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Souvenir Program

# **Speech Night 2020**

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# Welcome to Speech Night 2020

2020 has been a momentous year, a year that began with horrendous bushfires across southern Australia. Then as we were recovering from that trauma, the world fell into the COVID 19 pandemic. It significantly changed the way we view the world, and caused all nations to take drastic containment measures, the like of which has never before been experienced.

While the impact of the virus on Australia has been comparatively less than in many other countries, it will have lasting social, emotional, and economic impact, and some things will never return to the way they were before 2020.

The extended periods of lockdown gave us a much greater appreciation of the many simple things that we had previously taken for granted, and the resultant transformation of the workforce, the education system, and community support and wellbeing programs may have lasting positive impact, alongside the trauma and uncertainty, and in some cases tragic outcomes, the virus has triggered.

We are now celebrating the apparent successful suppression of the virus in Victoria following the salutary lessons wrought by the "second wave" of infection, but it is clear that the virus has not been eliminated and is still raging and spreading widely across the globe. It is likely to continue to do so until an effective vaccine is developed and distributed.

I continue to give thanks that I reside in a comparatively stable and secure country, and work within a wonderfully supportive and positive community.

I pay tribute to all members of the Nossal community for their resilience, dedication, commitment, and humanity. That we have come through this year relatively unscathed, with little negative impact on academic outcomes, and largely positively, is testament to those qualities and the hard work and professionalism of our staff, the unstinting support of our parents, and the grit and determination of our students.

I also acknowledge the huge amount of additional support, resourcing and genuine care provided by the DET hierarchy and the State Government to schools and their communities throughout the year; in retrospect it was reassuring and generally effective despite the unknowns and uncertainties at the time.

Our 2020 Speech Night is like none that have gone before, although we have attempted to capture the essence of the celebration of the many successes and achievements of our staff and students. While the format is different, and it is hard to capture the gravitas and spectacle of the Melbourne Town Hall extravaganza, I single out Mr Butler for sincere thanks for his significant effort to achieve this online Speech Night.

I urge you to view the event and join us to acknowledge, celebrate, and give thanks to the people and groups who managed to do great things in an exceptionally challenging year.

My sincere thanks to all members of our extended community.

I wish you all a safe, happy, healthy, and restful holiday season and look forward to a less challenging 2021.

Roger Page Principal



# The Symbols of Speech Night

# The Processional and Recessional

These are ceremonial walks of the academic community. Academic dress is worn to represent the highest tertiary qualifications received by the participants.

In 2020 the processional will be replaced by a gallery of staff photos.

# **Subject Awards**

Subject Awards recognise students who demonstrate excellence in the learning dispositions deemed essential for success in their studies; knowkedge, skills, participation, reflection and study habits.



Winners of these awards receive a prize, a certificate and an Academic Star.

# The Academic Star

The Academic star is an eight pointed rust coloured star. It is awarded to all students who receive a subject-based award. These are students who stand out in their personal contribution to the pursuit of excellence in learning within a discipline.

# **Endeavour Awards**

Endeavour Awards recognise students who are reflective and engaged learners. These students demonstrate outstanding levels of participation and reflection and have outstanding study habits. Three Endeavour Awards are given in each year level.

Winners of these awards receive a prize and a certificate.

These prizes are proudly donated by the family of Yueh-Shin Chen, Class of 2013.

# Community-Based Awards

Community-Based Awards recognise service, participation and leadership.

Winners of these awards receive a prize, a certificate and a Service Star.



# The Service Star

The Service star is an eight pointed yellow coloured star. It symbolizes excellence in service to Nossal High School and the wider community. It is awarded to students who stand out in their personal contribution to others before self.

# Excellence Awards

These awards are for outstanding breadth of achievement in a range of school programs. For subject based achievement there are two additional acknowledgments; the Nossal Academic Pin and the award for Most Outstanding Student in a Year Level. The Most Outstanding Student award is explained later in this program.

# The Academic Pin

The Nossal Academic Pin is an additional acknowledgment for students who achieve at a high level in multiple subjects. It is awarded to students who are nominated as the top performing students across three or more subjects for the whole year. The pin is in the shape of a globe, representing global awareness, with an arrow head symbolizing the student traveling forward in their learning. It is hoped that the students who receive this badge will wear it with pride even after leaving school as symbol of their commitment to learning.



