/Lindley
Excursion - Refereeing Beecroft Zone
League Tag

Friday 29 November

Excursion - Quirindi
Excursion - Gold Duke of Ed
Excursion - Rec Sport pds 1 & 2
Excursion - Year 8 Mathematics

Homework Club



Homework Club operates every
Wednesday afternoon from 3.30 -
4.30pm.

Students can receive help from
teaching staff with homework
and assessment tasks, or simply
utilise the Library computers and
wifi to complete their work.

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What a great year in the Humanities Faculty! I would like to thank all the students and staff once again for another great year of learning in the Humanities Faculty. I would also like to acknowledge the role parents and the school community play in ensuring students are reaching their potential in the Humanities.

Students have all been engaged in awesome learning experiences. This is just a small snapshot of those activities.

Year 9 Hand on Learning!

To support the unit students are currently studying, Sustainable Biomes and Food Security around the world, Mr Simon Loria, a parent and Director of the charity, Meal-a-Day came and spoke to Year 9 Geography. His presentation focuses on the strategies they are implementing in the Asian Pacific region to "support sustainable 'down to earth' projects that focus on supporting vulnerable children, the provision of clean water, agricultural skills, basic health care and education and a meal a day."



Students have also been carrying out group research on the Arctic Seed Bank and China's population and urban population, as seen in the photographs.

Groups of students were allocated resources of CC's, soft drink and lollies based on the country and society level they were representing. Some groups had too much food, and one group was left with nothing but a bottle of dirty water. This was a game of Inequality.

Commerce students have undertaken the Sharemarket Game and Cameron M reflects on participation in this game.

"At first no one really cared about what they invested in. We all chose familiar companies and had a laugh while declaring that we would no doubt go bankrupt. Then, as we began to rise, it became a lot more competitive. Overall, we ended up having fun, and learned a lot."

SELECTED! Freya

Freya of Year 11 Legal Studies, applied to

take part in the NSW Schools Constitutional Convention 2019. To achieve this, she had to write a full page response to the question of: In your opinion, what is the most important Constitutional issue facing Australians in 2019? The judges deemed her response to be one of the best submitted and she has been selected to take part. This annual program seeks to promote understanding and informed discussion amongst young Australians about the Australian Constitution and system of government. The NSW Schools Constitutional Convention includes a keynote speaker and group discussions on the selected topic: Change and the Australian Constitution.

Business Plans!

Year 11 Business Studies this year for their second assessment task, worked in groups to create from scratch a business plan which they would like to own and operate one day. Students were given 4 weeks of class time to plan and build their businesses.

Mr Lanske and I, were exceptionally impressed by the quality of work and commitment by the students. Here is a tiny selection of the ideas which were presented.

Instant Miracle - Instant Miracle is a company that has created an acne product using natural/organic ingredients and environmentally friendly reusable glass bottles.



NRLCUSTOMZ - is a company that offers custom NRL gear to customers who enjoy having their favourite teams merchandise with personalised extras.



N&J Photography - N&J Photography is a mobile photography business that is able to print out your photos shortly after taking them.



Cameron's full ASX report:

From the 15th of August to the 23rd of October, my Year 9 Commerce class at Galston High School participated in the ASX sharemarket game, an exciting program they run once a year which simulates the real stock market, taking real data from the ASX.

Immediately we were told to spend all of our money, and most students invested heavily in each company, while I preferred to just invest a small bit in each stock and across a wide of companies. And we were off, with most of us making a small amount to begin with.

We started around the same time as USA's trade war with China, which made the market volatile. We learned that in times of such uncertainty, the stocks relating to gold would go up. We also learned that investing heavily into something was usually better, as we had to make a meaningful increase to make up for the cost of brokerage.

Students would rise and fall, but I was on a steady uphill climb until I tried to invest in gold after the trade war. This time I instead decided to invest heavily in some particularly volatile companies. Big mistake. Immediately these companies lost value, and my attempts to make up for it only made it worse.

When investing short-term, many things can go wrong without warning. Because my time to make up for my mistakes was coming to an end, I frantically invested most of what I had into a company that tended to increase quickly. The next day they released a bad statement and dropped 12%. While there is skill and knowledge involved, a lot of it will come down to pure luck in such a short timeframe.

Young Judges Workshop...

A group of eight students from Farm Club took part in a Young Judges training day at Camden Showground on October 19.

In the morning we were split into groups where experienced judges taught us how to judge different animals. Those workshops consisted of judging Angora goats and mohair, Poll Dorset meat sheep, Jersey heifers and Langshan hens.

Each judge taught us the different characteristics to look out for when scoring.

After lunch, we were given ten minutes to judge each animal class in a group of four. Then each group chose a class to judge orally. While this was a training day, not a competition, Galston Team 1 scored the Poll Dorset sheep in exactly the same order that the judge did.

Overall it was a great experience.

India Dalton, Kasey Behlevanas and Hannah Cornale

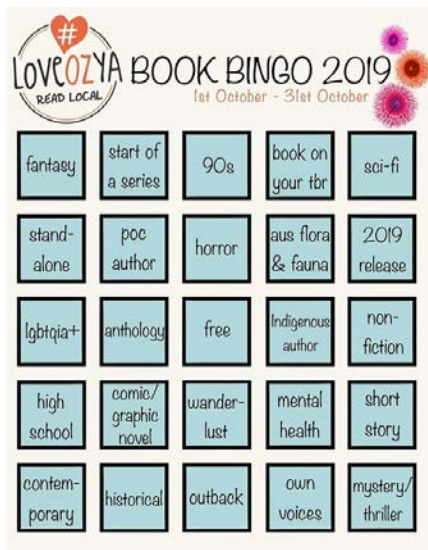


From the Library...

October has been a busy month in the library, with plenty of great reads and activities for everyone to enjoy.

Our first display coincided with LoveOzYA's Book Bingo. LoveOzYA are an organisation dedicated to promoting Australian young adult (YA) fiction. Book Bingo was a great way to raise our students' awareness of the amazing wealth of Australian YA fiction by reading 5 books by Australian authors in the month of October. Students were set the challenge to play a game of book bingo, where they were aiming to get five squares in a row – horizontally, vertically or diagonally – whenever they read a book that met the criteria of the square.

The end of October saw the library turn spooky in time for Halloween, where the scariest stories came out on display and spine-tingling tales were shared. Students also had the opportunity to participate in games of Ultimate Werewolf, where players have to either defend their theoretical village from murderous werewolves while hunting down the traitors in their midst.





2019	15 September.....	Mike Hallam Hot Six
	20 October.....	Bridge City Jazz Band
	17 November.....	Carolyn Packer's Stompin' Rhythm Aces
2020	16 February.....	Geoff Power Jazz Band
	15 March.....	Greg Poppleton Jazz Band
	19 April.....	Riverside Jazz Band
	17 May.....	Zenith Jazz Sextet

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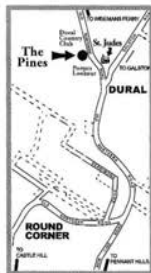
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