



ASQUITH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER BACKCHAT

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Ready for a match!



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Mr Bryce Grant

What a terrific way to commence the new school year, with the completion of our new Futsal / Volleyball court. It was so exciting to have it ready for the students on their first day back at school. The court is already receiving rave reviews from the students and extensive use in PDHPE lessons. Thank you to all the families who, through payment of their school contribution fees, contributed to the construction of this new multipurpose court to replace the dilapidated basketball court. With the new path, multipurpose court and the soon to be completed garden by the Horticulture class, all in time for the Asquith Boys High School Open Night, I am sure you agree that the entry area to our school is looking much improved, far more appealing and practical for students, staff and the broader community.

High Achievers Assembly

It was pleasing to see so many of the successful 2018 HSC students at our High Achievers Assembly held the first week back at school, allowing the school the opportunity to acknowledge and recognise them for their achievements. The 2018 Dux was John Taylor-Booth with an ATAR of 92.55. John achieved Band 6 results in Ancient History, Mathematics and narrowly missed out on a Band 6 in Standard English where he achieved a very impressive 89. John excelled throughout the year in all courses and has put his success down to dedication and consistent hard work.

Asquith Boys High School also achieved 14 HSC Distinguished Achievers with Band 6 results across 5 different subject areas. 100% of our Advanced English and Extension Mathematics students achieved the equivalent of Band 4 or higher results. Asquith Boys High School students excelled in achieving a perfect 100% of the cohort above Band 4 in Visual Arts and Chinese and Literature, with 70% achieved in Chemistry, Society and Culture, Construction and Music courses.

Welcome to New Staff to Asquith Boys High School

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new staff to Asquith Boys High School in 2019.

In the Deputy Principal position, we welcome **Mr Michael Hoareau** who will be overseeing and working closely with the Year 8, 10 and 12 students this year. In the Mathematics faculty we welcome **Mrs Achala Piyasiri** to replace Mr Abraham Berakhi (for the next 12 months), as well as **Mr Geoffrey Smith** and **Mr Brad Kemister**. Both were teaching at Asquith Boys in 2018 however it is nice to be able to welcome them formally. In the CAPA faculty **Ms Rebecca Ursino** returns in a part time capacity, and **Ms Alicia Xiahenazi** is replacing Ms Jody Lorrae for Terms 1-3 in Languages. **Mr Luke Hughes** has replaced Ms Natasha Jackson as our Engineering teacher in the TAS faculty for 2019.



In addition, joining the Asquith Boys High School teaching roster in 2019 are **Mr Scott Pursell** in Science Faculty, and **Ms Bianca Temple** into the HSIE faculty, with both being above our staffing entitlement. It is a pleasure to secure the services of these highly competent and expert teachers in their subject areas. All are excellent acquisitions for our school and I look forward to their contribution to the education and well-being of your sons over the coming year.

Parent Teacher BBQ and P&C Meeting

On Tuesday 26 February the school, with the support of the P&C, held their Annual Parent and Teacher BBQ evening, where the staff and the parents mingled in a social format, welcoming the new parents into the school community. This evening and dinner was attended extremely well with almost 100 parents and guests in attendance to meet staff and other parents.

The P&C conducted their AGM immediately after the BBQ and I am happy to announce the newly appointed P&C executive for 2019 are:

President :	Tempe Beavan
Vice-President:	Michelle Roscarel and Sacha Parker
Secretary:	Tanja Green
Treasurer:	Kathy Waters

I am looking forward to working closely with this executive on further school projects that not only enhance the school environment for our students, but also further facilitate their learning and engagement. The wonderful new entry area to the school hall with the commemorative pavers and garden has changed the area into a far more appealing and practical space for everyone. Plans and designs are under way for the construction of more garden beds, outdoor learning spaces and learning areas for the students and staff in 2019.

I also am excited and delighted to continue to maintain the excellent lines of communication and support that Asquith Boys High School not only receives from the P&C but the broader community.

P&C meetings are held on the last Tuesday of every month. The second P&C meeting of each term will have a guest speaker from the school or community presenting to the parents in attendance. On 26 March the P&C meeting will have the Head Teacher of Mathematics, Mr Kim Shead presenting on the new Mathematics Syllabus - what's new, the differences between the old and new syllabus, the changes to assessment, the emphasis on skills such as the connection between numeracy and future success. With a brief overview of what they are doing in Year 11 to build these skills and how it connects to the Year 12 course.

