

# ASQUITH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER BACKCHAT

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## SCHOOL EXECUTIVE

**Bryce Grant**  
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*Sydney North Swans Shield Winners  
ABHS 15 years AFL team*



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

*Mr Bryce Grant*

Term 3 is by far the busiest on the school calendar. In recent weeks we have had many events that have showcased the talents of our boys and our great community spirit.

As our Year 12s complete their final school days we wish them the very best in their up coming HSC Examinations and congratulate them on their commitment and dedication to their studies which has enabled them to reach this point. I had the pleasure of speaking to these boys and their families this week at their graduation dinner where Mr Griffiths, the former Asquith Boys High School Principal, and I reiterated how significant the achievement of graduation from school is and how proud we all are of them. Over the past few weeks, I am repeatedly reminded of the fine young men that they have become. The boys are well supported by our dedicated teaching staff who have organised many study days in their upcoming holiday break to continue to support and strengthen their learning.

Our Year 11 students have recently completed their final preliminary course examinations and now have an opportunity to reflect on the success of their exam preparation techniques before they begin their HSC course in Term 4. They too will continue to be supported by our teaching staff throughout their HSC year with opportunities for study skills seminars and access to career guidance from Ms Fry to ensure that they too can work towards achieving their goals.

### **Annual School Walkathon – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September**

I participated in my first Walkathon on what was a glorious spring day with a brisk ten kilometre walk from the school, through the back streets of Asquith and Wahroonga, before entering the bush track that led down to Apple Tree Bay. A drink, two sausage sandwiches and a cake filled the stomachs of the hungry boys, with many keen for the opportunity to retrace their steps and return back up the track to school without having to catch the bus.

What a great day to share and behold the positive behaviour of our boys and their enthusiastic participation on the day. This event has been a proud fundraising tradition at Asquith Boys High School for the past 28 years. In this time the school has raised over \$200,000 for significant school projects and the Royal Flying Doctors Service. This year again the fundraising will be donated to the Royal Flying Doctors Service and any remaining funds allocated into the redevelopment of the basketball court located outside G Block, near the student entry gate once all sponsorship money is handed in. The highest student fundraiser will receive a premium season membership to Sydney's Wet'n'Wild.

### **Asquith Boys High School Father and Son Breakfast – Thursday 31 August**

More than 120 guests attended the Father and Son Breakfast, enjoying quality time with their sons while consuming the quality hot breakfast prepared by Mr Josephs' Year 11 Hospitality students. A couple of the Hospitality students were required to leave home on the morning at around 5am to ensure that they were at school on time to commence the required preparations for this major school event. Research has repeatedly shown that fathers play a major role in the development of our young men and it is vital that we take as many opportunities as we can to share time and be present with our sons.

## Asquith Boys High School Sports Gala Day – Sunday 10 September

Unfortunately, due to limited entries into the Sports Gala Day on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September the event has been postponed to Term 4. The Community Day will return bigger and better in 2018 after a lay year in 2017. With the support and organisational powers of the Asquith Boys High School P&C I am sure the event will be an overwhelming success.

### Legacy Week Collection

Well done to our Prefects, Year 9 students, Ms Bird and Mr Moscos who raised \$10,500 for Legacy last week. This is an incredible amount for a worthy charity that supports returned servicemen, veterans and their widows and was one of the highest amount raised in the NSW Metropolitan area by a school. This was yet another example where we can take pride in our boys' continued generosity to their local community.

### SCIENCE LABS UPGRADE

We eagerly anticipate the completion of our new Science Laboratory upgrade next term. The patience and resilience of the Science staff and boys during the refurbishment has been admirable and duly tested across the course of the upgrade, however, they will be rewarded with state of the art science laboratories and teaching facilities, which will significantly benefit our boys and their future learning in all our science fields.

### INCOMING STUDENT LEADERS

This week we announced our new school leaders who have the privilege of representing our school over the next twelve months. These positions are one that require appreciation of the honour that they have been bestowed and will require continued hard work to maintain the integrity of the roles.

We congratulate:

Jackson Tuynman – School Captain

Robert Campbell – School Vice Captain

Adam West – Senior Prefect

Finally, I would like to wish all families a safe and happy holiday and hope that the boys take this opportunity where possible to relax, reflect and rejuvenate for the upcoming final term of their 2017 studies.



## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

*Mr Andrew Skehan*

As Term 3 comes to a close we begin the process of farewelling our Year 12 students and preparing them for the final task ahead; the HSC examinations. It is vital that Year 12 take every possible opportunity offered by their teachers to revise content, submit practice responses and access useful school resources. I would like to wish our graduating class every success in their future endeavours.

Students in Years 7-11 should prepare for a busy start to Term 4 as assessments and examinations fall due in the lead up to the reporting period. I urge all students to ensure they are up to date with classwork and submit all tasks on time. Our class teachers; learning and support staff; school librarian, Mrs Hamilton and Year Advisers are always on hand to provide assistance.

Next term the boys transition to the summer school uniform. Whilst ties and blazers (for seniors) are not required, it is our firm expectation that every student complies with the uniform policy every day. If for any reason your son is unable to wear a piece of school uniform on a particular day, please ensure you provide him with an explanatory note. I encourage you to contact the school if you wish to discuss any aspect of the uniform policy.

## Certificates of Commendation for designing the cover for the ABHS School Photograph Folder

*Winner*

*Highly Commended*



### Winning Cover

*(right)*

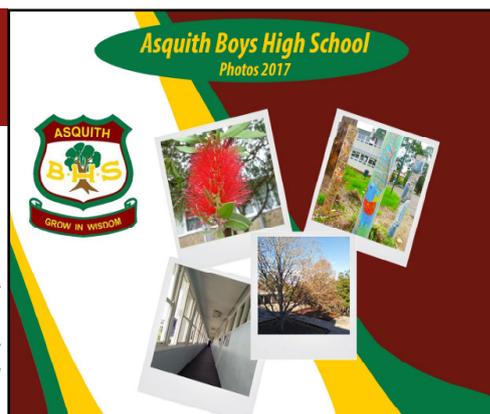
*Layout by*

*Massimo D'Ercole,*

*with photographs by*

*Luke Ivers and*

*Massimo D'Ercole*



# TEXTILES TECHNOLOGY

8TAS4 have been studying Textiles Technology for the past 13 weeks. They have learnt how to use the sewing machine effectively and have created a variety of colourful boxer shorts. Some students even managed to complete two internal pockets, which is exceptional considering this is their first experience at sewing.

Students who have successfully completed their shorts this year will be invited to walk the catwalk at Asquith Girls High School early next term, as guests at the school's TAS display. Parents will also be invited to attend the fashion parade to admire their son's excellent sewing skills.



**Ms K Bird,**  
**TAS teacher**

## FROM THE ABHS OLD BOYS

### Brian's Experience with Bullying

As Editor of the ABHS Old Boys Newsletter, I recently received the note below, from former student Brian Gibson. Brian Graduated from ABHS in 1994. Brian has written to ABHS Old Boys on other occasions. In 2011 he set up a fan page on Facebook, Twitter and Youtube for fans Football in Australia. For this Brian achieved a 'Best Use of Social Media Award'. Brian has remained a strong supporter of ABHS, assisting the School with processing media for the 50th Anniversary in 2010.

