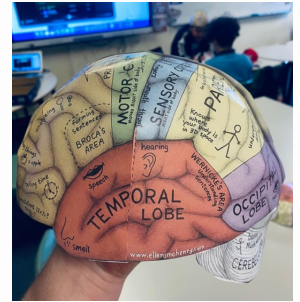


# DOONSIDE TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL

TERM 2 - 2022 NEWSLETTER



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## TERM 2- A BUSY TERM!

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE- Mr. Colin Campbell

It has been another very busy term for our school, and we have been able to enjoy a taste of the past again with students being able to be involved in carnivals, sports and various extra-curricular activities.

It has been wonderful to feel a greater sense of normality again and we certainly hope that can continue into Term 3. There are so many successes to speak of and it always gives me such a sense of pride in what our students have achieved in the local and wider community.

We have been able to finish the term as well with our annual Harmony Day which this year was run in conjunction with NAIDOC Week. This day was a perfect opportunity to celebrate our cultural diversity at Doonside and to provide students the opportunity to celebrate and share their cultural backgrounds through a range of wonderful performances at assembly. It is always such a wonderful occasion!

### School Infrastructure Update

As I have mentioned in previous newsletters, there is going to be extensive construction work across the school to improve our physical learning environment in the upcoming months.

The upgrade of lighting in all learning spaces to LED (light emitting diodes) will be completed hopefully by the end of Term 3.

## ***Principals Message Continued***

The refurbishment of the outdoor assembly area is on schedule and should be completed during the winter vacation. This will make a significant difference in ensuring our assembly area is more presentable and long term will ensure more seating for our students during break times.

The construction of the Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA) is on track to get underway during Term 3. This will cover the entire space of the two basketball courts. It will make an enormous difference for our school community and provide a wonderful shaded/under cover area. A quality learning environment is a priority and when the COLA is completed it will not only be a state-of-the-art outdoor facility to support curriculum delivery, but a facility the community can be proud of. In keeping everybody safe, a reminder to students that they are not allowed to enter any fenced areas when construction commences.

### **School Uniform**

As winter is setting in, please be reminded of the uniform expectations. Students are expected to wear full school uniform each day. It is imperative that we look presentable when attending school each day in the correct uniform and also ensures we are presenting a positive image of our school to the local and wider community.

If support is required in relation to school uniforms, please contact the school and speak to either the Head Teach Wellbeing (Mr Gerard) or the relevant Deputy Principal for your child's year group.

I would like to thank everyone for another great term at Doonside THS. I hope you all have a restful and safe holiday and I look forward to an exciting Term 3.

I am so proud to be the Principal of our amazing school.

Wishing you a safe and happy vacation period.

*Colin Campbell*

# Year 7 Middle School Food Truck Project

As part of the Year 7 cross-curricula Food Truck Project, Chef Frank brought in his "The Italian Job Catering Co." food truck as the 'Hook' to the project. He spoke to students about the importance of marketing, music, numeracy, and plating food. Students also tasted a range of fresh hand-made wood fired pizzas including Margherita, Vegetarian Deluxe, Pepperoni, and Suprema.



# ***The Push Up Challenge***

The Push-Up Challenge is all about getting fit, having fun and most importantly learning about mental health.

This year the Push-Up Challenge ran from the 1st to 24th of June and involved challenging yourself to 3,139 push-ups over 24 days, representing the number of lives lost in Australia to suicide in 2020. Each day, participants learn about mental health as the push-up target relates to a vital mental health statistic in Australia.

As a Student Ambassador I was able gain experience in leading a community-based project, develop skills in liaising with stakeholders while creating a positive school culture.

Staff and students were involved in a huge amount of events aiming to bring us together and promote conversation about mental health and wellbeing.

Congratulations to DTHS SLR (Year 11) led by Team Captain J. Gerard for completing a total of 19496 push ups as a group and an honorable mention to Pride Girls and Team HSIE for raising the most amount of funds.

