Asquith Boys High School Community Newsletter



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Leadership day is about the whole ABHS prefect body helping to develop Leadership, Teamwork, Communication and Organisation skills in the Year 7 boys through 5 activities were built around these four goals. Planning for this day started in November 2012 at the Leadership Camp. The day was a huge success; the Year 7 boys were excited and couldn't wait till the activities started.

River Crossing

This activity demanded more than just leadership and discussion. Some of the groups solved it straight away but others took some time due to lack of communication skills. They discovered no particular individual was a leader but everyone in their team was a team player and made it across through teamwork and communication to achieve a common goal which was to get everyone across. Each group demonstrated their own type of method for crossing 'the river'.





The Amazon

The groups arrived to the activity seeing the prefects dressed in lab coats, Rex the skeleton (kindly loaned to us by the PE department for the day), a platform of drama boxes and a scattering of equipment.



The task was simple: use the equipment to grab a bucket

(about 5m from the platform) while staying on the platform and without touching the grass. Surprisingly every group leapt into the challenge and after a slow start and some prompting from the prefects each group showed excellent teamwork. We enjoyed running the activity as much as the Year 7s enjoyed participating.

Trivia Quiz

In this activity the group is split into two smaller groups where in Team 1 everyone works on their own and in Team 2 they work as a team to answer 10 questions. The two teams would then reverse positions as individuals and team. The point of the game was to decide what got the better results; to work as a team and/or as an individual. Also it gave the boys the chance to see what skills they possess to be a leader or a team member.



Spiders Web



The boys were required to work together to make it through the web. They had to talk and use their strength to go through the higher holes; they would fail if they didn't talk and work together. After the game, the boys sat down with the prefects and debriefed about the game and how to improve their results. One of the boys said "I could never do it if my friend had not encouraged me because I am afraid of heights and the game was great - I loved the feeling when I made it through the gap".



Team Challenge

Team Challenge, comprised of a course in which the boys had to race another team to win. They had to utilise leadership skills such as team work, forward thinking, initiative and most importantly the ability to be able to listen to one another. First there was the plank run, whereby the teams had to synchronize their movements to get the planks off the start line. Next up was the bicycle tyre race. In this activity the boys had to form a circle and then think about how they were going to get multiple tyres







around the circle without letting go of each other. Finally was the **bridge race**. In this challenge the entire team must select one individual, who had to 'walk' to the end of the field on sticks held by the team. They could not touch the ground. Using sticks the team needed

to coordinate itself so that each pair, when the person walked across their sticks, quickly needed to move to the front to make a continuous bridge.

Water Retrieval

The aim of this activity was to get the boys to work as a team and communicate and lead each other in resolving how to get the bucket of water safely without falling into the 'toxic waste'.

The boys all worked together and most of all enjoyed the BBQ lunch provided by the school.

I know that the Prefects would not have been able to do all the preparation to make the day run smoothly without Mr Broome and Mr Laing's constant nagging, the support from all teachers and the help and knowledge of Ms Aime Liiband. The ABHS Prefect Body would like to congratulate Mr Broome on his first year of running this event alongside Mr Laing. Nicholas Bepper, Yr12 Prefect

What some of the Year 7s thought about Leadership Day

It was fun and creative & exciting. (Patrick)

I liked the sausage sandwiches because they were well cooked. (Anderson)

I loved that Mr Broome gave me a can of Sprite.

Loved 'Amazon' and the sausage sizzle. (Aaron)

It was fun. (Troy)

I think it was fun. (Kefah)

I really enjoyed leadership day and I would love to do it again. (Mitchell)

We got free food which was great. (Sam)

Free food was good x 3

I enjoyed 'Hot Chocolate River'. (Lachlan G.)

Leadership Day was a lot of fun and we learnt to not be the only leaders. (Tristan)

I think overall it was pretty good and I liked the 'spider web' the best and I think you need to work on the 'Amazon'. (Ben D.)

I think it was a great day; but they should improve on the 'Amazon' or take it away and the sausages weren't cooked. (Jack)

Leadership Day is awesome! (Dylan)

It was fun. The teamwork was important. (Bryan)

'Trivia' was the best bit. (Aidan)

We all worked together to get past the tests. (Matthew)

The activities were fun and well organised. (Aidan)

I really enjoyed the Leadership Day. I have learnt teamwork in the 'hot chocolate river' and 'spider web' activity. (Mikkail)

I liked the prefects/Leaders as they helped out with us and everything else. (Matthew)

All the prefects and activities were cool. (Liam)

All activities were very enjoyable. (Anthony)











PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

P & C Community Fun Day

The annual P&C Community Fun Day will be held on Sunday 8th September. Hard working members of the P&C have been preparing for this day for almost a year. There will be musical performances all day, football matches (including the annual clash between current students and old boys), food, stalls, a car display and an art display. Once again this promises to be a huge community event and also a significant component of the P&C's fund raising for the year. The bulk of funds raised this year will go towards the construction of an outdoor deck/cafe to be built between the TAS Block and water tanks. Please come along and support this event. The Community Day will be preceded by a **P &C Working Bee on Sunday 25th August**.

Leadership Day

The annual Leadership Day, involving the Prefects and all Year 7 students, was held on 23 July. Once again we are indebted to Ms Aime Liiband, a parent of a former ABHS student, for helping us run this very successful event which has become a very significant feature on our calendar. The Prefects led a series of fun activities for groups of Year 7 boys based around a leadership theme. I regard all of our boys as future leaders and am very proud of the leadership skills that we incorporate into our extra-curricula activities. Congratulations to all participants, especially the event co-ordinator, Prefects Superviser, Mr Broome.

Snow Trip

This year we made the annual snow excursion available to all Year 10 students. Skiing conditions turned out to be excellent and the boys had a fantastic time. Participation and behaviour of our boys was exemplary. My thanks to the staff who attended and congratulations to Mr Corbitt for his outstanding organisation.

Beijing Students

Along with Asquith Girls High School and Asquith Primary School we recently hosted a visit by 35 students from a school in Beijing, China. 12 boys of high school age spent several days shadowing our students in classes and all aspects of school life. The visiting students were billeted by ABHS students and teachers. The visitors were impressed by the friendly nature of our students and thoroughly enjoyed their time at ABHS and the opportunity to improve their English language skills. Overall the visit was a great success and I look forward to future exchanges. My thanks to staff and students who hosted the Chinese students and event co-ordinator, Ms Lee.

Terry Griffiths, Principal

OLD BOYS NEWS – Joshua Denyer

Mount Colah's Billy Elliot searches for scholarship



Josh Denyer will go toe-to-toe with the best dancers in the country. Source: Supplied

At 18, Josh Denyer of Mount Colah has already made it and he's well on the way to achieving his dreams.

On Sunday, he went toe-to-toe with the best dancers in the country, as one of eight finalists in the Sydney Eisteddfod McDonald's Ballet Scholarships

From over 170 hopeful entrants, Mr Denyer was the only Sydney-based finalist and is regarded by many as the finest technician of the four male finalists.

"I am amazed and very happy to be in the final," he said last week

Mr Denyer fell short of the top prize, which went to a dancer from Newcastle

The winner took home an \$18,000 scholarship, and \$12,000 was awarded to the best dancer of the opposite sex to the winner.

The former Asquith Boys' High student is no stranger to the stage, and is probably best known for playing the lead in Billy Elliott, the Musical in Sydney and Melbourne.

He was subsequently rewarded with the 2008 Green Room Award for A Male Artist in a Leading Role in Musical Theatre and the 2009 Australian Dance Award for Outstanding Performance in a Stace Musical Theatre.

Photography by Ms Cooke



Writers Awards



Debating Awards



































































Some of the Reports Awards recipients (above) &





Congratulations & Well done to ALL the Award recipients

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Term 3 is well underway, with a large number of activities keeping our students engaged.

Most notably, the Year 12 Trial HSC examinations will provide students an opportunity to demonstrate their learning and identify any particular areas for further revision. It is essential that students use the feedback from the Trial HSC to guide their preparation for the external examinations which begin in October. The HSC examination timetable is available online at the following address:

http://studentsonline.bos.nsw.edu.au/documents/hsc_timetable_2013_booklet.pdf

Rail Travel

From time to time Mr Griffiths and myself receive complaints from members of the public about the conduct of some ABHS students on trains. This occurs on both the Berowra and Central Coast services. The major causes for complaint include noise, inappropriate language and students crowding the vestibule area. Every issue brought to our attention investigated thoroughly. Some of the steps taken by us to address problems on trains have included:

- Rail safety workshops for junior students run by Rail Corp;
- Deputy Principal presence on Asquith Station and selected rail services;
- Counselling of individual students involved;
- Mentoring of junior students by seniors;
- Reminders of travel etiquette at assemblies and Year meetings.