*"Hey everyone, My name is Brian Gibson. I wanted to use this time to tell you that no matter what happens in life, in my experience, it can get better.*

*Growing up I was a smart child and one of the youngest kids in my classes at school. I was one of the quietest and was regularly bullied by other kids. This led to tall poppy syndrome when I reached high school as the bullying became physical; I stopped trying in class and hung out with 'the cool kids' as a means of coping. My dad was unaware of why my grades were slipping, and as he had great hopes for me, pulled me out of soccer to focus on school... It didn't work.*

*Soon after school finished I realised that I'd no longer be an easy target by being a wallflower and grew a strong desire to make up for lost time and make a difference to people, businesses and my chosen sport - football.*

*Who would have thought I'd end up managing large technology teams early in my career, then later, after a sea-change, winning an award for 'Best Use of Social Media' (reported in Vol 14 O.B. Newsletter). Currently I work as a social media mentor for [Football Federation Australia](#) working with everyone from [Caltex Socceroos](#) & [Hyundai A-League](#) players through to state federations and A-League clubs.*

*It has been a great journey so far with highlights including being involved in the first live streamed events for sports in Australia on both [Facebook](#) & [Twitter](#), covering four A-League Grand Finals, helping build the [Western Sydney Wanderers FC](#) and working with some of the highest profile athletes in Australian sport including [Tim Cahill](#) and [Alessandro Del Piero](#)."*

Thanks to Brian Gibson and Lenovo Australia and New Zealand for a substantial quantity of this content.

**Chris Kent,**  
**Editor ABHS Old Boys Newsletter**

# 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.

REPORT TO HEAD TEACHER ATTENDANCE				Roll Class
If you do not report today you will have an A/ S Det this week				
Student:				
Report ASAP to Ms Holder in a break:	Place: CAPA staffroom or room 31	Day/Date:	Time:	
Marked absent by? Teacher	Marked absent on?	Marked absent when?		
Comment & Sign:				

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.

**Ms C Holder, Head Teacher Attendance and NOGO**

## SENIOR STUDY FACILITY AT ABHS

As a school, ABHS has set out to cater to the needs of senior students for the past 5 years, with the implementation of a Senior Study. Initially this served Year 12 students on Wednesday afternoons from Term 2 onwards, but as of 2016, this has also been offered to Year 11 students.

**The Senior Study is a fully supervised and supported learning environment** which students can elect to attend in lieu of Grade Sport. When working in Senior Study, the day ends at 2.20pm, like the sport day. Students are supervised and advised by a Head Teacher who monitors their activities and engagement, assisting wherever possible to help students improve their performance. Supervising teachers (many of whom are experienced HSC markers) provide mentoring, scaffolding and advice to all students present.

Our wonderful librarian Mrs Helen Hamilton has ordered the most up to date resources and study guides available to each subject area and students can access and make use of them. Mrs Hamilton is always looking for other resources which students may request to maximise their success.

The learning space is a quiet one where students are encouraged to work independently. Students can also negotiate places in the study where they can work in study groups to support and leverage one another's success.

## YEAR 10 SNOW TRIP 2017

On Monday 7 August 2017, over 70 boys from Year 10 are 'mostly' awake as they arrive at school to start the annual snow trip at 6am. Once at school, we packed the bus and headed off with our first destination Canberra. We arrived at the Australian War Memorial where we spent time examining at the importance of Australia's past through videos and memorabilia from World War I & II including aircraft designs, documentaries and life-size models.

Our next stop was the Woolworths in Cooma, where we purchased supplies to make our own lunches for the week,

before arriving at our accommodation in Berridale. Upon arrival, we hired out our snow gear, which included skis or snowboards, jackets, pants, gloves, helmets and boots. After a delicious dinner, we gathered for a safety meeting where we went through the "do's and don'ts for the slopes" and we were issued with our lift passes. At the end of the day, all of us hopped into bed with anticipation of the days ahead!

We were woken by door-knocking teachers at 5am for a filling breakfast before grabbing our snow gear. After a short drive, we arrived at the Perisher Valley Terminal where many of the boys had their first glimpse of snow. We secured our spots on the Ski Tube over to Blue Cow for our first snow lesson. The snow conditions could not have been any better with blue skies and over 100cm of snow. It was extremely cold and windy throughout the day.

As the majority had never skied or snowboarded before, the first few hours proved challenging at first, but became easier as time went on. After a few lessons, we were also able to successfully master the chairlift. During the day, we made sure that we had regular breaks in order to keep hydrated and apply sunscreen before heading back out onto the snow for another few hours. Each day the skills improved, new runs were discovered, and even some jumps were attempted. We had fresh snowfall, windy days and clear sunny days - the best skiing conditions - EVER! On our last day of skiing some groups even moved over towards Happy Valley and tried out other slopes, which proved difficult, but a lot of fun at the same time.

Every afternoon at 4pm, we gathered for roll call before heading back to Berridale to prepare our lunches for the next day, followed by dinner. The night's intense entertainment varied each night including a Trivia Night where we were questioned on sports, TV, flags, famous people and our own general knowledge; Movie Night, or we just kicked back and relaxed in the cabins with our friends, and even played the odd round of Mario Kart (Wii) or Wii Sports Golf! The traditional Karaoke Night unfortunately was cancelled due to software issues but luckily the karaoke on board the bus to and from school was enough to carry on the tradition.

The Snow Trip this year was without a doubt, absolutely amazing! It was by far, the week of the season according to the locals, and it put a smile on all our faces. This trip is something that both my peers and myself will remember for a very long time and it was great to build our relationships outside of the school environment.

A big **Thank You** to all the teachers that looked after us for the week and kept us safe; to the Perisher Snow instructors for helping us get onto the snow safely; to our coach driver Gary for a very smooth trip; to the friendly staff at Southern Cross Motor Inn for making sure that our school was well catered for another year, and to anyone else who contributed to make this camp one of the best.

A **Massive Thank You** to **Mr Corbitt** for giving us such an absolutely spectacular opportunity, nearly a year of your time and effort has gone into organising this camp, and we certainly could not have done it without you.

By Bradley Flood





# VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITION OPENING NIGHT 2017

The Annual Visual Arts Exhibition Opening was held on Thursday 24 August. Preparations were extreme in the lead up and Ms Cooke, supported by Ms Hudson, Mrs Gowthorp and Ms Holder managed the curating and organisation of the entire hall with their usual efficiency.

Selected students and small groups, including the hall crew, were our hanging team and they achieved greatness in their efforts. If you were selected to perform in one of these roles outside of class time, you have something to be proud of. Few were chosen.

Opening night was huge. The hall was filled to capacity with around 350 people, including award winners and their guests. Ms Bird, her Food Technology and Hospitality classes provided a wonderful spread of exhibition food that sated the endless appetites of the guests.

Congratulations to all award winners. Certificates were awarded to our many worthy recipients. Class teachers nominated students who achieved excellent results in Drama, Music, Photography and Visual Arts in Semester 2 last year (after the exhibition) and Semester 1 of this year. Many thanks to everyone in the audience for the patience they showed during the endless presentations.

The viewing audience explored the exhibition with enthusiasm, being particularly excited to preview our **HSC Art Bodies of Work**, a celebration of painting and drawing in 2017. Pride of place in the central exhibition location was occupied by Peter Stevens, Lachlan Barrowcliff and Nicholas Cowell, surrounded by the works of Deeyon Garland, Christian Sinicco, Bradley Schoenmaker, Max Fortune, Liam Murphy and Zoltan Snead.

Mr Newton organised **Year 12 Music** student Andrew Morrison to perform and Mrs Gowthorp's **Year 12 Drama** performed their Group Performance.

