



# Presentation Day

Wednesday 11th December 2019



Wednesday 11th December 2019, 11.00am, 60-80 Barak Lane, Healesville.

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## Highlights include:

### A special feature will be a musical item with Worawa and the Australian Girls Choir

On Presentation Day we will acknowledge and reward the achievement of our students and we extend an invitation to special guests and supporters to join us in this celebration. RSVP essential. Guests must be seated by 10.50am. Following the Awards Ceremony guests may adjourn to the Sandra Bardas Gallery to view an exciting exhibition of Aboriginal fine art by our students and communities they come from. This event is not suitable for young children.

### Key Note Speaker, Nova Peris OAM

Nova Peris OAM, Aboriginal activist, Commonwealth Games Gold Medallist, Hockey player, Olympian, Politician and Track and field athlete and staunch campaigner for Indigenous rights and Reconciliation.

A proud Aboriginal woman, Nova has traditional links with the Gidja People of East Kimberley, Yawuru People of West Kimberley and Muran People of West Arnhem land. Nova is one of a very few athletes who have represented their country in two different sports at separate Olympic Games.

As part of the Australian women's hockey team at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, Nova was the first Aboriginal Australian to win an Olympic gold medal. She later switched to athletics and contested the 1998 Commonwealth Games where she won two gold medals; one for the 200m and another for the 4x100m relay. Nova also competed at the Sydney Olympics; she reached the semi-finals of the 400m and was also a member of the 4x400m relay team.

Throughout her career, Nova has been the recipient of a number of awards and honours. In 1997 she was awarded both the Young Australian of the Year award and the Order of Australia 'for service to sport as a gold medallist in the Atlanta Olympic Games, 1996'. She was awarded the Australian Sports Medal in June 2000.

Nova served in the Australian Senate from November 2013 until May 2016. She was the first Indigenous woman to serve in Federal Parliament.



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