

ASQUITH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

BACKCHAT

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Luke Malcolm and Chief Inspector Phil Brooks at the recent NSW Police visit to ABHS





PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Mr Bryce Grant

It has been another busy term with activities in recent weeks including the distribution of Years 7 – 10 Half Yearly Reports, Parent and Teacher Evening, Formal School Reports Assembly acknowledging our excellent and outstanding students from their Half Yearly Reports, Winter Grade Sport Finals, and Year 12 completing their HSC Trial Examinations.

Year 11 Interviews

Over the first three weeks of Term 1 have also had the pleasure of interviewing all the Year 11 students about their progress throughout the year. Many of the students have mentioned the increase in Year 11 expectations and workload, however, overall they have enjoyed the greater responsibility and opportunities to focus on their studies. A significant number of the Year 11 students also expressed a need to manage their time better to achieve the results that they all desire. I encourage all students, but particularly those in Year 11 and 12 to contact their teacher earlier rather than later if they have any queries regarding their courses.

Year 7 – 10 Reports

All of Year 7 through to Year 10 Half Yearly Reports were distributed to parents via email on the first day of Term 3 – Monday 17th July. If you are yet to receive your report please contact the school to ensure that the email address we have on the system for you is correct and school communications are received.

Parent and Teacher Evening

Parent and Teacher evening is always an import evening on the school calendar and the most recent event was well attended. The addition of the staffing photos enabled the parents to locate and find their son's teachers without delay, and the new school session clock and chime ensured that parents and teachers were able to remain on schedule throughout the evening. We would welcome any further feedback on how to continue to improve this evening for our parents.

Working Bee - Sunday 30th July

The P&C Working Bee was successful at planting the new garden bed that is located on the edge of the teacher's car park. Thank you to all who attended, generously giving of your own time to assist in making the school environment an appealing one for all who attend.

Police Presentation – Thursday 3rd August

On Thursday 3rd August, Year 10 and 11 were very fortunate to be presented to by NSW Police Chief Inspector Phil Brooks from the NSW Traffic and Patrol Command. He conducted a short presentation on the need for all drivers on the road to be conscious of the risks to themselves and those around them. The students were then invited to participate in a practical demonstration where they were able to move around and even sit in the police patrol cars, motor cycles, emergency rescue vans and undercover patrol vehicles that were all on display for our students. The attending officers made themselves available to discuss with our students the use and need for these services within our community. One of the biggest attractions was the large semi trailer that was on the oval, with a car parked on its tail and one next to the passenger side door. This was to demonstrate to the car drivers the blind spot and the difficulties that exist for the truck drivers in trying to see cars in these positions. The air horn was also a hit with the students and some of the teachers.

We would like to thank Police Chief Inspector Phil Brooks from the NSW Traffic and Patrol Command for his organisation to provide this demonstration for our students.

Trivia Night - Saturday 19th August

This year the P&C of Asquith Girls and Boys have joined to hold the Annual Trivia Night. The theme for the 2017 event will be Mexican Fiesta style and with over 18 tables having been sold at this point in time it is looking like it will be an excellent evening for all in attendance. I am looking forward to my first Trivia Night and I believe that former Asquith Boys High School Principal Mr Terry Griffiths has also entered a team for the evening. Tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased by going to www.trybooking.com and entering the word Asquith.

Year 12 Trial Examinations

With the completion of the Year 12 HSC Trials most students will have now completed their final school examinations. With many subject areas also having completed their curriculum requirements, it is still a critical time for the Year 12 students to practise in class examination style questions, receive quality feedback from their teachers and prepare their study notes prior to their official final day of school at Graduation Assembly, Wednesday 20th September. There will be a Year 12 Graduation Family Dinner for the class of 2017 on Monday 18th September, at the PCYC Hornsby Ku-ring-gai at Waitara, organised by the P&C. Please ensure that you organise your tickets well before this date.

Walkathon - Friday 1st September

I am looking forward to my first Walkathon, a proud fund raising tradition at Asquith Boys High School, which has been conducted for the past 28 years. In that time the school has raised over \$200,000 for significant school projects and the Royal Flying Doctors Service. This year the funds raised will be split between a donation to the Royal Flying Doctors Service and the redevelopment of the dilapidated basketball court located outside G Block and the student entry gate.

Students received their sponsorship cards in Week 4 of this term. They are encouraged to obtain sponsors to support them towards completing the walk. Students will need to acquire a minimum of \$15 of sponsorship to participate in the Walkathon; this amount covers the costs of organising the overall event and will provide them with lunch at the completion of the walk. A \$5 fee for the bus is required on the day to return the students back to school from Apple Tree Bay.

Students are awarded vouchers for raising sponsorship amounts over \$100 and the value of these vouchers increases for each \$50 increment above this amount. You can find this information on the students sponsorship cards. The student who is the highest fundraiser for the event will receive a premium 2017/2018 season membership to Sydney's Wet 'n' Wild.

Parents are welcome to participate in the Walkathon either by assisting at the various check points, preparing and serving food for the hungry boys at Apple Tree Bay, or just walking the 10 kilometre walk.

Asquith Boys High School Sports Gala Day - Sunday 10 September

The P&C have decided to hold the Community Fun Day every second year due to the enormity in organising the event. For this year, the school will conduct the Asquith Boys High School Sports Gala Day involving many of the local primary schools participating in either the boys or mixed soccer competition.

On the day the school will be running a BBQ and everyone is welcome to attend.