Thank you to Ms Hudson, for the invitation flyer and Year 12 Souvenir Catalogue. Many thanks needs to be extended to the may people who supported us along the way – Ms Cooke, Mrs Gowthorp, Mr Newton, Mrs Beckerleg, Mr Sonter, all excellent artists and exhibition helpers and any staff member who supervised for us or allowed us to borrow someone.

Finally thanks to all the parents, friends and family who came along to support the boys as they received their awards, including Mr Christopher Kent, former Head Teacher Creative and Performing Arts and President of the Asquith Old Boys.

You have all helped to make it the best exhibition night ever!

**Ms Catherine Holder, Head Teacher CAPA**





## GOLD DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

On 23rd August, Michael Sheldon, a recent graduate of our school, received his Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award from the Governor of NSW. This is the final level of this prestigious International program, designed to help young people build skills to equip them for life and work. His Excellency, the Honourable David Hurley spoke of his high regard for the Award in developing Australia's future leaders and invited recipients, their families and Award leaders to Government House for brunch.

To attain his Gold Award, Michael completed 12 months of consistent and continued participation of at least one hour per week in each of community service, a skill, and a sport. He also undertook a five-day residential program and completed two four-day wilderness hikes. Thank you to Mr. Murphy for organising and accompanying the expedition along the Great Ocean Walk in Victoria.

Science teacher and Duke of Edinburgh Award coordinator, Mr. Yates, said he was proud of Michael's achievements. "I've been doing the Duke of Ed for 25 years in the Blue Mountains, Hawkesbury region and Malaysia and these occasions are always special", he told Backchat. "It was great to catch up with Michael and his family at such an auspicious event".

Universities today credit the Gold Award recipients with three ATAR points towards their HSC, recognising the importance of individuals that contribute positively to our society and who are willing to help others voluntarily.

We look forward to our current Silver participants progressing to Gold, as they prepare for their qualifying expedition in November.

*Mr Chris Yates, Duke of Edinburgh Award Co-ordinator*



## ABHS SUPPORTS LEGACY

Legacy Week is the annual national appeal to raise awareness and funds for the families of our incapacitated and deceased veterans. The funds raised assist Australian families suffering financially and socially after the incapacitation or death of a spouse or parent, during or after their defence force service.

On Thursday 31st August, 26 fine young Year 9 students proudly and confidently headed out into the community to raise money for Legacy. While some students walked to their designated selling

positions, the remaining student boarded mini

buses to head to locations further away such as Bunning's, where Jake successfully used his broken foot to gain the sympathy vote!

Early the following morning, the Year 11 Prefects situated themselves at the local Railway stations to offer those generous early morning commuters the opportunity to support Legacy.

Throughout the week, the Prefects, accompanied by Mr Moscos, attended Hornsby RSL where they continued to raise funds for this great cause. Total amount raised by the Year 9 and 11 ABHS students was **\$10,500!** Congratulations to those students for a magnificent effort. Congratulations also goes to Mr George Moscos

for all of his time and effort in organising and running the Legacy fund raising program in ABHS yet again.

*Ms Karen Bird, Year Adviser – Year 9*



# HSIE

## Year 11 Geography Fieldwork Task – Urban Change in Hornsby

As part of their preliminary Population Topic, Year 11 Geography students carried out a fieldwork task investigating Urban Change and the impact of Urban Consolidation on the Hornsby Shire. Urban Consolidation is the state government policy aimed at increasing the population density of established urban areas in Sydney.

The boys observed the changes that have taken place from Hornsby's rural past through to the development of high and medium density residences at Waitara and more recently in Asquith. The boys gained an understanding of just how quickly the urban policy is changing the shape of the local area, and some of the implications of these changes.



**Mr Cameron Laing, Geography Teacher**



## Year 12 Work Studies – School Project

As part of the Year 12 Work Studies course students have to undertake a project that benefits the school or community. The project must be student led, every stage from planning to completion. In HSIE, we like to make our classrooms bright and educational to create an engaging learning space. So, this year's Work Studies class designed and created a large world map mural on a wall in Room 18. This map will be used by teachers to exemplify longitude and latitude and practice place Geography (continents, countries and capital cities).

The boys demonstrated their teamwork and leadership skills along with their creativity and work ethic. All of the HSIE teachers are very impressed with the final product and I am very proud of their achievement.

**Ms Rachel Parker, HSIE teacher**



**Screen ON THE Green**

MOVIES FOOD PEOPLE POPCORN

**FREE MOVIES  
HORNSBY PARK**

**22-23 SEPTEMBER**

GATES OPEN 5.30PM | MOVIES START 7PM

[hornsby.nsw.gov.au/movies](http://hornsby.nsw.gov.au/movies)

# IN THE KITCHENS

## Year 8 Food Technology

8TAS1 has been studying the unit 'Food from Around the World' in Food Technology. They have prepared and produced a variety of dishes from various parts of the World such as macarons, fettuccine carbonara and tacos. The assessment task for this unit involves cooking a meal related to their family heritage or traditions. It is wonderful to see the students show interest in their family and where their heritage lies.

On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August, the students invited a member of their family to assist them in the kitchen with producing their chosen family dish. This was a wonderful and very successful day with many mums, dads and grandparents able to participate. The students love to have their family visit our school and they are very proud to show off their newly acquired cooking skills. Some even keen to share with Mr Grant and Mr Skehan. There was a wide variety of dishes prepared from scones with jam and cream, shepherd's pie, chicken potpie and crumbed cutlets to nachos and many more!

Thankyou to all the family members who took time from their busy schedules to join us in the ABHS kitchen.



## Year 10 Food Technology

Year 10 Food Technology have been very busy this semester, not only completing the unit 'Food for Special Needs' but also being involved in some school catering.

In this unit the students learn about the six essential nutrients and how the body uses them. They also investigated circumstances which lead to special food needs such as allergies and intolerances, lifestyle choices, logistical considerations and cultural and religious beliefs. Students have prepared and produced dishes associated with these special needs such as a hamburger with the lot; a meal suitable for a growing teenage boy, Bourbon Chicken; a dish named after Bourbon Street in New Orleans, Louisiana, which is high in protein proving suitable for people recovering from injury or illness. The students also gained an understanding the importance of a healthy breakfast and prepared Buckwheat Pancakes with Berries and Scrambled Eggs with Ham and Cheese.



These wonderful Year 10 Food Technology students have also catered for some school functions including formal assemblies and the ART/TAS Exhibition. They have prepared and produced finger food for these events such as Meat Balls, Thai Chicken Sausage Rolls, Chocolate Caramel Slice, sandwiches and Gluten and Lactose free Brownies. Students have worked tirelessly to successfully meet deadlines for food service for these events, which is excellent practice for those students intending to studying Hospitality next year.



## Year 12 Hospitality

Year 12 Hospitality has finally come to the end of school life. These 'Hospo' students have worked consistently, reaching competency in many areas. Their final task involved working as part of a team to develop a business proposal for a restaurant and create a signature dish for their particular restaurant. The two group dishes were a surf and turf inspired steak dish with chips and salad and a sticky chicken and rice dish. I wish this class the best of luck for their pending HSC Examinations.



*Ms Karen Bird, TAS Teacher*

# Y7 PIPs

2017 marked the eleventh year for the implementation of the Year 7 Personal Interest Projects or “PIPs”.

