Welcome to our June Newsletter

This newsletter is chockers with activities. It shows again that schools are very intense, busy communities; we have to have time to have a rest and think about things. That is all of us; the girls who just need time to be young and carefree, parents who need a break from the gruelling routines needed to get everyone up and out every day and teachers from the grind of doing at least four things at once for most of a day. School holidays are not a luxury but a necessity.

Yesterday I had a great day with about fifteen girls who received an E rating for one or more subjects. The girls came to school while their friends were at home or at interviews and we had a day using active learning skills. I wanted them to have the experience of doing well when they actively study something. For any human being maturation requires an understanding that results come from deliberate behaviours. Study does not mean reading something once. Something active has to be done with information that has been judged to be highly significant. The girls did exercises in rote learning. “Learning by heart” is a skill not used so explicitly in classrooms anymore and I think that we lack balance in our formation of learners because of it. The girls engage with technology in a society which encourages them to find information instantly and to use information superficially. The style of assessment procedures required of teachers in New South Wales uses knowledge that is highly valued to be learnt in great depth and understanding. Not every girl can live with a foot in each camp. An E rating is gained at Brigidine either because she has not handed in assignments (a young mind sometimes copes with difficulty by hoping it will just go away) or because she has no hold on the valuable knowledge of the subject. Girls must actively learn their work not just stare blankly at pages.

I have a dream that every classroom could give girls the kind of great experience that our music department gives them when they are involved in a Brigidine concert. On Tuesday night our concert travelled through Disneyworld and we heard all the newer and older tunes. The orchestra’s sound was a joy and Ms Ainsworth’s work with the junior orchestra is becoming apparent. Like every other concert, each girl was very well rehearsed and was able to give of her best; there were no E ratings here.
Rest and Play. Recreate. These are deep human needs. For a while, not to do but to be, and to experience simplicity.

“I get started early, before six. It promises to be a good laundry day: a steady wind but not too strong. I come by my love of laundry honestly: my earliest memory is of my mother pulling clothes in from the sky on a line that ran out our apartment window in Washington DC…….I think of a friend who was dying, who has saved up all her laundry for my visit “I can’t trust my husband with it,” she whispers conspiratorially. “Men don’t understand that clothes must be hung on a line.” She was right. Hanging up wet clothes gives me time alone under the sky to think, to grieve, and gathering the clean clothes in, smelling the sunlight on them, is victory” Kathleen Norris.

May you all be safe, whole and happy this holiday

Ms K Edmondson
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

On Wednesday of this week, Term 2 finally came to an end for the students of Brigidine College. Parent Teacher Interviews took place on Thursday and Friday to formally conclude the first semester of 2012. The majority of the students are to be congratulated on their achievements this semester. I would particularly like to congratulate Year 7 on the excellent transition they have made to Secondary School. They have grown and progressed in many ways over these first two terms and I am sure their parents will be proud to read of their achievements in their reports.

In the past couple of weeks we have had a number of major school events such as the TAS Evening, the Music Concert, Founder’s Day Walkathon and Parent Teacher Interviews.

I would like to thank, on behalf of the girls, their teachers, who are dedicated to helping the girls to achieve their goals and to motivate them to continue to strive for excellence. I thank them for this dedication, for their hard work and for the care they have for every student at Brigidine.

TAS EVENING – 8 June 2012
This great show displayed the talents of our students. The evening was just sensational from start to finish. Congratulations and thank you to Mrs Donna Ginzburg and the extremely gifted and generous TAS Department for all their hard work. Thank you to all the parents who were able to help on the night, your time and generosity are much appreciated.