Families are reminded that the Police, Sydney Trains (metropolitan services) and NSW Trainlink (outer metropolitan – Central Coast services) officers patrol trains and may withdraw travel privileges if required. I urge all students to consider the preservation of our school's good name in the community when they are on their way to or from school and would appreciate parental support in this matter. Our school is certainly not alone in this issue, and it is widely known that the vast majority of ABHS students do the right thing when travelling.

Mr Andrew Skehan, Deputy Principal

MISS MASHMAN & MACHU PICCHU INCA TRAIL



12th August 2013 –Media release

Mount Colah and Asquith Boys High School local tackles high altitude adventure for Youngcare

Ms Laura Mashman from Sydney's Northern suburbs has challenged herself to trek high in the Andean mountains ending with a visit to the famous Machu Picchu ruins. Laura is taking on the 2013 *Youngcare* Machu Picchu Inca Trail challenge to help the 7,500 young Aussies who are currently forced to live in aged care.



"Aged care is no place for a young person so I hope to make a difference by taking on this Challenge and raising much needed money," Laura said. "I am undertaking this challenge for those that cannot. Don't take anything for granted and appreciate the little things in life."

The trek starts in a quiet, rural valley between Cuzco and the Sacred Valley and finishes in Ollantaytambo, only seven miles upstream from the start of the Inca Trail. It will take the Challengers through seldom-visited Andean villages, Inca and pre-Inca ruins and heads onto a beautiful altiplano plateau surrounded by glaciated peaks.

Youngcare works to provide choice in care and housing to young people with high care needs. Right now in Australia 7,500 young people are living in aged care and further 700,000 are being cared for at home, often with limited support.

For the Challenge Laura will fly from Australia to Peru, spend six days trekking then explore Cuzco before returning home. Laura has set her a fundraising target of \$8,000. To help Ms Mashman reach her target visit http://www.youngcaresupporters.com.au/laura_jane_mashman and make a donation.

About *Youngcare* - *Youngcare* is a national not-for-profit organisation working to provide choice in care and housing options for the 7,500 young people currently living in aged care, and the further 700,000 being cared at home. The Simpson Desert Challenge will help Youngcare raise awareness and spread the word about of the lack of appropriate care and housing options for young Australians with 24/7 care needs

YEAR 11 'MEN OF HONOUR' EXCURSION

Year 11 recently went to the 'Men of Honour' excursion, part of the Asquith Boys Crossroads program, which looks at the issues affecting boys becoming men.

Glen Gerreyn, the widely respected *Men of Honour* program creator, was the Keynote speaker. His unique style and presentation captured the boys attention throughout this entertaining and hard-hitting seminar. He fearlessly tackles the often difficult issues that boys face as they are growing up. Glen is a most inspiring and influencing peer of young men of this generation. *Men of Honour* is a about the dangers of social issues, bringing both immediate and potentially far reaching benefits to males of all ages, challenging them to make honourable choices in how they live their lives.

"Male by birth, man by choice"

The day started on a great note as the boys were greeted with pancakes before the first session where Glen laid the foundation for the day.

The first session began with a Push Up competition with Buddy Khouri coming a very respectable second with 56 continuous push



ups. With recess upon us quite quickly, Paris Konstantopoulos came first in the Bench Press competition winning three of Glen Gerreyn's books, which he has kindly donated to library.

Second session was predominantly about the dangers of drugs and alcohol, the effects of these not only to the person, but how it affects the extended family and friends.



The boys were very excited to come out at lunch where jumping castles were waiting for them, among other inflatable slides and gladiator style equipment.

It was a fantastic day, with all the boys very well behaved and enjoying themselves immensely.

"We had a wonderful day and were so impressed by the maturity and behaviour of all the boys" Event Co-ordinator Belinda Gerreyn.

This excursion was a great success for most, with many of the boys and some parents asking for more information about the issues Glen spoke about on the day.

Mr Josephs, Year 11 Adviser

ATAR CLUB

Additional assistance for students in Year 12

A new element at our school for students in Year 12 is the ATAR Club. It focusses on improving students' skills in time management, study skills, reducing exam stress, developing and improving essay writing skills as well as answering short answer questions. A variety of teachers from different subjects will be volunteering their time to assist students. The teachers have a wide range of experience and will offer advice and useful tips to students. The majority of teachers have marked the Higher School Certificate for many years. The ATAR Club will run Thursday afternoons and every 2nd Monday afternoon after school in the school library.

More information can be found by speaking to Miss Evans in the HSIE faculty.

2013 School Photos

The school photos have been handed out to students. If your son paid for but has not received his photos please have him see Mrs Laffer ASAP.

Did you like the 2013 photo cover?

Many thanks to Ms Holder for her expertise in photographic and digital media to create this eyecatching cover which featured artwork created by 26 of our students.

Featured artists were: Ciaran De Kort, Elias Boer, Ben Cant, Lachlan Miles, Dominic Hewes, Callum Fenech, Joshua Chapman, Oliver Shepherd, Joshua Jean-Jacquet, James Sheridan, Jacob Chantarat, Jake Bartley, Kean Miles, Nick Raymond, Joel Peterson, Matthew Douglas, Silvan He, Jarrod Griffith, Stuart Armstrong, Lukas Skov, Ryan O'Donohue, Deacon Mirabile, Michael Muirhead, Joseph Nelson, James Vaughan and Sam Powell.

All featured artists will be receiving an award at the next formal assembly (29th August).



Any feedback regarding the quality of the photography packages is also very welcome and is passed on to the photographers to ensure that a high quality is maintained.

Small group photos are now on display in the glass cabinet at the end of the A block top corridor. Students wishing to place an order should collect an order envelope from the front office. **All small group orders must be handed in to the front office by Wednesday 28th August.** Late orders will not be processed.



8E SCIENCE EXCURSION TO BICENTENNIAL PARK HOMEBUSH BAY

FRIDAY 8 AUGUST

Reflections / Questions / Facts / Observations from 8E

We caught the 8.40 am train from Hornsby to Epping. From Epping we caught the train to Concord West and walked to The Bicentennial Park.

- The escalators at Epping railway station were really tall and fun.
- Is Parramatta River the 4th most polluted river in the world?
- Did they bury all that rubbish, chemicals and train carriages underground just for the Olympics?
- Did you know that mangroves saved a lot of places from major damage during the recent Tsunami?
- The home units around the Bicentennial park area cost more than \$700,000 just for the view but did you know that people hated mangroves just because of the smell that comes out of that area.
- Those snorkels that these mangroves have are very interesting features.
- Did you ever lick the leaf of a mangrove? It is really salty.
- Fishing the bugs and classifying them as sensitive and tolerant bugs was fun.
- Lichen is an algae and a fungus living together.
- Measuring all the abiotic factors using the correct equipment was fun.
- Mangroves are a nursery for fish and a temporary habitat for many migratory birds that come from as far as China.
- The mangrove graveyard is a good reminder for us of algal bloom.

Over all it was a hands on, informative, fun filled, working excursion where we learnt a lot, the weather was just right and our teachers had a great time.

We thank all the parents for their continual support for all our Educational Excursions.

The Science Staff

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

On the 5th of June a group of students from Year 10 and the environment committee went to Abbotsleigh Girl's school in Wahroonga to attend a student conference on environmental issues. The keynote speaker was **Bernie Hobbs**, an ABC science presenter who had created an interactive carbon footprint calculator. Based on what you ate, how you heated your house and how far you travelled, it determined at what point in your life, you had exhausted your allowed emissions. Mr Yates was chosen from the audience and discovered that he would have done this at 9 years old. After the shock of this finding we were off to our seminars, which proved interesting and engaging.

Speakers included:

- ❖ Sydney Pemberton a local chef; talked about how people are changing the way we think about food
- ❖ David Burns CEO of Sustain 450; talking about the life cycle of "things" and how what we see as "waste" can become "resource".
- ❖ Alex Lachsz NSW School's coordinator for the Australian Youth Climate Coalition; speaking about the impact young people can have on the issue of climate change.
- ❖ Nardi Simpson A young indigenous leader from Taronga Zoo who spoke very movingly about why a sense of "country" should be important to you.
- ❖ Ann Austin An Architect who works at Lend Lease in sustainability.