Asquith Boys High School Events and News

Please check the school calendar, school newsletters, school website and the school Facebook site for information on all the school events. The school Facebook page is 'Asquith Boys High School Events & News' and has grown to have more than 650 followers. Many of the photos on the site highlight the most recent school event, publishing a brief but informative snapshot of what is happening in the school and the students' life at Asquith Boys High School. The most recent school events highlighted were the Year 7 students on Year 7 camp and the Annual Swimming Carnival.

Year 7 Camp

Many thanks to the staff who went with our new Year 7 students on camp – Mr Newton Year 7 Adviser, Mr Bonser, Ms Robson, Ms Christodoulou, Ms Tapner, and Ms Bird. The boys' behaviour was exemplary as expected and they received rave reviews from all their camp leaders and advisers. With almost 120 students attending the camp it was an incredible effort in student management, organisation and administration to ensure that all the students had an enjoyable 3 days.

2019 Annual Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to the 400 students who attended the school swimming carnival despite the inclement weather. The day cleared up nicely and a wonderfully enjoyable day was had by both students and staff. Thank you to Mr Corbitt and the PDHPE faculty for their organisation of another highly successful carnival. Thank you to Graeme Carroll for attending the carnival and watching the 17 yrs+ 100m Freestyle race. Graeme still holds the oldest record in the ABHS Swimming program from 1978 for this event. It was a pleasure to have him return to Asquith Boys High School and share his time with our current students. A shame that this record could not be broken this year. Who knows, maybe in 2020!



Congratulations to:

- C Miller, J Camp and R Brooks of Asquith Boys High School for being members of the successful Northern Districts 16 years Green Shield Sydney Grade Cricket competition. This team also went on to win the NSW State Challenge.
- E Parker won 1 gold in the 100m and 2 silver medals in the 200m and 100m events at the NSW State Age Athletics Championships. He also finished 4th in the Open Mens 400m hurdles.



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Mr Michael Hoareau

Welcome to what promises to be another great year at Asquith Boys High. The boys have already had some great opportunities to succeed this year at our school, not only academically but also in extra curricular activities such as the swimming carnival, music performances and school camp, with many more to come. I look forward to seeing all the boys shine in their own way throughout the coming year.

Just a few things to note as we start the new year:

Uniform: A reminder that during term 1 the boys must follow the school's summer uniform policy. Only black leather shoes are permitted. No suede or canvas shoes.

Road safety: It is vital that all students are being sensible and careful when traveling to and from school, particularly those boys who are using a bike as a mode of transport. Please continue to have discussions about road safety with your sons.

Academic excellence: At Asquith Boys High we have high expectations of all boys in relation to their application in all aspects of school life, particularly their academic studies. It is imperative that the boys are completing all tasks in class to the best of their ability, using the expertise and guidance of our wonderful staff.

On a personal note, I would like to thank everyone for their warm welcome to Asquith Boys. I'm very thankful to have joined a school with such a wonderful community and I look forward to working with parents to ensure the boys continue to contribute to the community in a positive way.



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Ms Catherine Holder

A warm welcome back to school for our boys and their families, especially to our new enrolments in Year 7 and other year groups. The Asquith Boys family is one which made me feel welcome on my very first day in April 2006 and I hope makes everybody who arrives feel just as welcome and happy to be here.

Big thanks must go to our organisers of events this term so far: Mr Newton and his team for Year 7 Camp and the Band Information Night, Mrs Laffer for the High Achievers Assembly and also the Parent Teacher BBQ and Mr Corbitt and his team for the Swimming Carnival. Many more are upcoming with Open Night being imminent on March 11.

Year 12 - I remind you that there are 26 school weeks left for you to maximise your opportunities and every lesson counts. Free periods are all study periods and it is an expectation that you will sign in at the library and engage in meaningful study and/or homework. Mrs Hamilton has equipped the learning space with ergonomic furniture as well as an excellent range of current materials to support HSC preparation across all subjects. She is also a mine of wonderful information and strategies and delights in boys seeking her support in relation to research and study skills. You are competing against every student in the state for your marks and each of you has the ability to reach their personal best with effort and giving it their best shot.

Year 11 may find over the next few weeks that some of you may have study periods and you too will be scheduled into the library. Senior students must not leave school grounds or wander during study periods and you must also remember that it is YOUR responsibility to sign out daily when you are leaving early to attend TAFE or go home.