MUSIC CONCERT – 26 June 2012
The Music Concert was also another dramatic and spectacular night. The concert was an exciting display of the talents of our students. Congratulations and thank you to Mr Allan McFadden and the Music department for all their time and efforts spent in preparing the girls for the show. Thank you for the generosity of our parents in providing Supper for all. A great night!
FOUNDER’S DAY – 21 July 2012

Celebrating Founder’s Day is a special day in our school calendar. This term we celebrated the first part of Founder’s Day with a Walkathon at Centennial Park. The weather actually held out for us and a great day was had by all. Thank you to all the parents who helped on the BBQ, they were absolute champions. Without their help this day would not have been such a great success. The girls are reminded to bring their money in an envelope (name & homeroom) to the office by 27 July.

Please do not forget that on Wednesday 18 July the celebrations will continue with a mass at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Randwick beginning at 9.30am. Parents and friends are invited to attend this special celebration.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

The feedback from parents regarding the Parent Teacher Interviews was very positive. It was gratifying to see so many parents and I hope that the feedback parents received from teachers will enrich the positive learning environment at Brigidine.

HOUSEKEEPING

Just a couple of reminders for parents:-
1. School resumes Tuesday 17 July 2012
2. Students return in winter uniform
3. Students must wear their blazers to and from school

Finally I wish our students, staff and their families a safe, enjoyable and well deserved break. Hopefully, everyone will return revitalized, refreshed and rejuvenated for another busy term.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

Mrs. Antoinette McGahan

CAREERS INFORMATION

For up-to-date Careers information, including holiday programs, open days and information evenings go to: Link to Bulletin No 7.

Mrs Lynne Wallace
Careers Advisor

DONATIONS FOR THE RAFFLE at the VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITION

We will be celebrating your daughter’s creative endeavours at the Annual Visual Arts Exhibition 28 August. During the evening we will be selling raffle tickets for a variety of prizes.

Donations for the prizes would be greatly appreciated. Suitable items include gift vouchers, bottles of wine, hampers and electrical goods. The raffle enables us to have free entry to the exhibition. The office is very happy to accept your donations.

Thank you for your support.

Ms Deirdre Brennan
Visual Arts Coordinator
7 FAUVISM ART STATEMENT
One of the first things we did was walk down to “The Spot” and we got great ideas for composition for our paintings. We drew the Ritz, the shops, the historic Royal Hotel. We then walked up to the convent and we also walked around the school for looking for more ideas.

We really enjoyed this because we got to look at things around us that we don’t really take notice of and we saw them from a different perspective.

We also had assignment on Fauvism art and had to do six little drawings and one big drawing that we liked the most of our home. We also had to photograph our home. The large drawing then was made into a monoprint in class. With doing this we suddenly looked at our homes with new eyes, we saw details we had never seen before. With this assignment we had to include all the things we learnt on Fauvism for example colour tones.

We did lots of practices in class for tones and see who could get the most colour tones. This was really good to improve our painting technique.

By Bridie Molihan for Year 7.
YEAR 10 COMMERCE EXCURSION!

On the 13 June, 2012, Year 10 Commerce went on an excursion to extend our knowledge about Law and Society; a topic which we are currently studying in class. We were accompanied by our teacher Mrs Dawson along with Ms Aloisi and Ms Nicholas. So in the morning, approximately at 8:40am, both commerce classes lined up to take the public bus to their first destination, which was the Police and Justice Museum located in Circular Quay. After arriving, we all began to make our way inside the Museum where we sat ourselves down in a mock court room. We were then greeted by two kind guides who explained to us that we were currently in a court room that was used up until the 1960s.

One of the guides explained all the different type of court personnel and where they were seated, such as the judge, the jury and the criminal. We were then split into two groups and were led off into different rooms of the Museum.

The first room we entered was the weapons room, which was very interesting. Here, we saw all the different types of weapons; from a mace to guns to knives, used at some point in the past. Also, in the room, there were portraits of different people who were imprisoned back in the 19th and 20th century.

The guide then took us to several more rooms; which included a real-life olden day cell, forensic room and an olden day police station. The most interesting room, in our opinion, we visited during our time at the museum was the forensic room, as it told about real life cases such as the “Pyjama Girl” case.