This programme requires the students to create something that reflects their interests or passions. The Year 7 classes attend a weekly series of face-to-face lessons and activities that are designed to support the students through the process of imagining, researching, designing and problem solving. The final projects, which were built at home, are then presented to their class peers and a panel of judges

The projects this year ranged from creating digital games to building a sauna. Photography was a popular topic, as were skateboards, football and food. Other students built a wakeboard, dug and planted a sustainable garden, painted original art works, redesigned their bedroom or wired up a new led lighting system.

As always it was fascinating listening to the students talk passionately about how their individual projects finally came to fruition. Well Done Year 7.

**Ms Helen Hamilton**  
Teacher Librarian, PIPs co-ordinator



1<sup>st</sup> Prize Recipients



Chessboard with pieces created from nuts and bolts

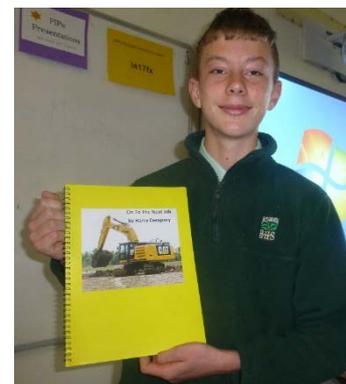
2017 PIP PRIZE WINNERS				
	7A	7B	7E	7H
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	Daniel Ward	Lachlan Culverhouse	Jackson Attwood	William Parry
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Jamie Dillon	Kyal Cruikshank	Colin Newland	Jackson Rishworth
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Will Perring	Liam Gaica	Jordan Suominen	Benjamin Kelly
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	Navpreet Sheoran	Nathan MacLachlan	Ryan de Burgh	John Dolina
<b>Year Advisor Award</b>	Jared Hanson	Travis Lawrence	Axel Ficker	Benjamin Hazell
<b>PIPs Co-ordinator Award</b>	Floyd Jennians	Jacob McNaught	Lachlan Donnelly	Jae Foster
<b>Peer Award</b>	Daniel Verco	Nicholas Read	Lachlan Taylor	Marcus Cheen Leong



Lego model of Mount Kuring-gai Railway Station



Original Water Colours on Canvas



Creative non-fiction book

# WINTER GRADE SPORT RESULTS

In the 2017 Winter Grade season we entered 33 teams across 7 sports. This meant we had over 350 students participating in grade sport every week. By the end of the winter season 14 of our teams had made the semi-finals. From these 14 teams we had 7 teams progress to the Grand Final.

## 2017 WINTER ZONE RUNNERS UP

- 13s Rugby coached by Mr McCubbin and Mr Fraser
- 15s Rugby coached by Mr Miles
- 14C Football coached by Ms Smith
- 15A Football coached by Mr Josephs
- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Football coached by Mr Jones



## 2017 WINTER ZONE PREMIERS



*14s Rugby coached by Mr Melrose*



*6<sup>th</sup> Grade Football*

## BEST AND FAIREST – 2017 WINTER GRADE SPORT

1<sup>st</sup> Grade Tennis – Joshua Collins  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Tennis – Zachary Howe  
 15's Tennis – Patrick Ross  
 14's Tennis – Jackson Rishworth

1<sup>st</sup> Grade Soccer – Jordan Smylie  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Soccer – Edward Blackwood  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Soccer – James Riolino  
 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Soccer – Cooper Davenport  
 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Soccer – Marco Dabbene  
 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Soccer – Lachlan Gammie  
 15 A Soccer – Lawrence Frederick  
 15B Soccer - Byron Carothers  
 14A Soccer – Mason Smith  
 14B Soccer - Joshua Jones-Blair  
 14C Soccer - Thomas Huntington  
 13A Soccer – Ethan Oliver  
 13B Soccer – Kyle Bedwin  
 13C Soccer – Floyd Jennians  
 13D Soccer – Oliver Morle

1<sup>st</sup> Grade Table Tennis - Jaehyeon (Jacob) Jeon  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Table Tennis - Chuanxin (Eric) Wang  
 15's Table Tennis – Riley Nicklin  
 14's Table Tennis – Xueying (Andrew) Yuan



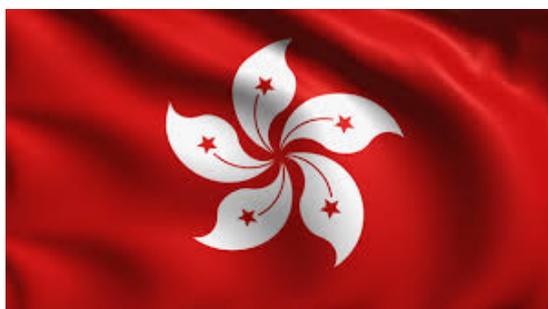
1<sup>st</sup> Rugby - Ryan Kirk  
15s Rugby – Isaac Vuna  
14s Rugby – Dominic Tonu-Jiare  
13s Rugby – Aden Clarke

Snr Lawn Bowls – Bradley Flood  
Jnr Lawn Bowls – Keegan Morris

Hockey – Morgan Hamer

1<sup>st</sup> Badminton – Nicholas Roscarel  
2<sup>nd</sup> Badminton – Stephen Morrison  
15 Badminton – Jack Jones

Congratulations to all of our teams.  
**Mr D Jones, Grade Sport Co-ordinator**



## 2018 INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL TOUR TO HONG KONG

Congratulations to the following boys on their selection as a representative of Asquith Boys High School on the 2018 International Football Tour to Hong Kong. Selection on this tour is an honour and these boys have now become part of a great tradition with annual tours dating back to 2003.

This unique opportunity has become a very important part of the Asquith Boys' High School Calendar as an 'opt in' sporting and cultural experience. Selection for the 2018 Tour has been an engaging and rewarding process involving Tour officials and the executive of the School. The task of selecting a squad of players to represent Asquith Boys High School overseas was made even more challenging due to the amount of applications received and outstanding calibre of students that applied.

The Tour will depart for Hong Kong on April 12, 2018 where our two teams will play five games each against a variety of local opposition. Students will also experience all that Hong Kong has to offer, including its culture, people, cuisine, and attractions.

Nicholas Barratt  
Edward Blackwood  
Luke Bourke  
Caleb Burns  
Matthew Burns  
Robert Campbell  
Marcellan Conte-Junior  
Nathan Cosgrove  
Jack Cotton  
Thomas Dandie  
Zane Drysdale

Sebastian Eliasson  
Nicholas Fannelli  
Tristan Fisher  
Jamie Griffin  
Jarrod Haines  
Alexander Humphreys  
Tom Kersten  
Anthony Lake  
Jack Liddelow  
Oliver Magson  
Luke Malcolm

Luke Mueller-Byrnes  
Samuel Parry  
Joseph Parry  
Anderson Pendrick  
Luke Read  
James Riolino  
Christopher Robinson  
Brenton Sloggett  
Aaron Surace  
Jack (Ian) Waters  
Adam West

**Mr D.Jones**  
**ABHS Football Tour Coordinator**

# ABHS Year 8 Camp 2017



**6 to 8  
December 2017**



## What we will be doing:

- ✓ Exploring the Royal National Park
- ✓ Cliff abseiling
- ✓ Experiencing Aboriginal culture and history
- ✓ Staying right in the heart of the Illawarra
- ✓ Being in a gorgeous landscape
- ✓ Having great fun
- ✓ Eating fantastic food
- ✓ Making new friendships with staff and students

Forms and \$50 deposit to be submitted by:

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2017**



# FACULTY NOTES

## ENGLISH

As many parents and students are aware, there is now in place a HSC minimum standard required to receive the HSC from 2020. This means that from 2020, students will need to show they have the basic literacy and numeracy skills needed to complete everyday tasks in order to receive the Higher School Certificate.

