Young Endeavour Youth Scheme 2014
Expand Your Horizons

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For the last eleven days of January we were lucky to finally experience the reward of the Young Endeavour voyage after being chosen, back in November, after a daunting selection process. However we were soon to discover that the daunting interview would not compare to the challenges that we were to come across in the expedition to come.

After travelling to Davenport in Northern Tassie, we boarded the beautiful tall ship and set for the Bass Strait, and eventually Sydney, the next morning. Upon meeting the other twenty-five Youth Crew on that first day, there was very much a sense of ‘what have we gotten ourselves into’, not knowing that we were soon to become one large family under the guidance of ten Navy trained Young Endeavour Staff. That feeling hit hard when it was announced that we were to climb to the top of the thirty-eight metre mast on night one—which gave us a taste of the satisfying feeling of accomplishment we were going to be overloaded with for the next eleven days.

The next morning we were up and set for the high seas of the Bass Strait; beginning to learn how to set sails. Everyone tried to adjust to the violent ocean but for some (Olie), their stomachs gave way on the first night at sea (feeding the ‘fishies’), and then for others (Courtney) their sea sickness remedies proved successful for the duration of trip. After two days with a strong tail wind we reached our first anchorage point in the King Island at beautiful, uninhabited Deal Island.

For most, solid ground felt unstable but the tranquil surroundings were a good enough distraction. We walked for about an hour up to the abandoned lighthouse surrounded by hundreds of little rock wallabies and beautiful birds. When we got to the top we did some exploring of the lighthouse and the crash site, ate some packed lunch and headed back down in the pouring rain.

Over the next few days of sailing as we established in our separate Watch groups, a real sense of closeness began to set in with the surrounding Youth Crew. This particularly grew in our overnight watches when we all sat up on the bridge playing games, learning knots, doing the rounds of the engines and generators, singing songs and eating SAO’s (sickness ain’t ongoing)... oh and of course sailing the ship. Also doing some leadership activities which included setting the storm sails at ungodly hours of the morning with no help from our Watch Leaders, made harder by the sea conditions.

With Command Day looming it was important that all the Youth Crew were competent with running the ship and having the essential skills to succeed in all areas, so most days were undergoing training in different fields. We were on a rotation roster to work in the galley with Chef Aaron which involved working at chef hours and preparing and serving delicious meals to the high standards of the chef. Also the Captain taught us not about how to set and furl sails but how the sails worked and each sail’s purpose, and also taught us ‘rules of the road’ and the etiquette involved in sailing. Also the navigation officer taught us skills in navigation to ensure we arrived at our destination of Sydney Harbour when the ship was in our hands. And most importantly, every morning we had Happy Hour where we polished the ship to a spotless navy standard.
The day after celebrating the STS Young Endeavour’s 26th birthday just off the coast of New South Wales, we sailed into and anchored in Jervis Bay, which just happened to be Australia Day. Australia Day ended up being a highlight of the trip as we all had a well-earned break from sailing. After swinging off the rope swing into the ‘swimming pool’ we all chilled out and listened to the Triple J hottest 100 up on deck with a classic Australian Day barbeque dinner in a glorious Australian sun. The next morning we headed ashore to the white sandy beach and continued relaxing, playing games on the beach and swimming with the dolphins. We then departed Jervis Bay and continued heading north to Botany Bay (very slowly after staying pretty still due to the strong East Australian Current).

At last the day had arrived, it was time for the Youth Crew to step up and take command of the ship for twenty-four hours. The feeling of ‘what had we gotten ourselves into’ had returned on the morning before the handover, but with our newly elected positions of Captain (Olie), the Sail Master, the Navigation Officer, the Watch Officers (Courtney), the Watch Leaders and the Chef’s, we were ready to give it a crack.

Our main goal was to navigate the ship from Botany Bay to the heads of Sydney Harbour while completing a variety of twenty two other challenging tasks. The tasks involved something for everyone on board, including things from making hammocks to hold twenty seven people using only seven ropes, for the chefs to prepare and execute a themed meal, drawing a large mural representation, composition of a creative and humorous poem and various navigation tasks that required critical decision making. In the end all the Youth Crew worked really well as a team completing twenty-one of the twenty-two tasks, but most importantly we all really enjoyed it, but even more importantly we made it to Sydney.

