



# Lyrebird

totem of the Tharawal people

CREATING OPPORTUNITIES ACHIEVING SUCCESS

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## Year 8 Design Thinking Revolutionises Teaching for Innovation Campus

Picton High School is demonstrating its dedication to student focused learning through the creation of challenging and innovative curriculums dedicated to engaging students in the design process.

On Monday 2nd July and Tuesday 3rd July, Year 8 students took part in series of workshops led by a global innovation and creativity consultancy called 'NoTosh'.

NoTosh is a global company which is dedicated to incorporating innovation and creativity into the way people think.

These days were designed to get students and teachers thinking about the new innovation campus and the ways that learning might look in the near future.

Prior to this day, Picton staff's Visible Learning Team lead by Linda Vella and Jessica Gauci have been steadily collecting varied data across the whole school. Students have been interviewed, surveyed and their lessons have been observed.

On Monday students were selected at random to take part in focus groups which asked students to identify areas of strength and weakness at the school.

The aim of this research has been to listen to students and really understand what they want their learning to look like in the future.

On Tuesday the entire Year 8 cohort took part in a series of design thinking workshops where students had the opportunity to brainstorm ideas and suggest new ways of learning at Picton High School.

Design thinking is essentially a challenge examining approach where all parties look at an issue and work on ways to break the ideas down.

For Picton High School the challenge is the new way learning will look in the future as we move into the new school.

As our school transitions into new learning environments, our learning needs to change and evolve.

We want students to be able to recognise what a good learner is, rather than a good student. Students will then be able to incorporate these ideas into their own lives and become lifelong and motivated learners.

We, as a school and a community, want our students to be a part of this exciting process.

Year 8 have been selected for this fantastic opportunity as they will be the first cohort to graduate in the new school.

These are our community's future leaders leading the way as they make real world decisions which will help shape our school.

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## STRESS OUT!

### Exam Stress Busting Workshop for young people

Date: Saturday 6 October 2018, 1pm – 3pm

Location: Picton Botanical Gardens

Cost: Free

RSVP to: sarah.gadd@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au

or 0429157942

- Learn how to reduce your stress and increase focus
- Have fun and try laughing yoga
- Take some time out for you
- Explore ways to reduce the pressure of exams

Facilitated by Alexandra Dench from Soul Loving Space. Alexandra Dench is an experienced facilitator and is known for her ability to bring more joy and laughter to all. Alexandra has spoken at the Mind Body Spirit Festival in Sydney and has had her work featured on C91.3, Macarthur Chronicle and KISS – Kyle and Jackie O Show.

## STREET ART WORKSHOP

Come along and be involved in the design and painting of a street art mural at the Warragamba Skate Park with artist Joe Quilter. The mural will be a combination of ideas from local young people and seniors.

- Workshop (youth) Sat 15/9/18 11 am - 1 pm. Warragamba Town Hall
- Workshop (youth and seniors) Sat 29/9/18 11 am - 1 pm. Warragamba Town Hall
- Painting day + bbq (youth and seniors) Thursday 11/10/18 11 am - 3 pm. Warragamba Skate Park

RSVP - contact Lee at Warragamba Neighbourhood Centre on 4774 1273, community@wsnc.org.au or drop in.

## Tell Them From Me Parent Survey Link

Picton High School is participating in a survey which allows parents to express their views about their perceptions of their children's experiences at home and school. Your participation in the survey is confidential and anonymous. The school would greatly appreciate your participation in the survey so we can make quality improvements in teaching and learning.

Please click the following link to complete the survey.

<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/pictonhs>

Thank you - Mr Chicharo

## ASTRONOMY NIGHT

Sky Trails is a free community event that explores the intersection of science, culture and art through a series of panel lectures and practical star gazing evenings in three communities including Young, Goulburn and Picton.

The presenters for the science hub's 2018 science hub program, Burrung Murruway | Sky Trails | Masarat Alsama includes Ms Kirsten Banks, physicist and Masters student in astrophysics at the University of NSW and Wiradjuri woman and artists Khaled Sabsabi and Peter Swain a Wiradjuri man.

Part of the program includes a presentation and workshop program at Picton High School during the day with the astronomer Kirsten Banks and the Aboriginal artist Peter Swain. We expect to be able to showcase some of the artworks generated by the young people on a large screen at this event which will be a special opportunity for parents and family to admire student works and to celebrate with their children who participated in the program. Astronomer and physicist Kirsten Banks will also lead a viewing to help people find the Emu, a significant indigenous constellation.

Bring a picnic rug, your family and friends. The Picton High P & C will also be raising funds putting on a BBQ so support the BBQ or bring your own picnic.

### Sky Trails Program

Picton: Thursday, 13 September. Starts at 5pm at Picton Botanic Gardens, Regreme St Picton

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