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UPCOMING EVENTS

28 November 2025

Open Boys & Girls Football Trials 1pm - 2.15pm

9am - 3pm Football United Gala Day

1 December 2025

Prefect and SRC Luncheon with the Principal

Prefect and SRC XMAS Card Shoot

2 December 2025

Year 7, 2026 Orientation Day

9am - 3pm Year 10 Commerce Excursion - Luna Park

1.20pm - 3pm Year 8 Swim School

3pm - 4pm After School Basketball Enrichment Program

2.10pm - 3pm Middle Eastern Workshop

3 December 2025

9am - 12pm Support - Year 7 Orientation continued

12.50pm - 2.25pm Year 8 Swim School

10am - 12pm Women's Group

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents and Carers,

In looking back over the past few weeks, across classrooms, assemblies, celebrations and everyday interactions, one theme stands out - our RISE values of Respect, Inspire, Safe and Excel continue to shape how our students support one another and celebrate achievements, as we welcome new faces and carry the Miller spirit beyond the school gates.

School Counsellor and School Psychologist Recognition Day

Among the highlights of the term was an opportunity to recognise those who walk beside our young people in their most challenging moments. In Week 5, we celebrated School Counsellor and School Psychologist Recognition Day, a chance to highlight the important work of our counselling team, Ms Gregson, Ms Skinner, Ms Thompson and Mr Roberts. They walk alongside our students through challenges big and small, helping them navigate friendships, learning, emotions and the pressures of growing up. Much of their work is unseen, but its impact is felt every day across classrooms, playgrounds and homes.

This year's theme, "*Together we Grow*", perfectly reflects their role. We are also proud to share that Ms Gregson and Ms Thompson were finalists in the School Counselling and Psychology Association of NSW Early Career Practitioner of the Year Awards.

Their dedication, alongside the whole counselling team, strengthens our school community every day.

Remembrance Day

Our student-led Remembrance Day service on 11 November went beyond a simple moment of silence. It was an act of gratitude and a recognition of service, reminding us of the bravery and unity that shaped our nation. Students reflected on the freedoms we enjoy today and their responsibility to build a future grounded in peace, respect and citizenship.

Special thanks to our Prefects, SRC members and the staff who supported the ceremony, including Mr Nugent, Ms Atkins, Mr Yacoub, Mr Kumar, Mr Critcher, Ms Dickerson and Mr Chen. Through their participation, our students honoured the past while demonstrating the values we hold.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK CONTINUED

Support Unit Orientation – Welcoming the 2026 Cohort

On Wednesday this week, we welcomed our 2026 Year 7 Support Unit students and their families for Orientation Day. It was the start of an exciting new chapter, full of discovery, growth and friendship.

A big thank you to Ms Azzi and the Support Faculty staff, the day was warm, welcoming and well organised, giving students and families confidence as they look forward to their journey at Miller.

Next Tuesday, we will welcome our 2026 mainstream Year 7 students and their families. Many of our current Year 7 students will fondly remember their own first day, the nerves, the excitement, the first steps into new classrooms and the first friendships made. Orientation, whether in the Support Unit or mainstream setting, plays the same vital role, helping every student feel supported and ready to step confidently into high school.

Year 12 Formal – A Milestone for the Class of 2025

On Friday evening, our Year 12 students celebrated their final formal at Darling Harbour. It was a night to reflect on friendships formed, challenges overcome and achievements earned. We also celebrated the teachers and families who have supported them throughout their high school journey.

I would particularly like to thank Year Advisors Ms Golightly and Ms Christie for their guidance, Deputy Principal Ms Stojanovic for her steady leadership, and Mr Yacoub for his tireless behind-the-scenes work.

Their dedication exemplifies the very best of Miller teachers and highlights the strength of our school community.

Mil-Pra Aboriginal Achievement Awards – 2025

Our commitment to Aboriginal Education is strengthened through partnerships with the community, including Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Groups (AECGs). The AECGs play a central role in guiding schools, advocating for young people and ensuring culture and community remain at the heart of our work.

Next Wednesday evening, 26 November, we will proudly host the 2025 Mil-Pra Regional Aboriginal Student Achievement Awards. These awards recognise the accomplishments of students, staff and community members who have demonstrated exceptional dedication to Aboriginal Education.

Congratulations to Miller award recipients: Lillian Turner, a Year 7 SRC leader and co-host for the evening, along with Bailey Bowman (Year 7), Emma Kelly (Year 9), Renieka Aslett (Year 11), Blade Loxton (Year 11) and Year 12 graduates Dakota Collis and Kiara Sulkowski.

The awards celebrate not only achievement but also identity, commitment and leadership, and we look forward to seeing our students represent with pride.

RISE Core Values – A Summer Reminder

As the term draws to a close, it is a good time to reflect on our RISE values that continue to guide how students behave, learn and support one another.

Safety depends on thoughtful decisions, self-control and respect for others. Students are encouraged to pause before responding, follow instructions and consider the impact of their actions. Visitors often comment on our students' respectful and well-mannered behaviour, reflecting their daily demonstration of self-control and maturity.