NOGO - Students who are out of uniform or late to school without reasonable reason 3 or more times in 4 weeks will be placed on the NOGO list for two Wednesdays during Sport. This starts at 12.20 and concludes at 3.05pm. Being on NOGO means that you cannot participate in sport or recreational activities that are a part of school culture. These must be completed to be removed from the list. This also includes the Annual Ski Trip. Year 10 have been reminded regularly of the need to make positive choices and demonstrate reliability and integrity so that their ability to attend in 2019 is not jeopardised.

On a very exciting note our **Merit System** has undergone a positive change with merits being awarded digitally and a system under development which will allow us to notify parents each Friday afternoon of the merits their son has achieved during the school week. Stay Tuned.

2018 PRESENTATION NIGHT

Monday 17 December 2018, was again an outstanding evening of celebration, acknowledging and rewarding our outstanding students who have consistently excelled throughout 2018 in their studies, leadership, citizenship, school service or sport. Congratulations to all the students who received awards, for all that you achieved and setting the standards so high.

Thank you to our distinguished guests who attended the night and assisted with handing out the awards, as well as donating several of the prizes.

Below is only a small selection of photos from the evening, courtesy of Ms Cooke and Ms Robson, our event photographers. There are many more which you can view on a contact sheet at Reception. To place orders please go to Reception during office hours and fill out an order form. The cost is \$5 per photo.



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HOW TO DISCUSS YOUR SCHOOL SERVICES OR REQUEST CHANGES:

The best way to resolve any issues that you or your students are experiencing with our services is for the school to contact our **School Engagement Team** directly on **02 8700 0555** or via email tdnsw.schools@transdev.com.au

Please encourage your parents to report any issues to you in the first instance and then someone from the school can contact our Schools Engagement Team for assistance.

We encourage direct communication between the school and Transdev NSW and we will do our best to resolve any issues as quickly as possible. We are also more than happy to visit the school and meet with school staff, when necessary.

If the school or a parent wishes to lodge a complaint or feedback, please direct it via phone to **131500** or **transportnsw.info** to ensure it is lodged correctly. We will then be able to process it and respond as soon as possible.

We undertake an annual review of all school services and request updated bell times, projected staff development days, changes to enrolments and any other alterations that help us plan the timetables for the following school year. The more information you can give us will help to provide adequate services to your school. Schools may also request changes throughout the year.

While we will carefully consider all requests, please keep in mind, that many of our school services are utilised by more than one school and are often linked with normal route services either before or after the school run operates. This means that some changes may not be possible in the short term, but will be considered as part of future network reviews.

USEFUL INFORMATION

YOUR SCHOOL SERVICES:

Your 'school advice sheet' provides you with the current timetable of all your allocated school services.

This document is publicly available via our website – <http://www.transdevnsw.com.au/services/timetables/schools/>

If normal route services also operate at or nearby your school, you can access their timetables on our website or via <https://transportnsw.info/>

If you have any questions about your school services or any of our other route services, please contact us directly on **02 8700 0555** or send an email to tdnsw.schools@transdev.com.au

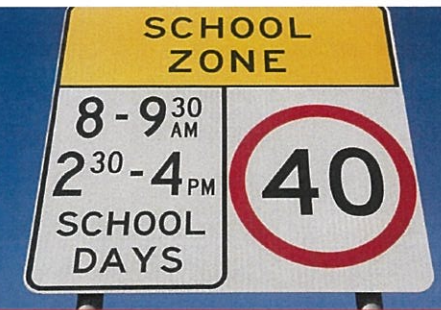
LOST PROPERTY:

If your students lose an item on one of our buses, we will do our utmost to get it back to them if we find it.

Parents or students, can call us on **02 8700 0555** Monday to Friday, between 8am and 5pm excluding public holidays, or can submit an enquiry online directly via <https://transportnsw.info>

Please note: For safety reasons we may not be able to immediately contact our driver if they are on the road. However, we will contact them as soon as it's safe to do so.

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SCHOOL BUS INFORMATION GUIDE FOR SCHOOLS

While you teach our future generations, we strive to transport them safely, comfortably and efficiently to and from school each year. This information guide gives you everything you need to know about our services and how to get assistance when you need it.





SCHOOL STUDENT TRANSPORT SCHEME

Transdev NSW supplies your school with school bus services for eligible students. Parents or students over 16 years of age must apply for a **School Opal** or **Child Opal card** from www.opal.com.au before starting school. Please note that Transdev NSW has no involvement in this process.