Another highlight of the voyage was the Half Day Sail in Sydney Harbour. We welcomed Sylvanvale Disability Services, made up of the special needs folks and their carers, sponsors including Order Of Australia and RSL, and our own Galston High School students, Chris Sutton and Isaiah Baker. We took them for a sail around the Harbour for several hours showing off a few skills that we had learned and fired blanks out of the ship’s cannons underneath the Harbour Bridge.

For our last night we anchored just outside Taronga Zoo and enjoyed another but final beautiful sunset over the Sydney skyline. The next morning the feeling was surreal that this experience was soon to come to an end. We headed into port in Woolloomooloo with all the Youth Crew aloft on the masts for a spectacular ending. Our families were all there waiting and tears started to flow as we said our final goodbyes to those who had been our family for the past eleven days.

The things we learned on board the Young Endeavour are definitely skills that will forever stay with us and the memories we created will never leave us. The voyage was the perfect experience for pushing our limits and helping us discover who we are and what’s possible. So remember when you are feeling that feeling of ‘what have I gotten myself into’, just go with it!

If you want to read more about our voyage, or specifically Command Day, please check out the Captain’s Log for V02/14 on the Young Endeavour website. (www.youngendeavour.gov.au/whats_happening/captains_log.php).
Do you know where the time capsule is?

The 2014 Hub Journalists have been busy investigating the history of Galston High School in the lead up to our 40th Anniversary celebrations later this year. We have however, hit a bit of a road block. We’d love your help and community knowledge or contacts to try and find the location of the time capsule buried in 1988.

We would love to be able to find out some more interesting facts and share them you but without that precious location, we just don’t know where to start digging. If you have any other fun facts, interesting stories, funny anecdotes about Gaston’s High School’s staff, students and its history please forward that information to the school so we can include it in our studies and to share with everyone at the big party!

Thanks for your help.

Natalie Alston, Aabid Khan, Ryan Neuenkirchen, Carson McCauley, Josh Currie and Chris Hamilton

34 brave students and 1 teacher (thanks Mr Udy!) have signed up to shave or dye their hair for the Leukaemia Foundation’s World’s Greatest Shave. Local hairdresser will be shaving the brave participants’ heads at lunchtime on Wednesday 26 March.

If you would like to donate to the GHS Be Brave and Shave team please follow the link below:

**Upcoming Events**

### This Week

**Monday 24 March**
Year 11 Excursion & Assessment Free  
Harmony Day Events - Andrus

**Tuesday 25 March**
Year 11 Excursion & Assessment Free  
Indoor Touch Years 7-10 Smidt

**Wednesday 26 March**
Year 11 Excursion & Assessment Free  
Back Up Photo Day  
Shave for a Cure - Andrus

**Thursday 27 March**
Year 11 Excursion & Assessment Free

**Friday 28 March**
Year 11 Excursion & Assessment Free  
Castle Hill Show

**Saturday 29 March**
Castle Hill Show  
Young Women in Harmony - all day rehearsal

**Sunday 30 March**
Castle Hill Show

### Next Week

**Monday 31 March**
Year 11 Excursion Free  
KYDS Forum Year 9 pds 1-3, Year 8 pds 4-6 - Lees

**Tuesday 1 April**
Year 11 Excursion Free  
Castle Hill Show Celebration Assembly

**Wednesday 2 April**
Year 11 Excursion Free  
Regional Netball Smidt

**Thursday 3 April**
Yr 11 Excursion Free  
CHS Swimming

**Friday 4 April**
Year 11 Excursion Free  
CHS Swimming  
Year 10 Ag Excursion - Carden  
KYDS Forum Year 9 pds 1-3, Year 8 pds 4-6 - Lees

### Still to Come

**Monday 7 April**
Year 11 Half Yearly Exams  
CHS Swimming

**Tuesday 8 April**
Year 11 Half Yearly Exams  
CHS Swimming

**Wednesday 9 April**
Year 11 Half Yearly Exams  
CHS Swimming

**Thursday 10 April**
Year 11 Half Yearly Exams  
Royal Easter Show  
Grade Sport Semi Finals

**Friday 11 April**
Year 11 Half Yearly Exams  
Year 8 Royal Easter Show Excursion  
LAST DAY OF TERM

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**Music Tour Meeting**

Date:   Monday 7th April 2014  
Time:   7.15 - 8.15pm  
Venue:  The Galston Club

Parents, carers and students are invited to the Galston Club to register interest, discuss possibilities and generate enthusiasm for this year’s Music Ensembles Tour!

