



ASQUITH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER BACKCHAT

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11.11.2019



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Mr Bryce Grant

Term 4 has commenced and in true Asquith Boys High School fashion there is always an amazing range of activities and learning opportunities for the benefit of all the boys to participate in or undertake at Asquith Boys.

Prefect's Induction Assembly

The Prefect Induction Assembly for the newly elected Year 10 and 11 Prefects, held in the first week of this term, was a very proud moment for both the parents and Mr Broome who has mentored many of these students over the past 4 years as their Year Adviser. Our Prefects are quality young men who, I am certain, will represent themselves and the school proudly and extremely well. I am confident that they will continue to uphold the long tradition of excellence in student leadership that exists at Asquith Boys High School. The Prefects were selected from an extensive list of almost 20 nominees, all of whom were worthy of the position of School Prefect. Other leadership positions will present themselves over the coming terms at Asquith Boys High School for those students to undertake, and I look forward to seeing them succeed in these positions and roles.

HSC Examinations

HSC Examinations commenced in Week 1 of this term for our Year 12 students. All reports from the HSC Presiding Officer, Mr Bob Killorn have been positive and glowing of our boys' behaviour, politeness and all round effort to achieve their personal best in all examinations. I look forward to all Year 12 students completing their sign out process in the coming weeks and discussing with them their thoughts and ideas on the examinations, how they performed and what they would like to do in 2020.

This year we will be holding a BBQ Breakfast for the Class of 2019 on Wednesday 18 December, to celebrate their completion of the HSC studies and find out their HSC Examination results and ATARs, which they will have received the day before. We look forward to seeing as many as possible at this BBQ Breakfast.

Just as we look forward to seeing them at their Year 12 Formal on Thursday 21 November at Curzon Hall, Eastwood. Many teachers are looking forward to attending, as this will be an excellent opportunity to not only catch up with the students, but also a wonderful time to admire them in their formal attire and acknowledge them as the fine young men that they are.

Remembrance Day Service

On Monday 11 November, the school assembled for a Remembrance Day Service for the 101st Anniversary of the end of the First World War. Ms Cufre and the School Senior Prefects lead the assembly before placing a wreath at the base of the school flag after walking through a Prefects guard of honour.

The school flag pole area has recently been renovated by Mr McGowan's construction class and new rosemary plants established by Mr Broome's Horticulture class. This has significantly improved the area and will look very impressive in the near future, once all the plants have matured.

Colin Newland then performed an incredible rendition of the 'Last Post', before a minute silence, followed by 'Reveille'.

'Lest we forget!'



Year 11 Yearly Reports

Year 11 students have received their final reports via email, without the Year Advisers overall comment. This was due to Ms Bird's absence for the first four weeks of Term 4. Once her comments have been completed the reports will be resent. All staff invest an extensive amount of time reflecting on each students' strengths and weaknesses and overall performance in their Preliminary courses. The overall quality of the feedback that the teachers have provided is impressive and importantly supports the idea that every student at Asquith Boys High School is known and valued. They have identified the most important areas for your sons to address in the immediate future to improve their overall educational outcomes. While their HSC is still 12 months away, and this may feel like a long time, it will go by very quickly and it is crucial that your sons reflect upon this feedback and endeavour to achieve to their very best over the next 3 terms in the lead up to their HSC Examinations.

Year 11 students (Year 12, 2020) will be permitted to withdraw from certain subjects in the coming weeks, but must continue to attend these classes until the end of the term. Students who wish to drop a specific course will be required to see Mr Hoareau to discuss this decision.

Excellent Citizens and Community Members

I thank the parents who continue to remind their sons, as we regularly do on assemblies and at Year Adviser meetings, that while they are on their way to and from school, in school uniform, they represent themselves and the school community and are accountable for their behaviour.

I have recently received a number of positive phone calls and emails about our students representing themselves and the school in the best possible manner within the community. From crossing the roads of a morning or afternoon, and giving the stopped drivers a warm and friendly raise of their hands, to assisting the elderly and fellow passengers on the trains and buses.

Asquith Boys High School has a proud reputation in the community we are very protective of this great name, and firm in our resolve to address inappropriate behaviour if and when it occurs.

It is imperative that students wear their uniform to and from school and maintain the highest possible standard of behaviour especially on public transport. Students are provided with free public transport on the understanding that they will vacate their seats for adults. This is not just a matter of courtesy but also a condition of being provided with the school Opal travel card.

Enrolment at Asquith Boys High School

The Department has recently introduced new guidelines for enrolment at local schools. Parents are welcome to apply to enrol their child in the school of their choice.

Asquith Boys High School is yet to reach its designated enrolment cap and /or local enrolment buffer, so for 2021 and the foreseeable future, we are able to continue to enrol and accommodate **non-local enrolment applicants**.

It is important to note that as the Principal of Asquith Boys High School I am able to continue to honour the long tradition of accepting students from the non-local community, including Berowra, Cowan and Brooklyn, especially if parents wish for their son to attend a boys' educational setting.

If you seek further clarification with regard to the policy and the guidelines please see the attached document or go to the links identified below.

