



Fort Street High School

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## Dear Parents, Caregivers and Fortians,

Welcome to the 2012 school year. This year we intend to build upon our outstanding 2011 academic achievements. Staff and students are to be congratulated for their efforts which translated into such a wonderful set of results.

The school plan for 2012-2014 focuses on the areas of innovation, excellence, leadership and wellbeing. The opening page of our plan encapsulates the plan in the following words;

*Pursuing excellence and recognising achievement;  
Developing flexible and resilient young adults;  
Using technology to personalise learning;  
and strengthening our educational community*

I thank Mr Osland for his leadership of the school community in developing the 2012-2014 plan.

This issue of the Mercurius will provide you with detailed information of our students' academic successes in 2011 in both the School Certificate and Higher School Certificate examinations.

## Higher School Certificate Results 2011

We are rightly proud of the school's excellent Higher School Certificate Results in 2010.

In 2011, we once again built upon the fine results of 2010.

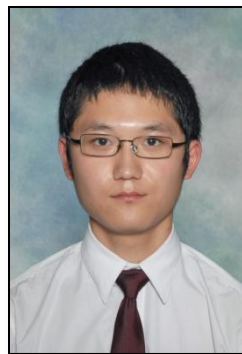
I am pleased to announce that the Dux of the School for 2011 is **Zhongyi Wang**.



**Zhongyi's** results are: Economics (98); English Advanced (92); Mathematics 2U (100); Mathematics Extension 1 (49/50); French Continuers (98) and French Extension (47/50).



2nd Place is **Andrew Brodzeli** - Economics (98); English Advanced (95); English Extension 1 (46/50); Legal Studies (96); Mathematics 2U (95); Mathematics Extension 1 (47/50); Modern History (97) and History Extension (49/50).



3rd place is **Zhongwei Wang** - Economics (98); English Advanced (91); Mathematics 2U (99); Mathematics Extension 1 (48/50); French Continuers (99) and French Extension (47/50).

4th place	<b>Aiden Nguyen</b>
5th place	<b>Sophie Quinn</b>
6th place	<b>Apollo Kim</b>
7th place	<b>Carlo Antonioli</b>
8th place (aeq)	<b>Jeremy Chiang, Zhi Ying Feng, Tiffany Chung and Nathan Truong.</b>

**NB** Our dux is calculated from the students who were all rounders, ie 10 or more units over 90 marks. The best ten of those units are the added and the top score is the dux of the school.

In summary, the highlights of our 2011 results indicate:

- Our best results overall since 2002
- Our best Band 6 performances since 2002
- The first time our Band 6 results have exceeded our Band 5 results with four hundred and thirty nine Band 6 results and four hundred and twenty three Band 5 results
- The school is placed 8<sup>th</sup> in the state based on Band 6 performance
- Students placed in the Top Ten in six subjects
- 100% of candidates in Geography, History Extension and Music Extension in Band 6
- French Extension 85.71% of candidates in Band 6
- French Continuers 66.66% of candidates in Band 6
- Legal Studies 65.85% of candidates in Band 6
- Mathematics 2 Unit 60% of candidates in Band 6
- Mathematics Extension 2 59.43 % of candidates in Band 6
- Chemistry 41.83% of candidates in Band 6
- In all other subjects - our results were the best, second best Band 6 results since 2002 or were consistently high over the past 5 years
- In most subjects, the total of Band 5 and 6 results included 95 - 100 % of candidates for the subject.

**Twenty nine students were named as Premiers All Rounders.**

These students were awarded Band 6 results in 10 or more units studied. Many of our all rounders had accelerated in one subject.