Science Labs Upgrade

The upgrade to the Asquith Boys High School Science Labs is continuing and with some good fortune I hope to be able to announce that they have been completed and will be back in use in the next newsletter. Once again, the boys have demonstrated great maturity by adapting to the required timetable changes and movement restrictions around the school. The creation of new dynamic and interactive learning spaces for our boys is one that not only excites the Science teachers but also the students who are looking forward to the unveiling of the new rooms hopefully before the end of this term.

Canteen Volunteers

Deanne Booth the new Canteen manager would still love to hear from any parents who are available to volunteer in the school canteen. While we value and acknowledge how precious your spare time is we have a number of rostered days where the school is unable to secure any volunteers for supporting our boys in the canteen. Any assistance that you can offer would be greatly appreciated, please feel free to contact the school on 9477 3508 and leave your name, contact details and available times/dates for Deanne.

Congratulations

- To our successful Zone Sport Winter Grand Final winners: 14's Rugby who convincingly defeated Randwick and Ms Foster's mighty 6th Grade Soccer who won the 3rd grade competition with a 1-0 victory over Homebush
- Other Grand Final sides were 13's Rugby, 14's and 15's Soccer and the 1st Grade Soccer team who

lost in the final minutes in a close 2-1 game. Overall, Asquith Boys High School was named as the top ranked Rugby School for the Zone competition and was narrowly edged out for the top ranked Soccer School.

- Major congratulations to our under 15 AFL KO side who have won through to the final 16 teams in the state wide knockout by defeating Westfield's Sports High School convincingly. Our team now plays Lampton High School for a place in the final 8, which is a remarkable effort for this side.
- Edward Parker is heading off to Tasmania to compete in the Australian All Schools Cross-Country Championships from August 10 - 14. We all wish him the very best in this competition.

Latest NESA update - 20 July 2017

Please find the most recent press release by NESA (NSW Education Standards Authority) with respect to the HSC minimum standard literacy and numeracy tests.

Eleven Key Points about the New HSC Minimum Standard Literacy and Numeracy Tests

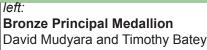
What you should know about the new online HSC minimum standard literacy and numeracy tests:

- 1. NAPLAN results for Year 9 students will indicate which online test/s (if any) they will need to pass to be eligible for the HSC certificate.
- 2. There are three separate 45 minute online tests: reading, writing and numeracy.
- 3. Students do not have to pass all three tests at once.
- 4. The reading and numeracy tests each contain a maximum of 45 multiple choice questions. See sample questions.
- 5. The writing test will require students to respond to a question based on a prompt or stimulus.
- 6. Schools may run a test for a group of students or an individual student.
- 7. See 2018 schedule for the HSC minimum standard tests.
- 8. Students and schools will receive a results report after a student completes an online test.
- 9. In 2018, the HSC minimum standard tests will replace the current online literacy and numeracy tests.
- 10. Detailed operational information for Test Coordinators will be available on Schools Online from Day 1. Term 1 2018.
- 11. NESA will be trialing the online tests from 13-24 November 2017.

Most students will demonstrate the HSC minimum standard by passing new, short online reading, writing and numeracy tests in the lead up to the HSC.

SEMESTER 1 REPORTS AWARDS - FORMAL ASSEMBLY





Duke of Edingburgh Bronze Medal Stephen Morrison, Thomas Dandie and Kyle Morgan below:





















Photography by Ms Cooke

Thank you to the family members who attended this assembly and supported their son's achievements

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Term 3 is progressing well with Year 12 having just completed the Trial HSC examination period. It is essential that Year 12 make effective use of the time between now and the start of the HSC examinations as courses finish up and intense revision begins. Students can make significant gains if these intervening weeks are harnessed appropriately.

The weather will likely become warmer in the ensuing weeks, however, all families are reminded that students are expected to be in the winter version of our school uniform (ties are compulsory, shirts tucked in) until the beginning of Term 4.

We have begun the trial period for summer sports, and as usual, we expect students to attend their Wednesday sport activity every week. For senior students, this may be Study Hall. The only time a student is excused from participation is in the case of genuine illness or injury. In these cases, the student will attend the non – sport room and carry on with private study. They will be dismissed at the end of normal sport time. **Students are not permitted to sign out and go home due to a pre-existing injury or illness.** An exception can be made where there is a medical appointment the student must attend that cannot be scheduled at another time. Ongoing appointments will require a medical certificate.

Mr Andrew Skehan Deputy Principal

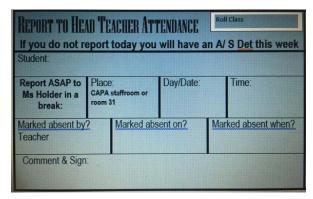
ATTENDANCE, UNIFORM, LATENESS AND NOGO

Attendance and Truancy

If students are marked absent in morning roll call, a text is sent home to notify parents of their son's absence.

At the end of the school day, after teachers have completed marking their rolls, the school student management system (SENTRAL) will assess the entries for that day. At this time the database of student attendance discrepancies is generated. Students are eliminated from the list if reasons for their absence are known including lateness, sick bay, students performing jobs, excursions and incursions.

Once these students have been eliminated, blue slips are written for the students whose absence is not explained, and distributed to them through their Roll Call teachers. It is the students' responsibility to see Ms Holder to correct this attendance issue. Parents are informed again via text, so that they can inform their son to follow up this attendance issue with Ms Holder. When this process is followed, any required corrections to school rolls will be rectified immediately. If students fail to see Ms Holder on the following day, they will remain on the database as a truant and be placed on after school detention.