After our seminars we were off to our round table discussions where students from all schools came together to discuss about issues that interested them such as bottled water, recycling or fair trade. These sessions proved useful as everyone walked away from the discussion with new ideas on how to integrate their chosen subject into their school. We decided to create a campaign to encourage less bottled water at school.

Following this we all walked down to the gardens surrounding the Abbotsleigh Environmental Education Centre for afternoon tea, excellently prepared by the Abbotsleigh hospitality faculty, to discuss how we could become more active in protecting our environment.

By Michael Cowell (Year10)

GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION CONFERENCE

A range of teachers from different faculty areas attended the 3 day Gifted and Talented Education Conference at Darling Harbour. Keynote speakers from the US, such as June Maker, were joined by local teachers in presenting practical workshops to expose our teachers to new and innovative techniques in teaching our brightest boys.

Some of the workshops focused on how to identify the qualities of gifted or talented students as well as designing units of work to extend brighter students beyond their minimum capabilities. Boys especially can tend to do the minimum work required to get them through school and with technology dominating their lives it is getting harder to engage them in traditional education techniques. This is why a creative approach is needed to link their world with the skills required to enter the workforce as competent as possible.

Even though the conference was aimed at the brightest students much of what was presented could be adapted to all levels of teaching and will lift creativity I teaching across the school especially with introduction of the national curriculum over the next 2 years. At ABHS we have a culture of delivering creative, practical curriculum to engage boys in learning and continue to cater for gifted and talented boys through our enrichment classes and extra-curricular activities.

Mr Robertson

Gifted and Talented Co-ordinator

Invitation to all ABHS students and their families



You are invited to attend a celebration of works in

ASQUITH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL 2013

ABHS Hall Jersey St Asquith NSW 2077 Enquiries: 94773508

Tuesday 20 August HSC Drama "Family & Friends Soiree'

Drama Studio 27 Starting 6.30pm

Wednesday 21 August HSC Music Soiree

Drama Studio 27 Starting 6.30pm

Thursday 22 August, 2013 at 7.30pm

Official opening and Special Awards Presentation

Friday 23 August, 2013 9am - 3pm

Saturday 24 August, 2013 10am - 1pm



Calum ANDERSON Luke ARNAMNART James BELLAMY Nicholas BEPPER Matthew DOUGLAS Jarrad JONES Lachlan KELLY Mikelis KNOCHS Brandon LIQUETE Stanley LUK Michael M UIR HEAD Eden PERCIVAL Nicholas RAYMOND Luke SHEPLEY James SHERIDAN Alexander WHITNEY Stuart ARMSTRONG Connor HOWE Kyle JENKINS Connot MILLIST Jake OSYPENKO Nicholas RAYMOND Arman SHAHDOSTI Jackson BESLEY William O'DONOHUE







Asquith boys High School *Kitchen Battles' Competition Grow 2013 bow

When: Term 3 & 4
Where: Kitchen 1
Cost: \$20 entry

Compete to become the
2013 ABHS Kitchen Battles winner,
for prizes and fun.
Compete in quarters, semi and
grand final.
The top two will then compete against
other schools in area.



TAS NEWS

Year 7 Food Technology

Term 2 - Healthy Canteen Creation - The students were asked to create a healthy filling for a jacket potato to be served in a canteen as a winter warmer. All the students created some marvellous fillings, which were very creative indeed. Evidently, by the photographic evidence they really enjoyed their own cooking and particularly the eating. It was very exciting to see them use their imaginative minds and work so well. Well done boys, a great effort!

Mr T. Josephs, Hospitality Teacher















Year 8 Wood Technology

In term 2 the Year 8's were asked to choose a 4-5 letter word. Then using a coping saw cut out the letters and sand them back to give them a smooth finish. They then had to paint them and sand back the paint to give the end result a rustic sea-side finish. The students all performed the task very well and should be very proud of their work!











Year 9/10 Food Technology

Food Trends - This term the students had to research the idealisms of Food Trends in Australia. They looked at different food serving styles such as a la carte. They discovered how Australian eating habits have changed from the old meat and 3 veg to a plethora of multi-cultural foods that we now eat. They looked into the influence of organic and genetically modified foods, and how meal replacement bars and shakes have become a permanent part of our food landscape.

The students had a Task Assessment where they needed to research a local catering establishment, then cook and serve it the classroom kitchen. Most did a fantastic job. Ben Adams cooked a 3 course meal and presented a sensational portfolio - we were all very excited and proud of his effort. Excellent effort boys!

















Year 11 Hospitality

In term 2 the boys went out to complete their first of two work placements. To their credit they were outstanding. Never before I have had the pleasure of all 17 students and employers give so much positive feedback. I was blown away with the enthusiasm of the boys demonstrated during their experience. Every employer gave great feedback that was constructive to the students. This has reflected well upon Asquith Boys High School, as I was told in some cases that they were the best placement the employers had had. This experience gave the boys an excellent understanding of how the hospitality industry works, particularly behind the scenes.

The Hospitality boys should all be very proud of the effort they put in; not only during the work placement but also in regards to the skills and competencies they are showing in the kitchen classroom – they have been outstanding making my job a little easier.

I am very proud of their accomplishments to date, let's keep up the effort boys and hope we will have some great results come Year 12.

In term 3, the Year 11 Hospitality boys have been working on the unit Organise and Prepare Foods. This class still astounds me on how well they achieve their skills and results which were reflected in how they completed a recent Task Assessment. They needed to prepare, cook and present a two course meal consisting of Pad Thai and rhubarb & pear crumble using professional commercial cookery competencies. Though some of the students struggled in some areas and needed to complete the task a second time, most showed skills above their time.

With Year 11 moving towards their yearly exams in weeks 9 & 10 this term, they will be studying the Methods of Cookery unit, for which most students have demonstrated many of the competencies already.

















Mission Australia Apprenticeship and Traineeship Expo

The Hospitality class has also recently catered for the Mission Australia Apprenticeship and Traineeship Expo at the Hornsby War Memorial Hall. This was a great success with many expressions of gratitude from Mission Australia, Lion's Club and also all of the Exhibitors.

It has been a great reflection of Asquith Boys High School, with many compliments on the boy's enthusiasm, attitude and professionalism. Once again I was very proud of what they achieved.

They prepared and cooked an assortment of finger foods including; sushi, cucumber bites, assorted sandwiches, min quiches, spring rolls, flame grilled meat balls, chicken skewers, meringues, brownies and carrot cake.

Mr T. Josephs, Hospitality Teacher



INTER-SCHOOL CULINARY CHALLENGE



On the 26th July Asquith Boys High School Year 11 Hospitality student Zach Hughes was entered into a Hospitality culinary challenge against schools such as Freshwater Selective, Pittwater High, Monte Sant Angelo's and Killarney High schools; most of which where year 12 students.

Serge Dansereau, chef/owner of Bather's Pavilion at Balmoral Beach, one of Australia's leading chefs, demonstrated a traditional Ratatouille with a medium rare Junee Lamb Rump and fresh Basil oil which took an hour. Then the students had to replicate the dish. The students were marked on their organisation, cleanliness and presentation of each stage.

Whilst this was going on, Brett Thompson, Ben Holland and Aram Swadling where lucky enough to be watching Benji a Japanese Ice Carver, carving birds and flowers out of fruit and vegetables, as well as supporting Zach through quite an intense competition.

Zach came a very respectable 4th place, with the first three being Year 12 students. Zach was particularly pointed out at the end by Serge, suggesting that his organisational skills where excellent, however his presentation of plating the food let him down.

Craig Willington a head teacher of Commercial Cookery Brookvale

TAFE and second judge, pulled me aside to say Zach had done Asquith Boys High school proud, and was leading the competition for quite some time.

We were all very proud of Zach's achievements.

Mr T. Josephs, Hospitality Teacher



ENGINEERING AT ABHS

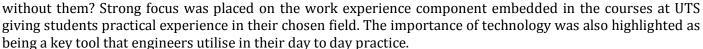
HANDS ON ENGINEERING AT UTS



On Tuesday July 30 Asquith Boys Year 11 Engineering students attended an information and activity day at the Broadway Campus of the University of Technology Sydney. The purpose of the day was to enlighten students about the many and varied potential career paths for engineers in the 21st century. Graduates and current students addressed guests about their experiences at

UTS and in the world of work as practicing engineers.

