

# The Parkway



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Parkway Edition No. 09

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Our Year 12 cohort released a sigh of relief this week as the final Higher School Certificate (HSC) exam was completed. Over the four week period approximately 500 exams were completed at Newcastle High School. Speaking to the students as they walked out after each exam, it was great to hear them speak positively about the paper, indicating they were well prepared.

Each year a Presiding Officer is allocated to every school in NSW to facilitate and manage the examination process. Kerri Leigh-Gordon was our officer for the second year in a row and after the final HSC examination I received a report from her which was an overview of the process. In the report Kerri indicated that all of our students were attentive, responsive to instruction and well prepared for the process that is the HSC. The school's Executive's decision to hire Kerri and her team of exam supervisors for our HSC exams has proven to be extremely valuable as the students understood the process and requirements, which can be quite different to the examination conditions they previously experienced.

On Thursday 14 December students will be able to access their HSC results and the University Admissions Centre will release students' Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) the day after, Friday 15 December. There will be a morning tea for Year 12 students to attend on the Friday, allowing students to reconnect with staff and share their results. This is always an exciting event on the school's calendar.

I would like to thank Mrs Hines, Mr Hewitt and Mrs Dooley for their support of our Year 12 students through the HSC examination period. It can be an extremely stressful period of time and I know the students and their families appreciate the support.



*Lara and Ollie were highlighted in the Newcastle Herald on Tuesday 8 November to signify the end of the HSC.*

# Principal's Message

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Each year we have a number of staff members who participate in HSC marking and this year is no exception with many staff marking in their key learning area, including three senior markers. All teachers who have the opportunity to mark the HSC agree that it is one of the best professional learning opportunities on offer. It is great to have this expertise being brought back into the school to support students in other year groups as they prepare for their final year of schooling. This year Newcastle High School is hosting approximately ninety English markers in our hall, which is great for our three English markers of that paper, as they don't have far to go each afternoon.

## **Hunter White Ribbon Day**

On Friday 24 November Mrs Ellis, our four student leaders and I will be attending the Hunter White Ribbon Day breakfast at Wests Leagues Club, New Lambton. This event is always an eye opener as students from across the Hunter get to hear real life stories of the impact of domestic violence. This year the student leaders will be sharing their experience with the broader student population to raise awareness of this important topic.

## **School Canteen**

As mentioned in a previous *Parkway*, article the school canteen has been issued to tender and the process is almost finalised. The focus of the tender process is ensuring students have a variety of healthy food options at a reasonable price. The NSW Government has released a new Healthy Canteen Policy which will be rolled out over the next three years. The timing of our canteen lease means we can evaluate our current menu in line with this new policy and ensure we work towards compliance over the required timeframe.

## **Facebook**

The school's Facebook page is now supported by two other school pages, Newcastle High School CAPA faculty page and the Newcastle High School Careers page. I encourage all parents to like these pages as there are regular updates about opportunities coming up and a variety of student work showcased.

Thank you,

***Nathan Towney***  
***Principal***



# Key Dates

Term 4		
Week 5	10 November 10 November	<i>The Parkway #9</i> Year 10 (EC) Hospitality work placement
Week 6	13 November 13 November 15 November 16 November	P & C Meeting Remembrance Day Assembly 7Up Transition Program Year 6 Aboriginal Students tour and morning tea
Week 7	21 November 22 November	Year 5 Sports Gala Day 7Up Transition Program
Week 8	29 November	7Up Transition Program
Week 9	5 December 6 December 8 December 8 December	Year 6 Orientation Day Primary GATS Enrichment <i>The Parkway #10</i> Hamilton South Public School, Presentation Day— Main Hall.
Week 10	11 December 12 December 14 December 15 December 15 December	P & C Meeting Presentation Night HSC Results End of term for students ATAR Morning Tea



# Deputy Principal Report

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Term 4 is well underway and school is as busy as ever. It is heart warming to see how supportive students have been towards their Year 12 peers' HSC needs, with the last couple of weeks having barricades blocking corridors and large areas of the playground. The hall area is still out of bounds, as HSC markers are working in that space.

2017's Year 11 have now begun Year 12, with subject changes having been completed, plans for major works underway and course work in all subjects well and truly begun. Some students have already completed their first assessment task. It is important that students start to recognise that their competition is not the handful of students in their classroom, but the up to 70,000 students in the state who are competing against them. It is impossible to do your best work all the time, but students must try to ensure that they put their best efforts into assessment tasks, so they can optimise their outcomes in all their subjects. The simple things are also important: being at school on time, punctual to classes, having appropriate equipment and a positive attitude towards learning.