Presentation is also important, wearing the correct uniform shows respect for oneself and for the school. I thank parents and carers for supporting this expectation and if you need uniform support, please contact the main school office. Our staff are always happy to help.

As we approach the end of the school year, recent events, the achievements of our Aboriginal students, the dedication of our counsellors, the leadership of our student leaders, the reflection of Remembrance Day, the milestones of the Class of 2025, and the excitement of welcoming our new students, remind us of the strength and spirit of our school community.

Summer is almost here, the days are longer, the light is brighter and there is a sense of possibility in the air. Together, we look forward to finishing the term safely, strongly and with pride.

Regards,

Dr Ken Edge

Principal

ABCN'S INTERVIEW 2 IMPRESS PROGRAM

Last week, the Level 3 IEC class had the opportunity to participate in the Interview 2 Impress program, an initiative run by ABCN, held at Western Sydney Airport. This half-day workshop is designed to prepare students for job interviews and help them explore employment options beyond school.

At the program, students engaged in realistic interview scenarios in a professional corporate setting. Mentors shared their own job interview experiences, emphasising how body language and communication skills can make a strong impression. Through interactive sessions, students practised interview techniques, learned what questions to expect and received personalised feedback to boost their confidence.

Most of the students reported feeling better prepared for interviews and they said they gained a clearer understanding of how to answer questions based on their strengths and experiences.

Our Level 3 IEC students benefited greatly from this experience, taking an important step toward their future careers.

Ms Mrkela, Teacher (IEC)





GOOGLE EXCURSION - IEC

Recently a group of Year 9 and 10 girls had an exciting opportunity to visit the Google office as part of our school's RAW (Ready Arrive Work) program. This program is designed to prepare students for the workforce by exposing them to real-world work environments.

During the tour, students explored Google's innovative workspace, discovering how creativity and collaboration drive one of the world's leading technology companies. They learned about the latest technology and saw firsthand how Google develops products that impact millions globally.

Students also had the chance to interact with Google employees, learning about careers in tech and the skills needed to succeed in this dynamic industry. The experience was both inspiring and educational, sparking new interests and ideas about possible future pathways.

This visit was a valuable experience that connected students' learning with the working world, inspiring them as they plan for their futures.

Ms Mrkela
Teacher (IEC)





YEAR 12 SLR - LCC ICE RINK AND TREETOP ADVENTURES

Year 12 SLR class has been participating in a range of outdoor recreational activities as part of their HSC Unit 1 course.

On Friday, November 7, students enjoyed excursions to both the LCC Ice Rink and Treetop Adventures Western Sydney, where they were able to experience various outdoor recreation activities firsthand.

These experiences helped deepen their understanding of the content they are currently studying and gave them an opportunity to apply their learning in real-world environments.

Ms McLaren
Teacher
(PDHPE)









MORNING TEA FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

On Thursday, November 13, we held a morning tea for international students. The purpose of this event was to help students feel welcome, build connections and create a supportive community. It also gave students a chance to meet staff, ask questions and learn more about the support available to them at school. Dr Edge (Principal) and Ms Lawrence (Deputy Principal) attended the event and had a nice chat with the students.

They enjoyed meeting everyone and also appreciated the delicious food. Students truly appreciate these termly events, as they make them feel supported and valued at school and celebrate their diverse cultures.



Mr Li
International Student Co-ordinator
(Relieving) - IEC

SUPPORT UNIT ORIENTATION DAY - YEAR 7 2026

An Exciting Start to a New Journey



Our Support Unit Orientation Day for the incoming Year 7, 2026 cohort was a wonderful success, showcasing the strength, warmth and collaboration of the Miller Technology High School community.

We were thrilled to welcome 21 new students and their families into our school. The morning was filled with informative and inspirational speeches, guided class tours and opportunities for students to meet teachers and staff who will support them throughout their transition to high school and beyond. Starting Year 7 can feel daunting but our aim is to make every student and family feel confident, comfortable and cared for from day one.

A highlight of the day was the outstanding leadership shown by our current students, who represented the Support Unit with maturity, kindness and pride. They modelled what it means to be part of our school community and helped our new students feel at ease. Their efforts were truly commendable and a reflection of the positive culture within our faculty.

Behind the scenes, our dedicated support staff worked tirelessly to ensure the day ran smoothly. Their preparation, enthusiasm and commitment to student wellbeing were evident in every aspect of the event.

We look forward to welcoming our new Year 7 students in 2026 and supporting them and their families every step of the way as they begin this exciting new chapter.

Support Faculty







GOANNA ACADEMY

On Wednesday, November 19, 21 students were invited to attend the Goanna Academy Combined High Schools Mind & Movement Clinic at Kimberwalli. The event engaged students utilising sport, arts and culture that promote Mental Health Awareness, resilience, selfcare and overall wellbeing.

When we arrived, the students were given a Goanna Champions t-shirt and hat. We then split into 4 groups amongst the 7 or 8 schools who attended. The NRL ran four different activities that the students rotated through, we then had lunch (sausage sizzle). During lunch the NRL ran a little competition for students interested to win a football, Elijah Peachy was the winner.