Department of Education – Enrolment Policy

The Department's new guidelines for enrolment at local schools is detailed in the link below, and outlines how new enrolments are considered under the 'Department's Enrolment of Students in NSW Government Schools' policy and the 'General Enrolment Procedures' (2019), available on the Department's internet site at

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/enrolment-of-students-in-nsw-government-schools>.

In accordance with this policy, some schools have reached or are over their designated enrolment cap and local enrolment buffer, and under these circumstances they are unable to accept non-local enrolment applications into their school. This is not the case for Asquith Boys High School, and as previously stated, **are yet to reach the designated enrolment cap and/or local enrolment buffer**.

Also, if you are unsure about school boundaries, they can be found through the link below.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/school-finder>

Congratulations to:

- The **Environment Team** for assisting in the clean up and servicing the Hawkesbury foreshores areas and collating 80 kilograms of waste and packaging.
- **Corey Miller** and **Ryan Brooks** for being selected into the Regional team that recently completed at the CHS Championships. Corey Miller was selected into the CHS Firsts team for the National Championships as Captain – and incredible honour for Corey and Asquith Boys High School.
- **Asquith Boys High School Open Cricket team** into the Finals of the Regional Knockout Championships after defeating Tuggerah High School by almost 200 runs, and an amazing effort by Ryan Brooks who scored 120.

LEADERSHIP INDUCTION ASSEMBLY



Thank you to all the families who came to support their sons at this very special occasion.

Some of the 42 Bronze Medallion Recipients at the last Formal Assembly



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DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Mr Michael Hoareau

Year 12 2020

For our new Year 12 (2020), the HSC course is well under way and I encourage all boys to continue to work hard and put in a consistent effort over the next 12 months. All boys should have established a regular study pattern with allocated time for revision and HSC examination preparation. All staff are here to help assist with this process, so please seek help if needed.

Sun Safety

It is great to see so many of our boys physically active at recess and lunch, however, as the weather warms up, it is more important than ever that the boys are protecting themselves from the sun. The boys should be wearing a hat, and sun screen is always available from the PE staffroom.

Assistance for Students

Students in all years will now be in the thick of assessment tasks and examinations. I encourage all students to study hard and try their best. Class teachers, Head Teachers, Deputy Principals and the Learning and Support staff are always on hand to assist should a student need particular assistance.

Uniform

Overall I have been greatly impressed by the efforts students have made to come to school in full uniform since the start of term. If for some reason a student cannot wear a particular piece of uniform, it is essential that they bring a note from home which explains this – it is the student's responsibility to present this note to their teacher in roll call as well as throughout the day. If they do not bring a note it is also their responsibility to get a uniform note first thing in the morning.

In terms of footwear, the Department of Education has a safety guideline around footwear, which requires appropriately safe, enclosed footwear as required by the individual school to meet their needs. All students at Asquith Boys are required to wear black, polishable, leather, lace up shoes, cut below the ankle, as detailed in the student organiser.



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Ms Catherine Holder

Year 12 2019

For 2019 Year 12, the HSC is finally finished, and their elated faces as they each completed their final examinations were wonderful. We wish them a safe and fun celebration of this milestone and look forward to celebrating with them at the Formal on Thursday November 21 at Curzon Hall. We

are very proud of every one of our boys and eagerly await the release of the final results and a breakfast for Year 12 2019 is planned for later in the term.

It is opportune to remind students that should they not receive the results they hoped for, there are numerous other avenues they can take to credential themselves post school. Studies show that young people today can expect to have multiple jobs, even multiple careers, in the modern workplace. So whilst we aim for great HSC outcomes and encourage students to do their best, it is important to remember that it is only one short stage of their life.

Year 10 Examinations

This week, Year 10 have had examinations from Tuesday to Friday.

Term 4 Activities

Term 4 is a busy term and already this term there have been many exciting activities both in and outside of the classroom which demonstrate the range of opportunities available at Asquith Boys. So far there has been a Premier's Sporting Challenge excursion, Remembrance Day Ceremony, Drama excursion, Band performances at community events, VALID Science examinations. Some of the upcoming events are: Year 12 Modern History excursion, Swim School for Year 7 in Week 7, a Year 7 and 8 History Mastermind competition and a Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Qualifier Expedition, also High School Experience Day, Orientation Day and VET Work Placements. None of these events would happen without the tireless efforts of the teachers who drive them.

Merit System

It has been great to see so many of our boys being recognised with Year Adviser, Deputy, Principal Awards and Principal Medallions. These are the result of effort and engagement in classrooms. They are a credit to the boys and to the Student Achievement Strategic Team who have worked for the past two years to make the Merit System more user friendly for staff to use to recognise excellence. As a result of this success Mr Grant has planned to reward days out later in Term 4.

Keep up the great work!

MESSAGES FROM ADMINISTRATION

CONTACT DETAILS

Please make sure you keep the school updated if there are any changes to your contact details. It is important that we have your correct **phone number** for contacting you regarding absences or in the case of illness. The right **email address** is also crucial as most of our communication to parents now goes via email. This includes the monthly newsletter, fee notices, excursions and other events.

CASHIER CLOSED ON MONDAYS

We are not able to process any payments on Mondays as the Cashier desk is closed that day. All other days payments are processed from 8.30-2pm. Please remind boys to bring up any notes and payments before school, at recess or at lunch.