- Megan Aquilina

## 2022 DTHS PUSH UP CHALLENGE

**JUNE 1ST:  
LAUNCH DAY**

BROUGHT TO YOU BY  
MEGAN AQUILINA



**DOONSIDE TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS**

# **'THE HUBS'**

**EARLY MORNING HUB**

**MON - FRI**

**8AM - 8:40AM**

**\*FOR YEARS 10, 11, 12\***

**LEARNING HUB**

***SELF REFERRALS***

**MON - FRI**

**9AM - 3PM**

**DURING YOUR STUDY LESSONS**

**\*ONLY FOR YEARS 11 AND 12\***

**HOMEWORK CLUB AT THE LIBRARY**

**WED 2:20PM - 3:15PM**

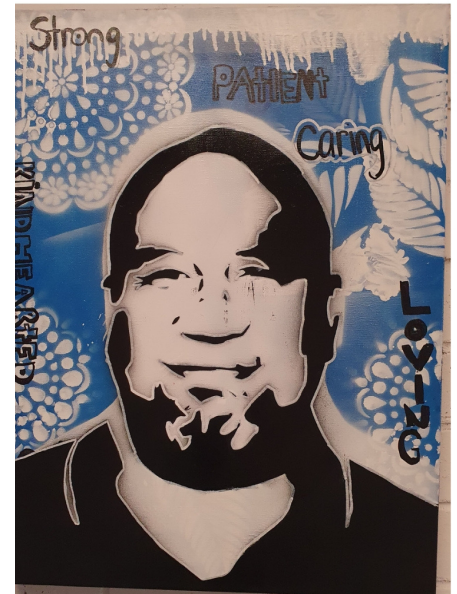
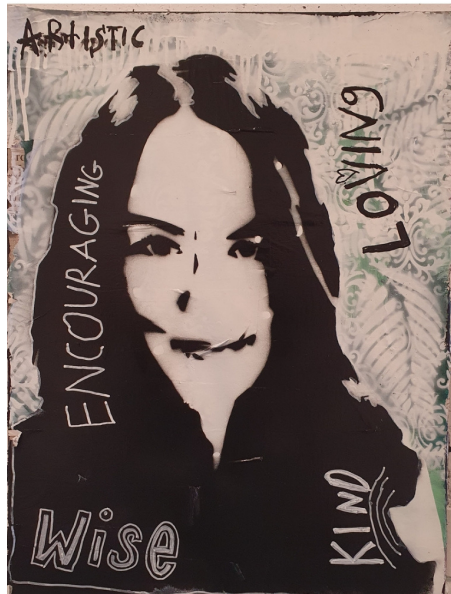
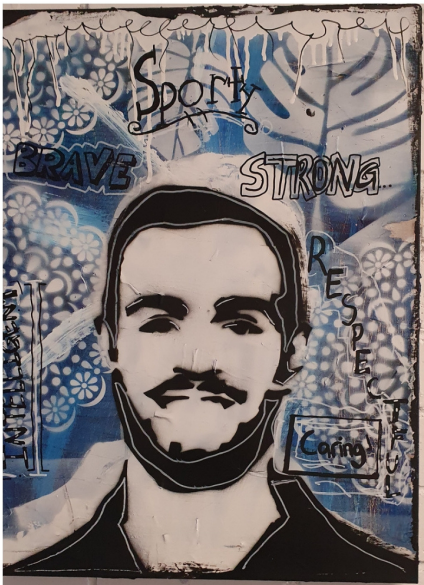
**THURS 2PM - 3PM**

**\*OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS\***

**VISIT US IN THE LEARNING  
AND SUPPORT  
STAFFROOM FOR MORE  
INFORMATION  
D BLOCK**

# Year 9/10 CORE Skills class present their exhibition : "To those we look up to"

Students chose a teacher that they look up as inspiration for their portraits. They developed skills in composition and street art stencilling and created a portrait that reflects their chosen teacher. It also explores the characteristics that they admire about them through the incorporation of text. The students demonstrated resilience and dedication to developing these portraits.



# 2022 NSW Softball Secondary Schools Inclusion Shield

Congratulations to our students from year 7 & 8 Support Unit who won the inaugural NSW Softball Secondary Schools Inclusion Shield.

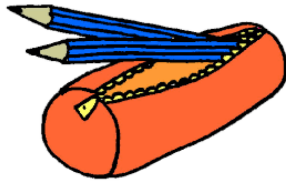
The Softball Inclusion Shield is a NSW Softball and NSW Sports 4 All first. Students with an intellectual disability were given the opportunity to participate in the gala day at the Softball Olympic Stadium in Blacktown.

