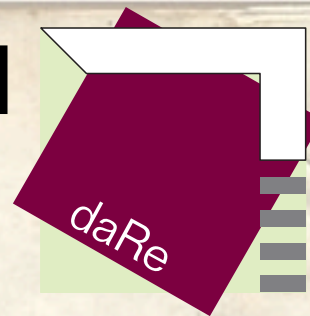


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Stage 6 Poetry

Jemma Messer Teacher English

Students in Preliminary Standard English have been studying the craft of the the World War 1 poet, Siegfried Sassoon. During the course, students are encouraged to engage with Sassoon's key concerns and evaluate the value of his poetry in our society. In Lesson Two of the unit, students in class 6B were asked to compose one phrase or sentence that began with the word 'war'. The line was to reflect each student's opinion on war. Over a few more lessons, students turned these lines into a poem which further immersed them in the world of the war poet. The following poem is the result. A special mention to Zara Moss, Zoe Greenstein, Darshwiin Indrawathan and Eleanor Foong who were our chief editors!

Caught in the Crossfire

War is the beginning of the end.
It tears nations apart and
Crushes society and the people we care for,
It is the needless sacrifice for one's selfish desires.

War is never as it seems.
Filled with innocent blood, it has
broken the world's relationship
And brings nothing but pain and death and conflict and more war.

War is a futile way to resolve conflict.
It is the innocents playing the guilty's game,
Destroying people, places and the world.
A killer of families and a dark reminder for generations to come.

War demands sacrifice, but only returns suffering and
Will end us if we don't end it
It disrupts the relationships between society and
Exposes people's greed.

War always has a price.
It can affect one or hundreds or thousands.
A place of sacrifice for the innocent and
Will live for as long as humanity does.

War. Does not bring glory but devastation.
It does not bring peace
It's unnecessary,
It's more than just a word.
War. The beginning of the end.

*Caught in the Crossfire - After finalising the last draft of the poem, we had two possible titles. The first was 'Caught in the Crossfire' and our other idea was 'It's more than just a word'. The first title encompassed Sassoon's perspective of war, as explored in his poems and ethical statement. It also expresses his position as a soldier who denounced the war. The second title was directed more at the activity we participated in that led to the writing of this poem. Ultimately, we chose to use the first title, "Caught in the Crossfire", but included the second title as a line in the poem.

Jenolan Caves 2018

Natasha Hirst Year 1.2

On the 9th of February, the HSC Earth and Environmental class went on an excursion to Jenolan Caves in the Blue Mountains. Jenolan Caves are the oldest cave system in the world, believed to be around 340 million years old. Here we were allowed the opportunity to look around the reserve as well as meeting Dr Anne Musser, a paleontologist whose focus is monotremes, who was our tour guide for the caves. We were taken into the Chifley Cave; before entering the caves Dr musser talked about how the caves were formed and gave us many useful tools to help us complete our assignment on the Jenolan Caves.

As we entered the caves, we were shown the equipment left from testing of the cave, many years ago, as well as current university tests taking place. The tour guide took us around the cave; showed us and talked about a variety of crystals, fossils and features of the cave. Some of the features include the Wall of Noses, Spar crystals and Cave Potatoes. We were able to see fossilised bats in the walls and she talked about a team coming out and identifying the species. After the end of the tour, we went on a small hike down to a beautiful waterfall and took some water samples for testing. Overall it was an amazing learning experience that will leave us with some amazing memories.

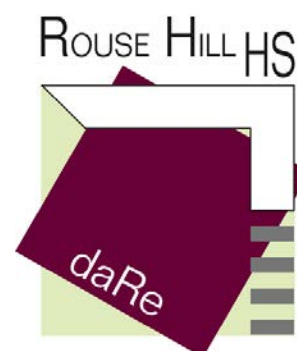




Rouse Hill High School

OPEN NIGHT
MONDAY 12 MARCH

6.00pm - 7.15pm



We warmly invite all prospective parents and students to our Open Night. Take a tour of our specialist rooms, learn about our approach to teaching and learning, and speak with teachers and students about Rouse Hill High School.

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NSW SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM – SCHOOL NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Each year NSW Health works in partnership with schools to offer the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school vaccination program.

In 2018 the following vaccines will be offered:

YEARS	VACCINE	NUMBER OF DOSES
Year 7	Thursday 12/Apr/2018 9:00 am Yr7, 1st dose Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine	2-doses at least 6 months apart
	Yr7, Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine	Single dose
	Thursday 01/Nov/2018 9:00 am Yr7, 2nd dose HPV	
Year 10 & 11	Thursday 09/Aug/2018 9:00 am Yr10, Yr11, Meningococcal ACWY vaccine	Single dose

Parent Information Kits that include an information sheet, consent form and privacy statement will be sent home to you by your child's school. To consent to the vaccination of your child, parents/guardians are advised to:

- read all the information provided;
- complete the consent form, including signing your name next to the vaccine/s you would like your child to receive;
- return the completed consent form to your child's school;
- ensure that your child eats breakfast on the day of the school vaccination clinic.

Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw consent for any reason may do so by writing to the school Principal or phone the school. The Procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health website at www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation.

To improve vaccination completion, students will be opportunistically offered any missed vaccine/s throughout the year where possible.

Please note that students who commence the HPV vaccination in school clinics in Year 7 but do not complete the course during the school year may be offered catch-up doses at school in Year 8. Students who have their first HPV dose at their GP will be advised to complete the course with their GP.

A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at each clinic. You should ensure that this record is kept for future reference. Please do not assume that your child has been vaccinated if you do not receive this Record of Vaccination.

Public Health Unit
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Cumberland Hospital
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Tel 9840 3603 Fax 9840 3608

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- a young and vibrant person
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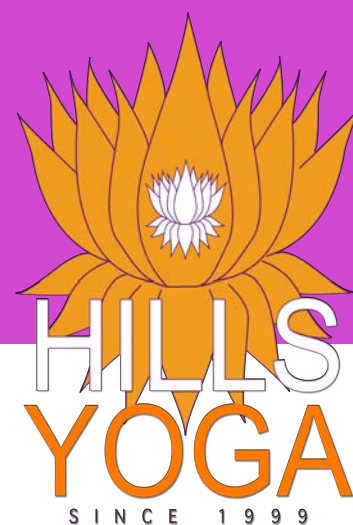
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P & C NEWS

The next P & C meeting will be held on Monday 19 March. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.

If you would like to be added to the P&C email list, simply email the Secretary at nicoletheissen@optusnet.com.au or log on to www.rousehill-h.schools.nsw.edu.au and click on the P&C tab for information.

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12 March
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12 March
RHHS Open Night

14-16 March
Year 7 Camp

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FROM THE EDITOR

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