**Congratulations to:**

1. **Carlo Antonioli \***
2. **Edmund Benson**
3. **Andrew Brodzeli**
4. **Umeya Chaudhuri**
5. **Jeremy Chiang**
6. **Tiffany Chung\***
7. **John Corleto**
8. **Anna Egerton**
9. **Zhi Ying Feng\***
10. **Norman Hu**
11. **Karl Jin**
12. **Rahul Karekatte**
13. **Apollo Kim\***
14. **Miles Ma**
15. **Vincentia Modyanto**
16. **Moaz Mohib\***
17. **Aidan Nguyen\***
18. **Sophie Quinn**
19. **Colin Sar\***
20. **Rui Sha**
21. **Aimee Tran\***
22. **Nathan Truong**
23. **Laura Walker**
24. **Zhongwei Wang**
25. **Zhongyi Wang**
26. **Si Ping Wu**
27. **David Yang**
28. **Hayden Zhang\***
29. **Annie Zhou**

(\*) denotes the student accelerated in a subject at the HSC in 2010

**Congratulations** to the students who were placed in the Top Ten in subjects in the State:

- **Yathushiya Mahenthirarasa** - (Year 11) - placed 1<sup>st</sup> in Tamil
- **Zhongwei Wang** - placed 4<sup>th</sup> in French Continuers
- **Rosemary Balcomb** - placed 5<sup>th</sup> in French Continuers
- **Umeya Chaudhuri** - placed 7<sup>th</sup> in Ancient History
- **Andrew Brodzeli** - placed 11<sup>th</sup> in Modern History
- **Zhongyi Wang** - placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Mathematics 2Unit
- **Andrew Brodzeli** - placed 5<sup>th</sup> in Economics
- **Zhongyi Wang** - placed 4<sup>th</sup> in Economics
- **Zhongwei Wang** - placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Economics
- **Aidan Nguyen** – placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in Economics

In addition:

- **Clinton Zhang's** artwork has been selected for HSC ArtExpress
- **Saro Lusty-Cavallari's** drama script has been selected to be performed as part of HSC OnStage
- **Carol Antonioli's** music composition has been selected to be performed at HSC Encore

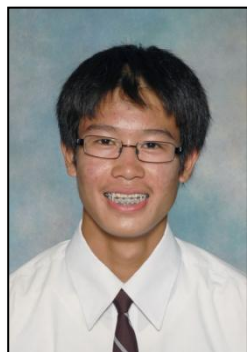
Further details of the top three places in subjects, together with information about school performance over time will be outlined in the February Mercurius.

## School Certificate Results

**Congratulations** to:



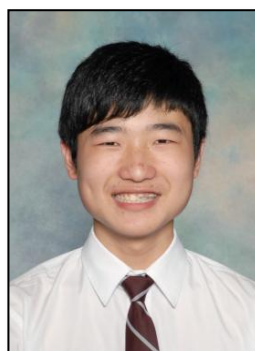
Dux:  
**Arkady De Jong**



2nd place:  
**Timothy Linguputro**



3rd place in Year 10 is awarded to **Jacob Levy**



University of Sydney Academic Excellence Award to **Darren Cai**

Twenty students, 12 boys and 8 girls were awarded a Grade A in each subject studied **for the whole of the course**. A further 19 students were awarded Grade A's and one B.

**Congratulations** to the students who were awarded Grade A in each subject:

- **Michael Au**
- **Darren Cai**
- **Winnie Chu**
- **Natalie Dao**
- **Macey Duong**
- **Arkady De Jong**
- **Ruell Domaal**
- **Zoe Gillespie**
- **Joseph Gorta**
- **Hannah Harmelin**
- **Aliasgher Karimjee**
- **Dimitri Kastanias**
- **Jacob Levy**
- **Vanessa Li**
- **Timothy Linggoputro**
- **Tamar Robertson**
- **Marina Saunders**
- **Harriett Scandol**
- **William Vu**
- **Sean Yu**

**Congratulations** to the 19 students who were awarded Grade A's and one B:

1. **Lillian Brancalion**
2. **Amy Chang**
3. **Midula Coomaraswamy**
4. **Ellese Ha**
5. **Arin Harman**
6. **Marta Krzanowski**
7. **Heidi Lang**
8. **Anjana Nandakumaran**
9. **Jessica Ngo**
10. **Michael Trung Nguyen**
11. **Kevin Quach**
12. **Anna Rushmer**
13. **Alison Thompson**
14. **David Tran**
15. **Serena Trang**
16. **Xiao Fan Tu**
17. **Harry White**
18. **Kimberly Yoon**
19. **Julie Zhu**

Year 10 excelled in the last of the state-wide School Certificate tests. 149 of 150 students sat the tests. Students across NSW are examined in English Literacy, Mathematics, Science, Australian History, Australian Geography and Citizenship and Computing Skills.