After lunch we moved into the Hall where the students had the pleasure of listening to an NRL Legend Greg Inglis tell his story about growing up and what it takes to be a NRL star, he also spoke to the students about his struggles too.

Lastly, the students were split with women and men business, the boys had the pleasure of doing some art with Greg Inglis. During this he went around and signed his autograph, took photos and had a chat to the boys.

At the end all students were given a raffle ticket for 2 prizes, Chelsea Trevena was one of those lucky winners winning a Queensland Jersey.

Mr Scott, Aboriginal Education Officer









CAREERS

Courses & Workshops for Students

CQU Applications Now Open | Start November 2025 or March 2026 CQU applications are now open for Term 3 (November 2025) and Term 1 (March 2026). Students can explore flexible study options across a wide range of degrees and pathways. Visit www.cqu.edu.au/study

to apply or learn more.

Scholarships, Early Entry, Alternate Pathways

UNSW Indigenous Australian Engineering School Apply for UNSW Indigenous Australian Engineering School (IAES). This one-week residential program is designed for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students who will be in Years 10, 11, or 12 in 2026. Dates: 11-17 January 2026. Cost: Completely free for students, including travel, accommodation, and meals. Apply: https://unsw.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_ernMux6GezCEus6.

Financial Support to Help Students Discover their Strengths and Direction A Start in Life supports students who are doing it tough by providing practical help to explore goals, fund activities that build confidence, and develop essential life and career skills. The program complements in-school efforts and is especially valuable for students with limited home support. For referral info, contact studentassist@astartinlife.org.au or 9264 3017. www.astartinlife.org.au.

Westpac | Young Technologists Scholarship The Westpac Young Technologists Scholarship is tailored for high school graduates eager to enhance their technology skills, foster innovation, and make a positive impact in STEM. Applications for the 2026 Westpac Young Technologists scholarship are now open. Visit the page to find out more on eligibility criteria: https://scholars.westpac.com.au/scholarships/young-technologists-scholarship/.

WSU Design Portfolio and Music Auditions Western offers a range of alternative ways to get into university which consider additional factors besides academic results. Find out about Music audition, and Industrial Design and Visual Communications portfolios pathways, and more: https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/study/application-pathways.

CAREERS

Jobs & Work Experiences for Students

Councils Now Recruiting Apprentices Local councils across NSW are now recruiting apprentices to start in 2026, with around 300 roles on offer. The roles are funded through the NSW Government's Fresh Start program which aims to provide genuine career opportunities while helping councils to build strong, skilled and sustainable workforces. To learn more, contact your council or go to www.olg.nsw.gov.au/apprentice-trainee.

Master Builders Association of NSW Master Builders Association of NSW is here to help school leavers become an apprentice or trainee. The 3-week entry level Pre-Apprenticeship training program provides an introduction into both the industry and a carpentry trade prior to commencing an apprenticeship. Starts 5 January 2026. For further information go to: https://www.mbaapprenticeship.com.au/mbas-pre-apprenticeship-program/.

Resources for Students

Overseas Medical Experience Webinar Recording Projects Abroad recently recorded a webinar on their overseas medical experience projects for high school students. The recording is here https://vimeo.com/1109308495?share=copy More details on the programs are on their website - https://www.projects-abroad.com.au/trip-format/high-school-specials/ There are program dates this summer in Cambodia, Nepal and Spain with spaces available.

What Can I Study? Playlist Western has created a video series titled What Can I Study? — a helpful resource showcasing the diverse range of courses available at Western. This YouTube playlist is designed to give students a clear and engaging overview of potential study paths, helping them feel more confident in their choices. https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL08mMPK6iVGb1Mzc-rpL2bVOd5-3nSN9C&si=A23B69Q-o_Pclkkc.

AI Explores Creers and Courses that Match your Unique Personality AI at your command. Students who complete the MyCareerMatch quiz can now chat with MyCareerMatch AI to explore careers, study options and pathways that match their personality strengths. By uploading their report, they can ask questions, discover courses, clarify requirements and receive instant personalised guidance anytime. Find out: www.mycareermatch.ai.

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2. What is research?
3. Ethics - How to Do Research the Right Way
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5. How You Can Get Involved?
6. How to apply learnings

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Health Hive Project Lead

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Calendar 2026

Eastern division

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Key dates

First to last days for all students:

Term 1: 2 February to 2 April

Term 2: 22 April to 3 July

Term 3: 21 July to 25 September

Term 4: 13 October to 17 December

School development days:

Term 1: 27 January to 30 January

Term 2: 20 April and 21 April

Term 3: 20 July

Term 4: 12 October

Public holidays

School holidays:

Summer 2025–26: 22 December 2025 to 26 January 2026

Autumn: 7 April to 17 April

Winter: 6 July to 17 July

Spring: 28 September to 9 October

Summer 2026–27: 18 December 2026 to 27 January 2027

School development days

The dates are determined by the department. Parents and carers should not send their children to school on school development days.

education.nsw.gov.au/school-development-days

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