If parents receive a text and no blue slip was issued to their son, it is then essential that he follows this up with his Roll Call teacher.

Uniform, Lateness and NoGo

Students must attend school on time and in full uniform. The school has high standards and expectations for every student at Asquith Boys to uphold in both these areas. Students who are late to school or out of uniform must supply a signed and dated note from their parents.

In any four week period of the school year, the SENTRAL database reports on students who are frequently late and/or out of uniform. Students who are late or out of uniform 3 or more times in a four week period are placed on NoGo. NoGo is from 12.30 until 3.05pm on Wednesday afternoons. Students are only removed from this roll when they have attended the required two NoGo detentions. If the student is away or does not attend, they will be expected to complete this detention the following Wednesday. Students who do not attend, are disobeying school rules and procedures, which will inevitably lead to interview and further action by the Deputy Principal. Senior students on NoGo will lose all privileges of early leave on Tuesday afternoons and last study period.

For Year 12 students, there are also implications for graduation and their farewell beach day if their NoGo obligations have not been completed.

We know that our hard working parents expect their sons to be the best that they can be in preparation for life. Supporting your sons to take responsibility for their attendance, presentation and punctuality are greatly appreciated by all the staff of ABHS.

MAD NIGHT 2017

The 2017 Music and Drama night was a spectacular hit with a sensational variety of performances by the talented students of Asquith Boys High School.

MAD Night is an annual performance showcase, held in the school's auditorium, celebrating the talent of Music and Drama students from all years. The organisational skills of the Year 11 Drama class, the CAPA staff and the wonderful Inez Beckerleg led to a smoothly run production. Thank you to Michelle Roscarel, Rebecca and Cameron Naumann who organised and ran the light refreshment canteen.

The evening opened with a behind-the-scenes introductory video, showcasing the hard work students put into their performances. The video also featured an exclusive interview with Mr Grant, ABHS Principal, and an informative, humorous safety video.

This year's performances included a healthy mixture of Music and Drama acts. Year 9/10 Drama presented entertaining group performances, the junior and senior Stage Bands performed unforgettable pieces of music, Year 8 Music and ABHS Rock Band entertained the crowds and Year 9/10 Music showed off their skills. Our senior students Andrew Mihalarias, Jackson Tuynman and Andrew Morrison also demonstrated amazing performance abilities and wowed the crowd.

The comperes for the evening, Hayden Wadling and Jack Cotton, entertained us with their witty banter and kept the audience entertained between performances.

Stage manager extraordinaire, Tim Harris kept backstage organised and running smoothly.

Front of house gentlemen, Aaron Parise and Andrew Mihalarias charmed the audience and the sales of raffle tickets and People's Choice Awards went through the roof.

Congratulations to everyone involved in the evening.

We look forward to next year's event to showcase the amazing talent that ABHS has to offer.

Thank you!

Year 11 Drama, Mrs Gowthorp and Mr Newton







Performers	Piece		
<i>Year 7-9</i>	1. "Sunshower"		
Junior Stage Band	2. "The Chicken"		
Year 12 Extension Music	"3 rd Movement Piano Sonata in B		
Andrew Morrison	Minor" by Joseph Haydn		
Year 9/10 Drama	"The Interview"		
Mitchell Cecchini, Otis Van Egmond-Jones,			
Cameron Jacob-Clarke			
Year 8 Music	"Dumb Things" by Paul Kelly		
Oliver Fielden, Oliver Kay, Dominic Mahon, Jack			
O'Brien, Benjamin Tudor			
Year 9/10 Drama	"After Death"		
Matthew Bushby, Kaydan Cox, Bailey Keane,			
Callum Roscarel			
Year 9/10 Music	"In The Summer Time" by Thirsty		
Luke Antrim, Alister Pirrie, Keegan Morris,	Merc		
Nicholas Moors Poiagatule			
Year 7-12	1. "That's Life"		
Senior Jazz Ensemble	2. "Solar"		
Year 11 Music	"Caro Mio Ben" by Giordani		
Jackson Tuynman with Andrew Morrison			









Year 9/10 Music	"One Week" by Barenaked Ladies		
Nicholas Chander, Tom Kupers, Stephen			
Morrison, Alister Pirrie, Callum Riddle, Callum			
Roscarel			
Year 9/10 Drama	"What's In The Box?"		
Mitchell Ferguson, Rowan Fisher, Luke Mueller-			
Byrnes, Matthew Regan, James Tarte			
Year 7-11 Music	"Hard to Handle" by The Black Crowes		
ABHS Rock Band			
Year 8 Music	"Basket Case" by Green Day		
The Squadron			
Year 11/12 Music	"You've Got A Friend In Me" by Randy		
Andrew Mihalarias with Andrew Morrison	Newman		
Year 9/10 Drama	"Dunno Yet!"		
Samuel Allen, Zac Boccalatte, Jackson Salloch,			
Lachlan Turner and Harrison Vo			







































PEOPLES CHOICE AWARD

went to...

Samuel Allen, Zac Boccalatte, Jackson Salloch, Lachlan Turner and Harrison Vo and their entertaining performance of "Dunno Yet!"