Parents can make payments anytime using the POP system via our website.

ADMINISTRATION OF PARACETAMOL

The Department of Education's policy and procedures for administering medications to students has recently been updated. Schools have been advised that they are not to supply medications, including paracetamol, to students, therefore we will no longer provide your son/s with paracetamol.

ABSENT AND EARLY LEAVE

If your son is going to be absent from school you can send a note when he returns to school, email the school directly or enter his absence explanation via the Parent Portal. A phone call is not sufficient as the Department requires absence explanations to be in writing.

If your son needs to leave early please send your son to school with a note which he needs to get signed by the Deputy before going to the print room to get his early leave slip. This needs to be done before school or during recess or lunch.

LOST PROPERTY - LABEL CLOTHING

Please label your son's uniform CLEARLY. We suggest you use a white marker for the jumpers and jackets. When a lost item is brought to Reception we try to reunite it with the owner but more often than not there is no name. Items that have no name end up in the lost property box in the print room. Unclaimed items of clothing are donated to the 2nd hand uniform shop or to charity at the end of each term.

At the moment we are overflowing with shoes, sneakers and jumpers. Send your son to the Print room to check for any lost items.

2ND HAND CLOTHING

We love receiving 2nd hand uniforms and many families make use of the opportunity to purchase pre-loved cheap uniform items. Can we please request the following:

- wash the clothing items
- do not donate ripped/stained or items in poor condition
- remove the name
- if you purchase an item clearly re-name the clothing item

SENIOR UNIFORM FOR SALE

Blazers are compulsory for the winter terms (Term 2 and 3) for ALL Senior students. Please see the list below of outgoing Year 12 blazers for sale. Contact the person directly if you are interested.

Some Year 12 parents have chosen to donate the senior blazer to the school. They are available for you to purchase from the clothing pool in the print room. These range from \$50- \$70, depending on the condition and if they have been dry cleaned.

Name	Size	Price	Contact Details	other information
Sue	18	\$90	Mobile: 0407 473 720	• Senior blazer in very good condition and dry cleaned
Barbara	24	\$70	Mobile: 0414 228 958	• Senior blazer in very good condition and dry cleaned
Meralyn	16	\$50	Mobile: 0418 436 732	• Prefect blazer in perfect condition, with extra button and repair fabric. • Not dry cleaned

NEWS FROM SCIENCE

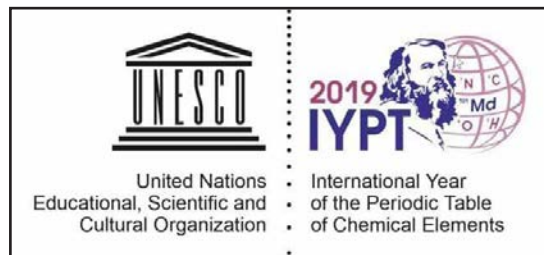
Surfing Scientist Incursion

The annual Surfing Scientist Incursion was attended this year by both Year 7 Enrichment Classes from ABHS and AGHS. Ruben Meerman, the Surfing Scientist, presented a range of engaging experiments based on the context of the Periodic Table. 2019 is the UNESCO Year of the Periodic Table which officially turn 150 years old this year.

Ruben brought along the traditional favourite experiments such as liquid nitrogen to explain the change of state in gases such as oxygen as well as sublimation of carbon dioxide. Helium balloons were used to explain density and while oxygen and carbon dioxide were compared when combusting some wood.

A brand-new experiment was also introduced this year to explain the difference in reactivity of hydrogen and helium. A balloon filled with helium and a balloon filled with hydrogen were set on fire to demonstrate the reactive nature of hydrogen. The result was an impressive fireball as you can see in the photo below.

Mr Robertson, Head Teacher Science



BANDANA DAY

Bandana Day was on October 25 and for several years Asquith Boys have helped raise money for the *Kids with Cancer* Charity. The students involved are going on the 2020 Football Tour. Mitch Barratt, Sam Parry, Luke Bourke and Nathan Cosgrove got up very early to meet at Hornsby Station to sell Bandanas.

This year the students were able to sell all the Bandanas and raised \$630 which surpassed previous years efforts.

It was a great effort and as usual the students were great representatives for Asquith Boys High School.

Mr Blackwood

Ride a Day in my WHEELS

RIDE A DAY CHALLENGE
SAUSAGE SIZZLE
MARKET STALL
MUSIC
DANCING

**FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER
10AM-3PM**

HORNSBY MALL

CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY AND SUPPORT STUDIO ARTES

NEWS FROM PDHPE

2019 WINTER SEASON GRADE SPORT RESULTS

4th Grade Football - coached by Ms Piyasiri and Mr Fitzpatrick

Unfortunately, in the Grand final they lost 3-2 to Epping

13C Football - coached by Mr Hughes

Unfortunately, in the Grand final they lost to Ashfield

15A Football – coached by Mr Josephs

Unfortunately, in the Grand final they lost 3-2 to Randwick in Extra time!