Any family involved with an ensemble is encouraged to attend.

Your thoughts and ideas are most welcome.

Tour suggestions at this stage include - Tasmania, North West NSW and the Hunter Valley!

Looking forward to seeing you there, Mrs Fuller.

ps - if you are an apology for the meeting but have suggestions etc, please email them to:  
JANET.HATFIELD@det.nsw.edu.au

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**Homework Club**

Homework Club will be held every Wednesday in the Library from 3.15 - 4.15pm.

Come along for help with homework and assignments.

Afternoon tea will be served!

Teachers from Maths and English will be available to assist you. All students and staff welcome.

We look forward to seeing you all there.
2014 has commenced on a bright note and the Mathematics/Computing Faculty has continued with no staff changes led by the Head Teacher Mr Young. The other staff are Ms Al Mogawish, Ms Bellamy, Ms Kannemeyer who is the Assistant Year 7 Year Advisor, Ms Lees who is also the Yr 9 Year Advisor, Mr Mueller who teaches the computing courses and Ms Wong.

You may be aware that this year heralds the introduction of a new National Curriculum being introduced across the state. In 2014, both Year 7 and Year 9 will be required to study the new curriculum. The main aim of this curriculum is to develop students' mathematical thinking, understanding, competence and confidence in the application of mathematics. In order to meet the mandatory requirements students will be required to satisfactorily study units involving the use of Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry and Statistics and Probability. Whilst it may appear to be similar to previous years, there are additional new topic areas and the timing and depth of study of a variety of topic areas has changed also.

2014 also marks the first year that the new General Mathematics syllabi will be assessed at the HSC level. Special thanks must go to Ms Lees and Ms Wong who have developed the course framework to enable students to relate the content areas to the real world yet will also allow students to maximise their HSC marks at the end of year.

**CALCULATORS**

A calculator is an essential learning tool in Mathematics education and allows a learner to reach their full potential. Students at Galston High School will need to use a scientific calculator in Mathematics as well as many other subjects in the school. Can you please ensure that your child has a calculator, and if they already own one, please ensure that they are in the habit of bringing it to school every day. The Mathematics Faculty recommend the Casio fx-82 AU calculator. It is currently the most available and reliable calculator presently available that meets the NSW Board of Studies requirements, on the market. The Casio fx-82 AU is currently available from our school office P&C shop for $26. Please be advised that consistent with Board of Studies requirements, we do not support the use of a graphic calculator, smart phone, ipads etc as an acceptable calculator. This choice of calculator is not an option in our classrooms or exams.

How to help your Child Study Mathematics.

Quite often we find that students struggle to succeed in Mathematics. Here are some hints to help parents and students maximise their potential not only in Mathematics but many other subjects.

Basic skills are essential. Quick: what’s 9 times 7? To be successful, students must be able to answer this correctly in their sleep. The multiplication tables are the basis for most high school math problems. If your child doesn’t know them, please help them by practising these every night.

Mathematics is Not a Spectator Sport. You cannot learn mathematics by just going to class and watching the teacher work out problems. In order to improve, you must be actively involved in the learning process. You have to attend all classes and pay attention while in class. You’ve got to take clear, legible notes and you have to complete the class exercises and homework problems on time.

Mathematics is Cumulative. You’ve always got to remember that mathematics courses are cumulative. Classes move fast, generally aiming to teach a new concept every lesson. What students do today builds towards tomorrow. You’ve got to study on a regular schedule, not just the night before exams. In other words you need to be involved in the learning process on a daily basis. If all that you’re willing to do is spend a couple of hours studying before each exam then you will find that achieving an acceptable result will be very difficult.

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**Vietnam Veterans Talk**

This year we were again privileged to have Mr and Mrs Cosgrove speak to Year 10 History students on the Vietnam War. Students were able to bring History to life, with Mr Cosgrove recounting his and his fellow soldier’s experience of the Vietnam War and what life has been like after returning hom. Mrs Cosgrove was able to give students the experience of family and friends on the home front.