Our students were selected to take part in the program, alongside Chifley College Bidwill Campus. The day allowed for students to develop their softball skills, team skills, build positive relationships with neighbouring schools and most importantly develop resilience.

The Support Unit would like to say a big thank you to the parents and staff for their attendance and encouragement for the players, the senior student helpers for officiating the games, Mr Hall from Chifley College Bidwill Campus and Greg Brown from NSW Sports 4 All for their contribution to ensure the day was a success. We extend our gratitude to Donna McGrath from NSW Softball for organising an outstanding event.



# **HOMEWORK CLUB AT DTHS**



**Got any N- awards  
that need to be  
cleared?**

**Need help in  
completing  
homework?**

**Need help in  
finishing  
assessments?**

**Need a teacher  
to check your  
work?**

**For who: Years 7 - 12**

**When: Wednesday at 2:20pm - 3:15pm  
and Thursday at 2pm - 3pm**

**Where: DTHS Library**



# Year 7 Life Education

This term, in Life Education, Year 7 have been learning about the role their brain plays in regulating their emotions, as well as the strategies required to self-regulate. Below are some samples of the outstanding work Year 7 have completed throughout the term!



## BRAIN HATS

Students constructed a 'Brain Hat' to explore the primitive, thinking and emotional parts of the brain.

## EMOTIONAL BRAIN

Students explored the 'Hand-Brain model' - a visual tool used to understand the brain in response to emotions.



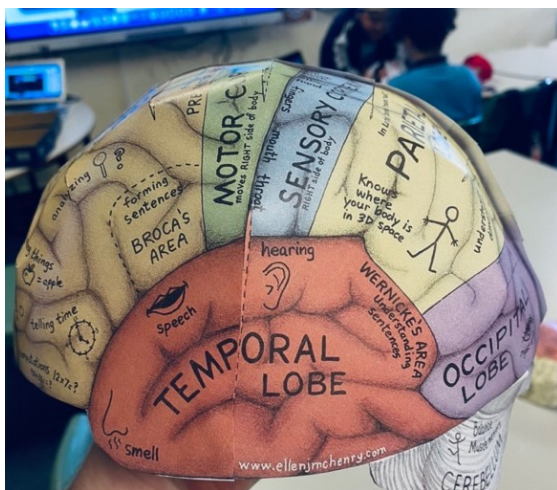
Thinking Brain  
"In control"



Emotional Brain



Emotional Brain

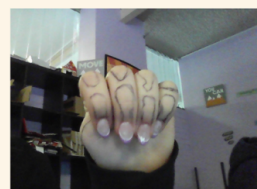


## THINKING BRAIN

Students participated in initiative games to develop teamwork, cooperation, problem-solving and critical and creative thinking.



## The Hand-Brain Model

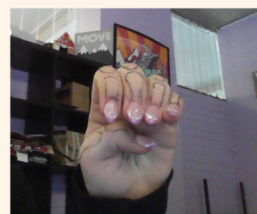


### THINKING BRAIN

**looks like** - focused and on task

**feels like** - in control, safe, happy and doesn't feel stressed with the world

**sounds like** - talking, laughter

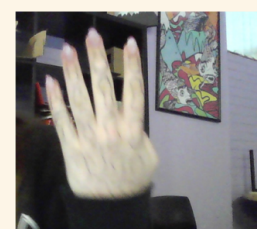


### ABOUT TO FLIP

**looks like** - starting to get a bit red, shaking leg, tap pencil on desk

**feels like** - frustrated, stressed, upset, scared

**sounds like** - silent, grunting



### LID FLIPPED

**looks like** - lashing out, red face, clenched fist

**feels like** - angry, mad, frustrated, annoyed, upset

**sounds like** - loud, breathing heavily



ALEXIS.DALLEY <3

## Stage 6 SLR/PDHPE Excursion

Students in SLR, PDHPE and invitees from the Do You Even Lift Passion Project had the opportunity to learn through experience this term. Students participated in a practical workshop at Complete Strength and Performance, Five Dock with the aim of connecting the theoretical content in a new practical scenario.