# Passing of the Colours

The passing of the Nossal Colours is the symbolic gesture of handing on the custodianship of the community from the current School Captains to the future School Captains. The colours consist of the school flag and the House colours of green/white (Pegasus), red/black (Phoenix), navy/silver (Garuda) and orange/yellow (Griffin). The highest accolade for student leadership at Nossal High School is to receive the position of School Captain. School Captains are selected from within the Senior Year through a rigorous process of application, interview, and student and staff voting. On this occasion, the current School Captains thank the community for their support, and the new Captains pledge their allegiance to the school.



# School Council President's Message

This has been a tumultuous year on many levels! The Foundation Assembly in January is just a dim memory, obscured by months of lockdown where one day seemingly merged into the next. As the parent of a student at the start (Year 9) and end (Year 12) of their time at Nossal, I too have experienced the many frustrations and angst of school life in this pandemic. It has impacted on us and our families in many ways; physically, mentally and financially.

Although students may not have been physically present for large parts of the year, they have continued their studies and contributions to school life through their online activities. They have displayed resilience and determination and demonstrated their ability to work both independently and collectively in an online environment. These qualities will prove of immense benefit in their future studies and careers. They have navigated their way through disruption on a huge scale and should be immensely proud of what they have achieved, both tangibly and intangibly.

From times of darkness, positive change can emerge and this is reflected at Nossal. The teachers have pivoted from an already excellent, online system of digital delivery, to a World class digital platform that has kept students engaged and connected to the School, despite the cancellation of many of the key events in the Nossal calendar. At times it hasn't been easy (particularly when their young children demand attention half-way through a lesson!) and at times there have been technical gremlins to deal with, but they have succeeded in providing a learning experience that has exceeded what many would have thought possible. On behalf of the School Community I would like to thank them, the support staff and leadership team for all their efforts.

I would like to pay tribute to Sir Gustav Nossal, our School Patron, who has attended every Foundation Assembly and Speech Night since the School's inception. The School Council would like to honour the enduring contribution that Sir Gus has made to the School by commissioning a life sized, seated, bronze sculpture of him that promotes ongoing interaction with the School Community as outlined later in this program.

Wishing you all a period where the mundane normality of life can be celebrated once more.

Dr John Inns Nossal School Council President 2020



# The Program

# **Opening Sequence**

'Pictures of you' by The Last Goodnight - written by Jeff Blue, Curtis John and Mike Nadeau.

Our opening sequences features the official school photo of every 2020 Nossal student and staff member.

# Welcome to Speech Night - Sir Gustav Nossal

# **Masters of Ceremony**

Shalaaka Brahmavar & Kaaviyan Pathmasiri - 2020 School Captains Shivaani Sivaraj & Habib Rakin - 2020 School Vice Captains

# **Acknowledgment of Country**

We the community of Nossal High School acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we work. We pay our respects to their Elders, past and present, and the Elders from other communities who may be viewing this presentation.

## Performance

Performed by Daniel Sella Marianayagam, accompanied by Mrs Cara Sella

'If tomorrow never comes' written by Garth Brooks and Kent Blazy



# **Subject Awards**

Subject Awards are given to the Most Outstanding Student in each subject. These students are identified based on their Terms 1 – 3 Report Data and ratified by the teachers of each subject. All five learning dispositions are taken into consideration in determining the recipients. These include; knowledge, skills, reflection, study habits and participation.

#### **Year 9 Subject Awards**

Introduced by Ms Catherine Loel

Lois Pal Art

**Beginners French** Zarin Binte Zoha Beginners Japanese Angelina Hedriana Creative Design Kiran Kleingeld

Dance Cassandra Arden De Leon

Kevin Binu Digital Technology **Edible Arts** Gemma Inns Electronics Ethan Heng English Flizabeth Chu

**Food Studies** Wageesha Hewaarachchi

Health and Physical Education **Emily Du** 

Humanities Cameron Cooper Intermediate French Esther Sarvananthan Intermediate Japanese Ayden Narayan