They emphasised the vast possibilities engineers have in industry and commerce, the important role they play in our daily lives and their impact on society. Where would we be





After the introduction and address the students (over 300) were divided into groups and assigned to group leaders. The groups participated in 4 practical activities over the course of the day rotating around different campus venues. Robotics, mechatronics, civil construction, virtual prototyping, biomedical, defence force engineering and future technologies were explored through talks and or practical challenges.

The campus is currently undergoing an expansion program with five new buildings to be constructed over the next few years - a reflection of the growing potential of engineering and technology, the demand for

expertise – Australia has a shortage of engineers and IT professionals.

What was apparent was that the diverse nature of engineering lends itself to literally hundreds of dynamic career paths and that engineers come from very humble beginnings – students from comprehensive high schools with diverse socio- economic backgrounds. All in all in was an insightful, very interesting and stimulating day. The campus reflected the future potential for the young people in Australia and the world at large – anything is possible if you aspire and work toward your goals.

THE GREAT ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

On Wednesday August 7, I had the pleasure of taking eight Year 11 Engineering Studies students to *The Great Engineering Challenge* held at The Roundhouse in the grounds of UNSW Kensington campus. The day is co-ordinated by the Engineering Faculty and sponsored by the university and corporations involved in the engineering sector. This year's sponsors were Engineers Australia and Transgrid – the infrastructure provider to the energy sector.

The purpose of the day is to inspire engineering students and bring out their best design and problem solving attributes in competition against students from schools in the greater Sydney region, private and public, comprehensive and selective. This year there were 38 other schools involved in completing three challenges over the course of the day. For each challenge the students are given a description of the task, specific materials, a set of rules to comply with as well as a time limit for completion. Each team is awarded points according to how well they performed in solving the particular problem. Current engineering students from the university volunteer to run the

day, distributing tasks and materials and assessing the designs according to set criteria. No advice is offered with regard to possible solutions, it must all come from the members of each team.

This year challenge no. 1 was to build a spaghetti bridge spanning 350mm in 35 minutes. The best design needed to support the greatest load while weighing the least.

Challenge no.2 was to build a small car powered by the elastic potential energy of a rubber band. Size was limited to 300mm in length, height and width. The cars were tested for achieving a maximum distance of 4.7 metres over the most direct (straightest0 route from point A to point B.





The third challenge involved constructing a wind turbine to mount on a tower, which had to extract as much energy from 15 seconds of constant airflow – measured using a multimeter.

There were two teams from Asquith – Max Andersen, Daniel Griffin, Nicholas Bulmer and Joshua Lauth (5th place overall – pictured above) and Caleb Estherby, Liam Covey, Ben Olsson and Jonathon Walker (28th place overall – pictured on the left).

It is an interesting day with students experiencing some of the real world situations that engineers face on a daily basis, and the important role they play in making our lives more comfortable and productive. It is also a way to come into contact with other students of a similar outlook – from other schools and those currently enrolled in courses at UNSW.

The boys from Asquith went very well representing the school against a wide variety of participants and should be congratulated on their performance and mature approach to the competition.

Mr McCubbin, Engineering Studies teacher

COMPUTING DEPARTMENT



Learning to Code like a Ninja

Despite the fact that we can find no documentary proof that Ninja's have ever shown the slightest interest in computer programming, a small group of Year 9 and 11 students have signed up for a competition called "Learn to Code like a Ninja". This competition, run online by the National Computer Science School at Sydney University,

started on the 5/8/13 and aims to teach students programming skills in a language called Python. The competition runs for 5 weeks and allows students to select from three different levels of entry depending on their programming ability.

Students are provided with the online programming environment, notes and contacts at the university to help with any questions that they may have. Asquith Girls High School is running a 1 hour session each week to allow students from both schools involved in the competition to work together and share ideas. It is hoped that several of our boys will take the opportunity to work with the girls' school on this project.

The students' submissions to a range of problems are marked on line and feedback is given. They are then graded, and their position relative to students from around the country can be tracked.

I hope this will be an excellent opportunity for the boys to learn some new skills while meeting new people with similar interests.

Mr D Bennett, Computer Teacher

HSIE NEWS

The Simpson Prize A competition for students in Years 9 and 10

A national competition offered by the History Teachers Association of Australia for students in Year 9 and 10 is the Simpson Prize. The competition encourages participants to focus on the significance of Anzac Day and to consider what Anzac Day means to them and to Australia. The History Department would like any interested students to enter this competition. Prizes will be awarded at assembly for entering the competition.



The top 3 entries will be submitted to the History Teachers Association of Australia. The state winner and the state runner up will enjoy a three day trip to Canberra in March 2014. The state winner will also attend a two week trip to Turkey in April 2014.

The question for 2014 is:

"How well does the Anzac legend tell the story of individual Australian soldiers during World War One?"

The 2014 Simpson Prize Question requires students to respond to the question using both the 2014 Simpson Prize Australian War Memorial Source Selection (http://www.awm.gov.au/simpson-prize-question-2014/) and their own research. It is expected that students will make effective use of a minimum of 3 of the sources. It is also expected that up to half of their response will make use of information drawn from their own knowledge and research.

More information can be found at http://www.simpsonprize.org/ or by contacting Mr Moscos or Miss Evans in the History Department.

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Parents and Citizens working together for our School

Hello ABHS community,

Your P&C met for July on Tuesday 23rd, thank you to all of those who attended.

The **Year 7 Personal Interest Project** initiative is underway for 2013. This initiative has become a great part of the annual school calendar. It gives our Year 7 Boys the opportunity to take an area personal interest and apply the beginnings of the rigor of secondary learning & expectations that will be applied over their time at ABHS. The PIP process is one that the P&C has great interest in. The P&C sponsors the event and supplies the prizes for those winning categories. In addition several P&C members give up their time to be part of the judging panel and select the finalists & prize winning entries.

Good luck to all those Year 7 boys participating in the PIP initiative for 2013.

Our 2013 Year 12 Boys are rapidly approaching the final days of their secondary schooling as we move into August & September. They have recently undertaken the Higher School Certificate trial exams. This will give the boys a good indication of where they currently stand and the areas they will need to work upon to achieve the results they desire in the "real" HSC in October & November. The P&C hopes that the boys drive hard with their studies over the next few weeks and prepare as well as they can for the HSC.

The P&C preparations for the ABHS **Community Fun Day set down for Sunday 8**th **September** continue to progress well. A big day is being planned, with many of the regular events surrounded by several new & exciting initiatives. Lock in the date - it will be great to see as many of the ABSH community attending.

To ensure the school grounds look their best for the Community Fun Day, on **Sunday 25th August** the P&C are managing the regular end of winter **grounds & gardens working bee.** This is a great opportunity for many of you to assist in helping spruce-up the school grounds.

Once again, thank you to all those who have attended this month's P&C meeting.

The August P&C meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 27th August, commencing at 7.30pm, in the school library. We are looking forward to seeing more of our fellow Parents & Citizens attend in August as we finalise preparations for the 2013 Community Fun Day.

Thanks,

John Koellner

P&C President

President: John Koellner Vice Presidents: Kim Pinnock

Kerry Limbert

Secretary: Nicky Morrison Treasurer: Jenny Williams

Ground Maintenance: Michelle Roscarel, Kirsty Berryman & Kerry Limbert

School Council Reps: Linda Stanford, Kim Pinnock

The next P&C meeting

@ 7.30pm
Tuesday 27 August in the Library.

All welcome.

ABHS CALENDAR OF EVENTS TERM 3 2013

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	Sat/Sun
Week	August 12	August 13	August 14	August 15	August 16	Aug 17/18
5A	Yr9 Reach Workshop			Jeans for Genes Mufti Day	Backchat Published	
Week	August 19	August 20	August 21	August 22	August 23	Aug 24/25
6В				ART/TAS EXHIBITION		Sun 25 P&C Working Bee
Week	August 26	August 27	August 28	opens August 29	August 30	Aug 31/Sep1
7A	1.03.00.20	1.4.9.1.1.2.1		Formal Assembly (Winter Grade Sport)	WALKATHON	
		School Council P&C Meeting				
Week 8B	September 2	September 3	September 4	September 5	September 6	Sept 7/8 Sun 8th P&C Community Fun Day
Week 9A	September 9	September 10 Yr 11 Exams	September 11 Yr 11 Exams	September 12 Yr 11 Exams	September 13 Yr 11 Exams	Sept 14/15
Week 10B	September 16 Yr 11 Exams	September 17 Yr 11 Exams	September 18 Year 12 Graduation Assembly	September 19	September 20 Backchat Published	Sept 21/22
					Last Day Term 3	

Term 4 starts Tuesday 8 October



Grab some old clothes and dust off your gardening tools, our school needs your help! On Sunday 25th August we are running a working bee to tidy up our gardens and outdoor areas in preparation for the Community Fun Day.