A number of Year 9 students have participated in Youth Frontiers again this year. The program started in May and involves students working with a mentor to produce a community based project. Topics our students are working on this year include teenage refugees, homeless care packages, bike safety for primary school, body image, child cancer and animal cruelty. All very serious and worthy ventures. The participants made a very well received public presentation of their efforts at Newcastle Exhibition and Convention Centre last week.

Year 7 are confidently looking forward to next year, having made their subject selections for 2018 and we are pleased to be able to introduce new and varied opportunities for the students to explore. We have had a number of new students join us and it is good to observe how welcoming and inclusive the cohort has been. Further demonstration of the cohesive nature of this group was their supportive nature as all of Year 7 faced the dreaded immunisation process recently. The final rotation of Passion Projects is well underway, offering a range of different activities for the students and we look forward to the final exhibition evening later in the term.

I would just like to close with another example of how thoughtful our students can be: Ms Engel has been ill for a number of months and two of her students, Jacqueline Flood and Lucy Neilson-Spitzer, had the idea of making a wall hanging of one thousand handmade paper cranes, which are part of a Japanese legend, to raise her spirits and let her know she was missed at Newcastle High. Quite a few students contributed cranes and the gift was recently presented to Ms Engle at a PBL assembly.

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**Deputy Principal 7,9,11.**





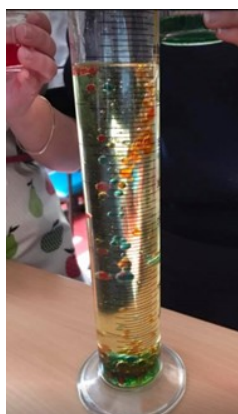
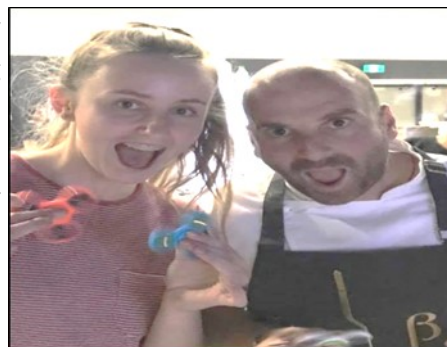
# TAS Report

## TAS FACULTY REPORT 2017

This year the Food and Textile Technology faculty set up a Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/Newcastle-High-FATTS-Faculty-1789939581261159/> to promote our subject to the community. I thought when writing this parent bulletin article it would be interesting to see the year so far in review from this page. When I looked back, the images I saw were so wonderful that I thought I would share some of them in this bulletin.

What I saw was so many happy faces, students beaming with pride as they displayed their final product, students immersed in their work and being given so many wonderful opportunities. Such as students mixing with celebrity chefs like George Calombaris at the Sydney and Newcastle Good Food and Wine Show, experimenting with spun sugar for the first time or competing at the HTN Inter Schools Culinary Challenge at Hamilton TAFE. In this competition Felix Pritchard and Callan Mehan of Year 11 were awarded silver and Robert Stanley and Jeremy Boughenout awarded bronze in some very tough competition.



Other projects that students were involved with included our Year 10 Hospitality students experimenting with edible art and molecular gastronomy. Other years were given a “Master Chef” challenge where they had to create a meal for a food-related illness or make their own pizza dough and toppings.

Year 7 students were still being extremely innovative and creative with their Just For Fun projects, Year 8 Sweet Delights cooked up treats such as Anzac Biscuits and delicious berry hotcakes to name a couple of the treats cooked in this class.

In the textiles area, our Child Studies class made Mermaid Tails that would be suitable for young children and proudly modelled them for our Facebook page.

Community and Family Studies completed activities on team building, communication, implementing management process and doing some very interactive revision activities.

The chefs at the Good Food and Wine Show couldn't speak more highly of our students who volunteered their time to assist in both front and back of house activities. This is just how lucky we feel every day, working with such wonderful students who have so much potential.