Some students will meet the requirement early through their Year 9 NAPLAN results, or like the majority of students, may have to complete an online test in Years 10, 11 or 12 to achieve the Band 8 minimum standard.

There are many ways to help your son achieve at this level. Firstly, I suggest all parents encourage their sons to read every night, this could be a novel, or even the Sydney Morning Herald. Regular reading sharpens comprehension skills, improves spelling and vocabulary and generally expands an understanding of the world.

Secondly, there is an increasing amount of NAPLAN textbooks available for purchase that utilise NAPLAN style questions and target specific NAPLAN literacy skills.

Finally, it is vital that your son focus on developing his ToPEEL writing structure, as a structured writing style is valued highly by NAPLAN markers.

It is also worthwhile to remember that if a student does not achieve the HSC minimum standard by Year 12 he is still eligible for an ATAR and can enter into University.

*Mr N Kennedy*

*Relieving Head Teacher English*

## HSIE

Term 3 has been a busy 10 weeks for students in HSIE, with all year groups completing major assessments. Year 12 have been working hard in all HSIE subjects to complete their final HSC topics, complete Trial Examinations and final assessment tasks, and submit major works in Society and Culture. Year 11 have also been finalising their Preliminary Courses, preparing for Yearly examinations and submitting final assessment tasks in preparation for the start of their HSC courses in Term 4. Finally, the Junior years have been working their way through the second half of the year, studying Geography, with the first wave of assessments and tests being carried out over the past few weeks.

The HSIE staff would like to wish the outgoing Year 12 students the best of luck with their upcoming HSC examinations, and remind them that if they are requiring any assistance to not hesitate in contacting their classroom teacher.

*Mr C Laing*

*Teacher HSIE*

## MATHEMATICS

It has been a busy time in the Mathematics department.

Many students have been busy studying for and completing their assessment tasks and the Year 11 students have been completing their Yearly Examinations. Many pleasing results have already been flowing in.

In particular, Conor from 8M1 who obtained 100% for his assessment task! Well done Conor.

Students are still taking advantage of Maths Peer Tutoring, which runs on Monday and Thursday each week. It's free and comes with afternoon tea.

We are getting results in from Maths Online and students who are participating are showing great improvement in their numeracy skills. Well done to all students involved!

Continue working hard as we approach the Term 4.

*Mr M Miles*

*Maths Teacher*

### ***Two Fathers and Two Sons Maths Riddle***

***Two fathers and two sons sat down to eat eggs for breakfast. They ate exactly three eggs, each person had an egg.***

***Explain how that is possible.***

## SCIENCE

### Surfing Scientist IncurSION

Ruben Meerman (The Surfing Scientist) presented an entertaining and informative talk on all things science at a recent incurSION for our senior science students. Ruben started the session with a live radio interview with a Brisbane FM radio station discussing the physics of creating a whirlpool in a backyard swimming pool and then went on to talk about the science of respiration and weight loss and the chemistry of dry ice. He also impressed on the boys about the dangers of drinking and breathing liquid nitrogen as well as his experiences of presenting science on TV and the media. As always, the boys enjoyed a break from the rigor of the classroom to soak in something different.



### Cooking up a storm in Horticulture

The Year 8 Horticulture class used their quality produce from the garden to produce a meal in the school kitchen. The boys cooked up some broccoli with pasta, together with other herbs from the garden to make a delicious healthy meal without an ounce of refined sugar in sight. The boys were seen tucking into their broccoli pasta with no hesitation. (Take note mum and dad...they will eat broccoli !!)

### New Science Labs

The new science labs are due to be completed by the end of Term 3 and we will hopefully be able to start using them in early Term 4. The new labs will be innovative and quite different in style to the older style labs with the students and teachers needing a little time to adjust to the new learning environment. The biggest improvements will be air-conditioning, multiple interactive projectors and multimedia facilities as well as flexibility in changing the learning space to suit different activities. I will be including some photos of the new labs in the next edition of Backchat.

### Farewell Year 12

We farewell our current HSC Science students and wish them all the best in their exams and beyond. These boys have grown into seriously capable scientists over the years at ABHS and I hope to see many of them continue in Science as they move onto university. A special mention to Andrew Morrison who achieved 97% in both Physics and Chemistry for his Trial HSC. Many others achieved above expectations which is all we can ask. Good Luck.

*Mr S Robertson*  
*Head Teacher Science*

## CAREERS

**Recruitment Day for 2017 School Leavers.** The Australian Training company runs this event on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 9.30am** at 30-32 Pomeroy Street, Homebush. Students can explore the options available in IT, Sport and Recreation, Community Services, Parks and Gardens, Horticulture. For more information and to register contact Rachel on 97041500 Visit [www.austrg.com.au](http://www.austrg.com.au)

**Reminder – the Australian College of Physical Education Open Day is coming up.** Saturday 14 October 10am to 1pm. Register now: [www.acpe.edu.au/about-us/events](http://www.acpe.edu.au/about-us/events)

**STUDY FOR A DAY AT SAE - Sat, Oct 21 9am-4pm** Are you interested in studying Animation, Audio, Graphic Design, Film, or Games? Come and study with us for a day at SAE! Learn from our industry-experienced academic staff, and get hands-on training with actual coursework from our degree programs. Tickets are \$35.00 per person (incl. bf + GST) - non-refundable (sale until 11:59pm 18 October 2017). Buy here: <http://bit.ly/2eQQNeP>

### UNSW Business School – Information Systems Workshop

10 November 9.30am to 12.30pm

UNSW Business School invites Year 11 and 12 students to join Big Four consultancy firm, Deloitte, and one of Australia's leading retail and business banks, Westpac, to explore the options of a technology career. <https://www.futurestudents.unsw.edu.au/whats>

## Important Information - particularly for Year 12 students

### University of Notre Dame Application Deadline 29 September

Notre Dame is a direct application university – **students will not find Notre Dame listed among the UAC options.** Students apply directly to Notre Dame using the application form or [apply online](http://www.nd.edu.au/nav-future-students/applynow). No application fee is required.

<http://www.nd.edu.au/nav-future-students/applynow> Interested students please see Mrs Fry.

## CADETSHIPS, APPRENTICESHIPS, TRAINEESHIPS

**Teaching Cadetships** Do you have any Year 12 students who are interested in becoming a teacher? Students can work part-time in a school and get paid whilst studying and graduate with a permanent teaching position with a cadetship from the NSW Department of Education. Applications close September 15. Head to our website <https://www.teach.nsw.edu.au/getpaidtostudy/cadetships>

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Are you interested in becoming a teacher? Applications are closing on the **16th September**. Students are guaranteed a permanent teaching job, \$5000 per year of full time study and \$3000 appointment allowance. Head to our website <https://www.teach.nsw.edu.au/getpaidtostudy>

## The Academy Global Leaders Program - Western Sydney Uni

Today's workplace is a very different landscape to the days when the name of your degree governed what you did for the rest of your life. By the time you graduate, many jobs will have disappeared and new opportunities, yet unimagined, will have taken their place. To be a sought-after employee, you will need to think differently, to see things from multiple perspectives and to anticipate, navigate and adapt to change. The founding premise of The Academy at the Western Sydney University is to give you the skills you need to thrive in this world of increasingly rapid change. The Academy will equip you with critical thinking skills and world experience that will set you apart from other graduates. The AGLP is a pathway for students with exceptional potential to receive an early offer and a premium experience within the Academy.