Mathematics Angelina Vinoo

Music Appreciation Vishrutha Raghavendra Rao

Hadar Flenner Music Performance

Chanumi Nakandala Photography

Science Elizabeth Chu Theatre Cameron Cooper Visual Communication Design Dinali Tirikawala

#### **Year 9 Endeavour Award**

Ya Wen Chong

Kertikrohan Hariharan

Hritik Jagtap

#### **Year 10 Subject Awards**

Introduced by Mr Angus Clark

Art and Photography Chelsey Nica Deldio

Design Alvin Liong Digital Technology Sayam Mehta

Electronics Arish Kanniyappan

English Lola Sargasso Food Jazlyn Yap French Seth Lahanis



#### Year 10 Subject awards continued...

Humanities Riddhi Gopinath
Japanese Kai Yuen (Ernest) Ng

Mathematics Shreya Krishna Prasadh

Music Performance Joel Koay

Physical Education and Health Sanjevan Rajasegar

Physical Education and Health Jazlyn Yap

Science: Design, Build, Deploy Sahana Rudresh
Science: Energy and Taste Sivadutt Parangan

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Lola Sargasso

Science: Where the Wild Things Are Nuo (Cecilia) Liu

Sport Science Esma (Beste) Cifci

Team Sports Ruth Edward

Theatre Studies Lola Sargasso

#### **Year 10 Endeavour Award**

Anita Chao

Noah Dorling

Minadhi Somawansa

#### **VCE Unit 1 & 2 Subject Awards**

Introduced by Mr Stuart Fankhauser

Accounting Minsandi Jayalath

Biology Jazlyn Yap

Business Management Nalini Jacob-roussety

Chemistry Vaishvi Patel
Computing Alvin Liong

Economics Satyanarayanan Anandakrishnan

English as an Additional Language Xin He (Sindy) Wang

English Language Pushkar Kute

English Nalini Jacob-roussety

Food Technology Angela Wang

French Alexandra Nilos

General Mathematics Jessica Singh

Health & Human Development Vaishvi Patel

History - 20th Century Lola Sargasso

Japanese Stella Kim

Legal Studies Annette Jerome

Literature Ee Shame Lim

Mathematical Methods Anuji Abeysinghe

#### VCE Unit 1 & 2 Subject awards continued...

Mathematical Methods Sayam Mehta Music Performance Zhengqin Ouyang

Ee Shane Lim Philosophy **Physical Education** Shreva Prasad

Hashim Navas Psychology **Specialist Mathematics** Rahul Mittal

Systems Engineering Alex Punneliparambil Jibu Theatre Studies Milagros (Mila) Vargas

Rahul Mittal

Minuki Satharasinghe

Maximillian Inns

**Daniel Cameron** 

#### Year 11 Endeavour Award

Visual Communication Design

Nadia Hadzikadic

Lily Lunder

**Physics** 

Annette Varghese

#### **VCE Unit 3 & 4 Subject Awards**

Introduced by Ms Katherine Warriner

**Economics** 

English

Accounting Thirdana Rajasegaran

Isa Risal Biology

Olivia Konstanty **Business Management** 

Chemistry Hasna Kazi

Tianchi (Luke) He

English as an Additional Language

**English Language** Holly Vuong

Food Technology Kevin Phan

French Joel Whitcher

**Further Mathematics** Humza Ameeri

Health & Human Development Olivia Konstanty

Maximillian Inns History - Revolutions

Seitoku Ikeda **Japanese** 

Legal Studies Nalini Jacob-roussety

**Rhiann Thomas** Literature

Mathematical Methods Han To Ngo

Mathematical Methods Jahanvi Shah

Music Performance Amy Tu

Philosophy Nalini Jacob-roussety

**Physical Education** Marcus Lai Hasna Kazi **Physics** 

Pranathi Katneni Psychology

Software Development Savio Pham



#### VCE Unit 3 & 4 Subject awards continued...

Specialist MathematicsHasna KaziSystems EngineeringRiley ThaiTheatre StudiesNathan DinhVisual Communication DesignJiny Jeong

#### Year 12 Endeavour Award

Anikait Anilkumar Patil

Dinithi Perera

Aaron Tran

## Nossal Academic Pin

Introduced by Ms Tracey Mackin

This is a prestigious symbol of academia at Nossal High School. Students who are presented with this award have been nominated across multiple domains for academic excellence.