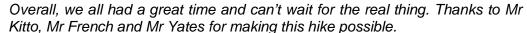
DUKE OF EDINBURGH ASQUITH TO BEROWRA PRACTICE WALK

From the 3rd to 5th August, a total of 28 students from Year 9 and 10 completed their Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh practice hikes in the local bush area between Asquith and Berowra. Fourteen Year 10 Silver Award boys left from school on Thursday afternoon with Mr Kitto to camp at Tunks Ridge and were joined on Friday morning by fourteen Year 9 Bronze Award boys, walking to Crosslands where they camped for the Friday night.

The following report was written by Year 9 Bronze Award participant, Mitchell Kissick.

On Friday 4th August, a number of Year 9 students left school at 9 o'clock with Mr Yates (A.K.A. Yatesy) to begin our practice Bronze Duke of Edinburgh hike. We left the school and walked along Peats Ferry Road to the entrance of the bush. Once we got to the bush we proceeded to walk to Tunks Ridge where we met the Year 10 group who were doing their Silver Award practise hike. From here the now larger group walked along the Great North Walk down to Galston Gorge where we stopped for a break. From there we walked back up the Gorge then down to Crosslands camping ground. Mr Kitto left and was replaced by Mr French, who bribed students with hot chips to help set up his tent. There were some laughs shared around the fire before we all went to sleep.

When we woke up the next morning we were all quite surprised at how freezing it was, but warmed up once we started the walk back up to Berowra. Our final meeting point was at the top of a hill. I know most, if not all of us, were dead after walking up it. We said our goodbyes and parted ways; some of us going to Coles while the rest went to Berowra train station.

















Photos by Mr French & Mr Kitto





POLICE VISIT

Word travels fast around Asquith and before I'd even made it to school last Thursday I'd heard there was obviously something serious going down as there were Police spread across the school oval. What an incentive to get there a bit early to see what was happening.

As it turns out the Year 10 & 11 students were privileged to receive a visit from the Police Highway Patrol, Crash investigation and Emergency Rescue teams. Chief Inspector Phil Brooks introduced himself and the various Police teams, explaining what was going on and why they were there.

We were all encouraged to move around to the different sections that were setup and where we were educated about safety on the roads, as well as the procedures that occur if something was to go wrong. There were Police cars, motorbikes and equipment on site for us to check out.

While some students were busy learning about the 'jaws of life', used by the Emergency Rescue teams, others found themselves in a stickier situation whilst undertaking a breath test over at the Highway Patrol section. We were shown the technology that is used to check speeds on the road and were taught about how Crash Investigators manage scenes of accidents.

We were given the opportunity to sit in the cabin of a truck and view the road from a truck driver's perspective. This gave us a clear indication of the number of blind spots for such big vehicles. As quite a few of us are either driving or learning to drive, this was an invaluable experience. Unfortunately, some of the students could not resist the temptation to test the air horn on the truck as well.

The various Police Officers who were there were happy to answer any of our questions and to offer us an insight into daily life within the Police Force. There was also some careers advice given. I would imagine that most of us never had a conversation with anyone from the Police before so it was a great opportunity to be able to chat in a relaxed environment. Thanks for coming to visit ABHS – we really appreciated it.

By Luke Malcolm (Year 11)

On Thursday 3rd August a group of policemen came to Asquith Boys with their equipment to teach Year 10 and 11 about road safety and the importance of their jobs. We were shown a Highway Patrol car that has a laser fitted to it. This laser can scan 6 vehicles at a time, telling the officer if the car is registered, unregistered or stolen.

We also got to see one of the motorcycles the police use, and were told that every bike comes with a speed gun and that you must work 12 months in the force to become a motorcycle cop.

The most interesting part for me on the day was the 'Jaws of Life.' There are 3 different elements to the jaws; the cutters, the spreaders, and the ram. The cutters can cut almost any part of a car or truck, the spreaders can squeeze, clamp or spread parts of a car, and the ram spread parts of a vehicle to around 1.5m apart. The jaws are around 25-30kg each and will have to be carried for around 30 minutes, and sometimes overhead for that time!

An 18-wheeler was also brought in with two small cars parked next to it and behind it; you were to use the mirrors to see if we could see the cars in the blind spots, but everyone was enjoying their time by honking the horn. Their fun quickly stopped as the Year 12's were beginning their HSC Trials. Unfortunately I didn't get to honk the horn.

But the most popular part of the morning was one officer handing out small kits with a phone charger in it, everyone wanted to get a free charger.

By Lachlan Turner (Year 10)















HORNSBY ENVIRONMENT FESTIVAL

The School Environment Council organised a stall at the Hornsby Shire Environment Festival, for World Environment Day in June at McKell Park in Brooklyn, overlooking the Hawkesbury River.

World Environment Day is a time to think about the importance of the environment for us all and how we can protect it for present and future generations.

We sold produce made at school such as marmalade and walking maps of the Berowra Valley National Park. We had a display board that publicised the many Environment projects we do at ABHS, for example, the Clean4Shore River Clean Up and the Bush Regeneration at Lyrebird Gully, Mt Kuring-gai.

Mr Yates, Science Teacher



AFL NEWS

Following last term's triumph in the Sydney North Swans Shield gala day, Asquith Boys 15 years AFL team continue to make history by progressing to the last 16 in the State. in recent weeks they defeated Central Coast champions, Lisarow HS and South Sydney winners, Westfield Sports High. *Mr Yates, AFL coach*







MATHS INSPIRATION

The Maths Inspiration day started off very well with us enjoying a light snack at Maccas and then heading off to the show. Once there, we were excited to get inside and once the doors opened, we tried our best to be near the front. We were attending Maths Inspiration. The show lived up to its name.