The results are as follows:

### **English**

- 100% of students achieved Bands 5 or 6 compared to 39% of the State
- 44 students achieved Band 6
- 105 students achieved Band 5

### **Mathematics**

- 100% of students achieved Bands 5 or 6 compared to 26% of the State
- 114 students achieved Band 6
- 36 students achieved Band 5

### **Science**

- 98% of students achieved Bands 5 or 6 compared to 34% of the State
- 72 students achieved Band 6
- 75 students achieved Band 5
- 2 students achieved Band 4 (both were placed on 79 marks)

### **History**

- 87% of students achieved Bands 5 or 6 compared to 27% of the State
- 48 students achieved Band 6,
- 83 students achieved Band 5
- 19 students achieved Band 4

### **Geography**

- 96% of students achieved Bands 5 or 6 compared to 25% of the State
- 87 students achieved Band 6,
- 57 students achieved Band 5 and
- 6 students achieved Band 4

### **Computing Skills**

149 students achieved in Band 6

These results improved on the already excellent results of 2010.

**Congratulations** to the following students who were the top achievers in the School Certificate Tests. The marks achieved are shown in brackets ( ).

### **English**

- (98) **Lucia Mai**  
(97) **Arkady De Jong** and **Ellese Ha**  
(94) **Amy Chang** and **Jacob Levy**

### **Mathematics**

- (100) **Yi Rui Chong**  
(99) **Dimitri Kastanias** and **Marta Krzanowski**  
(98) **Achara Satwick, Marcus Cheong, Macey Duong, Zoe Gillespie, Hadzimejlic Mak, Hannah Harmelin, Reynold To, Serena Trang, Reynold Trau, Xiao Fan Tu, Lequang Vo, Harry White, Dinjie Jessie Xiao**

### **Science**

- (98) **Darren Cai** and **Kevin Quach**  
(97) **Michael Au, Lillian Brancalion, Anjana Nandakumaran** and **Xiao Fan Tu**  
(96) **Midula Coomarasamy, Arkday de Jong, Lucia Mai, Brandon Van, Harry White, Ruell Domaol** and **William Hales**.

## History

- (100) **Arkady de Jong**  
(99) **Michael Au** and **Kishor Napier Raman**  
(97) **Jacky Mo, Sarah O'Malley, Harry White** and **Lillian Brancalion**



## Important Dates

### Geography

- (99) **Natalie Dao, Arin Harmin, Hannah Harmelin, Timothy Linggoputto, Lucia Mai, Michael Truong Nguyen, Brian Tran** and **Harry White**  
(98) **Kien Le Board, Jacob Levy, Jeremy Luo** and **Darcey Nguyen, Adib Rahman, Xiao Fan Tu** and **Kimberley Yoon.**

### Computing Skills

- (99) **Arkady de Jong, Jin Jie Lee, Lucia Mai, Kevin Quach, Harriet Scandol, Lequang Vo, Harry White** and **Brian Tran.**  
(98) **Sam Baylis-Jones, Taliesin Golembiewski, Jacky Huang, Jackie Mo, Alison Thompson, Xiao Fan Tu, Elijah Wu** and **Michael Trung Nguyen**

### January 2012

- 26th Australia Day - Public Holiday  
27th School Development Day  
30th Year 7 Induction  
(Year 7 and Peer Support)  
IMP Tutors Breakfast  
IMP Executive Meeting  
31st Assembly  
Years 8,9,10,11 &12 Commence  
House Meeting

### February 2012

- 6th Swimming Carnival  
IMP New Members Evening  
8th P & C Meeting  
Year 7 & 8 SRC Dance  
10th SRC Valentine Roses  
Assembly  
17th Speech Day

I thank one and all for your contribution to the school and for ways in which you have enriched the school community.

I wish everyone a happy and safe festive season.