Nalini Jacob-roussety - Year 11

Hasna Kazi - Year 12

Lola Sargasso - Year 10

Jazlyn Yap - Year 10

# Community and Service Awards

Introduced by Mr Keith Butler

#### Leadership

These awards go to the four School and Vice Captains, the exemplars of leadership for the school community throughout the year.

This award is presented to:

Shalaaka Brahmavar Kaaviyan Pathmasiri

Shivaani Sivaraj Sayed Rakin

#### **Sport**

These award go to the two students who have displayed outstanding performance, participation and sportsmanship throughout the year. They have not only performed at a high level in the sporting arena, but have also encouraged others to represent Nossal High School well.

This award is presented to:

Nikola Mandic Lily Vo



#### **Australian Olympic Change-Maker 2020**

The Australian Olympic Change-Maker program recognises and rewards students who are demonstrating the Olympic spirit through leadership and driving positive change in their communities. Recipients of this award receive a certificate from the AOC.

This award is presented to:

Somathyda Rim

Lily Vo

#### Music

This award goes to the student who displays outstanding performance and participation in the broad music program, and encourages the participation and inclusion of other students, contributing to the development of a music community at Nossal High School.

This award is presented to:

Jeremy Qi

#### **Dedicated Debater Award**

The Dedicated Debater Award recognises the contribution of a Nossal High School debater who, although not a debating captain, plays a significant role in debating in the school. As well as working with his or her own team, the recipient of this award assists other debaters and often attends debates to show support for speakers. We are grateful to Mrs Margaret Page for the generous donation of funds for the purchase of this trophy and for her ongoing support of debating in the school.

This award is presented to:

Nalini Jacob-roussety

#### **Student Representative Council (SRC) Award**

The two recipients of this award are selected by the Student Representative Council. They embody the Nossal philosophy of being involved, ethical and respectful, and consistently showing enthusiasm and pride for their school.

This award is presented to:

Nam Nguyen

Joel Whitcher

#### **Nossal Community Service Award**

This award goes to two students who have best represented the school in the wider community throughout the year. They have shown strong school spirit and have been outstanding ambassadors for Nossal High School.

This award is presented to:

Shalaaka Brahmavar

Kaaviyan Pathmasiri



#### The Harvard Club of Victoria Award

Harvard Prize Books are awarded to outstanding students in the next-to-graduating high school class who display excellence in scholarship and high character, combined with achievement in other fields. Donated by Harvard Clubs and Shared Interest Groups (SIGs), Prize Books are presented annually in over 2,000 high schools around the world.

This award is presented to:

Nalini Jacob-roussety

#### **Duffy and Simon Law Award**

(Donated by Duffy and Simon Lawyers)

Recognises academic merit, hard work or extra-curricular participation in Legal Studies. Nominated by the Humanities Domain Leader and the Legal Studies teachers, the recipient of this prize receives \$200, a certificate and gift provided by Duffy and Simon.

This award is presented to:

Nalini Jacob-roussety

#### The LaTrobe Leadership and Community Service Award

This award is given to a student who is recognised for their community spirit and leadership qualities. It is donated by the Member for LaTrobe. The recipient of this award receives a certificate from Jason Wood MP. This award is presented to:

Dinithi Perera

#### **Caltex Best All Rounder (Sponsored by Caltex)**

Recipients of this award excel in the following categories: academic achievement, a willingness to help others; conduct as a role model, participation in school and community activities, representing the school without necessarily being a champion, and participation in the Arts.

This award is presented to:

Hasna Kazi

#### Old Nossalonian's Alumni Award

This award is presented to a student who has demonstrated a strong commitment and high level contribution to a broad range of areas of Nossal Life. They embrace the challenge and demonstrate the Nossal ethos to the full.

This award is presented to:

Kaaviyan Pathmasiri



#### **ADF Awards**

(Sponsored by the Australian Defence Force)

Presented by Lieutenant Commander Dave Lassam RAN, (Rtd)

#### Long Tan Youth Leadership & Teamwork

The Battle of Long Tan holds a special place in the hearts and minds of Australians. In recognition of one of the defining moments in Australian military history, in August 2006 the then Prime Minister announced that it would be fitting to name the awards the 'ADF Long Tan Youth Leadership & Teamwork Awards'. It is also a fitting tribute to the Long Tan veterans, as the very traits they demonstrated such as determination, mateship, teamwork, tenacity, compassion and leadership, are the same attributes we hope to encourage and recognise in students.