Three speakers spoke on what they found inspirational about Mathematics. The show started off great with everyone already laughing and having a good time within ten minutes. The show started on a high note and was able to continually make everyone laugh and have a good time.



One presenter developed the ranking system for tennis and cricket. It seemed complicated at the start, but as he explained the system, it began to make sense. Another presenter was from Harvard University and specialised in statistics. She showed us how statistics can be used to misrepresent things and used traffic speed cameras as an example. Who would have thought that they don't actually prevent accidents!!!

After the show, we could not stop talking about how good the show was with each of us expressing our favourite jokes and moments. After a quick lunch stop at Maccas, again, we headed off in good spirits back to school, to the less enjoyable period five of school, each of us parting ways to our separate classes.

by Brendan







WHAT A YEAR 2017 HAS BEEN FOR RUGBY

The 2017 rugby season saw all age groups making it to the finals series which is a fantastic result, and one we wish to build on as we prepare for the 2018 season.

ABHS Opens narrowly went down in a hard fought battle against Ashfield Boys. It was a great display of ABHS's 'never say die' attitude, with our smaller pack taking it to the much bigger Ashfield pack. Coach Mr Broome said 'I have been very impressed with the boys' attitude this year and we were unlucky to go down to Ashfield. We are definitely looking promising for next year's season! I'm very proud of their efforts.'

The **RayWhite 15's** went down by 3 points to Epping in the grand final. The boys displayed true heart and fought hard with only one player on the bench. If the game had gone 5 minutes longer I believe Asquith would have been triumphant. Well done to all of the boys involved - I couldn't have been more proud of them.

The **Coolibah Building and Design 14's** were victorious and took out the competition with a convincing win over Randwick Boys. Luke 'money' Munro ran over the top of the forwards and won plenty of possession and Nathan Stewart dominated in the backline to put points on the board. Well done gentlemen.

The **ABHS 13's** narrowly went down in their grand final in a hard fought battle. Zac Bovis dominated in all aspects of the game, and is looking like a player to watch for the future. Mr McCubbin was extremely proud of their efforts this year and wishes you all the best for your rugby future.

ABHS also entered in the **North Sydney Bears Rugby League Day.** It was a great day with plenty of hard hitting footy that was played in great spirits. The 14's came back from a try down to beat St Leos in the Grand Final. Well done gentlemen.

The **ABHS 14's Rugby Tour** boys had some of the NSW Waratahs drop in to assist in a training session. The boys had a heap of fun and learnt a lot from the experience. We would like to thank our sponsors Mitry Lawyers and Networx Construction for your support!

Yours in Rugby,

Mr Mark Miles



Coolibah Building and Design 14's Rugby League team.



Both ABHS 14's Rugby League Teams



Coolibah Building and Design 14's with coach Mr Melrose and water boy Brody Camp



Helping High School Students to Build Resilience Through Theatre Productions

Anti-Bullying – Digital Citizenship – Mental Health - Resilience – Anti-Violence – Respectful Relationships

Brainstorm Productions offer award winning in-school performances to educate school students about vital issues around being a teenager in the 21st Century. They use outstanding drama performance and discussion to explore issues and provide strategies to empower students to make positive decisions and build resilience.

CHEAP THRILLS

The audience goes on an emotional roller coaster as the lead character experiences the consequences of drugs, alcohol and risky behaviour.

All Year 11/12 - Friday 8 September Period 5

This Program Covers:

 Ø Risk Taking

Substance Abuse

⊘Cigarettes

⊘Safe Partying

⊘Druas



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⊘Consequences

Excursion notes have been sent home with all Year 11 and Year 12 students. Please support our boys' developing their resilience and return the signed note with \$8 promptly to school.



TREE DAY - HORTICULTURE







On National Tree Day, 28th July, the Year 8 Horticulture students planted trees in the Jersey Street garden area. Hornsby Council Nursery donated the plants.

Planet Ark organises the day, to educate Australians about the importance of native trees and to encourage them to engage in community events like this.

ABHS Calendar of Events - Term 3

Week	Aug 21	Aug 22	Aug 23	Aug 24	Aug 25	Aug 26/27
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		P&C Meeting		ART / TAS		
		School Council		EXHIBITION		
Week	Aug 28	Aug 29	Aug 30	Aug 31	Sept 1	Sept 2/3
7A				P&C Father & Son	·	·
				Breakfast		
					WALKATHON	
	Sept 4	Sept 5	Sept 6	Sept 7	Sept 8	Sept 9/10
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8B	NAPLAN Readiness	P&C				
	Examinations Yr7&9	Sports				
					Cheap Thrills	Gala Day
					Incursion Yr11&12	
Week	Sept 11	Sept 12	Sept 13	Sept 14	Sept 15	Sept 16/17
9A	Year 11 Exams	Сорт гол г.				
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	Sept 18	Sept 19	Sept 20	Sept 21	Sept 22	Sept 23/24
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IVB			Yr12 Graduation	Yr10 Bronze	Yr10 Bronze	
		Yr10 Bronze	Assembly	Medallion	Medallion	
	P&C Dinner/BBQ	Medallion				
	for Yr12 and	Yr12 Beach Day				
	Parents					
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Term 4 - Staff and students return Monday 9th October

FACULTY NOTES

ENGLISH

It is hard to believe that we are in the home stretch of the penultimate term of 2017. Right now is a good occasion to reflect on how quickly the school year flies past and the importance of making the most of every opportunity that the ABHS English Faculty has on offer.