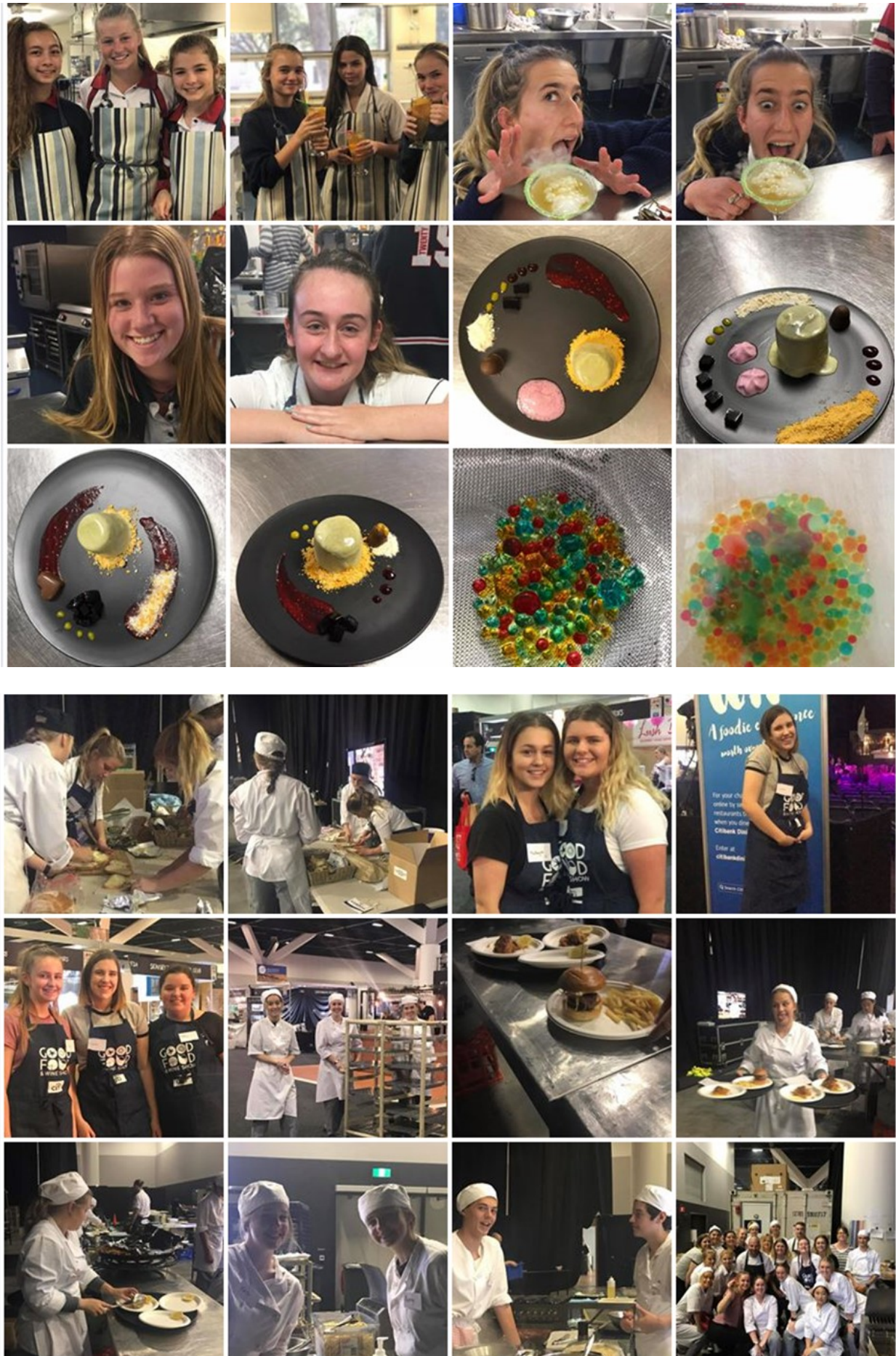


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Year 7 students were introduced to Project Based Learning and were excited to participate in Passion Projects in our area. Brain Power, Guitar and Sweet treats were very popular choices which saw students experience some wonderful opportunities. For example, learning how a healthy gut can improve mental health/brain power, making a guitar from scratch and designing and creating beautiful cupcakes for sale



Excursion to Sweet Poison and Snows at Marketown to see in vogue cake decorating techniques





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Year 12 Industrial Technology Timber class completed their Major Projects in August in preparation for the external examiners who came to mark their final products and folios. Congratulations to:

- Sarah Alford for her rotating display cabinet
- Aidan Ashbourne for his large TV entertainment unit
- Joshua Dare for his detailed jewelry box
- Luke Ferrier for his TV stand
- Joshua Griffiths for his custom computer desk
- Samuel Lumley for his hardwood writing desk
- Benjamin Milliken for his custom made fishing rod and accessories storage unit
- John Piermarini for his modern TV entertainment unit
- Bailey Sams for his traditional coffee table

These students have displayed exceptional woodworking skills, showing off their array of subject knowledge and project management skills. These students should be justly proud of the furniture they have produced for many years to come.