If anyone out there is handy with power tools we also have some benches that need minor repairs.

So if you love trimming, edging, weeding and all round cleanup work, please bring your tools and come along on **Sunday 25th August from 9am – 12midday.**

A light lunch will be provided for those who attend and help out on the day.

ASQUITH BOYS P&C SHOPPING BUS TOUR 2013

Saturday 26th October

8.00 am – 6:00 pm
Pick up/Return: Asquith Boys High School Pacific Highway

GREAT CHRISTMAS SHOPPING!

Bags, Shoes, Manchester, Clothing, Home & Giftware, Craft Supplies, Beauty Products, confectionary to name a few.

\$40 per person BYO meal for a lovely garden lunch stop

Please feel free to invite a friend(s). We extend the invitation beyond those that are connected to Asquith Boys. It's a great social outing for the ladies as well as raises some funds for the school via the P&C. Many lucky door prizes will be drawn on the day for those attending.

PLEASE RSVP to Marg Gibson sms: 0434 354 362 email: gibbohome@bigpond.com

PAYMENT:

Payment can be made directly into Asquith Boys P&C account – please ensure to include "surnameABST" as the transaction description. Alternatively drop a cheque made out to Asquith Boys P&C into the office clearly stating who the booking is for.

Please note that payment is required to secure your seat.

Don't miss out on a great day - please RSVP today

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THE WORD FROM ENGLISH

Term 3 is a very busy term, especially for the senior classes. Year 12 is currently doing their Trial HSC exams and will be finishing off their HSC courses after the exams while the Year 11 classes are completing the Preliminary HSC course in preparation for their Yearly examinations.

The following boys have already achieved outstanding results in their recent assessment tasks:

Year 7 English - Poetry Exam

7E: Matt Burns & Aidan Martin7H: Damian Fisquet & Jinwoo Park

7A: Ryan Watt7B: Tim Gillies

Year 8 English - Science Fiction Brochure

Zac Miller

Konrad Morton-Stroud Saugat Pandeya

Saber Attar-Motlagh

Year 9 English – Satire Creative Presentation

Nick Berryman

Aran Dennis

Tristan Evans-Craig

Year 10 - Creative Writing

Oscar Steedman

Harry Tuynman

Year 11 Advanced English – Animal Farm/Gattaca essay

Adhish Panta

Joshua Wiercinski

Year 11 Standard English – Australian Experiences essay

Oliver Shepherd

Craig Belcastro

Caleb Estherby

Kevin Pascua

Brett Thompson

Year 12 Advanced English – Hamlet Speech Tom Tuynman

Year 12 Standard English – Wilfred Owen essay

Samuel Penno

As always, should you have any questions or concerns about the progress of your son in English please do not hesitate to contact his class teacher or me (Jessica.schadel@det.nsw.edu.au) as a collaborative effort between the home and school is incredibly beneficial.

Ms J. Schadel Head Teacher English

SCIENCE

UNSW Science Competition

The results of the UNSW Science Competition are hot off the press and I am proud to say the boys achieved 7 Distinctions and 15 credits overall. This is a strong effort to back up last year's effort and is showing an upward trend of Science results at Asquith Boys. Boys who achieved a Distinction will receive their certificate at our next formal assembly on August 29. Credit winners will be acknowledged at morning assembly over the coming week.

HSC Science

Well done to all the boys who achieved strong grades for their Trial HSC Exams. Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Senior Science will all be focusing on revision for the remainder of the term in readiness for their HSC Exams in Term 4.

I encourage all boys to dedicate large amounts of time completing past HSC questions and discussing areas of concern with their teachers.

HSC Chemistry and Physics will be attending excursions over the next 3 weeks to enhance their understanding of HSC topics. Chemistry students will be visiting the Sydney Maritime Museum to complement their shipwrecks elective while Physics boys will be attending a Physics Kickstart workshop at the University of Sydney to experiments that could not conduct undertaken at school as part of the Ideas to Implementation topic area. These experiments will include superconductors and liquid nitrogen, semiconductor technology and photoelectric effect.

Year 10

All boys in Year 10 are required to submit an open-ended student research project as a requirement of completing their Science component of the RoSA (previously the School Certificate). The projects are due on Friday 23rd August. These projects were started in April and the school has a proud history of boys submitting high quality and innovative projects. I believe this year group to be of a very high standard in the Science area and we are expecting some outstanding projects.

Year 9

Mr Robertson's Science class has just completed a project on home insulation using boxes. The class worked in groups of 3 or 4 to test different types of insulation such as foil and polystyrene. Temperature readings were taken during heating and for a short time after the heating was turned off. The boys found that foil heated the box quickly and reflected the heat but once the heating was turned off, foil did not retain the heat

as well as polystyrene. Most groups came to the conclusion that a combination of foil and polystyrene would have the most significant insulating effect.

Year 8

8E spent a day at Homebush Bay Environmental Education Centre studying ecology such as local mangrove and wetland environments. Much of the day was spent testing water quality as well as conducting transects and quadrats to count population and distribution of species. Even though the area has been cleaned up significantly in recent decades there is quite a bit of pollution in the local waterways. Our boys could appreciate how lucky we are to have such pristine waterways in our local area.

Mr S. Robertson Head Teacher Science

Greetings from HSIE!

It has been a very busy start to Term 3 in the HSIE faculty. Particularly for the Year 12 students, who over the holidays and in the early weeks of the term prepared themselves to sit the Trial HSC Examinations in Weeks 3 & 4. Their teachers have been working tirelessly all year to ensure that students are well equipped with the necessary skills and knowledge to approach each examination with confidence.

Year 12 teachers are now very busy marking and providing feedback on these examinations. I encourage the Year 12 students to pay careful attention to their teacher's feedback and use the results of their examinations as a learning tool so that they may consolidate skills learned over the past year and work on areas that require further development before the final HSC examinations in Term 4.

The **Year 11** classes have also been working hard to complete the remaining topics of their Preliminary HSC courses in preparation for the yearly examinations coming up in Week 9 & 10. It is important that students use the time available to them now to revise class work and get started on their study notes. I encourage all Year 11 students to draw up a study timetable so that they can use their free time efficiently as time ALWAYS passes quickly in the lead up to exams.

For most of our **junior classes** Term 3 marks the transition from the Semester 1 courses to the Semester 2 programs. Both **Year 7 and Year 8** classes are now studying Geography and are learning about very relevant and current topics

including Globalisation and Global Inequality. The **Year 9** Australian Studies classes have also made a transition from Geography to History and are now studying early Australian history including life in Australia in the early 1900's and the Federation debate.

Lastly, the **Year 10** Mandatory Geography and History classes continue working diligently towards achieving their RoSA. Many classes are working on developing their extended writing skills through a number of upcoming in-class assessment tasks.

Finally, I would like to encourage all parents to support their sons, particularly those in the senior grades, to make use of their home study and revision time effectively by encouraging the use of a study timetable and prioritisation of school tasks over leisure activities. Being proactive will help all of us as a team improve your sons' outcomes

Ms L. Foster HSIE Teacher

SPORT

13's Soccer

All boys who played in the boys' junior soccer teams contributed to a great result in the Grand Final when the Asquith 13A'S beat Ashfield 1-0. All the boys behaved and supported each other in a very positive manner throughout the season and all were happy that they had done their best in all the games.

The 13C's battled well and pulled off some excellent results and the B's were a model of consistency throughout the season and they only just missed out on a Final appearance by a slim margin.. Thanks go to the boys who supported the 13A's when they had great wins in both the semi against Epping who were a good side to a tough Ashfield team in the Final. They won by the odd goal but it was their teamwork that got them the win and it was thoroughly deserved.

Congratulations to the 13a'S Boys but also to all the other students who contributed to a very successful season in the junior soccer teams.