2019 PREMIERSHIP TEAMS

13A Rugby - coached by Mr Melrose

This team went undefeated all season and beat Ashfield 19-5 in the Grand Final

15C Football - coached by Mr Murphy

A great season for this team who played in the B comp all year and finished the season strong to finish 3rd on the table and the top placed C team. In the Final they accounted for Epping 2-1!



ABHS BEST AND FAIREST – 2019 WINTER GRADE SPORT

1st Grade Soccer – Nicholas Barratt

2nd Grade Soccer – Mitchell Brooks

3rd Grade Soccer – Jake Lawler

4th Grade Soccer – Joshua Jones-Blair

5th Grade Soccer – Callum De Kort

15 A Soccer – Ethan Oliver

15B Soccer - James Blair

15 C Soccer – Thomas Thurgate

14A Soccer – Daniel Hatch

14B Soccer - Jim Hills

13A Soccer – Jake Da Silva

13B Soccer – Nathan Crump

13 C Soccer- Brosnan Bigler

13 D Soccer – Isaac Player

1st Grade Tennis – Riley Nicklin

2nd Grade Tennis – Jeremy Minto

15's Tennis – Alexander Ruardy

14's Tennis – Mika Ceran

1st Grade Table Tennis – Declan Wagshall

2nd Grade Table Tennis – Angus Richardson-Crawford

15's Table Tennis – Lachlan Taylor

14's Table Tennis – William Potts

13 A Rugby – Izaya Ngatai-Mauri

13 B Rugby – Ronan Gennusa

Jnr Hockey – Mac Tutton

1st Badminton – Cameron Chilvers

2nd Badminton – Logan Townsend

Snr Lawn Bowls – Jake Shearan

Jnr Lawn Bowls – Ethan Scott-Branagan



2019 SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

The School Cross Country Carnival was held on Friday April 5, in and around the school grounds. With excellent conditions and a fairly hard course to navigate, the boys performed very well and the afternoon was a huge success.

2019 AGE CHAMPIONS

12 Years – Bradley Gallagher

13 Years – Jake Da Silva

14 Years – Isaac Truskett-Jones

15 Years – Ethan Oliver

16 Years – Luka Hildebrand

17 Years – Sina Seyedi

18 Years – Nicholas Barratt

Individual success at higher levels of representations:

15 years

Ethan Oliver – 6th at Zone and 40th Sydney North

Joshua Els – 9th at Zone and 31st Sydney North

17 years

Lachlan Millington – 2nd at Zone and 13th at Sydney North

Sina Seyedi – 6th at Zone

Jarod Haines – 8th at Zone 11th at Sydney North

Two boys who qualified for the **NSW ALL SCHOOLS Cross Country**:

- Alex Humphreys - 8th at Zone and 7th at Sydney North and a very respectable 58th
- Edward Parker - Age Champion at Sydney North in the Open's Multi Class division, and 1st place.

2019 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The 2019 Athletics carnival was held at Foxglove oval last term on 7 May was once again a magnificent day for the boys to show off their athletic ability in track and field events.

The day ran smoothly thanks to the amazing efforts of the ABHS staff and the Year 11 SLR students and we would like to thank them all for their hard work on the day.

All up, it was another successful carnival with an extremely good turnout and everyone who attended helped make the day another memorable one.

In fact, the turnout, and most of all, the participation of all the boys was outstanding, with participation points alone totalling well over 1400 points, indicating that each student that attended participated in an average of three to four events each. Further to this, our 13 years age group were the highest participants during the day and in the very challenging 400m event, there were close to 40 students who participated in this age group! In all age groups the competition was very close, which highlights the great athletic talent we have here at Asquith Boys High School.

2019 AGE CHAMPIONS

- **12 years – Isaac Player**
- **13 years – Hamish Reynolds**
- **14 years – Cooper Weekley**
- **15 years – Zachary Bovis**
- **16 years – Liam Oliver**
- **17 years+ – Lawrence Frederick**

Finally, a team of nearly 70 students travelled to the Sydney International Athletics Centre in Olympic Park on the 20th June and they represented Asquith Boys High School at the North West Metropolitan Zone Athletics Carnival. All of the boys were excellent participants on the day and overall Asquith Boys finished 4th at the carnival, narrowly behind the much larger schools.

There were a few standout performances at this carnival with 12 first place results and several others coming 2nd and 3rd in their respective events.

The following boys came first in their event at the carnival and all progressed and competed at the **Sydney North Athletics Carnival**

13 Years - Lucas Jun came first in the 90m Hurdles.

14 Years - Lachlan Thomson came 1st in the 100m Hurdles.

15 Years - Kaylan Clark came 1st in High Jump

- Harry Turner came first in Javelin

- Ethan Oliver came first in Discus and 400m. Ethan performed exceptionally well at Zone and was awarded the 15 years North West Met Zone Age Champion, after winning 2 events and coming second in another 2. Amazingly, he then progressed all the way to the NSW CHS Athletics Championships where he attained a gold medal in Long Jump. A fantastic effort! Unfortunately, an injury prevented him from competing at the NSW All Schools Championships.

16 Years - Jamie Costello came 1st in High Jump

- Jack Gibbons came 1st in Discus.

17 Years - Oskar Enasio came 1st in Shot Put

- Eric Sibanda came 1st in the 1500m

- Lawrence Frederick came 1st in 110m Hurdles and Long Jump.