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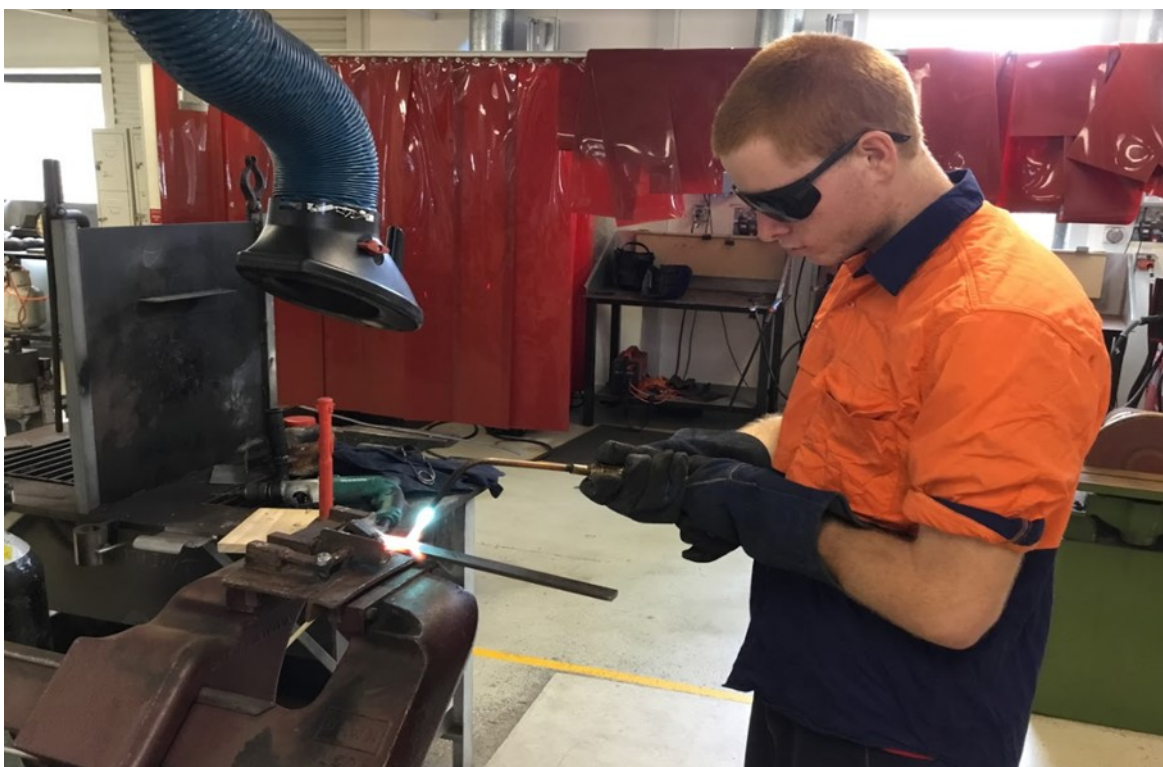
Year 12 student sanding their major project.



A Year 8 student using the drill press.



A VET Metals student above right MIG welding and below heating and bending using the oxy acetylene torch.



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Year 7 Students using the 3 D printer