Mr M Blackwood

CAREERS

RMS Excursion

Recent Events

15 Year 10 students visited the RMS offices, Parramatta on 30th July to learn about the Road Designers in Training Program. They listened to road designers detail their road design experience, watched a demonstration of the CADD software and visualization used in road design, and spoke to road designers in training. The highlight of the day was for the students to take part in a road design activity. Students now have the information about this great career opportunity in engineering, how and when to join the program.



Apprenticeship and Traineeship Expo



It was pleasing to see so many of our students visit this expo on 31st July at the War Memorial Hall in Hornsby. They were able to speak to representatives of many group training organisations and employers. The excellent catering for the function was co-ordinated by Mr Josephs, Head of Hospitality and his Year 11 hospitality students: - Miles Andersen, Nick Miller, William O'Donohue, Ben Holland, Christian

Davis, Daniel Adam, Liam Kissick, Aram Swadling.

Coming events

Open Days at Uni: Many universities are holding open days in August and September. Students from Year 10-11 are encouraged to attend to gain important career information. A list is included in this bulletin.

Open Day- ICMS, Manly -Sunday 18th August visit www.icms.edu.au/openday

Meadowbank TAFE Careers Expo- Tuesday 27th August 2013 2pm-6pm

Speak with Head teachers and counsellors about courses, entry requirements and career opportunities in a range of industries. Find out about their new Degree programs. There will be Presentations, Demonstrations, Competitions – Win an iPad, Giveaways and prizes and expert Study & Career Advice. All welcome

A Year 12 Careers Night "Focusing on University Options will be held on Wednesday 21st August 2013 at Cherrybrook Technology High School from 5.30-9pm. There will be a speaker on Pathways to University, Gaining Scholarships, TAFE Degrees and a talk on the university applications process through the University Admission Centre. Most universities will be in attendance. Participating schools are Asquith Boys High, Castle Hill High, Epping Boys High, Galston High, Normanhurst Boys High, Oakhill College Pennant Hills. I would urge all ABHS students to attend with their parents



Open Day at ADFA- Saturday 31st August 9am-4pm

Defence Force Recruiting will be providing a free bus which will leave Parramatta at 7am and will return at 6pm. To book a seat on the bus RSVP to joking@dfr.com.au. Parents and friends are also welcome to attend.

Open Day at Ultimo TAFE on Saturday 3st August 9am-4pm Visit sydneytafe.edu.au/openday for more information.

Ryde Skills & Trade Expo--- Friday 30th and Saturday 31st August 9am-5pm

A Showcase of local skills and trades. Demonstrations & workshops, talk to trainers etc. Please phone Andrea Poletti for more information on

2014 TVET EXPO- Hornsby Campus -Tuesday 3rd September 2.15pm, or 4.15pm

Students who intend to do a TVET course next year are able to attend Tafe to find out everything they need to know for 2014 TVET courses at Hornsby. They can also visit TVET classes, Meet at conference Room in the library either at 2.15pm or 4.15pm. **Parents are most welcome**. The TVET courses on offer next year are Accounting-Cadetship preparation, Automotive, Animation , Access courses, Business Services, Design, Electrotechnology, Fashion Design, Financial Services Furnishing, Games Development, Information Technology, Multimedia, Photography, Tourism & Events and Web Design.

2013/2014 Apprentice and Trainee Muster

In September 2013 1300Apprenticeship is holding its annual recruitment drive. They will have over 150 Interview spots available between 23 September 2013 and 4 October 2013.

If you or someone you know is looking for an apprenticeship or traineeship please feel free to forward your resume to resumes@1300apprentice.com.au.

GET IN QUICK TO SECURE YOUR PLACE AS INTERVIEW TIMES ARE LIMITED AND FILL UP FAST....

Important Information

Year 10 Work Experience - This will be held in the week from Monday **14**th **October to Friday 18**th **October 2013**. Many students have still not handed in their paperwork and this will limit their choice of position as well as create problems for Mrs Fry in organizing staff supervision.

TVET Progress reports

I would like to advise parents of students doing TVET courses that progress reports have been handed out to students at TAFE.

Automotive Modern Apprenticeship Program - Applications are now being sought for people interested in joining the motor trade. These positions are available for 2014. Apprenticeships are available at a number of dealers including Land Rover, Jaguar, Audi, Mazda, Volkswagen, Volvo. Please visit www.vantageautomotive.com for information and how to apply. Please see Mrs Fry if interested.

Air Conditioning apprenticeship in Hornsby is available later this year. The employer is looking for a Year 11 or year 12 student. Please see Mrs Fry if interested.

ADFA Education Award 2014 for current year 11 students

This award is presented to Year 12 students in recognition of leadership potential, and academic and sporting achievements exhibited during Year 11. The award comprises of laptop and certificate along with plaque of recognition for your school. Applications close **Friday 28 February 2014**. It is not mandatory for the student to go into the Defence Force.

http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/education/adfa/howToApply/educationAward.aspx

Year 12 - Applications to apply for University for 2014 are now open and close on 27th September. An information session will be held with Year 12 after the HSC trials are finished. In the meantime I have issued a Year 12 careers bulletin outlining some of the important points to consider and this was emailed to all Year 12 parents as well. I have included a Year 12 Checklist for applying through UAC and a copy of a brochure "Step by Step Apply UAC" which has been sent to all year 12 students. They should also have now received their UAC pin number in the post.

Sydney Uni – Your Future: Preparing the Road to Uni. These booklets are aimed at students in Years 9 & 10 and explain the advantages of going to uni as well as the support available to students. The guide also outlines some of the most popular careers showing the relevant degrees and what subjects students may need to have studied before beginning a degree. See Mrs Fry if you want a copy.

New Department of Education Careers website----- www.seek2b.com

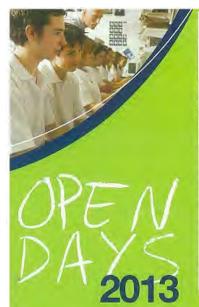
This new website has many uses for students and also for parents; it provides

- Up to date Careers News emailed directly to students' and parents' home email address on any of the 100 plus careers on the website.
- Videos to watch on all careers
- Practical ways to improve a student's chance of winning employment in their chosen career.
- The NSW based HSC subjects suitable for their career including links to TVET course descriptions
- Courses students can study for their chosen career after the HSC with direct links to their entry level TAFE courses, University degree listing with their ATARS and direct links to Private Colleges.
- Current job vacancies on each career from CareerOne and specialised Group Training Companies
- 2013 ATARs –ALL FIELDS in the UAC Handbook Index with Direct LINKS to UAC descriptions
- Coming soon !- a listing of the earning (weekly and annually) across nearly 300 occupations At the moment there is free access but soon there a password to access this site. ABHS is paying a subscription for all students to use and the password will be issued when required.

www.mhscareers.com

A reminder for all students to also visit this website for important information on career activities. www.mhscareers.com. Login with "student" and the password is mhs2013. Parents can also login as "parent" This is a very useful site for career researching and finding out about all the career events and opportunities that come up throughout the year.

Mrs J. Fry Careers Adviser



APM College of Business and Communication

North Sydney 27 August, 10 December

Australian Catholic University

31 August North Sydney campus Strathfield campus 7 September

Australian College of Applied Psychology 31 July, 18 September Sydney campus

Australian Maritime College

Beauty Point campus 25 August Newhham campus 25.
Campus tours can be arranged by appointme
For further information, call (03) 6324 9646 25 August itment.

