

17th March 2017

Dear Families and Friends,

Our amazing Year 8 students have been exploring a range of challenges, ideas and issues through an interdisciplinary Project Based Learning (PBL) approach. This means that, instead of having isolated English, History, Science and Maths lessons, these subjects have been combined and taught by a team of teachers through our theme of **Community** over the course of this term.

An essential element of Project Based Learning (PBL) is having students demonstrate their learning through public exhibition. This requires students to share their learning, their products or their actions in a public forum to an audience. This term our first exhibition will be held on **WEDNESDAY 12th APRIL from 3:30pm - 5:30pm** in our Learning Hub. This will require all students involved to be at school supervised by their PBL teachers up until 5:30pm.

These exhibition events will occur each term and rely on the attendance of parents and family as an active audience. Students do 'good' work for their teachers, but do their **BEST** work when given the opportunity to share with a real audience.

A Project Based Learning (PBL) approach develops students skills in collaboration, communication and critical and creative thinking. These are future focussed skills that are essential for student success in a fast changing, technologically driven world. Students have been demonstrating these skills throughout the term, however, they become essential when required to meet a deadline for exhibition with the added incentive of presenting to family and friends.

Public exhibition also builds a range of skills including, but not limited to:

- Confidence
- Resilience
- Organisation
- Communication in formal settings
- Teamwork and collaboration
- Presentation and Digital Literacy skills

As you can see, exhibitions are a wonderful opportunity for students, and a great opportunity for you to see your young person in action.

Please keep this date in mind and invite other family and friends. In the near future we will provide more details and an opportunity to RSVP.

Regards,

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Deputy Principal

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Senior Leader Year 8/9

**SAVE** Year 8  
PBL  
EXHIBITION

**THE** Wednesday  
12th APRIL  
3:30pm - 5:30pm

**DATE**