The tour guide then led us back into the original room, the court room, and decided that we had some spare time left to act out a mock trial. We came up with a scenario which was that Tamara had stabbed Sara whilst drunk and we attempted to act out a real life court case. It wasn’t very professional, but we had a lot of fun doing it.

After thanking them, we then left for the Downing Centre Local and District Courts. Before entering the courts, we had to be scanned for any weapons, drugs or alcohol we may had, which of course there wasn’t any. The teachers allowed us to visit any courts; with District being underground and Local on levels 4 and 5.
We visited a few courts and witnessed the cases, including a drug charge and custody battle. It was a great experience as it had opened our eyes to the realities to what actually happens in court, not just what the television portrays.

We left and headed down to the Myer Food Court where we had lunch, which we definitely enjoyed before we left for the bus to come back to school. Overall, the Commerce excursion was very fun and educating, as it not only allowed us to extend our knowledge about Law in society, but also gave us an opportunity to experience real life cases for the future.

Erica Soon
Year 10 Commerce.

VISUAL ARTS STUDENTS MEET MERILYN FAIRSKYE
Earlier this term visual arts students of Years 10, 11 and 12 were invited to an audience with the artist Merilyn Fairskye. She spoke about her artist practice. The experience provided a valuable insight into the development of ideas in art and how they are finally reflected in an artwork through a variety of media and processes. This was greatly beneficial to student knowledge as we could build upon our own understanding in class and also gain a fresh perspective on what it means to be an artist today. The focus was on Merilyn’s fascinating filmmaking and photography. Students were intrigued by her innovative approach to a range of complex issues. Like many others I was inspired by the works in response to the Chernobyl crisis of 1987. The hauntingly powerful images of destruction and desolation also reveal a sense of hope in the face of disaster. We have all been able to take something worthwhile out of the talk which I hope will aid us in our own art making.

We welcome Merilyn Fairskye back to Brigidine College later this year as she will be opening our annual Exhibition in August. Look forward to seeing you there!
You can view Merilyn’s work at http://www.fairskye.com/

Maxine Williams
Year 11 Visual Art
WORLD YOUTH DAY NEWS UPDATE

On Sunday 17 June Brigidine Students and Staff ran the school canteen at the Bondi Beach Public School Markets. The monies raised from this event will eventually go to the students who have expressed interest in attending WYD Rio in 2013.

We were blessed with beautiful weather and a steady stream of customers.

I would like to express my thanks to the following people, who worked tirelessly on the day, Mrs Elizabeth Riley, Mrs Kate Edmondson, Mrs Christina Day, Mrs Stephanie Tita, Mrs Isabella Catanzariti, Miss Jacqueline Ainsworth, Mrs Donna Ginsburg, Mrs Tonks, Ms Tapp, Lucy Wilkinson (Year Hospitality student) as well as the following year 10 students who have expressed an interest in attending the WYD event in Rio, Brenna Riley, Rose Seelin, Ashley Condie and Lillie Berry.

Thanks also to those of you that came along on the day and supported us by purchasing a sausage on a roll from the canteen.

Next fundraiser is in October at the same venue. As the event draws nearer I will remind the Brigidine Community.

Robyn Ross
Youth Ministry Co-ordinator
BUSINESS STUDIES EXCURSION

On Thursday 14 June, the Year 12 Business Studies class had an excursion at the Wesley Centre in Pitt St to attend a conference on understanding the new business studies course. Upon entering the venue, we were surrounded by hundreds of students from different schools, who like us, were there to expand their knowledge of the business studies course.

We were greeted by Tim Riley who is an economics textbook author and the other speakers of the day who are masters of the subject and also part authors of our textbook ‘Business in Action’. The lectures proved to be a great advantage for us as it helped us to revise and learn useful tips as well as achieve a greater understanding on approaching and responding to HSC questions. The speakers were humorous and entertaining.