- Edward Parker - named the Sydney North Multi Class Athletics Champion. Edward then went to the NSW CHS Athletics Championships and won Gold in the 16+ Years Multi-Class Boys 800m and silver medals in the 100m and 200m and Discus – A fantastic achievement.

Mr Jones - Grade Sport Coordinator



YEAR 10 PDHPE SNOW EXCURSION AWESOME GROUP - AWESOME TRIP



RAISE FOUNDATION GRADUATION - MENTORING 2019

On Wednesday 25 September, 15 Year 8 boys were awarded certificates for completing the RAISE Foundation mentoring program. This is the fifth consecutive year that the program has run successfully at Asquith Boys.

The program involves a one-hour session once per week for terms 2 and 3, where the boys are paired up with a volunteer mentor from the local area to talk about life at school as a Year 8 student, take part in team activities and complete a special interest project. The boys involved establish a strong rapport with their mentors over the course of the program, and both mentors and mentees were thankful to have been part of the program and positive outcomes were reported for all involved.

Program Director Rebecca Carr and Program Manager Amanda Rademaker were in attendance for the graduation and boys were presented their certificates by Mrs Rademaker and Mr Laing. Mentors and mentees had a chance to publicly thank each other, before enjoying a final morning tea together to close the program for 2019.

A big thank you goes out to all of the mentors who have given up their own time over the past two terms to help our boys to develop and succeed in the program. We hope that RAISE will be able to return in 2020 to work with another group of Year 8 boys.

Boys who graduated in 2019 were:

Josh Andrews
Tyler Armstrong
Sean Broady
Nathan Duke
Lucas Jun
Daniel Karagun
Harry Rodgers
Casper Tokarz

Mr Laing, Head Teacher Student Engagement



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YEAR 12 2019 - GRADUATION ASSEMBLY



Thank you to the parents, friends and family who came to support the Year 12 students at their Graduation Service, celebrating their years at ABHS and their growth into young men.



WALKATHON



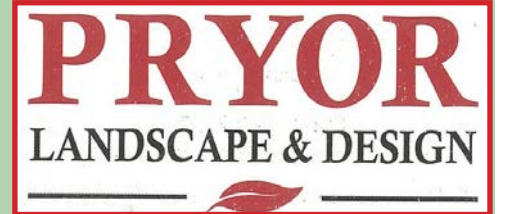
Friday 13 September saw ABHS boys head off on their annual Spring Walkathon along a new course from Berowra Oval via the Benowie Track to school. The new 14km track was a challenge, especially up 'Heart Break Hill' at the end of the bush track but all the boys managed and were rewarded with a sausage sandwich, drink and doughnut back at school.



A total of \$15,000 of sponsorship money was raised from which the school will donate to both the Royal Flying Doctor Service and the Buy a Bale of Hay to support our Farmers in drought. Congratulations to the top 3 Prize winners for their fundraising efforts.



*Hamish Serle
Charlie Maher
Riley Attwood*



CAREERS INFORMATION

COMING EVENTS

RECRUITMENT DAY

Australian Training company Apprenticeships, Traineeships and other career qualifications **Thursday 14th November at Homebush**. ATC is offering school leavers an opportunity to explore their career options and find a pathway to a successful future in the fields of Sport & Recreation, Business, Information Technology (IT), Fitness, Horticulture, Landscaping, Carpentry and various other trades. See 'recruitment day' flyer attached for further details.

NURSING AND PARAMEDICINE - Know your Options Sydney Campus - University of Tasmania

13 November: 10am - 4pm, Rozelle Campus

Our Know Your Options event is coming up this November in Sydney. Let your students know they can register now to discover where their results could take them in 2020. We will help students choose the best degree, explain how to apply, and answer any questions about studying at the University of Tasmania. Our event also includes a free lunch and live music.

NEW SOUTH WALES POLICE – RECRUITMENT INFORMATION SESSION

Attend an information session to find out more about being a NSW Police Officer and the recruitment process. Sessions are generally run at Police Headquarters, Parramatta.

Please Note: Tickets for these events will not be available until the times and dates specified below via the Eventbrite link.

Recruitment Information Session (Parramatta) - **OPENING SOON**

Note: You must be 18 years of age to attend this event

Saturday 7 December 2019

Time: 9.00am - 12.00pm (times may be subject to change)

Tickets available 8.00am 22 November 2019

Recruitment Information Session (Parramatta) - COMING IN 2020

Note: You must be 18 years of age to attend this event

Saturday 8 February 2020

Time: 8.30am - 10.00am (times may be subject to change)

Tickets available 8.00am 24 January 2020

https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/recruitment/news/information_sessions

UON | UNDERGRADUATE INFO SESSIONS

19 December 2019, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

University of Newcastle, Callaghan, Newcastle & Central Coast Campuses

If you have questions about studying in 2020, we are here to help.

Come on campus and talk to our team about degrees, changing preferences, scholarships, accommodation, alternative entry options and more at our Info Sessions.

There will be sessions running at multiple campuses:

- Callaghan
- Newcastle
- Central Coast

These Info Sessions are held after ATARs are released and prior to the close of change of preferences for consideration in December Round 2 so it's perfect timing to get the advice you need to finalise your UAC application.