The AGLP comprises:

- An unconditional guarantee of a place at Western Sydney University before the HSC commences.
- Automatic membership of The Academy.
- A \$2,000 'Smart Start' scholarship.
- A University-sponsored overseas academic or leadership experience.
- A guaranteed internship while you are studying.

How to apply

1. Complete the online application at [westernsydney.edu.au/academyglobaloffer](http://westernsydney.edu.au/academyglobaloffer) by 11:59pm on Monday, 2 October 2017.
2. Apply through UAC for your preferred degree at Western by 29 September 2017.

The Academy Global Leaders Program (AGLP) is run independently from the Academy Access program and applying to the AGLP will not impact your Academy Access Award benefits. For more information download our Academy Global Leaders Program flyer, go to [westernsydney.edu.au/theacademy](http://westernsydney.edu.au/theacademy) or call 1300 897 669.

## CSU's HSC Online

This guide will offer you resources, information and advice, that will help you during preparation for your HSC. There are links to past exams and study guides, free online resources for each year 12 subject or stream, and free multidisciplinary resources. <http://libguides.csu.edu.au/HSC>

## StudyAssist

Information for students about government assistance for financing tertiary study.

<http://studyassist.gov.au/sites/StudyAssist>

**Certificate of Registration - Real Estate** Are you looking for a career in real estate? The Real Estate Institute of New South Wales (REINSW) wants to ensure that you get the most out of your learning experience and launch your real estate career in the best possible way, so the Certificate of Registration Course has been designed with YOU in mind. Find out more at [www.reinsw.com.au/corc](http://www.reinsw.com.au/corc)

## YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

Work experience has greatly benefitted many students at ABHS. They have gained apprenticeships, Cadetships and casual employment from their contacts at work experience. There is still an opportunity for Year 10 students to organise their work experience in Term 4. Time is running out if you want to gain a valuable work experience in a career in which you are interested.

Why work experience matters:

<https://www.myfuture.edu.au/career-insight/details?id=work-experience-and-why-it-matters/>

## TAFE & Apprenticeships

### TAFE NSW Degrees

You don't have to go to uni to get a degree. TAFE NSW offers a number of degree level courses and higher education options with strong industry links and both practical skills and theoretical knowledge.

<https://www.tafensw.edu.au/courses/tafe-nsw-degrees>

## Vantage Automotive 2018 Apprenticeships – Applications Open

Vantage Automotive Pty Ltd is a major provider of Government funded vocational learning and outsourced services to major vehicle manufacturers with an extensive client list across Australia. Applications are now being sought from students that are interested in a career within the automotive industry as an Automotive Technician or Parts Interpreter. Both male and female candidates from all over Australia are invited to apply for the Automotive Modern Apprenticeship Program and, if selected, will be offered full time employment at a dealer close to their home and flown to Sydney for block training. This is a funded program with minimal cost to the student.

Apply now - <http://www.vantageautomotive.com/va-apprentice-programs>

## Pre-Apprenticeship Courses in the Automotive Industry

My Trade Start alongside Apprenticeships R Us are conducting Pre-Apprenticeship courses across various locations in NSW, for those considering a career in the Automotive Industry. It involves a combination of theory and practical work for two weeks, followed by 1 week work experience to apply newly learnt skills. For more information, please contact us on 9891 6900 or [alow@apprus.com.au](mailto:alow@apprus.com.au).

## VET Explainer

This website is from New South Wales, but it provides a great explainer for students and parents of what VET is and how it works.

<https://vet.nsw.gov.au/>

## VET Scholarships

There are a number of scholarships that are available to **secondary students with an interest in VET subjects**.

There are 2 particular scholarships that may be of interest to you.

1. **The Susan & Isaac Wakil Foundation Scholarship:** Supports students entering tertiary or vocational education who are interested in pursuing a career in a sought after profession. <https://publiceducationfoundation.org.au/susan-isaac-wakil-foundation-scholarships/>
2. **The Trades and Technology STEM Scholarship:** Encourages senior high school students to pursue a career in STEM subjects. <https://publiceducationfoundation.org.au/the-trades-technology-stem-opportunity-scholarship/>

Information on all the student scholarships can be found here: <https://publiceducationfoundation.org.au/scholarships/students/>

Mrs J Fry  
Careers Adviser

# RECRUITMENT DAY

## Attention 2017 School Leavers

Parents also welcome



**Register Now!**  
Wednesday 27th  
September 2017  
9:30am

**START YOUR EXCITING CAREER PATH TODAY WITH ATC!**

**NO ATAR REQUIRED**

**PAID EMPLOYMENT WHILE YOU STUDY**

**RECEIVE A NATIONALLY RECOGNISED QUALIFICATION**

The Australian Training Company is offering students an opportunity to explore their career options and find their path to success.

Come and join us at ATC to explore the options available in IT, Sport and Recreation, Community Services, Business Admin, Horticulture, Warehousing and more.

Information session will be held at 30-32 Pomeroy Street Homebush

For more information and to register contact Rachael on (02) 9704 1500  
[rbrummell@ustrg.com.au](mailto:rbrummell@ustrg.com.au)  
Visit us at [www.austrg.com.au](http://www.austrg.com.au)

[f](https://www.facebook.com/australiantrainingcompany) @australiantrainingcompany [i](https://www.instagram.com/australiantrainingcompany) [australiantrainingcompany](https://www.australiantrainingcompany.com.au)

# VET COURSES

## FACTS

You should look at post graduate options and seriously consider if a Vocational Education Training (VET) course is right for you?  
First, lets break down some myths about VET courses.

**MYTH #1**

**28%** of Australia think university graduates gain work easier post graduating.

**FACT** Employment Rates Post-Grad

UNI	68%
VET	78%

**MYTH #2**

**3** out of **5** Australians suggest that VET education is no longer as relevant as University education

**FACT** The VET sector provides training in **9/10** of the predicted occupations to have the greatest growth over the next 5 years

**MYTH #3**

21% of Australia believe an increasing amount of students are undertaking Uni course because VET graduates earn less.

**FACT** The average salary for a VET graduate is **\$56,000** compared to a University graduate salary of **\$54,000**

\*Perceptions Are Not Reality: myths, realities & the critical role of vocational education & training in

**Why should you choose a VET qualification?** • Flexibility • Adaptability • Practicability

## **information evening**

get the knowledge now to  
understand the hsc process

### **who**

for all year 10 and year 11  
students and their parents /  
caregivers

### **what**

HSC vs ATAR

ATAR calculation & scaling

applying for university

scholarships

school recommendation scheme

selection rank, bonus points,  
additional selection criteria

change of preference

accepting offers

transition to hsc

# hsc transition

### **where**

Asquith Girls High School hall

### **when**

Wednesday 11 October 2017

6pm - 7pm - Erin Keech, UAC

7pm - 8pm - AGHS specific year  
11 transition to hsc information

# CANTEEN MENU 2017

## RECESS MENU

Bacon & Egg Tart	\$2.00	Toasted Sandwiches:	
Ham & Pineapple Muffin Pizza	\$2.00	Cheese	\$2.00
Mixed Sandwiches	\$2.00	Cheese & Tomato	\$2.50
Sushi (when available)	\$3.50	Cheese & Creamed Corn	\$2.50
Toasted Cheese & Tomato Rolls	\$2.00	Ham & Cheese	\$3.00
BLT Roll	\$4.00		
Hot Chicken & Gravy Roll	\$4.00		

