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Term 4 will be an exciting time across the College. All the Campuses will be implementing the Digital Education Revolution and distributing the notebook computers that are part of this initiative. The Building the Education Revolution is also progressing with improvements to school amenities and facilities being made at all campuses

Next term will also feature three significant College events. Our College Leadership Conference for Year 12 student leaders from all the Campuses will be held on Wednesday, November 4 at the Harbord Diggers Club. We are fortunate to again have Mike Baird MP, who has made time in a busy schedule to address the student leaders at the start of their day. During the conference students will work in cross Campus groups networking with their fellow College leaders and developing important skills. One of the most interesting aspects of the day is the development of ideas for College based programs and events in which these young leaders could take an active role in 2010.

In Term 4 we are looking forward to another College wide project: Australian Business Week. ABW is about running a company in the Hospitality Industry specialising in hotel management in a competitive marketplace. It is also about building business awareness and self-development. For more details about the program follow the link from the College web site or simply go to <http://www.abw.org.au/> and read the comments by parents, teachers and students. This year we again have the strong support of business mentors from Manly Chamber of Commerce.



Mr Arthur Buchan presents the A. J. Buchan Shield to the successful Northern Beaches Secondary College Team



A Mackellar Girls Campus group with their trade display in 2008.

Inspired by the success of last year's program run at Mackellar Girls Campus, the College will again coordinate the program and make it available for Year 10 students from all the Campuses from Monday 23 November to Friday 27 November 2009. The program will be expanded from 100 to 200 students and this year will be hosted by Freshwater Senior Campus.

A third major event in Term 4 will be the College's Staff and Community Recognition Night. This will be held on Monday, 23 November. The evening is a wonderful celebration of the effort and achievement of those who contribute to the Campuses and the College community. In 2009, in addition to the traditional awards, we will particularly recognise those who have contributed to the growth of sporting opportunities in the College and to the success of College teams such as the Under 15 Rugby Union team which this year won the state wide knockout competition, the Buchan Shield.

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Rock Eisteddfod	Kirsten Dickason
Sports Teams	Hugh Wood
Duke of Edinburgh	
SLS High School Challenge	
College Band	Lindsay Dowsett
Australian Business Week	Louise McNeil
On Show 2010	Christina Cleaver

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2009 Rock Eisteddfod

Congratulations to Mackellar Girls Campus, winners of the NSW Premier Division Grand Final. They will progress to the National Finals to be held later in the year.



The College's spectacular Rock Eisteddfod performance.

The College entry, a unique and twisted version of *Oliver Twist* called, *More or Less* was our first time entry in the Premier Division and it was a great achievement to make the Grand Final. The student performers and their support crew outdid themselves to come 10th in the State in this much more competitive division. The College entry also received an Award of Excellence for School Community Support.

Balgowlah Boys teacher receives award

Balgowlah Boys Campus teacher, Mr Geoff Walker was awarded the highly prestigious Paul Brock Award for Excellence in teaching English on Friday 4th September. Mr Coutts-Trotter, the NSW Director General of Education presented the award to Geoff at the NSW Secondary Principals' Council Conference. Dr John Hughes, Lecturer of the University of Sydney in the Faculty of Education, described this award as, 'an incredibly important award to celebrate outstanding English teaching in Secondary Schools and one which honours one of the greatest English educators in Dr Paul Brock'.

Geoff was nominated for this award because of his outstanding efforts to engage his students both inside and outside the classroom. He was judged by his peers as being innovative, passionate and caring.

Mr Coutts -Trotter, commented, 'This award honours an exceptional public school teacher who has given the boys at Balgowlah Boys Campus an insight into life and a capacity to live life in a way they otherwise wouldn't'.

The citation on the award reads, 'Geoff challenges his students to be imaginative and creative in a safe, inclusive classroom environment'.

College Sport Continues to Grow

Last term saw a steady increase in the number of students taking the opportunity to participate in sport by joining a College team. Rugby Union, boys and girls Soccer and boys and girls Futsal teams all increased and next term there will be both girls and boys Touch Football teams. We also had our first College Cricket team take part in the Davidson Shield. Netball and Softball are also still strong.

We have had continued success in Peninsula Cup and in the last week of Term 3 won the Under 16 Rugby Union competition. It was an extremely exciting match won with a penalty goal in the last minute. The final score was Northern Beaches Secondary College 22 Mater Maria 18.



St. Paul's College Beat Nth Beaches Secondary College U14s 36-10

In Term 4 the College Biathlon Club will begin training twice a week in preparation for its first competition. This is a great opportunity to participate at a school level in this activity. The training sessions are held on Tuesday and Thursday at 4.00 pm at Collaroy SLSC. The club started last year with a small dedicated group but more are welcome to join. Ring the coordinator at the College Administration Centre. The first competition will be in mid November.

Also during Term 4 the College will enter the 3rd Annual Manly Daily High School Surf Challenge. It will be held at the Queenscliff Surf Life Saving Club, Manly Beach on Tuesday 3rd November 2009. The competition is organised in Year levels and events include: Team Surf Swim, Board Relay, Cameron Teams, Flags and Beach Relay. Even if a Campus cannot field a full team, students can still participate as members of the College. This event is being promoted at the Campuses but further details are also available from Hugh Wood at the College Administration Centre: 9939 6764.



Mr Ian James, Head Teacher English, Mr Coutts-Trotter, the NSW Director General of Education, Dr Paul Brock, Geoff Walker and Relieving Balgowlah Boys Campus Principal Mr Paul Sheather.