Knowing your ATAR means your choices may have changed. There are a variety of entry schemes and adjustment factors available to you. Talk to our admissions team who can help you understand your adjusted ATAR and your options.

If you are yet to apply and needing face-to-face advice, be sure to attend this event.

Find out more: <https://www.newcastle.edu.au/events/future-students/undergraduate-info-sessions>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YEAR 12

UPCOMING UNIVERSITY INFO DAYS & TOURS

Go along to your favourite Unis and check out your course options first hand.

Great tips if you don't get your first Uni preference.

You might be a bit worried about getting a lower ATAR than you hoped. It certainly won't be the end of the world – read these two articles for some tips of what to do next.

<https://www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au/education-blogs/tertiary-study/what-to-do-if-you-didn-t-get-into-your-first-preference>

ATAR 2019 RELEASE DATE

Tuesday 17 December at 1pm – **the same day as HSC results.**

This is so you will have all the information you need on the day to make your future study decisions and have more time to finalise your preferences for December Round 2.

ATAR Enquiry Centre

UAC is once again operating its ATAR Enquiry Centre for students who have queries about the calculation of their ATAR.

Tuesday 17 December, 12pm–8pm

Wednesday 18 December, 8.30am–4.30pm

Thursday 19 December, 8.30am–4.30pm

Friday 20 December, 8.30am–4.30pm

ATAR NOTICES

Students Note: Download and print your ATAR Advice Notices when ATARs are released in December. You only have free access until February; after that you will be charged for a digital or printed copy.

Offer Rounds to Year 12

The most important offer rounds for Year 12 students are:

December Round 2 – **Monday 23 December 2019**

January Round 1 – **Friday 10 January 2020.**

Not all courses will be offered in December Round 2, and applicants should check UAC's website for details of excluded courses before they finalise their course preferences.

Students whose results are not available in time for December Round 2 can be assured that they will not be disadvantaged – universities will still have places available to make offers to all courses in January

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY - KNOW YOUR OPTIONS INFO SESSIONS

17 December. 3.30pm to 6.30pm, Strathfield Campus, 25A Barker Road, Strathfield

<https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events/2019/december/know-your-options-2019-strathfield-campus>

18 December. 3.30pm to 6.30pm, North Sydney Campus, 33 Berry Street, North Sydney

Come along to Know Your Options, our information sessions where you can talk to experts about your course and career path, learn about alternative entry and admission pathways, explore our campus, and meet staff and students.

<https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events/2019/december/know-your-options-2019-north-sydney-campus>

19 December. 10am to 5pm, Canberra Campus, 223 Antill Street, Watson

<https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events/2019/december/know-your-options-2019-canberra-campus>

UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY INFORMATION DAY - 19 December

Camperdown/Darlington Campus, University of Sydney Learn more about the subject choices on offer, our unparalleled student experience and the many admission pathways into uni. Further details to come here:

<https://sydney.edu.au/study/why-choose-sydney/events-for-prospective-students/undergraduate.html>

UNSW INFO DAY

19 December. 10am to 3pm

Kensington Campus

Info Day is the perfect opportunity to get your last minute questions answered.

Attend lectures, explore campus and chat to academics and current students in the Advisory Centre.

Come and see what studying at UNSW is all about. We look forward to welcoming you on campus.

<https://www.events.unsw.edu.au/event/unsw-info-day>

UTS INFO WEEK

16 to 20 December

Planning to study at UTS? Maybe you're arriving directly from high school, have taken some time off since you finished year 12, or are over 20 years of age? You'll find all the undergraduate information you need right here.

Join us at one of our online and on-campus events during UTS Info Week. It's your chance to get a taste of university life and ask any last-minute questions before UAC preferences close.

<https://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/undergraduate>

WESTERN SYDNEY UNI HSC TRUE REWARD APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

Closes 13 December - Offers will be made on 17 December

Our unique program makes an early offer into a University degree based on corresponding HSC subject band outcomes, not your overall ATAR. The program offers you a place at Western **before you receive your ATAR**, on the basis of your HSC subject results. Western is one of the only universities to offer a program with the chance to apply for an early offer based on your HSC results. At Western, we recognise that you are much more than your ATAR. True Reward focuses on the scores that reflect your strongest skills.

<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/study/application-pathways/hsc-true-reward.html>

STEM AT UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

STEM courses open up a world of opportunity. As new fields of STEM employment continue to emerge, it's important for today's graduates to be agile and able to adapt their skills to this fast-changing global economy. The range of STEM careers is broad and diverse, from biomedical engineering and software development to psychology and accounting. Our graduates are leading varied and fulfilling careers - we've taught Australia's first astronaut, an Antarctic explorer, a chief scientist and a Nobel laureate.

The future is looking bright for tech innovators and critical thinkers, and our degrees can help you get an edge over the competition.