## Fresh Made Sandwiches On Wholemeal

<b>Bread</b> (available daily)	
Chicken, lettuce & aioli	\$4.00
Cheese	\$2.50
Tuna & Lettuce	\$3.50
Cheese & Salad	\$3.50
Ham & Tomato	\$3.00
Egg & Lettuce	\$3.00
Ham & Cheese	\$3.00

## TOASTED TURKISH ROLLS

(available by order)

### MAKE YOUR OWN

Turkish Roll	\$1.50
Cheese	\$1.00
Chicken	\$2.00
Ham	\$2.00
Roast Beef	\$2.00
Egg	\$1.50
Cucumber	\$1.00
Tomato	\$1.00
Carrot	\$1.00
Beetroot	\$1.00
Salad - lettuce, carrot, tomato & cucumber	\$3.50

### CONDIMENTS

add 50c

Mayonnaise
Tomato relish
Gherkins relish
Aioli
Ranch dressing

### FRESH SALADS (when available)

Tandoori Chicken Rice	\$5.00
Tomato & Chicken Penne	\$5.00
Tuna Pasta	\$5.00
Potato, Bacon & Egg	\$6.00

## HOT FOOD

(available every lunch and by order)

<b>Chicken Burger:</b>	\$5.00
Wholemeal Bun, Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Aioli, Chicken patty	
<b>Beef Burger:</b>	\$5.00
Wholemeal Bun, Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Beetroot, BBQ Sauce	
<b>Pull Pork Roll:</b>	\$5.50
Wholemeal long roll, Slow Baked Pulled Pork, Fresh Coleslaw	
<b>Lamb and Tabouleh Tortillas:</b>	\$6.00
Shredded Lamb, Fresh Tabouleh, Hummus, Toasted Tortilla	
<b>Bacon &amp; Egg Roll</b>	\$4.50
<b>Hot Dogs</b>	\$2.50
<b>Potato Wedges</b>	\$2.00
<b>Chicken Chips</b>	\$2.50
<b>Chicken Chilli Tenders (2)</b>	\$3.00
<b>Meat Pie (with sauce)</b>	\$3.50
<b>Sausage Roll (with sauce)</b>	\$2.50
<b>Noodle Cups</b>	\$2.50
<b>Beef, Chicken &amp; Hot &amp; Spicy</b>	

## HOT WEEKLY SPECIALS

(one dish available per week) \$6.50

<b>Butter Chicken with Rice</b>
<b>Ravioli Carbonara</b>
<b>Pasta Bolognese</b>
<b>Lamb Curry with Rice</b>
<b>Sweet &amp; Sour Chicken &amp; Fried Rice</b>
<b>Hokkien Noodle with Beef &amp; Vegetable Stir fried</b>

## CAKES & SNACKS

Banana Bread	\$2.50
Muffins (Low Fat-when available)	\$2.00

JJ's	\$1.20
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Chicken, BBQ, Salt & Vinegar, Pizza

Pretzel packets	\$1.00
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Popcorn unsalted	\$1.20
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Rice crackers packet	\$1.20
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Crunchy Canola Bars	\$2.00
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Baked Oat Bars	\$1.50
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## FRUIT

Seasonal Fruit available daily	50c
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Fruit Cups	\$1.50
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<b>YOGURT</b>	\$2.00
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## LOW FAT CREAMY SORBETS

Coconut	\$3.50
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Chocolate	\$3.50
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Tropical	\$3.50
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Passion Mango	\$3.00
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Lemon	\$3.00
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Red Apple	\$3.00
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Zooper Doopers	50c
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## DRINKS

Milk:	Plain 600ml	\$2.00
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	Flavoured 300ml	\$2.00
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	Flavoured 500ml	\$3.00
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Juice 250ml	\$2.20
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Flavoured Mineral Water	\$2.50
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Cans (in machine)	\$2.00
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Coke zero - bottle	\$3.50
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Sprite Zero - bottle	\$3.50
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Chill Iced Tea 250ml	\$2.00
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500ml	\$2.50
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Chill Aloe Water	\$2.50
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Coconut Water cans (Mango & Pure)	\$2.00
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Diet Drink bottles	\$3.50
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Pump Flavoured Water	\$3.00
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Up & Go	\$2.50
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Water 600ml	\$2.00
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Hot Chocolate:	
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(Before School/Winter Only)	\$2.00
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## Canteen Volunteers

**We still need more volunteers** so please consider helping in our school canteen. We are short staffed on the following days:

Monday

Wednesday

Thursday

Please call the office on 9477-3508 or email the school if you could help out on any of these days.

Canteen hours, generally, are 9.30am to 2.30pm.

Tuesday is an early day, which will finish at 1.30pm.

Wednesday's finishing time is around 1pm.

## Lunch Orders

Lunch orders can be placed at Canteen before school. Ordering can ensure that your favourite food is available at lunch and you can avoid the lunchtime queues. To collect your ordered lunch, please wait at the end of the canteen counter as there is no need to queue.



# P&C ASSOCIATION

Parents and Citizens working together for our School

**Hello ABHS community,**

This year's joint **Asquith Boys and Asquith Girls High School P&C's 2017 Mexican Fiesta Trivia Night** was an amazing night of colour, sombreros, chillies and cacti as well as silent auctions, paper aeroplanes and challenging trivia. The best-dressed table was won by the table of mono browed Frida Kahlos.

Thanks to the event coordinator, Michelle Roscarel and her resourceful fundraising and decorating committee, the MC, George Moscos, and all who attended for a fabulous night that raised just over \$5000.

The annual ABHS **Father and Son Breakfast** was held on the Thursday before Father's day with over 100 attendees who came and enjoyed the breakfast in the school hall. It is always such a pleasure to see the significant male figures for our boys connecting with each other, eating a delicious full breakfast and hear an address from our Principal, Mr Bryce Grant.

It is a huge task to cater for such a larger number of hungry folk in such a short time span. As always, the ABHS hospitality team, this year led by the unflappable Mr Josephs and his Year 11 Hospitality students, prepared all the food platters and the hot breakfasts. A big thank you to this team for preparing the super food and for the very professional and efficient work in presenting it to our guests.

Thank you to Maddi Bailes and her husband Alan for organising this event and successfully turning the hall into a chic café.

This P&C event remains very popular on our fund raising calendar and each year we see a huge turnout - thank you to the parent body for their continued outstanding support. Hope you can make it next year!

**Upcoming event:**

**Sunday 22 October - Working Bee Term 4**

We are planning a working bee at the beginning of Term 4. Starting at 9 am we will finish up at 11 and hope you can stay for some morning tea. So come and meet some other Asquith Boys parents. Any parents who want to be involved please contact Tony Nicklin\_on 0402 086 765.

Lastly following the resignation of Michelle Roscarel, the position of president was vacant and it was agreed that it was better for the stability of the P&C for the role to be filled. The matter was voted on at the last meeting and I have accepted the role of President.

I can be contacted on [president.abhspnc@gmail.com](mailto:president.abhspnc@gmail.com).