The ADF Long Tan Youth Leadership and Teamwork Awards recognise students who demonstrate leadership and teamwork within both the school and the broader local community. At the same time, they recognise those who display strong values, such as doing one's best, respect for others and 'mateship', characteristics that are integral to Australian society.

The recipients receive a certificate and a \$250.00 cheque for the Year 10 winner and a \$550 cheque for the Year 12 winner.

Year 10 ADF Long Tan Youth Leadership & Teamwork Award is presented to: Milagros Vargas

Year 12 ADF Long Tan Youth Leadership & Teamwork Award is presented to:
Joel Whitcher

#### **Future Innovators Award**

In 2020 Defence Force Recruiting is introducing an inaugural 'ADF Future Innovators Award' open to Australian high school students currently completing Year 10 or Year 12. The award will recognise recipients' science and mathematics abilities while highlighting the value the Navy, Army and Air Force place on STEM skills and STEM career opportunities within Defence.

Students will be awarded on their ability to demonstrate innovation and learning in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. Each participating school can select a winner from Year 10 and a winner from Year 12.

Year 10 recipients will receive a prize of \$250 and Year 12 recipients will receive a prize of \$550.

Year 10 ADF Future Innovators Award is presented to:
Angel Alex

Year 12 ADF Future Innovators Award is presented to: Hasna Kazi



#### The Monash Award

(Sponsored by Monash University)

This award recognises a student who has demonstrated exemplary leadership and has combined this with achieving academic excellence.

The Monash Award is presented to:

Shalaaka Brahmavar

#### The Professor Leon Piterman Award

(Sponsored by Professor Leon Piterman AM)

This award recognises a student who shows excellent endeavour towards their studies and is an exemplary role model within the broader community.

This award is presented to:

Prachi Beniwal

# The Sir Gustav Nossal Medallion

Introduced by Mr Keith Butler

The Sir Gustav Nossal Medallion was introduced in 2017 as a prestigious award to recognise and encourage student participation in co-curricular activities. Such immersion in a range of activities is a Nossal High School expectation and contributes greatly to the development of well-rounded young people and leaders. Classification of activities is based on Howard Gardner's 'Five Minds for the Future' (2008). Therefore, students have their achievements and involvement recognised in activities classified as: Disciplined, Creative, Respectful, Ethical and Synthesising. Students work through levels of recognition at the Bronze, Silver and Gold Medal levels.

This is the first year graduating students have participated in the full four year program. In 2020, fifty-two students qualified for the Sir Gustav Nossal Gold Medallion. Tonight the top ten recipients are presented with their medals. All others will be presented at the Year 12 Valedictory Dinner in February 2021.

Congratulations to:

Yong En Foo Rohan Prince

Kriti Jain Shalaaka Brahmavar

Kaaviyansiri Pathmasiri Emma Carusi

Gauri Sawant Harsha Ruben Rajkumar

Zhoujing Amy Chu Tracy To

# Performance

## 'Concerto for Trombone and Piano' by Launy Grondahl

Performed by Arjuna Edirisinghe - trombone, accompanied by Mr Jarrah Whyte



# The School Council Award

Introduced by Mr Roger Page

This award is presented to the student who has taken the opportunities at Nossal High School and flourished in their academic endeavours, as demonstrated by their understanding, levels of participation, reflection and study habits.

This award is presented to:

**Anikait Patil** 

# Volunteer Community Service Award

The Community Service Award is presented in recognition of members of the wider school community who have provided exemplary service to the Nossal community. Recipients of this award have made a substantial contribution to the school over an extended period and exemplify the Nossal philosophy of being involved, ethical and respectful, and showing pride and enthusiasm for the school.

In 2020 we award two worthy recipients for their long-term commitment to our school.