31 August Australian National University For campus tours, visit http://students.anu.edu.au/ events/campustours.php

Billy Blue College of Design

North Sydney 20 June, 3 October

CQUniversity

Sydney camous B August For campus tours or other information. call 13 OQUni (13 27 86)

Charles Sturt University Open day every day For campus tours/appointments and course information, call 1800 DEGREE (1800 334 733) or visit www.csu.edu.au/campustour

Griffith University

Gold Coast campus 11 August

International College of Management, Sydney Manly campus

La Trobe University

Albury-Wodonga campus Mildura campus 30 August 14 August 24 August

Macleay University Macquarie University 14 September

MIT Sydney

For campus tours/appointments and course information, call (02) 8267 1400 or visit mit.edu.au

Southern Cross University

For personalised campus tours and special events, call 1800 626 481 or (02) 6620 3975 or visit

University of Camberra

University of New England 3 May

For personalised tours, call 1800 818 865

University of New South Wales

Open Day Australian Defence Force 7 September 31 August Academy, Canberra

University of Newcastle

Port Macquarie campus

Information Night

University of Sydney

Newcastle campus (Callaghan) Information Day Central Coast campus (Ourimbah) Information Day

17 August

24 August

29 August

Sydney Uni Open Day 31 August

University of Technology, Sydney UTS Open Day, City campus UTS Open Day, Kuring gal campus 31 August 7 September

University of Western Sydney

Open Day, Parramatta campus 1 September

University of Wollongong

For personalised campus tours and special events, call 1300 367 869

William Blue College of Hospitality Management

North Sydney 17 August, 10 December

7 August 27 September

31 October

29 November

18 December

19 December

Applications open

On-time applications close Late applications closing date (late fee applies)

Late applications closing date (late fee applies)

NSW HSC results released by Board of Studies

ATARs released

4 January

Change of preferences close for Main Round

Main Round offers at 9pm

Late Round offers at 9pm

Change of preferences open

16 January

16 January

23 January

30 January

for Late Round Change of preferences close

for Late Round

21 February

Final closing date for semester 1 applications (late fee applies)



For more information visit UAC's

website at www.uac.edu.au Universities Admissions Centre (NSW & ACT) Ptv Ltd Locked Bag 112 Silver water NSW 2128



Year 12 checklist

- I know my HSC PIN and my UAC PIN are
- My UAC PIN is stored in a safe place.
- My preferences are realistic and in the order I WANT THEM.
- ☑ I know I can change my preferences UNTIL. 4 January for the Main Round.
- I can accept my Main Round offer and still change my preferences for the Late Round.

Apply

continued...

Now that you have your UAC PIN it's time to APPLY

Apply by Friday 27 September 2013 to avoid paying late fees

- identify at least one course you want to apply for, and write down the course code
- have your Board of Studies eight-digit student number and four-digit UAC PIN roady
- visit www.usc.edu.au and click on Pm an. Undergraduate click on the Apply button on the right hand side
- read the introductory information and click on Apply now
- E select Start a new UAC application
- choose your ottizenship
- choose 'Ves' to the question 'Are you completing/ did you complete an Australian Year 12 in 2013?' -
- 1 enter your Year 12 student number and UAC PIN
- check your personal details and add your email check your personal details and add your email address and contact number. If your address is different to that shown on the page, enter your correct address and then notify your school and the Board of Studies of your correct address. Your UAC application number will be generated.

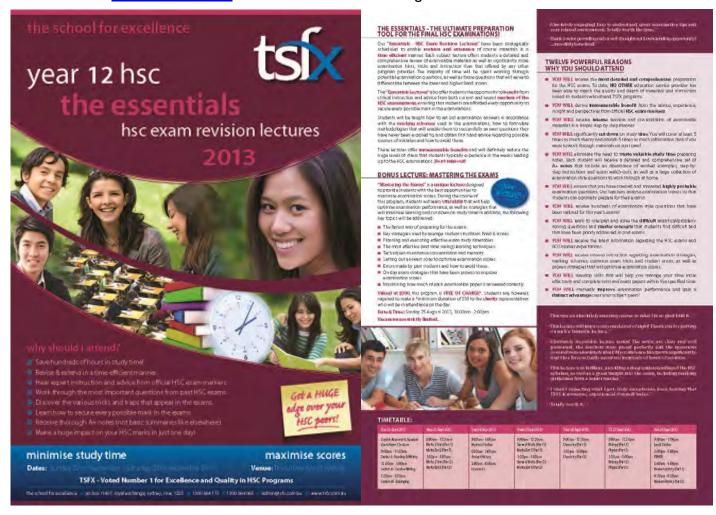
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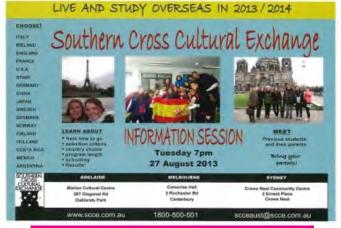
- answer all questions that are relevant to you or: the following pages
- on the course preferences page choose at least one preference by entering the course code or by selecting from the drop-down menus, select your start date and crick Add this course (remember that you can list up to nine preferences!
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- read and agree to the declaration
- choose your payment method.
- click Submit my application new
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For Year 11 & Year 12 students: **Mastering the Exams** - Free Lecture Sunday 25 August For Year 12 students: **The Essentials** HSC revision lectures

Go to website www.tsfx.com.au for more information & registration details.









Year 12 checklist for applying through UAC

Have you researched the courses available?

There are over 1,500 courses available for 2014 admissions via UAC. You can research the courses available using Table 1 and the course descriptions in the UAC 2013–14 Guide or through the course search on UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au

Do you know your UAC PIN?

Your UAC Personal Identification Number (PIN) is your key to applying through UAC and accessing information about your application.

This four-digit number also allows you to access information such as your course preferences, offers and your ATAR from UAC's website.

Considering how important this number is – and that it can take time to re-issue it if you lose or forget it – remember to keep your UAC PIN in a secure place.

What is your UAC PIN?

If you are attempting the 2013 NSW HSC or the 2013 ACT Year 12, you are issued with your four-digit UAC PIN in the mail in early August. For all other applicants, your UAC PIN is the first four digits of your date of birth – for example, if your birthday is 17 May, your UAC PIN is 1705.

What if my UAC PIN doesn't work?

If your UAC PIN doesn't work, check that you are trying to use the correct number. NSW students – check that you are using your UAC PIN not the PIN issued to you by the NSW Board of Studies.

If you are using the correct PIN and are still experiencing difficulties, call UAC on (02) 9752 0200.

Lost or forgotten UAC PINs

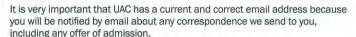
If you have applied through UAC you can use Check & Change on UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au to have your UAC PIN re-issued.

If you have not yet applied, you can have your UAC PIN re-issued by calling UAC on (02) 9752 0200. You will be asked some identification questions. If your details match our database you will be re-issued with your UAC PIN over the telephone. If they do not match, you will be asked to write to UAC requesting your UAC PIN be re-issued, or you can come to UAC in person.

Changing your UAC PIN

After you have applied, you can change your UAC PIN using Check & Change on UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au. Note that your UAC PIN must contain four numeric characters.

Have you provided a current and correct email address?



You can change your contact details using Check & Change on UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au

Have you moved?

It is important that you provide UAC with an up-to-date address and telephone number so we can easily contact you – and ensure you receive your UAC PIN, which allows you to apply and access information such as your course preferences, offers and ATAR.

You can change your address after applying:

- via Check & Change on UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au
- by writing to UAC.

Telephone, email and fax requests will not be accepted by UAC for security reasons.

You must also separately notify the NSW Board of Studies of your new address. To change your address with the NSW Board of Studies, write a letter to: NSW Board of Studies, Attention: Records, GPO Box 5300, Sydney 2001.

You must include your full name, student number, school, former address and new address.

Do you need to provide supplementary information?



Some 2013 Year 12 students may need to submit supplementary information as part of their application. When you apply make sure you read the instructions carefully to see whether you need to provide additional information or undertake further tasks (eg sitting STAT).

Do you need someone to act on your behalf?



If you wish to authorise someone to act on your behalf, you can do this by:

- completing the relevant section when you apply
- providing a letter that authorises someone to act on your behalf.

The letter must contain your UAC application number, your full name and signature, and the full name and signature of the person authorised to act on your behalf.

If you are travelling interstate or overseas, remember to take a copy of the $\it UAC~2013-14~Guide$, your UAC application number and your UAC PIN with you.

Note: This authorisation only applies to the UAC application process. It does not authorise someone to accept an offer on your behalf. For details on how to authorise someone to accept an offer on your behalf, contact the relevant institution.

Are you an international student?



If you are an international student studying a 2013 Australian Year 12, either in Australia or offshore, an International Baccalaureate or a New Zealand National Certificate of Education Achievement (NCEA) Level 3 in 2013, then you'll need a copy of the UAC 2013–14 International booklet.

The booklet will help you apply through UAC for study in 2014. See your careers adviser to obtain your copy.

For more information visit the UAC website at www.uac.edu.au/international/ or call UAC on \pm 61 2 9752 0200.

Are you eligible to apply for Educational Access Schemes?