Year 12 have recently completed their Trial HSC and I am sure know full well of the fleeting nature of their schooling career. It seems only a few short years ago they were eager Year 7's beginning the High School journey. It is vital that all students realise that every lesson from Year 7 up until Year 12 is vital for their academic success. The junior years provide the solid foundations and analytical skills needed to perform in Senior English. Learning the ToPEEL essay structure in Year 7 and 8 means that by the HSC students will be experts in essay writing and can focus on honing their content knowledge.

However, it is not just in-class activities that are important for well-rounded success but also the many extra-curricular activities that are provided by the English Faculty. Just this term Ms Kelly, assisted by Zoltan Snead, took a number of boys to a **mock UN trial** at Asquith Girls, here students learnt the intricacies of diplomacy, something a few of our world leaders are yet to master. Mr Melrose has organised a **poetry** performance for Year 9 aimed at not only giving the boys a taste of live theatre but also vital knowledge of how poetic techniques create meaning. Ms Hills has again been organising the **Premier's Debating Challenge**, where students gain skills in developing and sustaining an argument. Ms Howe conducted the second **ICAS English Competition** for the year where all students were given the opportunity to test their skills against students from across the globe. Moreover, the **Write for Fun creative writing competition** is now open to students who want to test their writing muscle against the rest of Australia's budding Tim Wintons, with \$1000 as first prize.

In a few short years high school will be a memory, so I remind all students to embrace every extra-curricular and in-class activity that they can.

Mr N Kennedy, Relieving Head Teacher English

HSIE

Trials have just finished for Year 12 and if there is one thing that can be learnt from this, is that there is still time for improvement. Students should be practising their extended response skills and subject specific skills in order to improve their outcomes.

Year 12 is such a stressful time for students, parents and teachers alike. Just remember the more prepared you are the less likely you are to be stressed. If you require more assistance ask your teachers, if you are prepared to complete extra work, they will help you.

Sometimes we are just too busy to acknowledge the professionalism, effort and time that we as a faculty provide to our students and student teachers.

The above report is from Jessica Skinner-Crowe our latest Prac Student in HSIE and it goes some way to explaining the HSIE faculty's strong points.

Ms A Cufre, Head Teacher HSIE

MATHEMATICS

It has been a busy month in the Mathematics Department.

All Maths 1 (and anyone else who wanted to join in) participated in the State Wide Maths Competition. This competition is run each year by Mrs Laffer and we often have many successes. The boys who have achieved a credit or above will be invited to Mrs Laffer's Pizza Day.

A group of students went along to the 'Maths Inspiration' talk. All who came had a great time. (detailed article and photos in this Backchat).

Year 12 have been busy working away at their Trial HSC Examinations. We look forward to seeing some pleasing results flow through. It is important that you keep up the hard work as you move towards the HSC. Ask your teachers lots of questions, complete past HSC papers online and seek as much feedback as possible.

All of **Year 8** have been accessing Maths Online during extended rollcall. The boys have access to this resource at home and are encouraged to use it as much as possible. 'Perfect' practice makes perfect!!

Peer Tutoring is on Monday and Thursday afternoons in room 10. It is free of charge and is an opportunity for the boys to access extra maths help from fellow students, Mr Shead and Mr Miles. Afternoon tea is put on for all who attend.

Young Mathematician Club is on the last Thursday of every month at 8am. Morning Tea provided.

Mr M Miles. Maths Teacher

TAS

Just as the Industrial Technology Timber boys finish the week and their major projects, the Design and Technology students are working hard to complete their projects on time. Two teams of NESA (formerly the Board of Studies) markers will assess the projects and supporting documents late in August for Industrial Technology and early September for Design and Technology.

Now that we are at the midway point of Term 3, I am pleased with the work of the boys in all TAS subjects. I never tire of seeing the improvement and sense of fulfilment that students get out of practical achievements and personal improvement. There is something special about a finished project and testing or tasting it. I would like to congratulate the vast majority of students who are engaging with their work, giving it their best shot and learning new skills.

Footwear

Again, congratulations are in order. Only a handful of students are not turning up in their school uniform shoes. This makes it easier for the class to start work and means that the teacher is able to concentrate on helping the class, rather than chasing up written work for students who are not wearing WHS approved footwear.

Mr C Philip, Head Teacher TAS

CAREERS

Recent Events

2017 Hornsby Apprenticeship and Traineeship ExpoWednesday 2nd August 2017



with the 34 employer groups represented there. For students who were unable to attend I have all the contact details for the various employers. Asquith Boys High Year 11 Hospitality class and their teacher, Tim Josephs, prepared a range of delicious food for the employers and were complimented for their cooking and overall professional demeanour.

It was great to see many ABHS students coming to the expo and speaking



Barista Training course- Friday 28th July

24 Year 9 students attended a whole day's training on how to make a range of espresso coffees and then learn to make a variety of designs in the coffee art session. All the students thoroughly enjoyed this course and were fully engrossed for the 6 hours of training.

Tarek Farache recounts his experience:

"The Barista Course is a great experience for students to interact, have fun and also be able to learn new skills. The barista course teaches students to make coffees but also turn it into art. It allows students to express themselves in a different way and environment. It also creates social bonds between students and to connect with the teachers more. The Barista Course also provides important skills like moving efficiently under pressure and to be able to make the next level of coffee that is unlike what you have ever tasted before.