THE IMPORTANCE OF TAPPING ON AND OFF - WHY DO STUDENTS NEED TO?

It's essential for all school students to travel with a valid **School Opal Card** or **Child Opal Card** so that we can understand customer travel patterns and can adjust the services provided if necessary.

Every time a student TAPS ON and OFF, they are counted on our service - when they don't, they are invisible.

Transport for NSW watch our school service patronage closely to monitor the need for services and those seen with low patronage may be withdrawn.

Together with our drivers, Customer Experience Ambassadors and other Transdev NSW staff, we ask that you and your staff assist in encouraging students to have their Opal cards ready and **TAP ON and OFF** every single time they board our services.

The better data we have, the better we can service your school adequately. This is especially true if you believe you have capacity issues with your current services.

Please also see our 'Code of Conduct' document for students on buses, published by Transport for NSW.

WHAT CAN SCHOOLS DO TO HELP?

We have seen improvements at some schools where (staff onsite) use priority boarding to encourage students to have their Opal cards ready when boarding.

This involves getting those students with a **School Opal card** to board first, followed by **Child Opal** and finally those without a card.

Those without a card should be asked to provide a reason why they don't have one and given a reminder to get one for next time.

Please note that our drivers are expected to ask students to TAP ON and OFF as part of their duties.

We will also be conducting random visits to schools to reinforce this message to students.

Schools can also reinforce the importance of **TAPPING ON and OFF** through your school newsletters, assemblies and orientation days each year.

We believe that a consistent and unified message from both our drivers, staff and schools will help to change the student behaviour.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

Our **School Engagement Team** is more than happy to meet with you to discuss how we might be able to work together to improve Opal compliance at your school.

Schools can contact us on: **02 8700 0555** or tdnsw.schools@transdev.com.au – business hours: Monday to Friday from 8am to 5pm.

2018 HSC HIGH ACHIEVERS FORMAL ASSEMBLY HONOUR CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS

DUX

John Taylor-Booth

EXEMPLARY ACHIEVEMENT

Students achieving five or more Band Five and/or Band Six results

Edward Blackwood

Matthew Burns

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

Students achieving three Band Five and/or Band Six results

Zane Drysdale

Kefah Farache

Damian Fisquet

Lixin Gan

Zelin (Jason) Li

Zesong (Victor)

Jason Lumanglas

Aidan Martin

Ho Yuen Michael Pak

Christopher Robinson

Zhewang (Dell) Tantai

John Taylor-Booth

Jackson Tuynman

Li Guanqin (Harry) Wang

Aidan Waters

Adam West

EXCELLENT ACHIEVEMENT

Students achieving one Band Six result or two Band Five results

Andrew Bird

Matthew Carpenter

Hew (Anthony) Cheah

Tristan Fisher

Brendan Greig

Jamie Griffin

Luke Malcolm

Jinwoo (Bryan) Park

Liam Pouw

Troy Staff

Yingtao (Toby) Yan

Yicheng Zhao

Ziqing (Alex) Zhu



Thank you to family members who attended this special assembly and supported their sons' achievements.

Thank you also to our special guest speaker at the assembly, Mr Adam Howse (Asquith Old Boy 1987-1992), who enjoyed being back to see the changes around the school and reflected on his years at Asquith.

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 Pendrick	18 & 20	\$115	Email: suependrick@bigpond.com Mobile: 0407 473 720	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior blazer in very good condition and dry cleaned, Senior jumper hardly worn, size 20 for \$50. Sold together for \$150.
Amanda Munro	16	\$50	Email: munro.amanda1@gmail.com Ph: 0410487080	Senior blazer in good condition.

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.

ABSENT & EARLY LEAVE:

If your son is going to be absent from school you can reply to the text or send a note when he returns to school. Alternatively you can email the school directly. A phone call is not sufficient as the Department requires absence notes 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.

BREAKFAST CLUB AND GAMES CLUB

Our daily **Breakfast Club** program commences on Friday March 1. All boys are warmly invited to come to the Hall servery window in Palm Court for some breakfast.
Breakfast Club is open from 8.10 till 8.35am everyday.

A huge 'Thank You' to our parent and teacher volunteers who run Breakfast Club. Without your support it simply would not happen.

Thank you also to Woolies at Hornsby for their generous donation of fresh fruit to help give our boys a healthy start to their day.