#### **Ms Lien Luong**

Announced by Mr Roger Page

Lien is a parent who has had two children attend and graduate from Nossal High School, and she was one of the founding (and hardest working) members of the Parents and Friends Association. Lien has been in attendance at nearly every PFA activity and event and can always be relied upon to welcome new parents and assist with whatever task is required. She continues to actively support the school, even though her children have departed, and we sincerely thank her for her dedicated voluntary service and assistance.

#### **PSW**

Announced by Ms Gayl Shute

PSW, our official school uniform suppliers, were approached in 2009 to assist with the design and production of a uniform for the new Nossal High School. At that time, Mr Page met with Mr George Athas (the General Manager of Business) and Mr Anthony Sterpin (General Manager and CEO) and the unique Nossal uniform was created. PSW do much more than just supply our uniforms though and have been very generous benefactors to the wider educational community for a long period of time, and have freely provided significant additional resources, services and goods to support us directly over the past 11 years. We thank Anthony for his vison and generosity and George for his long-term friendship and active support of our school community.

# Special Presentation - Recognition of Outstanding Contribution

Announced by Mr Roger Page

This year we pay tribute to three retiring Nossal staff members who have each played a huge role in shaping the school, contributing to our successes, and who have held important leadership roles.

Each of them has made a long-term contribution to Victorian state education and their work has positively impacted on the lives of thousands of young people.

While we are very sad to see them leave the school we are very grateful that they chose to spend time at Nossal, extremely appreciative of their wonderful contribution to our school, and we have been greatly enriched by their presence.

We wish them well and will be ever in their debt.

Mrs Nancy Waddington is the Director of Music at Nossal and under her leadership the music program flourished and grew – our academic results improved, and our ensemble program diversified and expanded. Nancy is an exceptionally hard worker, who never complains. She puts in huge amounts of additional time to ensure that the students enjoy myriad performance opportunities, and to showcase the high levels of music proficiency that our students achieve. Nancy can take much credit for the outstanding musical performances that we see and hear. Her work brings great enjoyment, and much reward and recognition. Sadly, Nancy will be taking ill-health retirement at the end of the year. She will be greatly missed but can be very proud of what she has achieved, and the foundations she has set will enable the program to continue to be a showcase for Nossal for years to come.

Mr Keith Butler has worked for the Department of Education for over 40 years and has made an enduring contribution to the lives of many thousands of students and staff in that time. Keith was appointed to Nossal as Assistant Principal in mid-2015. Even during that comparatively short period of time, the demands of the role have increased exponentially and we absolutely rely on Keith to keep the school running smoothly and safely. His departure will create a significant gap for us that we will have trouble filling, although he intends to come back and do some voluntary work for the school during his retirement, so the relationship will continue and we will still benefit from his dedication and input long into the future. On behalf of the Victorian State Education Department, we thank Keith for his long and dedicated service to the students of Victoria and for his contribution to Nossal High School in particular, and wish him a long, happy and productive retirement.

Gayl Shute has been the Business Manager at Nossal High School since 2009 and was the third staff member, and first administrative staff member, appointed to the school to help set up the operational, financial and support services for the then new school. The role of Business Manager is a key senior leadership role that carries significant responsibility and requires a diverse and specialised skill set. Great schools require great Business Managers, and our successes are due in no small part to the enormous impact of her work in creating the conditions, processes, and resources to stimulate and enable that success. As one of the most experienced and proficient Business Managers in the state, Gayl too has made an outstanding contribution to state education over a long period of time, and as one of the very first Foundation staff members was instrumental in the creation and development of Nossal High School. We will greatly miss her professionalism, humour, and friendship, and wish her the best for her well-earned retirement.



## **House Awards**

Introduced by Ms Fiona de Zylva

House Awards are given to both House Captains and two other House members. The House member recipients are decided by the House Captains and are students who served and represented their House to an exemplary standard throughout the year.