At CBD College you are allocated to an espresso machine and with the help of four fabulous baristas you learn to make coffee of all different types, how to use coffee beans and make coffee art. It is a good look on your resume and for applying for a job in any café. I recommend this course to everyone whether or not you are applying for a café job.

A big thank you to Mrs Barlow and Mrs Fry for making this happen."

Guest speakers

Representatives from the Defence Force Recruiting Team, 1300 Apprentice, TAFENSW, Camp Counsellors USA, and the Master Builders have visited school to speak with interested students.

TVET Outdoor Recreation Course

This TVET (TAFE delivered HSC VET) Outdoor Recreation program is a 9 day residential/field program based in the Blue Mountains region. Year 11 and 12 students are eligible to undertake this NSW Board of Studies endorsed program as part of their HSC program.

The program is delivered predominantly in a 'bush setting', sleeping in lightweight tents. All specialist equipment, transport and catering is provided.

Students gain an appreciation of a variety of Australian natural landscapes from sandstone cliffs in the Blue Mountains for their climbing, abseiling and canyoning activities and Lake Lyell for canoeing activity.

Upon successful completion of the 9-day program, the course workbook and a first aid certificate, students are awarded an academic transcript from TAFE and will be eligible for a Certificate II in Sport & Recreation.

Students are also eligible to gain 3 NSW Boarded of Studies endorsed units towards either their preliminary HSC or HSC units.

Three Year 12 students, Christian Sinicco, Eli Khouri and Toby Isobe

completed this camp earlier this year and all described the experience as "awesome". Two are pictured to the right having a great time. They also gained 3 units towards their HSC.



EVET/TVET Courses

Just a reminder that any students who wish to apply for a **new EVET/TVET course in 2018** as part of their HSC program must fill in an Expression of Interest form and hand it to Mrs Fry, the Careers Adviser. The deadline is **8**th **September 2017**. These applications will be put on the EVET online tool and the Department of Education will make the offers of a place by **Friday 17**th **November. Continuing TAFE students do not need to apply.**

There are also **TVET Open Afternoons at Hornsby and Meadowbank TAFE**. Students can go and speak with current TVET teachers and students. Parents are very welcome also

The afternoon at **Meadowbank TAFE** is on **Tuesday 22nd August** in Building K, Level 3, Room 30 (K.3.30) at 4pm. The afternoon at **Hornsby TAFE** is on **Tuesday 29th August** again at 4pm. See flyers at the end of this report.

Coming Events

UNSW Mining Summer School UMSS: 17th - 19th January 2018

This is an opportunity to learn about study, careers and opportunities in the Australian mining industry. Start at the UNSW campus to experience university life including lectures, labs and the school's 3D virtual reality simulator and VR goggles. Then travel for 2 nights to visit underground & surface mines, learn how coal and minerals are extracted and processed, view mine rehabilitations sites etc

Students in Years 10 or 11, interested in science or engineering and studying /planning to study subjects such as physics, mathematics and engineering are eligible to apply. Cost is \$200.

For more information and to apply go to: https://www.engineering.unsw.edu.au/mining-engineering/all-events/unsw-mining-summer-school-2018

Important Information - particularly for Year 12 students

TAFE & Apprenticeships

I have details of vacancies for apprenticeships in light vehicle servicing, panel beating /spray painting and plumbing.

Please contact me for further details

The **UAC Guides 2017-2018** are being distributed to Year 12 students. Also the SRS and EAS booklets. Applications for applying for UNI through UAC opened on 2nd August and will close on 29th September.

A reminder that many Open Days are coming up in August, such as:

- Uni of Newcastle Newcastle campus Saturday 19th August 10am-4pm
- Macquarie Uni 19th August Visit mq.edu.au/openday
- University of Sydney Saturday 26th August
- UNSW Saturday 2nd September
- Taster Workshops- University of Tasmania

Rozelle Campus: Friday 25th August 3-7pm Darlinghurst: Saturday 26th August 12-4pm

Experience what it will be like to study nursing or Paramedic Practice. Discover your future career in health. Register at utas.edu.au/taster-workshop.

Mrs J Fry Careers Adviser



HORNSBY TAFE TVET OPEN AFTERNOON

Date: Tuesday 29 August 2017
Location: Library - Building A, Level 1

Start Time: 4pm

Come and speak with current TVET Teachers and students from the following areas:

- Automotive
- Business services
- Children's Services
- Construction
- Design Fundamentals
- Design Fundamentals (Fashion)
- Electrotechnology
- Events
- Financial Services
- Information & Digital Technology Animation
- Information & Digital Technology Web and Software Applications
- Photography
- Tourism

Parents/Guardians are most welcome to attend this event too.

Enquiries: jenny.mcnamee@tafensw.edu.au

Note: Best parking would be located near Building K – entrance off Jersey St as highlighted on map (see next page)



MEADOWBANK TAFE TVET OPEN AFTERNOON for NEW students

Date: Tuesday 22 August 2017

Location: Building K, Level 3, Room 30 (K.3.30)

Time: 4pm

Come and speak with current TVET Teachers and students from the following areas:

- Business Services
- Construction
- Community Services Children's Services & Welfare
- Electrotechnology
- Financial Services
- Hair & Beaut
- Human Services Health Services Assistance
- Information & Digital Technology Networking and Hardware
- Metal & Engineering
- Plumbing
- Property Services
- Screen and Media
- Sport, Fitness and Recreation
- Visual Arts Photography

Parents/Guardians are most welcome to attend this event too.



Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

Notification for Parents and Carers

All Government and non-Government schools across Australia are required to participate annually in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD).