Overall, it was a great experience as it assisted our entire class to gain meaningful insights into the practical relevance of business concepts that we studied in class. The weather was lovely and everyone engaged in some “retail therapy” to stimulate the economy as suggested by Tim Riley.

Ying Yee Tan and Janice Kwan

Australian Red Cross
BLOOD SERVICE

The Mobile Blood Service is visiting Coogee Oval (Located in Alfreda St, opposite McDonalds) Monday 2 July and plenty of appointments are still available!
Blood levels are currently low, particularly types O and A. Donations are needed now for life-saving treatments. Every blood donation helps to save 3 lives.
We are calling on potential new donors or anyone who hasn’t donated for a while that is feeling fit and healthy, to make an appointment.

Appointments Available:
Monday 2 July, 11.30am - 2.40pm, (17 appointments still needed)
Please call 13 14 95 or email metromarketdmu@redcrossblood.org.au to book an appointment.
CaSPA FESTIVAL “Tell Me a Story”
Since the beginning of term 4 last year a great group of Year 8 and 9 students started rehearsals for the CaSPA festival called “Tell me a Story”. The performances took place on the 20th and 21st June at the Entertainment Centre. After many hours of rehearsals the show was a huge success and the girls really enjoyed taking part.
A big thank you to Mrs Moly Lee who looked after logistics, and Ms Nicole Bassil, who helped out the dancers.

**Leads:** Riley Cognin, Lauren Edwards and Tara McKellar

**Dancers:** Sally Walker, Estelle Davis, Rachel Soden and Lauren Wilson

**Choir:** Poppy Aldous, Annalise Psaila, Kate McLennan, Jaynell Vila, Caroline Recking, Emma Bowen, Cailin Boshier-Stewart, Despina Botsikas, Saskia West, Shaye Easton, Jordan Swan, Jaymie Shephard, Sabrina Johnson, Amelia Rubio

Miss Jacqueline Ainsworth

I’m sure I speak on behalf of everyone who participated in CaSPA in saying that it was a great experience. From the first rehearsal to the first day of the festival I can honestly say that the committed staff and students from every school made it fun and enjoyable for all not just themselves. It was professionally run but at the same time didn’t just focus on the soloists and gave everyone a huge chance to be involved in the performance. In the end the couple early mornings were all worth it because we were having a fun time doing what we love to and with our friends. I would put up my hand to do it again straight away. I loved it!

**Poppy Aldous**
**Year 9**
KLA MATHEMATICS YEAR 12 SEMINAR DAY

A series of workshops in Mathematics was arranged for Year 12 students on Tuesday 19 June 2012 at the College. It was a very successful day with the students engaging in a variety of activities that consolidated and expanded on work covered in the four Maths Courses, and further developed their study skills in this area for their Higher School Certificate examinations and further education.

Some of the wonderful feedback we got from our girls was:

“On Tuesday we had our first maths incursion. A whole day dedicated to Maths! Logs, Exponentials, Trig.....it was really wild! It lived up to our expectations of an interesting and insightful day and morning tea was delicious. The questions ranged from simple to absolutely impossible. We think this was a valuable experience and should definitely continue for years to come.” Hayley and Sachi.

“We had the best day ever! We never thought Maths could be so fun. We learnt so much......overall a beneficial day that helped towards our Trial and HSC examination ....”

“The Math Day, although intellectually challenging and with intense mathematical formulae, ultimately enhanced and developed our knowledge of the course. Our first session reminded us of the subtle complexities of the “basics”, whilst the second challenged us to “think outside the box or rather the cube”......Kelsie, Isabella and Stephanie.

“....it was very helpful and helped me to strengthen my weaknesses......very beneficial and it should be run again next year....”

