

PRESIDENT'S REPORT, 2020 – SOCIETY AND CULTURE ASSOCIATION OF NSW

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Welcome to the first edition of CultureScope for 2021 which showcases the successes of students and teachers of Society and Culture during the past year. I will, as so many others have, use the term 'unprecedented' to describe the events of 2020. It seemed additionally meaningful to be able to celebrate these successes at the State Library of NSW during our HSC Awards evening in February.

During 2020, the SCA provided a series of submissions and responses in regards to the Curriculum review, while also initiating some new ventures, such as our Preliminary examination and marking guidelines (free for members) and our "Keep on PIPping" and "Taste of PL" sessions during Term 2 and 4 of 2020. We aspire to continue offering members with these services during 2021, as utilising online platforms and forums assists in our charter of supporting all teachers and students across NSW.

Membership subscriptions play a vital role for a voluntary professional association such as ours. They enable us to sustain and develop the many important services and professional learning opportunities we provide. Your ongoing support means that as an association, we can continue to provide you with the benefits that come with being a valued member of the Society and Culture Association. We understand that there have been some issues with online membership renewals and member resource sections. We are currently going through enquiries and rectifying the requests made so your understanding has been greatly appreciated during this time.

Please use the following link to follow the prompts in renewing your membership <https://sca.nsw.edu.au/become-a-member/>

This year, the Society and Culture Association has organised four exciting professional learning seminars that will outline the many different aspects involved in teaching the Preliminary and Higher School Certificate courses in 2021. The key dates for these events are as follows:

- Term 1: Flagship FUNdamentals (19th of March) – Preliminary course
- Term 2: HSC Study Day 2021 (1st of July) – Wesley Theatre
- Term 2: Weeks 3, 6, 9 – Keep on PIPping sessions and 'Learning about Lifeskills'
- Term 3: It's Time (30th of July) – HSC course
- Term 4: PIP day HSC 2022 (27th of October) – Wesley Theatre
- Term 4: Teacher ZOOM sessions – we will survey members regarding topics they would like covered here.

Stay tuned for the official flyers that will be emailed to members and promoted via social media for our members throughout the year.

We would like also take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support in the engagement of our events and are excited about the year ahead. I would also like to extend my thanks to the 2021 Committee, volunteers who have continually worked behind the scenes to coordinate the Awards evening, develop resources for CultureScope, administer the website, manage enquiries, organise and prepare for the Flagship FUNdamentals event and begin initial planning for the Preliminary exam 2021 that will be released to members. 2021 promises to be an exciting year in the world of Society and Culture.

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