#### Garuda

Awarded to: House Captains: House Members:

Aaron Niranjan Ashali Haputhanthri

Shakthi Senthilkumar Zarin Zoha

Griffin

Awarded to: House Captains: House Members:

Dimuthu Fernando Biruntha Muhunthan Ilan D'Lima Samudra Pathmasiri

**Pegasus** 

Awarded to: House Captains: House Members:

Rahul Bhondi Rahul Preman

Tracy To Savindee Dewundara Liyanage

Phoenix

Awarded to: <u>House Captains:</u> <u>House Members:</u>

Lily Vo Nadia Hadzikadic Korsitha Rodrigo Nuo (Cecila) Liu

**House Award Trophies** 

Swimming Awarded to: Pegasus
Iso-letics Awarded to: Phoenix
Lockdown Olympics Awarded to: Phoenix
Performing Arts Awarded to: Garuda

Debating Awarded to: Garuda

Awarded to: Phoenix

# The Page Cup

This cup is awarded to the House that has accumulated the most points throughout the academic year. The points are awarded for all House events.

The winner of the 2020 Page Cup is Phoenix

Video Tribute to The Class of 2020

Principal's Address - Mr Roger Page

School Captain's Address

Shalaaka Brahmavar & Kaaviyan Pathmasiri



# Passing of the Colours

Reflection on the 2020 Academic Year and announcement of the 2021 School Captains

# The Nossal Excellence Awards

#### **Five Minds for the Future Awards**

Introduced by Ms Tracey Mackin

At Nossal High School we aspire and work hard to prepare our students for the future. We use Howard Gardner's Five Minds for the Future as a framework to develop our students' skills and capacities. These awards are designed to acknowledge students who exemplify each of Gardner's Five Minds. These prizes are made possible by the Nossal Parents and Friends' Association.

The Disciplined Mind Award is given to a student within the school who demonstrates great depth and breadth of knowledge within a particular discipline of knowledge. They show curiosity, persistence and passion for their discipline and extend their engagement beyond the normal curriculum offerings made by the school.

Presented to:

Joel Whitcher

The Creative Mind Award is given to a student within the school who demonstrates the ability to create new and innovative products. These products may be in artistic pursuits within and beyond the school, or they may be in developing new technology and/or solutions.

Presented to:

Neha De Alwis

The Respectful Mind Award is given to a student within the school who demonstrates respect for others, diversity, inclusion and participation. They treat others with care and kindness.

Presented to:

Kaaviyan Pathmasiri

The Ethical Mind Award is given to a student within the school who demonstrates a strong social conscience and/or moral leadership. For example they are proactive in discussing and promoting ethical responses in public and/or participation in volunteer and community groups promoting social justice.

Presented to:

Shalaaka Brahmavar

**The Synthesising Mind Award** is given to a student who demonstrates the ability to bring together disparate strands of knowledge to achieve an outstanding product, performance or contribution to the school community. For example, outstanding research and analysis skills or using multiple areas of knowledge to mount a cogent argument.

Presented to:

Joel Siaw



# Most Outstanding Student Awards

Awarded to the student who has shown the strongest learning dispositions across all of the subjects in which they are enrolled for the year.

#### **Most Outstanding Student of Year 9**

This student will be presented with a \$250 scholarship, individual trophy and framed certificate.

Presented to Elizabeth Chu

#### **Most Outstanding Student of Year 10**

This student will be presented with a \$250 scholarship, individual trophy and framed certificate. *Presented to Jazlyn Yap* 

#### **Most Outstanding Student of Year 11**

This student will be presented with a \$250 scholarship, individual trophy and framed certificate.

Presented to Nalini Jacob-Roussety

# The Roger Page Award

Introduced and presented by Mr Roger Page

To the student who has made the most significant contribution to the House system competition throughout the year. They have shown excellent communication to the school community and have motivated the whole school population to become involved. They have a competitive spirit, yet recognise that the group is more important than the individual, and their modelling of exemplary participation has contributed to the success of the House System.

Presented to Sharon Asok Easter Rajulu

## Virtual Staff Processional

# Nossal High School Professional Learning Fellowship

Staff are invited to apply for a \$5000 scholarship to advance their own professional learning in an area that will bring benefit to the whole school community. It is a merit based selection process.

Presented to Ms Jessica Ball and Mr Leigh Jose

# Sir Gustav Nossal Award

This award is received by the Dux of Nossal High School's Class of 2019 and awarded to the Year 12 student who achieved the highest ATAR. This student has been invited to return ceremony to receive their award and acknowledgment.