“The general maths day consisted of 4 topics and each girl was given a set of helpful revision notes which are fantastic to assist us in our preparation for trials and HSC. The day was a great opportunity for girls to revise the more difficult topics from different teachers. The fact that classes were smaller and not our usual maths classes gave us more opportunity to ask questions and work together to solve more difficult problems. Morning tea of cake and chocolate milk was a major highlight of the day! Thanks to all the staff for organising such a fantastic day” Jessie and Sharah.

I would especially like to thank the Mathematics Staff that were involved: Mrs Coleman, Mrs Mabey, Mrs Parkes, and Mrs Egan for the General Course, and Mr Milanov and our guest speaker Mr Alan Lisi for the Ext/Adv Courses. Their preparation and commitment to teaching the students is highly valued.

Congratulations to all students and staff involved in this wonderful Maths Day

Mrs Egan and Mrs Coleman
Mathematics Coordinators
NIGHT PATROL

Dear Parents

Thank you again to all those parents who have volunteered to become part of Brigidine College Night Patrol program. As you can imagine we find programs like this very hard to run without the support of all our school community. With this in mind, I have a limited number of positions on a scheduled training night specifically set aside for Brigidine parents.

When: Thursday 5th July
Where: At the Lewisham Headquarters- Mary Mackillop- Outreach Centre (Charles O’Neill Way, 1B Thomas St, Lewisham)
Time: 6.00pm till approx. 10.15 includes Night Patrol outing to Ward Park and Martin Place.

Have something to eat before you come as the night goes fairly quickly and the food and drink are for the homeless not us.

No Students Parents Only. Parking is available inside the venue. There are only 3-4 spots available for this training session. Please come along to be part of our community.

RSVP: 29th June 2012 mark_baldwin@bcrandwick.catholic.edu.au

Another good news story  Jasmine Cummings of Year 11 (off her own bat) organised a morning tea for a number of Year 11 BCR Students, Marcellin and Waverley students in early June at Ventnor House to raise funds for the Butterfly Foundation (eating disorders). She raised over $250! Thank you Jasmine for your kind donation

Mr Mark Baldwin
Administration Coordinator
**SCIENCE NEWS**

**Chemical Titration Competition.**

On Saturday 16\textsuperscript{th} June, twelve of our Year 12 Chemists arrived at the University of Sydney School of Chemistry to compete in the biggest chemical analysis competition in the southern hemisphere – the NSW Schools’ Titration competition. At the venue our 12 girls, working in teams of 3, competed against over 50 teams from schools including Sydney Boys’ High and St. George Girls’ High.

One of our teams came a very creditable 4\textsuperscript{th} at the venue, with a combined error score of only 42. Any score under 100 is very good!

We await the final results from venues across the state, to find out how all our teams and individuals performed. Congratulations to all girls who competed: Alex Heavener, Jeanne Huang, Sonala De Silva, Emma Singer, Sacha McNamara, Clarencia Lie, Annie Wu, Melissa Handaja, Stephanie Beshara, Jennifer Nicholas, Saron Berhane and Paloma Siles. You were wonderful ambassadors for our school!

Mr. Kevin Burg

**ENVIRONMENT NEWS**

**Streamwatch**

Streamwatch got off to a shaky start this year. We were unable to do any water testing for most of first term due to one of the pieces of equipment (our colorimeter) being sent overseas for recalibration! We finally got it back, and were able to begin in Term 2!

However, the stormy weather during this term led to the postponement or cancellation of some testing sessions. But we have persevered, and some groups have obtained good results.

We will continue to test the water from the Coogee catchment during Term 3 and beyond, and look forward to initiating some of our Yr 8’s and 7’s into our Streamwatch group.

**BUSH HAVEN GARDEN GROUP**

Our bush gardeners have been busy throughout first semester, keeping our Coogee Bay Road native bush garden trimmed and weeded. Every Friday lunchtime, our garden girls have been out with their garden forks, trowels and pruners, waging the continuing battle against the weedy invaders, ably assisted by Mrs. Dawson and Mr. Milanov.