And designing their projects using CAD





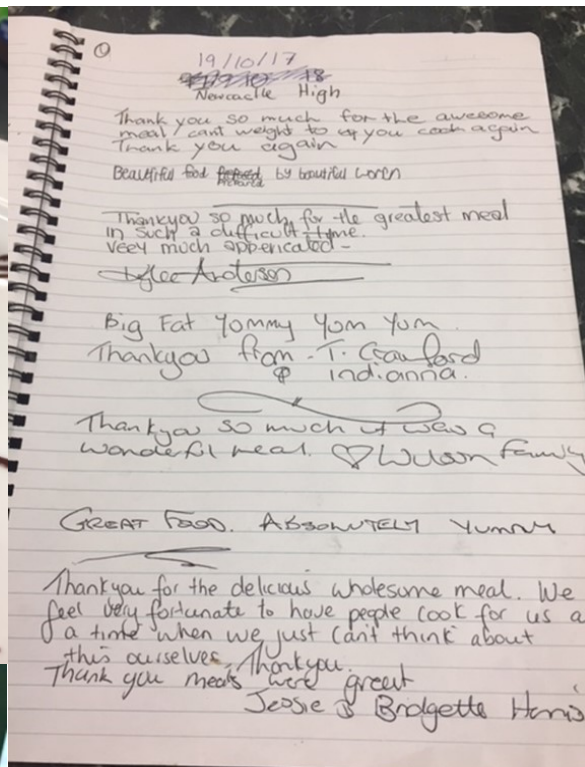
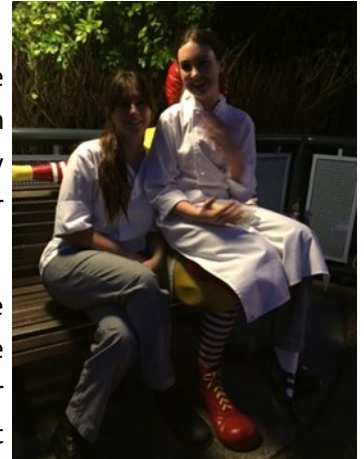
# VET Report

## RONALD McDONALD HOUSE

### Meals from the Heart Program

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017, Year 11 Hospitality students produced a two course meal for 40 people at Ronald McDonald House. The 'Meals from the heart' program provides an evening meal for parents who often return to the House after a long day at the hospital with their child and cooking a meal may be the last thing on their minds.

Thank you to Newcastle Rotary for their continued and generous support of the partnership between Newcastle High School and Ronald MacDonald House. The sponsorship allows for our students to demonstrate and be assessed on their hospitality, communication and team building skills, as well as experiencing first hand people dealing with serious issues in their lives.





# For Your Information



## THE UNIFORM SHOP

### New Uniforms for 2018

It is recommended that all current students requiring new uniforms for 2018, make an appointment to come in for a Uniform Fitting before the end of Term 4.

We recommend this, so that the wait times over the January period are reduced, making the shopping experience more pleasant.

Lay-by Options are available.

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# Service changes

Dear Parents,

## **CHANGES TO SCHOOL ROUTE 719 FROM 13 NOVEMBER 2017**

Please be advised that from **Monday 13 November until Thursday 30 November**, route 719 will be temporarily relocated to Scott Street, adjacent to Market Street lawn in the lead up to and after the Newcastle 500 event.

During this time, students who catch the ferry to Queens Wharf will need to walk to Scott Street to catch their bus.

For more information about these changes please visit [newcastletransport.info](http://newcastletransport.info) or contact 131 500.



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## SSTS AND TBP APPLICATIONS FOR 2018

Applications for 2018 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) and Term Bus Pass (TBP) travel entitlements are now open.

In coming days students who hold an SSTS entitlement and are changing grade bands i.e. going from year 2 to 3 or year 6 to 7 and changing school, and students whose entitlement was approved under a medical condition, will receive notification by email or post informing them of the pending expiry of their entitlement. TBP holders will also receive notification.

Students enquiring about pending cancellation should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails> to update details/make application for next year's entitlement.

Application needs to be made before 31 December 2017 to ensure their entitlement is updated and their current card is not cancelled. If application is made after the expiry of their entitlement (31 December) the system will automatically cancel their card and a new one will need to be issued.

**Please note:** Students who are changing grade band and are remaining at the same school will not receive notification and do not need to reapply (the system now automatically validates a student's on-going eligibility if at the same school and going from infants to primary or primary to secondary). Where a student meets the new eligibility the system will automatically update their entitlement and card.

Students in the Opal area applying for a SSTS or TBP entitlement for the first time will receive their card (posted to the nominated address) a week or two before the commencement of 2018 classes. New cards for 2018 are not posted in 2017 or during the Christmas / New Year period.

Students residing in Rural and Regional (R&R) areas are expected to receive their new travel pass at the commencement of the New School Year.



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The Careers Advisory Service website contains helpful information to assist you in clarifying course choices, employment opportunities, career pathways and training options.



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