All Australian schools will collect data on their students who are receiving adjustments to meet additional learning and support needs in accordance with their obligations under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and *Disability Standards for Education 2005*. This data will be provided to the Australian Government to assist in the development of a consistent, national picture of the education needs of students with disability.

The data provided to the Australian Government by the NSW Department of Education is provided in such a way that it cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.

General information about the national data collection can be found on the Australian Government Department of Education and Training website at http://education.gov.au/fact-sheets-nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability.

Privacy Protection

The NSW Department of Education follows the requirements of the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998* and the *Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002*. Schools will collect, record, store and use data about individual students in line with these requirements. Data security and protection is a priority and students' personal details will be kept confidential.

Under Clause 52 of the Commonwealth *Australian Education Regulation 2013*, data collected by the NSW Department of Education for the NCCD must be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. This includes the number of students at each level of education, the number in each category of disability and the number at each level of adjustment. The information is provided to the Commonwealth as a series of number sets that cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.

The Australian Government Department of Education and Training follows the requirements of the Commonwealth *Privacy Act 1988* when handling any data provided by NSW Department of Education in connection with the national data collection. A public information notice has been developed to by the Australian Government to provide students, parents and carers with important privacy information in relation to the data collection. This notice is available on the department's website at http://education.gov.au/notices

If you have any questions about the data collection please do not hesitate to contact Louise Tapner louise.tapner1@det.nsw.edu.au or Christopher Broome Christopher.broome2@det.nsw.edu.au

P&C ASSOCIATION

Parents and Citizens working together for our School

Hello ABHS community,

Thanks to Tony Nicklin, the P&C Grounds Coordinator and all the ABHS family and friends who joined us for a morning working bee at the end of July. Two large garden beds were prepared and planted with plants donated from the Hornsby Council Nursery. The plants are the final part of the ABHS P&C funded Stage 1 **Entrance Project** which has included a safe and accessible entrance path separated by planting from the staff carpark as well as new paving and table settings to the two existing shelters, also to be used as outdoor classrooms. The construction team, led by Andrew Fuda of *Solidscapes*, successfully completed the concrete works despite incredibly hot weather and a few unexpected discoveries during the excavation stage. We are hoping to arrange an opening of this impressive new area later on in the year.





Upcoming events - Please put these dates in your calendar:

Thursday 31st August

Join us for the Father & Son Breakfast to be held from 7 to 8.30am in the school hall. Enjoy a delicious breakfast and some special time with your son at this very special annual event at Asquith Boys. Booking is essential with Maddi Bailes at info@workerslegalsupport.com.au or 0439 779 821.

Sunday 10th September

The Asquith Boys Sports Gala Day will showcase local primary school teams in football and Oz tag. This is a fabulous day of competition and community and all parents and students are welcome.

Monday 18th September

The Year 12 Family Dinner will be held at the new PCYC centre in Waitara. This is an excellent opportunity for students to celebrate with parents and families, the achievement of their final year at the school. Invitations have been posted to all Year 12 families so make your bookings early! We are eager to hear from any Year 11 parents who would like to assist with this event.

Any parents who want to be involved in any of the above events please contact Sasha at secretary.abhspnc@gmail.com.

Trivia Night Sponsors

Thanks to all the businesses that are supporting the ABHS P&C and AGHS P&C Trivia Night:

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The next P&C meeting is on Tuesday 22 August@ 7.30pm in the Library. All welcome.

Tempe Beaven
P&C Vice President

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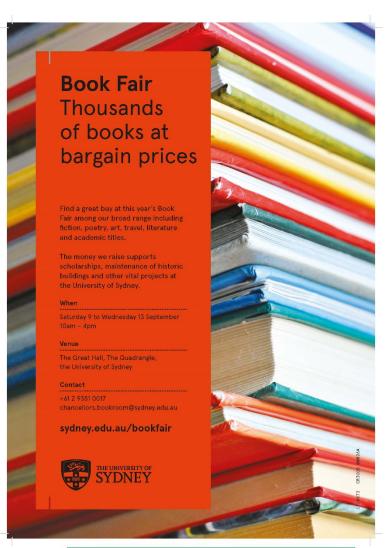
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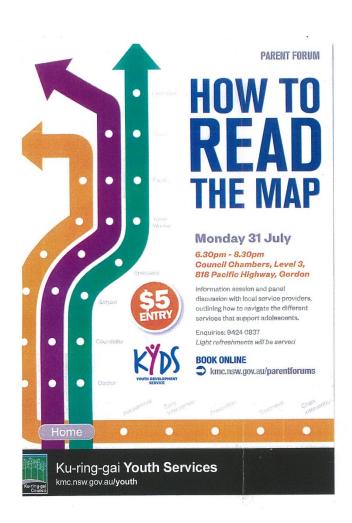


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STUDY STRESS BUSTER SESSIONS

PRACTICAL STRATEGIES FOR SENIOR STUDENTS (September session ideal for students in years 10 & 11)

Where: KYDS Office (rear 265 Pacific Hwy, Lindfield)
NEXT AVAILABLE OPEN WORKSHOP: September 25, 2017 (10am-2pm)
Covering:

- > Understanding how you learn
- > Organisational skills
- > Time management strategies
- > Study techniques
- > Dealing with procrastination
- > Enhancing your memory
- ➤ Maintaining motivation
- > Controlling nerves and reducing stress

Light refreshments provided (please mention any dietary requirements when booking)



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