Thanks girls for your great efforts, which will continue next semester.

Mr. Kevin Burg

Science Department
LIBRARY NEWS
In order to keep our collection dynamic and appealing, we have undertaken a massive cull of out-dated and dilapidated resources during Term 2 – balanced by big expenditure on resources relevant to the girls’ needs and interests. Popular titles in poor condition will be replaced but in most cases the old will be making way for the new in every respect. While we value our print collection enormously – and are committed to maintaining and upgrading it – we are currently exploring smart ways of incorporating e-books into our collection, e.g. joining a consortium of like-minded CEO schools.

As our BCR Collection Management Policy rejects the wasteful replication of resources, we will not be subscribing to expensive databases which are readily available through Randwick Library membership; therefore, it is imperative that the girls join Randwick Library in order to access a range of extremely useful e-resources, which include scholarly databases and Mango Languages. Once girls are members of the Randwick Library system, they can access resources online, at home and at school, simply through entering their membership number on the library website. Needless to say, our partnership with Randwick Library frees up more BCR money for our girls and their diverse needs, money which we enjoy spending. If your daughter joins Randwick Library through the school, in a timely manner, this will cut through some of the paperwork for you and you won’t have to accompany your under-eighteen daughter to the library with copies of bills and rates notices.

One of our innovations for 2013 will be the purchase of physical learning objects for Science such as models of the digestive system, the human skeleton, skin cancers etc which will be kept in the library for ready access by students. I’m certainly keen to purchase a skeleton as this would double up nicely for gothic literature displays!

Author Talks:
At this point in time, author talks have been arranged for Years 7, 8 and 10. Australian writer Belinda Murrell, who is famous for her time-slip novels, will be visiting Years 7 and 8 and Jessica Shirvington, a paranormal romance writer, will be visiting Year 10. If your daughter is in Year 7 or Year 8, you might encourage her to participate in a review writing competition that relates to Belinda Murrell’s novels: please see the poster to follow. We have just purchased multiple copies of Murrell’s novels.

Happy reading!
Trish Kennedy
Teacher Librarian and English teacher
REVIEW WRITING COMPETITION FOR YEARS 7 & 8

Girls, review any Belinda Murrell novel before October 10, 2012, and be in the running for one of two prizes: an ‘ivory’ rose ring or a ‘ruby’ bracelet.

Copies of Belinda Murrell’s books will be available in BCR Library from June 27.

Visit the library for books, entry forms & a peek at the prizes.

Belinda will award these prizes, herself, during her author visit on October 16!
Does your child love textiles and fashion? Craft making, being creative, sewing and art?

- Unique opportunity for creative holiday fun at a full-day workshop in South Coogee - no previous experience is necessary - learn new skills in a supportive, artistic environment with Sandra Mellos, textile artist and qualified designer.
- Students will develop their skills and have fun while they make a take-home project.
- Warm, relaxed environment with individual attention provided in a small class. Offering expertise in high school fashion/sewing technology projects.

Cost: $75 per day, all materials supplied
Ages: 8 - 15
Hours: 10.00am - 5.00pm
Dates: Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th July
     Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th July
     Thursday 5th July (Advanced sewing class)

Bring lunch and snacks for the day

PLACES STRICTLY LIMITED!

For more details and bookings:
Sandra Mellos
0433781770
smellos1@hotmail.com
Recent reporting in the tabloid press has been highly critical of the alleged response by the NSWPF to complaints about threatening messages on Facebook.

In one article it was reported that the victim was told by police ‘there was nothing they could do because it happened on Facebook’. The article raises some interesting and important issues for police.

I am being threatened on Facebook. Is this against the Law?
Yes. Section 474.15(1) of the schedule to the **criminal code act 1995 (Cth)** provides that it is an offence, punishable by imprisonment for 10 years, for a person to use a carriage service to threaten to kill another person (or other third person) if the threat is intended to make the person fear that the threat will be carried out.