**Tempe Beaven**

P&C President



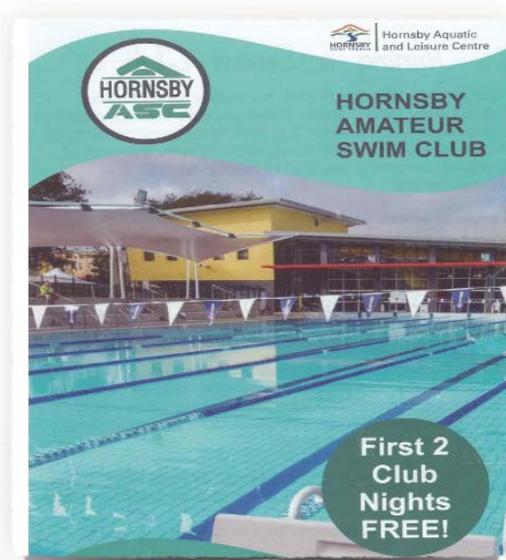
*Best dressed table of Frida Kahlos*



*Winning Table*

The next P&C  
meeting

@ 7.30pm  
Tuesday 22 October  
in the Library.



## Bring on Summer at Hornsby!

The new swim club season is just around the corner. Hornsby Amateur Swim Club meets every Friday night at Hornsby Aquatic and Leisure Centre from 6.30 to 8.30pm leaving your weekends free!

We cater for all ages and abilities with 25m, 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m and relay race events.

Come along on **Friday October 6** to register or 'test the waters' before joining (pool entry applies).

Contact the HSC Committee for more information  
[hornsbyswimteam@gmail.com](mailto:hornsbyswimteam@gmail.com)  
or visit our website  
<http://hornsby.swimming.org.au>

and like Hornsby Swim Club on Facebook!

*ASQUITH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR TERM 4 2017*

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
<b>Week 1A</b>	October 9 Staff and Students Return Rugby Tour	October 10 Rugby Tour <b>Formal Assembly (Student Leaders Investiture)</b>	October 11	October 12	October 13	Oct 14/15
<b>Week 2B</b>	October 16 HSC starts	October 17	October 18	October 19	October 20 Band Festival – Junior & Senior Stage Band	October 21/22
<b>Week 3A</b>	October 23 Vaccinations (yr7 HPV dose 3, VZV & Yr8 HPV Catch up)	October 24 <b>P &amp; C Meeting School Council</b>	October 25	October 26	October 27 <b>Duke of Ed Exp Year 9 &amp; 10</b>	October 28/29 <b>Duke of Ed Exp Year 9 &amp; 10</b>
<b>Week 4B</b>	October 30 Yr7 Swim School	October 31 Yr7 Swim School	November 1	November 2 Yr7 Swim School	November 3 Yr7 Swim School	November 4/5
<b>Week 5A</b>	November 6 Yr 10 Exams	November 7 Yr 10 Exams	November 8 Yr 10 Exams	November 9	November 10	November 11/12
<b>Week 6B</b>	November 13 Yr 9 Camp	November 14 Yr 9 Camp	November 15 Yr 9 Camp	November 16 <b>HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE DAY</b>	November 17	November 18/19
<b>Week 7A</b>	November 20	November 21 Yr 12 Formal	November 22	November 23 <b>Formal Assembly (SRC Induction &amp; Winning House)</b>	November 24	November 25/26
<b>Week 8B</b>	November 27 YR11 VET Work Placement	November 28 YR11 VET Work Placement <b>P &amp; C Meeting School Council</b>	November 29 YR11 VET Work Placement	November 30 YR11 VET Work Placement	December 1 YR11 VET Work Placement	December 2/3
<b>Week 9A</b>	December 4	December 5 <b>ORIENTATION DAY</b>	December 6 Yr 8 Camp	December 7 Yr 8 Camp	December 8 Yr 8 Camp	December 9/10
<b>Week 10B</b>	December 11 <b>PRESENTATION NIGHT</b>	December 12 <b>School Council Finance Meeting</b>	December 13	December 14 Yr7-10 Reports Issued	December 15 Last Day for students	December 16/17
<b>Week 11</b>	December 18 Staff Development Day	December 19 Staff Development Day	December 20	December 21	December 22	December 23/24

**2018 RETURN TO SCHOOL DATES:**

Tuesday 30 January: Yrs 7,11 and 12

Wednesday 31 January: Yrs 8, 9 and 10

## Wu's Style Tai Chi

Kung Fu from the royal palace in China since 1850's

### Wu's Style Tai Chi lineage of our instructor

Wukaihala Chuan-Yau (1824-1902)  
Imperial guard of royal palace  
in Qing-Dynasty in China

Wu Chien-Chuan (1870-1942)  
Eldest son of Master Chuan-Yau

Wu Kung-Yi (1900-1970)  
Eldest son of Master Chien-Chuan

Wu Tai-Kwei (1923-1972)  
Eldest son of Master Kung-Yi

Master Eddie Wu Kwong-Yu (1946-)  
Eldest son of Master Tai-Kwei

Our instructor: Jacky Chan  
Student of Master Eddie Wu  
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- Depression
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information session

## Healthy and happy teenagers

The mental health of a young person plays a major role in their general wellbeing, their development as well as their performance in and out of school.

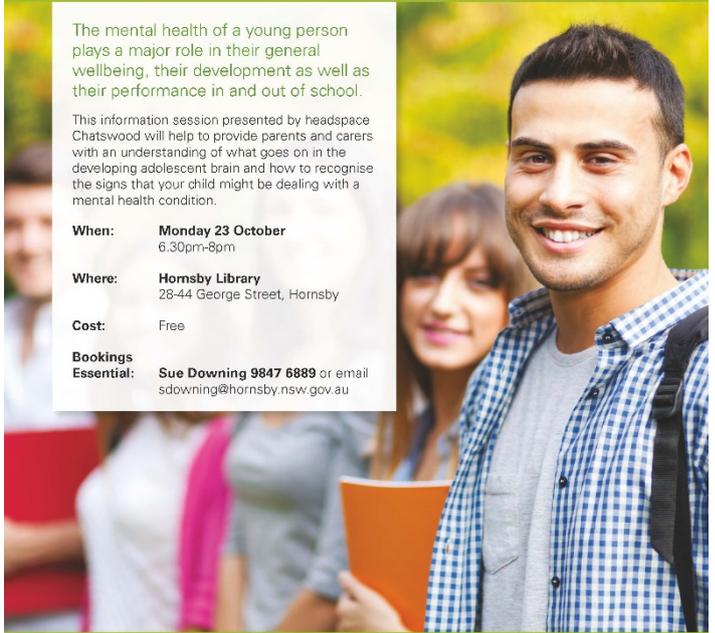
This information session presented by headspace Chatswood will help to provide parents and carers with an understanding of what goes on in the developing adolescent brain and how to recognise the signs that your child might be dealing with a mental health condition.

**When:** Monday 23 October  
6.30pm-8pm

**Where:** Hornsby Library  
28-44 George Street, Hornsby

**Cost:** Free

**Bookings Essential:** Sue Downing 9847 6889 or email [sdowning@hornsby.nsw.gov.au](mailto:sdowning@hornsby.nsw.gov.au)



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## Provide Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) course for young people



### Event details

Council Event

Add to calendar

**For :** Teens

**When:** Fri 29 Sep 2017 at 8:45 AM -4:30 PM

**Where:** Gordon Library - Meeting Room 2  
799 Pacific Highway, Gordon

**Contact details:**  
Contact Person: Ku-ring-gai Youth Services

Telephone: 9424 0981

Email: [youth@kmc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:youth@kmc.nsw.gov.au)

**Cost:** \$140 includes lunch

Website: [N/A](#)

# ABHS Backpage Gallery Celebrates Year 12

In order anti-clockwise: Deeyon Garland, Peter Stevens, Christian Sinicco, Max Fortune, Nicholas Cowell, Bradley Schoenmaker, Liam Murphy, Lachlan Barrowcliff and Zoltan Snead