This year's award is presented to a student who Obtained Nossal's first ATAR of 99.95, and is currently studying a Bachelor of Commerce (Economics and Finance majors) at the University of Melbourne:

Ruby Bai

Please note: The 2020 VCE results will be released on Wednesday 30 December. We will invite the dux from the Class of 2020 to be presented at Speech Night in 2021.

## Performance

#### 'Appassionato' by Sook

Performed by Jeremy Qi, accompanied by Ms Debbie Haskall

# Speech Night Conclusion and Farewell

Shalaaka Brahmavar & Kaaviyan Pathmasiri



## Year 9 Students 2020

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Pooja Don Manuvelge Don

Cassandra Arden De Leon

Chanumi Dassanayaka

Pooja Don Manuvelge
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Eric D'souza
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Hadar Flenner
Dinura Galuge
Sandra Gao
Krish Gautam
Dharmesh Ghodadara
Siddhanth Girish
Tessica Gomez

Dashiell Gunawardene

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Silas Liu Nikitha Lysan Hanzhe Lyu Rithick Maheswaran Ishaan Makkar

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Khuushi Mongia
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Aalia Muller
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Luca Nathan
Narren Nedumaran
Claire Nguyen
Jayden Nguyen
Mathew Nguyen
Peter Nguyen

Daksha Pai Lois Pal

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Jheel Patel
Meshwa Patel
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# Sir Gustav Nossal Statue Appeal



Sir Gustav Nossal is a world renowned Australian scientist and is the patron and namesake of Nossal High School (an academically selective government high school in Berwick Victoria.) Sir Gus is very actively involved in the School, including formal occasions like the annual Foundation Assembly and Speech Night. He has personally greeted all students to Nossal High School since the School's inception in 2010, and since then every new Nossal student and staff member has been presented with a badge and personally welcomed by Sir Gus at their first assembly. At nearly 90 years of age, he is still an

inspirational role model for our students, who mob him like a rock star when he visits.

In 1939 at the age of eight, Sir Gus fled with his parents from Nazi occupied Austria. He started at school in Australia unable to speak English but graduated as dux of his secondary school. He studied at Sydney University and became a doctor before entering medical research and becoming director of the Walter and Eliza Hall medical research institution in Melbourne, which he led for 31 years. His research looked at the body's immune system and how it is able to defend itself against bacteria and viruses, but at the same time tolerate its own tissues and proteins. This research led to a Knighthood in 1977 and the awarding of the Albert Einstein World Award for Science in 1990 for someone who has "brought true benefit and well-being to mankind". These achievements are still relevant today in the fight against COVID-19 and the development of an effective vaccine. Sir Gus has also embraced many other causes outside medical research including aboriginal reconciliation and in 2000 he was named as Australian of the Year. Sir Gus is someone who has embraced the Challenge of Life and can inspire us all with his achievements.

Nossal High School is honoured to be associated with such an inspirational and eminent Australian.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gustav Nossal

We would like to honour Sir Gus with a lifesized, bronze sculpture placed prominently at the entry to the school where it will be visible to visitors and the wider community. Rather than being a static figure, we would like to commission a sculpture that promotes interaction with the observer similar to this sculpture in Amsterdam.



Future generations of Nossal students will be able to physically connect with Sir Gus and the community will have a lasting tribute to remind us of his exceptional contributions.

The School Council have approached several Australian based sculptors for ideas and costings. Commissioning a bronze sculpture is not cheap! One of the concepts we have received is shown below:



This depicts a seated Sir Gus on a bench that invites the viewer to sit beside him and reflect. The bench would be decorated with motifs representing the four Houses of Nossal.

Sir Gus is not aware of any other sculptures of himself, so this will be a unique opportunity to honour him and provide an enduring legacy. To realise this vision, the School is aiming to raise \$90,000 and the School Council is asking members of the community to consider making a contribution to help us to reach this target. We realise this may be a difficult time to seek donations, but your contribution will not only provide an enduring tribute to Sir Gus but will also support the Australian Arts Community during these difficult times.

We are seeking contributions or sponsorships from companies and businesses, and donations over \$2000 will be acknowledged on an accompanying plaque.

Donations over \$2 are tax deductible and all donations, large or small, will help us to honour this great man.

To make a donation, go to https://www.trybooking.com/au/donate/sirgusnossalstatue





# Embrace the Challenge