Section 474.15(2) provides that it is an offence, punishable by imprisonment for seven years, for a person to use a carriage service to threaten to cause serious harm to another person (or other third person) if the threat is intended to make the person fear that the threat will be carried out.

In both offences it is not necessary to prove the person receiving the threat actually feared it would be carried out (section 474.15(3))

**Offensive material has been posted on Facebook about me. Is this against the Law?**
Possibly. It depends on whether a reasonable person would regard the postings to be harassing or menacing.

Section 474.17 of the Code provides the relevant statutory offence provision. As noted above the penalty for an offence under Section 474.17 of the Code is imprisonment for three years.

Division 474 of the Code contains many other telecommunication offence provisions.

For further information about telecommunications offences see Law Notes 20 of 2005 (Vol.17 No. 21 of Police Weekly, published 20 June 2005) and ‘Bullying and mobile phones’ in the 2009 June edition of **Policing Issues & Practice Journal**.

Don’t forget about stalking or intimidation with intent to cause fear of physical or mental harm.
Section 13(1) of the **Crimes (Domestic and Personal Violence) Act 2007** provides that it is an offence, punishable by imprisonment for five years or 50 penalty units or both, for a person to stalk or intimidate another person with the intention of causing the other person to fear physical or mental harm. Similarly, section 13(5) provides that it’s an offence to attempt to stalk or intimidate with the intention of causing a person to fear physical or mental harm.

Subsection (3) provides that a person intends to cause harm if they know their conduct is likely to cause fear in the other person. The prosecution is not required to prove the victim actually feared harm.

‘Intimidation of a person’ is defined in section 7 of the **Crimes (Domestic & Personal Violence) Act 2007**. Paragraph (b) of that definition provides that intimidation of a person means ‘an approach made to the person by any means (including by telephone, telephone text messaging, e-mailing and other technologically assisted means) that causes the person to fear for their safety’. Social networking sites are captured by this definition.

Evidentiary issues
The investigation and prosecution of telecommunication type offences can be problematic. The protection of anonymity afforded by the internet may make identification of offenders difficult. It is necessary to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that a person charged with a telecommunication type offence actually authored the post / thread / picture / material.

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CityRail is currently running ‘quiet carriages’ on intercity train services between Central and Newcastle, and trialling the ‘quiet carriages’ on intercity train services between Central and Lithgow, and Central and Kiama.

What are quiet carriages?
Quiet carriages are train carriages where everyone, including school students, is asked to respect the peace and quiet of others by avoiding:

- Loud conversations
- Loud mobile phone calls
- Playing loud music – including headphones

Who are quiet carriages for? – Maybe you / Maybe not
If you like to read, play games on your phone or laptop (with the sound off), or just sit and think, then a quiet carriage might be for you.
If you like to socialise and talk with others, in line with the School Code of Conduct, then a regular or non quiet carriage is probably more suitable.

Which carriages are quiet carriages?
Quiet carriages are available on trains operating between Central and Newcastle. In addition, quiet carriages will be available from 1 June on trains operating between Central and Lithgow, and between Central and Kiama. Quiet carriages are the:

- First and last carriages of 6 and 8-carriage trains
- Last carriage of 4-carriage trains

What can you do?
Avoid any problems by re-considering where you wait on the platform. Non-quiet carriages are typically located in the middle of the platform.

How do quiet carriages work?
Quiet carriages are self regulated. This may mean that other passengers, who feel you are being too noisy, may ask you to be quiet or move. If a passenger says something like this to you- the best course of action is to simply comply and/or move on to another regular carriage.
No one will receive a fine for not being quiet (in a quiet carriage), but we encourage you to be community minded and play your part in this trial.

RailCorp are interested to know what students think of the quiet carriage initiative, along with any suggestions about how it can be improved.
Please give you feedback at www.cityrail.info