Students worked with Coach Antonio on a boxing technique and fitness session learning a new variety of skills. After this session students engaged in a strength and conditioning program with Coach Bronson with the aim of increasing their knowledge base about correct form and technique in the gym.

The practical session provided an opportunity for SLR to put into practice their unit “Resistance Training”, Year 12 PDHPE to apply concepts learnt in “Factors Affecting Performance” and Year 10 Do You Even Lift to work with older students.

Miss Harrison



# SENIOR STUDENTS LEARNING HUB



For who:  
Years  
11 and 12

When:  
During study  
periods only

Where:  
Learning Hub  
D03

You can...

- make a self referral
- clear your N - awards
- get help with assessments
- improve your academic results
- gain confidence



# **2022 Western Sydney OzTag Secondary Schools Gala Day**

Doonside THS students took part in the Western Sydney Oztag Secondary Schools Gala Day at The Kingsway, St Marys for the sixth year running.

DTHS fielded a Boys and Girls Open teams to take part in the competition. Both teams consisted a majority number of junior students playing well above their years in the seniors opens competition. The boys' team finished 4th in their pool stages, whilst the girls' went through undefeated in the pool round and were eliminated in the playoffs.



Congratulations to both Hailey Wheatley (Girls Opens) and Jason Gregoraci (Boys Opens) who played with maturity beyond their years and rightfully nominated best and fairest. Furthermore, congratulations to the leading try scorers Lilly Calder (Girls Opens) and Thomas Hunt (Boys Opens). Also special mention to Zechariah Makatule-Fineanganfo & Raiha Diamond-Dyer for their outstanding leadership in captaining their respective teams.



The students adapted to the cold weather conditions and were positive representation of our school community. Throughout the day, Doonside students were cheering a supporting friends and family from neighbouring schools.

# Share the Dignity Vending Machine

DTHS is excited to be able to break down the barriers of shame and stigmas associated with menstruation. Students can now safely and privately access period products that can make a life-changing difference. Located in the Schools' Sick Bay.

Dignity Vending Machine  
with **FREE** period  
products here



A Period Pack  
contains 2 pads  
and 6 tampons

Take what you need



SHARE THE Dignity  
Ensuring that everyone is afforded the dignity  
so many of us take for granted.

THE MACHINE PROVIDES  
**FREE PADS & TAMPONS**  
Only Period Products  
6 TAMPONS & 2 PADS  
PLEASE TAKE WHAT YOU NEED

LEARN ABOUT HOW WE CAN HELP YOU AT  
[sharethedignity.org.au](http://sharethedignity.org.au)

**STEP 1 CHECK**  
This machine only dispenses  
FREE PERIOD PRODUCTS  
if you are going to step 2

**STEP 2 PRESS**  
PRESS THE ABOVE BUTTON

**STEP 3 COLLECT**  
PRESS HERE

## Year 7 Student of the Term

Congratulations to Nathan Lopez who is the Year 7 Student of the Term!

Nathan is a friendly, inquisitive, diligent and hard-working student who consistently demonstrates the DTHS CORE values of Community, Ownership and Empowerment. In the classroom, he takes ownership of his learning by engaging in class discussion, upholding a high work ethic, and completing class work to a high standard. He often lends a helping hand to his peers and greets staff and students with a friendly hello each morning. Nathan is an exemplary role model for his peers, as evidenced in his achievement of above 90% attendance for Term 2.

Nathan is to be commended on his outstanding efforts this term. Well done, Nathan.

Miss Twaddle  
Year 7 Advisor



Good  
Morning!



# Early Morning Hub

For who: Years 10, 11 and 12

When: Monday - Friday

Time: 8am - 8:40am

Where: Learning Hub D03



You can....

- get help to clear N awards
- complete assessments
- learn new study skills to prepare for the HSC
- discover tips and tricks to improve your ATAR or Non - ATAR results

# Dates for your Calendar

**Term 1, 2022**

Monday July 18th, Week 1 - **Staff Development Day**

Tuesday July 19th, Week 1 - **Students return for Term 3 (Week A)**

Monday August 1st - Monday 15th August, Weeks 2 - 4 - **Trial HSC Exams**

Wednesday May 25th, Week 5 - **Athletics Carnival**

Friday September 23rd, Week 10 - **Last day of Term 3**

**Please note that dates are subject to change.**

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