A lucky few students were able to try on the soldiers uniforms and experience how heavy the soldiers’ packs were. When the conscription ballet was drawn at least half the room, would have been going off to war!

Year 10 were again very generous with their gold coin donations to the Vietnam Veterans and this will assist St Mary’s Outpost in supporting returned servicemen.
On Wednesday 5th March we held our Annual Open Day for Year 5 & 6 students and their families.

This year we continued the format where we had an introduction in the hall of key staff, students and parents who provided information important in relation to being a part of the Galston High School community. Prospective students and parents of Galston High School were then placed into smaller groups to tour the school. Our Year 10, 11 and 12 students from our leadership teams including, SRC, house leaders and prefects did a brilliant job leading each of the tour groups, outlining the different courses offered at Galston High School.

Overall, numbers at Open Day 2014 were up considerably on past years with over 450 people present. Feedback from parents/caregivers was extremely favourable, especially in terms of student leadership, classroom activities, school uniform and overall presentation of the school.

At Open Day we also announced our 2015 Year 7 Adviser, Mr Whiteman. Mr Whiteman has a passion for student wellbeing and leadership and we are fortunate that he has taken on this role in 2015.

We look forward to seeing many of our visitors returning as members of our school community in 2015 and beyond.

Harmony Day is celebrated across Australia on 21st March each year. It is a day of celebration where we can demonstrate cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. The message of Harmony Day is Many Stories – One Australia. The continuing message of Harmony Day is that everyone belongs. It’s about community participation, inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

This year at Galston High School, we are extending our Harmony Day activities and festivities. During roll call on Thursday 20th, House Leaders you will be making Harmony Day chatterboxes, which have some really interesting facts about Australia’s multiculturalism.

Next Monday 24th of March will be the final and largest part of our Harmony Day celebrations. To start off the day, House Leaders of each roll call will begin with the Harmony Day, many stories app. It will be an orange, black and white themed mufti and we are asking you to bring in a gold coin donation. There will be music playing throughout recess and lunch to reflect Australia’s diversity.

At lunch time the SRC will be selling a variety of foods representing the different cultures in Australia, including pizza, meat pies, spring rolls, dim sims and curry puffs. All proceeds go towards the construction of shelters for the bus bay area.

This is an exciting event that SRC members are running this year.
On Wednesday 5th March, the Prefect team was a part of the Galston High School Open Day. It was fantastic to see the hall filled with young and bright faces, both nervous and excited about being at high school. It was a bit of a reminder to the prefect team in regards to how far we have all come, and how short our time left in the school is. Our hope is that these new students coming into our school over the next 2 years have the great experiences we have had to learn and develop into young adults proud to be a part of the Galston High School community.

There has been a big success with world’s greatest shave this year, over $4,000 has been raised so far. This means that Mr Udy will be shaving his beard. I believe we are all interested to see what is under that facial hair. Congratulations to the SRC on a fantastic program of promotion for such a worthy cause.

Harmony Day is this Monday. Harmony Day is held annually on the 21st of March. It is a time for us to show cultural respect towards everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. By participating in Harmony Day activities, we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and enrich it. SO support the SRC in celebrating this day by wearing ORANGE BLACK AND WHITE CLOTHES on Monday 24th March!!

A reminder as well to be informed and stay in contact with all matters related to our school, do not forget to visit our school website. Calendars are regularly updated and newsletters are also available. www.galston-h.schools.nsw.edu.au. Do not forget to add yourself to our mailing list via the school web page. You will receive regular emails in relation to students of particular year groups, as well as fortnightly newsletters. Prefects also have a Facebook page where we highlight student achievements and post reminders for school events that are coming up. So like us on Facebook!

Knockout Netball

On Monday 10th March, the Knockout Netball team played Marsden High (from near Ryde) down at the Galston Netball courts. It was a great game, with the girl’s putting themselves in a winning position from the first quarter by taking a 22 – 8 lead.

The match was played in a great spirit by both teams, with Galston winning in the end 61 -41. Our next match will be against Turramurra. Good luck, girls!

Mrs Lamont
STR E E T W I S E
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