<https://sydney.edu.au/study/study-options/undergraduate-courses/study-stem.html>

INTRO TO STUDENT PAYMENTS CENTRELINK

The Department of Human Services delivers payments to students and Australian Apprentices who are studying or training. Watch this video to get an introduction to student payments. You can also explore payment options based on your situation by using our Payment and Service Finder: <http://www.humanservices.gov.au/servi...> Did you know you can connect with us on social media? ask us general questions and follow us to stay up to date. Like Student Update on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/studentupdate> Or follow @StudentUpdateAU on Twitter: <http://www.twitter.com/studentupdateau> For more information about payments for students and trainees visit <http://www.humanservices.gov.au/students>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u-VzcmJKX6U&list=PL3zxsbzVCpwk83z1pwu0PJkakUL1-Dj_L

IT SCHOLARSHIPS AND INTERNSHIPS IN NSW – ACS FOUNDATION

An internship is your chance to gain experience while completing your Uni studies. They give you the edge when applying for your future job. Many leading IT based companies are found here.

https://www.acsfoundation.com.au/index.cfm?action=scholarships&temid=currentscholar&search_state=NSW

IT LOVERS - KEEP AN EYE ON THIS FOR 2020 - DIGITAL CADETSHIP PROGRAM

The Digital Cadetship Program gives you an opportunity to practise and develop your skills while you're still studying. You'll get to work in the industry while you finish studying and get a leg-up for a successful digital or technical career with the Australian Government.

The Digital Cadetship Program is for Australian citizens who are currently studying an undergraduate or postgraduate degree in a digital or technology-related field.

If you've completed 1st year (or equivalent) of your degree you can apply for the digital cadetship program.

If you're currently studying one of the [listed degrees](#) then you should consider applying.

Double and honours degrees in these fields are also accepted.

If your degree is not listed but you believe it's suited to a digital cadetship placement please [get in touch](#) to discuss your options.

<https://www.dta.gov.au/help-and-advice/learning-and-development/start-your-digital-career-government/digital-cadetship-program>

AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL POLICE - ENTRY LEVEL RECRUIT - POLICING AND PROTECTIVE SERVICE OFFICER RECRUITMENT

The AFP is interested in attracting individuals who are up for the challenge – both physically and mentally for our entry level recruit – Police Officer and Protective Service Officer roles. If you want to give back to the community, align with our core values of integrity, commitment, accountability, fairness, trust and respect than you are strongly encouraged to apply.

<https://www.afp.gov.au/careers/entry-level-recruit-policing-and-protective-service-officer-recruitment>

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<https://www.tafensw.edu.au/ambition>

TAFE NSW PATHWAYS TO DEGREES

We offer many pathways to Degrees at TAFE NSW to help students get the job they want. Follow our pathway journeys in Engineering, Construction, Tourism and Retail, some of the occupations available and their salaries.

<https://www.tafensw.edu.au/documents/60140/338518/TVET-pathway.pdf>

APPRENTICESHIPS

Why should you choose a trade?

Visit www.buildyourstory.com.au. This website provides students and parents with relevant information on apprenticeships in the Building and Construction Industry. There are videos, testimonials, links to further information and an opportunity to hear about programs, training and apprenticeship opportunities or call 85863533 to learn more about where an apprenticeship can take you. (Master Builders Association Apprenticeship Services).

WPC GROUP Automotive Apprenticeship Recruitment Event – over 45 full time apprenticeship vacancies. Register at <https://www.wpcgroup.org.au/event-registration..>

AUSTRALIAN TRAINING COMPANY APPRENTICESHIPS

Select the traineeship or apprenticeship you are interested in, click the 'Apply Now' button and complete the online Vacancy Application Form and attach your resume. Or if you are interested in finding out more, simply contact your local ATC office and ask to speak to one of our Account Managers on: 02 9704 1550.

Search the list of available apprenticeships here <http://austrg.com.au/job-vacancies/>

APPRENTICESHIPS & TRAINEESHIPS AVAILABLE

The Apprentice Employment Network and its 23 member Group Training Organisations have over 1000 apprenticeships & traineeships on offer for school leavers. We are also running numerous pre apprenticeships courses giving school leavers a kick start they need for picking up a trade.

<https://aennswact.com.au/find-an-apprenticeship/>

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

Work Experience with Sydney Trains in 2020

The Sydney Trains Work Experience Program offers opportunities for students to experience the world of work at Sydney Trains and gain a better understanding of the career options available in the rail industry. [Learn more](#)

You can spend a week with us and learn about:

- Diesel/Plant mechanics with our Heavy Plant team, which repairs and maintains a large fleet of track maintenance machines
- Communications and control systems with our Operational Technology team, which maintains train control and train visibility systems, data networks and passenger information systems
- Electro-technology apprenticeship options across our rail network including theory and practical training on rail signalling, rail substations, rail traction and everything you ever wanted to know about trains at one of our fleet maintenance depots.

Warm Regards,
Mrs J Fry, Careers Adviser

Takes a village | Parent Forum

What's next, life after the HSC



6pm - 8pm
Monday 25 November

Council Chambers
818 Pacific Highway Gordon
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Ku-ring-gai Youth Services
kmc.nsw.gov.au/youth

ABHS OLD BOYS

Peter tops the State with 495 for HSC

An Asquith Boys' High School student has topped the State in the 1979 Higher School Certificate examination.

Peter Robinson, of Manor Road, Hornsby, gained an aggregate of 495 marks out of a possible 500.