All institutions in NSW and the ACT, as well as some interstate institutions, have Educational Access Schemes (EAS) designed to help provide access to university for students who have experienced long-term educational disadvantage beyond their control or choosing, such as:

- disrupted schooling
- financial hardship
- personal illness/disability
- home environment and responsibilities.

UAC's 2014 EAS booklet contains information about the schemes and includes an application form. You can download the EAS booklet and application form from UAC's website from 7 August. Copies will also be available from schools and participating institutions from early August 2013.

If you think you are eligible, start organising your EAS application as early as possible – you may need to supply supporting documents and statements. The on-time closing date for EAS applications is Friday 27 September 2013 – you must submit your EAS application by Friday 3 January 2014 to ensure that it will be considered in time for the Main Round of offers.

UAC - what we do

The Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) is the central office that processes applications for undergraduate courses, postgraduate courses, Educational Access Schemes and Equity Scholarships. UAC also notifies NSW HSC students of their ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank).

Applying through UAC is easier than applying separately to each institution. UAC co-ordinates the process, and posts notification of offers on behalf of the institutions. However, the institutions, not UAC, decide who receives an offer.

UAC's participating institutions

UAC's website features a list of its 25 participating institutions at www.uac.edu.au/undergraduate/institutions/. Section 2 in Part 1 of the *UAC 2013–14 Guide* also contains a list of the institutions, with more detailed information about each institution in Part 2.

Apply through UAC for courses at any of UAC's 25 participating institutions.

Contacting UAC

telephone: +61 2 9752 0200

website: www.uac.edu.au

email: use the online enquiry form on UAC's

website www.uac.edu.au/contact.shtml

facebook: www.facebook.com/universitiesadmissionscentre

twitter: http://twitter.com/UACinfo

youtube: www.youtube.com/user/UACinfo

post: Locked Bag 112, Silverwater NSW 2128

in person: Quad 2, 8 Parkview Drive, Sydney Olympic Park NSW

office hours: 8.30am-4.30pm (Sydney local time)

Monday to Friday

Charges and fees for 2013-14 admissions

UAC 2013-14 Guide

For domestic Year 12 NSW and ACT students Free (distributed through schools)

UAC 2013-14 International Booklet

For international Australian Year 12 students (distributed through schools)

Processing charge

Domestic Year 12 applicants \$28.00
Non-Year 12 applicants \$60.00
International Year 12 applicants \$68.00

Late fee (for domestic applicants only)

28 September – 31 October 2013 1 November – 29 November 2013 30 November 2013 – 21 February 2014 processing charge + \$122 late fee processing charge + \$140 late fee processing charge + \$150 late fee

Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT)

Sit one test (either Multiple Choice or Written English) \$129.00
Sit both tests on same day \$193.00
Sit both tests on different days \$258.00
Alternative sitting (one test) \$180.00
Alternative sitting (both tests on same day) \$252.00
Change STAT registration \$52.00
Additional STAT result notice \$52.00

Changing course preferences

Check & Change No UAC charge

All UAC charges and fees are in Australian dollars and include 10 per cent GST. Please apply carefully as UAC will not refund charges or fees under any circumstances.





Undergraduate Check & Change

Free

After you've applied through UAC, you can use Check & Change on UAC's website at www.uac.edu.au/undergraduate/ to:

- check and change your contact details
- check and change your course preferences
- check and change your UAC PIN
- add qualifications to your application
- check correspondence, including your fee-owing letter or tax invoice
- download your Confirmation of Application
- download your offer letter
- upload documents required for your course preferences.

Note:

- there is no UAC charge for Check & Change
- you will need your UAC application number and UAC PIN
- Check & Change is available between 7.30am and midnight Sydney local time
- if you need to alter other details relating to your application, write to UAC as soon as possible.





Key dates Undergraduate 2013 md-year



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Hornsby Junior Touch



- . 10 Week Competition
- . No trainings, No coaches kids learn by playing
- ALL games played at Forglove Oval, Mt Colah
- · Competition commences
 - Wednesday 18th September 2013 Competition concludes
- Wednesday 4th December 2013
- No games during school holidays
- · Divisions

Boys 9s, 11s, 13s, 15s Girls 11s, 13s, 15s, 17s

· Expected Timeslots

4.00pm Boys 9s, 11s & Girls 11s 4.45pm Boys 13s & Girls 13 5.20pm Boys 15s, Girls 15s & 17s

Costs
 1° child \$55
 2° Child \$50
 3° plus Child \$45 each



Register In Person
Wednesday 7th August 2013 Peoplayer Divis, MT COLAH 4:30-8:30pm

Register Online at

www.hornsby.mytouchfooty.com

Looking for more information?

- Go to the Homsby Touch Website Juniors – FAQs
- Email homsbytouch@hotmail.com
- Call Carol Jones 9456 1409.





AFL family fun day



Come and join us and learn AFL skills by playing fun games with other families. Meet AFL accredited coaches and have an exciting and enjoyable family fun day! Bring along drinks, hats and sun protection. Chairs or pronic blankets. Suitable sports footwear Children under 16 year olds must be supervised by an adult. Activities include:

- basic AFL skills and games
- show bags with a football and information of local services
- afternoon tea and picnic

In the event of rain this event will be cancelled and rescheduled to 13 October at the same time.

Details

When: Sunday 22 September from 1.30pm to 3.30pm
Where: James Park, Low and Palmerston Roads, Hornsby

Cost: Free

Bookings: Essential Please call:

- Isabella on 0435 494 696 or email Tae Kim@det.nsw.edu.au
- Fiona on 9476 9715 or email zhou1yan@police.nsw.gov.au
- Jian on 9847 6994 or email jzhao@hornsby.nsw.gov.au













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"PARENT SURVIVAL STRATEGIES FOR TEACHING YOUNG DRIVERS"

FREE In-Depth Seminar for PARENTS/SUPERVISING DRIVERS together with YOUNG DRIVERS

> MONDAY - 16 SEPTEMBER 2013 6.00 PM for 6.30 PM - 8.30 PM

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Member of K'gai Police & Community Safety Committee, Former MD Trent Driving School

will discuss the

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 - o Keeping the Log Book Honest: Teaching Practical Skills Safely o The Components of Driving: Strategies for Safe Driving
 - o Effective Partnerships : Making it a Positive Experience

Vital information about the current driving test and Log Book

BOOK EARLY - SEATS LIMITED; Phone Carroll on 0405 558 660 or email carroll.howe@gmail.com

Synthetic Drugs in our community

Essential information for parents, carers and professionals on the effects of drugs and alcohol on young people. Not to be missed!

Featuring Paul Dillon, keynote speaker and author of best selling book for parents, Teenagers, Alcohol and Drugs released in 2009. Paul is a nationally recognised drug education specialist with 25 years experience in the field. Paul regularly appears in the media and is regarded as a key social commentator.

The night will be hosted by David Citer, Manager of the KYDS Youth Development Service

Q&A panel featuring NSW Police, NSW Health and other industry professionals to provide valuable insight into synthetic drugs and answer your questions

Where: Hornsby RSL (main showroom) 4 High Street, Hornsby

When: Wednesday 21 August

Time: 7.00pm to 9.00pm

RSVP: Please call Paul Stuart on

9477 8729 or email pstuart@nsml.com.au

















Information Evenings for Parents/Carers - 2013

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Relationships, Strategies, Connections, Health

Tue 30 July	ThinkUKnow	Cyber Strategies	Galiston
Wed 31 st July	Greg Powell	Bullying Strategies	Homsby
Wed 28 th August	Andrea Simpson	Adolescent Mental Health	Homsby

Hornsby - Mission Australia 1 Coronation Street

Galston - Galston High Scho



Grog. Powell has worked as both a clinically-hained psychologist and a primary school teacher. He is an experienced presenter and has given seminars to both addisposed and dust groups in Northern Sydney across a variety of topics relating to parenting, education and mental health.

Andrea Simpson has been a Psychiatric Nurse for over 17 years both in the UK and Australia. She has worked in Deag and Alcohol, legationt and Early Psychosis. Teams and is currently working as a Clinical Nurse Consultant at Hossiby Child and Addiscost Merial Health Specice.

ThinkUKnow is an internet sofety initiative which aims to raise awareness of the issues which young people face of the aim of white using mobile phones. It is a pathwartip between the Australian Foderal Poice (APP) and Microsoft Australia, and it is one pready supported by internet and Datacon. This is a first-ast apportantly for you to learn more about hore jourge poole have than an internet properties of the problem.

Enquiries/Bookings

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