**Roslyne Moxham**  
**Principal**

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## Fort Street High School Exit Profile

*(Ratified September 2007  
School Council Meeting)*

*Our aim is that on completion of Year 12 Fortians will have:*

- *achieved their full academic potential.*
- *developed individual skills and talents.*
- *developed learning strategies to equip them to be independent self motivated lifelong learners.*
- *developed emotional resilience, self reliance and leadership potential.*
- *recognise their responsibility to the wider community.*
- *developed a strong sense of social justice as well as commitment to fairness and equity.*



**Year 9 Camp**

### **Designing and Working With Timber**

Year 7 Technology students studying within the Timber Technologies focus area recently completed a second design challenge to end 2011- creating tea-light candle holders.

Students produced high-quality solutions to the given brief.



### **Engineering**

Year 9 Engineering students finished the 2011 year with a task to build working trebuchets.

Students worked in teams of four to engineer the medieval siege machines. The understanding of engineered structures and mechanisms studied throughout the year was applied to the task.

A common design for the frame was used. Team members constructed the frame and then had to solve the remaining design and construction problems – including a pivot axle, mass bucket or bag, sling and pouch, and release mechanism.



*Year 9 budding engineers enjoying a test launch session*

Forces and levers were combined to hurl tennis balls, heavy rubber balls, lemons and eggs on the final launch day. Students tweaked their machines to vary the launch angle and flight trajectory of the chosen projectiles. With careful attention to the variables, students were able to control and predict the performance of their machines with confidence.

**Matt Dopierala**  
**Head Teacher TAS**

## **P & C President's Report**

### **Orientation Day and Uniform Shop**

Orientation Day went off smoothly this year, with the uniform shop functioning more efficiently this year.

A big thank you to Jane, Jenny, Tang and the other wonderful volunteers for their help throughout the day.

### **Uniform Shop Coordinator and Manager**

We need helpers to fill the position of Uniform Shop Coordinator and Manager from Term 2 2012. The Coordinator will be overseeing the overall operation of uniform shop and the Manager will be selling uniforms every Wednesday from 10am to 2pm. The Manager is a paid position. Should you be interested please contact us for details, email Aziz at [fortst.pc@gmail.com](mailto:fortst.pc@gmail.com)



**Uniform Shop** phone number:  
9564 1647 (during opening hours)

### **Opening hours:**

Each Wednesday of Term 10:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Friday 27th January 2012 10.00 am - 2:00 pm

### **Welcoming Year 7 Parents**

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2012, the P & C will be formally welcoming the Year 7 parents in the library at 6.30pm. It will be on the same night as the Year 7 and 8 Dance coordinated by the SRC in the School Hall.

All parents are welcome in the library after seeing off your child in the Hall and it will be a wonderful opportunity for you to mix and mingle with other new parents to the school.

There will be a presentation on the school's welfare policy and a light supper will also be served.

### **Year 7 Picnic**

There will be a Picnic for Year 7 and Year 8 parents and students. This event is scheduled for Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2012 at Petersham Park, Station Street - Petersham from 4pm until 6.30pm run by Year 8 parents.

This is a great opportunity for the Year 7's and 8's to meet other students and parents. Please accept the invitation to the informal get together for Year 7 and Year 8 Fort Street High School students and parents.

### **Fort Street Festival 2012**

The Fort Street Festival will be held on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2012. This is a big event for Fort Street communities and is held every two years. As well as celebrating our multicultural society, the Fort Street Festival brings whole school communities together.

Throughout the day, the IMP will play music and there will be a competition of 'Battle of the Bands'. It is always enjoyable to watch the bands wage "sound warfare" on each other. There will various rides and demonstrations of Karate and Kung-fu. The second hand goods stall is always a firm favourite amongst the masses.

The Fort Street Festival will also bring the flavour of international foods such as Vietnamese, Korean, Chinese, Indian, Japanese and BBQ. Not to forget the variety of cakes and slices! We will keep you informed throughout Term 1 and Term 2 2012 of this crowd pleaser.

### **Website**

The P&C has information pages on the school website <http://www.fortstreet.nsw.edu.au> - under the **Community** link. There you will find information about the P&C, meetings, the canteen and the uniform shop.

### **Contact Us**

If you would like to receive emails notifying you of upcoming meetings and other events, please let us know your email address. If you wish to contact the P&C, email [fortst.pc@gmail.com](mailto:fortst.pc@gmail.com).

**Aziz Rahman**  
**P&C President**