The results of the examination were announced on Monday.

Peter, the elder son of Mr and Mrs David Robinson, wants to become a physicist, and begins a science course at Sydney University later this year.

His subjects in the HSC

included 4-unit mathematics, physics, chemistry, industrial arts and English.

The headmaster at Asquith Boys' High, Mr Austin Hughes, said Peter's results were "wonderful".

"We are very proud of him," he said.

"It is the first time that an Asquith student has topped the State, and we are absolutely delighted," Mr Hughes said.

Peter's mother said she was "still in a daze" over

the results, when the Advocate-Courier rang to congratulate him on his tremendous effort.

"Naturally, we are all thrilled," she said.

Several other North Shore students were included in the top 21 list of results released by the Education Department.



Peter Robinson

Erratum:

Contrary to what Principal Austen Hughes knew at that time, Peter was not the only Asquith Boys High student to gain overall 1st place in the NSW HSC exam. Jim Richardson topped the State in that exam in 1968, gaining 874 marks out of 900. That result was never beaten in that system of grading HSC students. James went on to study Pure Mathematics at Sydney University where he won the University Medal.

Chris Kent

President ABHS Old Boys

ABHS - 60th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS IN 2020



Friday 11th September 2020

Asquith BHS Old Boys Golf Day at Asquith Golf Club

Saturday 12th September 2020

Reunion Dinner & 60th Anniversary Book launch at Hornsby RSL Club

Sunday 13th September 2020

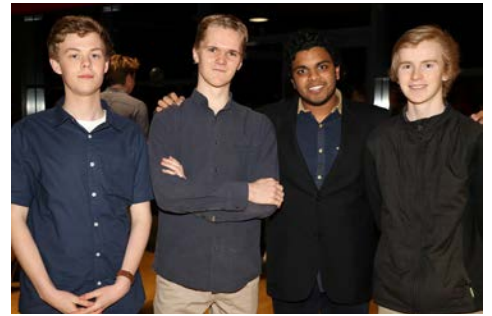
Exhibition of Old Boy HSC artworks, ABHS Community Day, & Football Tournament in the School grounds.

P&C ASSOCIATION

Parents and Citizens working together for our school


Next P&C meeting
Tuesday 26 November @ 7.30pm in the Library.
All welcome.

YEAR 12 FAREWELL FAMILY DINNER ORGANISED BY P&C



ASQUITH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR TERM 4 2019

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
Week 5A	November 11 YEAR 10 EXAMS	November 12 YEAR 10 EXAMS	November 13 YEAR 10 EXAMS	November 14 YEAR 10 EXAMS	November 15 YEAR 10 EXAMS	Nov 16/17
Week 6B	November 18	November 19	November 20	November 21 HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE DAY School Formal	November 22	Nov 23/24
Week 7A	November 25 Year 7 Swim School	November 26 Year 7 Swim School P&C Meeting-7.30pm	November 27	November 28 Year 7 Swim School	November 29 Year 7 Swim School	Nov 30 Dec 1
Week 8B	December 2 Yr 11 VET Work Placement (Hospitality) Formal Assembly (White Ribbon Day)	December 3 Yr 11 VET Work Placement (Hospitality) Year 7 2020 ORIENTATION DAY	December 4 Yr 11 VET Work Placement (Hospitality)	December 5 Yr 11 VET Work Placement (Hospitality) Duke of Ed Bronze Qual Exp	December 6 Yr 11 VET Work Placement (Hospitality) Duke of Ed Bronze Qual Exp	Dec 7/8
Week 9A	December 9 Yr 11 VET Work Placement (Construction)	December 10 Yr 11 VET Work Placement (Construction) Yr 10 – Principal's Reward Excursion	December 11 Yr 11 VET Work Placement (Construction)	December 12 Yr 11 VET Work Placement (Construction) Beach Day Yr 9 – Principal's Reward Excursion	December 13 Yr 11 VET Work Placement (Construction)	Dec 14/15
Week 10B	December 16 PRESENTATION NIGHT	December 17 End of year concert – p5	December 18 Yr 12 2019 BBQ Breakfast	December 19 Staff Development Day	December 20 Staff Development Day	Dec 21/22



PRESENTATION NIGHT – MONDAY 16 DECEMBER @ 7:15pm

The ABHS school community is invited to attend the end of year Presentation Night. Award recipients will be receiving their personal invitation in the coming weeks.

2020 DATES

Term 1 – Tuesday 28 January to Thursday 9 April (11 wks)

Years 7, 11 & 12 start Wed 29 January, Years 8, 9 & 10 start Thu 30 January

Term 2 – Monday 27 April to Friday 3 July (10 wks)

Term 3 – Monday 20 July to Friday 25 September (10 wks)

Term 4 – Monday 12 October to Friday 18 December (10 wks)

Staff Development Days

Tue 28 Jan, Mon 27 April, Mon 20 July, Thu 17 & Fri 18 Dec

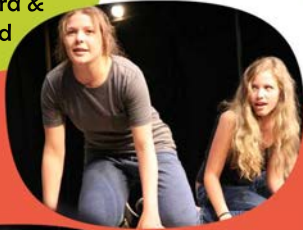
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