Games Club

Want to make some new friends? Come to Games Club!
Will you be the next UNO champion? The Connect 4 King? Or is Twister more your style?
Room 10 lunch time Thursdays - Everyone Welcome

Colleen Sweeney, Student Welfare Officer (Thursdays)

RESOURCES FROM THE COUNSELLOR

Below are links to some websites that parents might find helpful with raising their teenagers.

<https://parents.au.reachout.com/>

How to calm an angry teenager

<https://parents.au.reachout.com/common-concerns/everyday-issues/things-to-try-anger/how-to-calm-down-an-angry-teenager>

Balance, trust and freedom with your teenager

<https://parents.au.reachout.com/common-concerns/everyday-issues/things-to-try-risk-taking/balance-trust-and-freedom-with-your-teenager>

Families have changed a lot in recent years. There are so many different types of family and parenting styles today. The family your child grows up in will influence how they cope with life. As a loving, caring family can create a child with good self-esteem, an unhappy, fearful family can lead to low self-esteem and problems for a child.

http://www.community.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0011/319484/families_workwell.pdf

Dorothy Wakelin, School Counsellor
(Tuesdays and Fridays)

YEAR 7 CAMP

At the start of week 3 our fresh-faced Year 7 cohort attended the Great Aussie Bush Camp for three days of friendship, team and confidence building. From all staff and student accounts, it was a fun-filled time away with engaging, exciting activities and excellent leadership activity. I could not have been prouder of our boys with many staff members at camp taking the time to personally comment on their outstanding behaviour and commitment.

Below are some student reflections from their time at camp.

*Mr Newton
Year 7 Adviser*

My favourite activity was the Power Fan. It's a giant wooden pole 17 metres high which you have to climb up and then jump off whilst wearing a harness. The harness is connected to these fans that create resistance so that when you jump into thin air, it feels like a free fall right until the last moment. 10/10 would jump into thin air again.- Casey

Camp was amazing. It was full of fun activities that pushed you to the limit. My favourite activity was High Ropes because you were yelled at by your mates, saying "you can do this". When you finished, you got to yell at them. Raft building was also great because my group was the only one that didn't sink or break. Overall the camp was great. - Cohen

The camp was great (except for sleeping). The best part was definitely the Mud Run because we got covered in mud and had a lot of fun. For the food, the best dish was the spaghetti because we got loads of garlic bread. Overall, I enjoyed the ENTIRE camp... except the sleeping because I got barely any sleep.- Ethan



MATHEMATICS FACULTY NEWS

The Mathematics Department went through a number of staff changes in 2018, due to the Education Department trying to establish full time Mathematics Teachers into the classrooms.

We were sad to farewell Mr Mark Miles in Term 4 last year. He has taken a full time teaching post up on the Central Coast – the Mathematics Department wishes him all the very best. It was a pleasure working with him. We would like to take this opportunity to **welcome as full time teachers** to the Mathematics faculty, Mr Jeffrey Smith and Mr Bradley Kemister. We would also like to welcome Ms Achala Piyasiri, who is relieving for the year. All three teachers have fitted in well to the Mathematics Faculty.

In 2018, the Mathematics Faculty had a very successful HSC campaign. Congratulations to Ms Laffer and Mr French for their classes' excellent results. Both teachers work tirelessly to provide the students with the best possible way to achieve their best – big thankyou to both teachers. Your effort is much appreciated!

Ms Laffer: **Mathematics General 2** - Five of her students achieved Band 6's, Six students achieved Band 5's. Overall, there were 13 Band 5's and 14 Band 4's in the Mathematics General 2 Course. Asquith Boys High School was 5.99 above State Average. Congratulations to Ms Laffer.

We would also like to acknowledge and congratulate John Taylor-Booth for scoring the highest HSC Examination result of 98%. John deserves all of the accolades he has received as he is such a conscientious student.

Mr French: **Mathematics 2 Unit** - All students achieved Band 4 or better. Four Band 6's, Two Band 5's and Four Band 4's. Asquith Boys High School was 7.76 above State Average. Congratulations once again to Mr French.

The Mathematics Faculty would also like to acknowledge and congratulate Ziqing (Alex) Zhu of Year 11, who chose to sit the Mathematics 2 Unit HSC Examination one year earlier. He scored the highest HSC Examination result of all our students in the Mathematics 2 Unit Course: 96%. Band 6 - a highly commended achievement from a hard working and very smart mathematician.

In total, Mathematics 2 Unit: 7 Band 6's. (including 2 Notional Band 6's) Asquith Boys High School was 7.76 above State Average.

Ms Laffer: **Mathematics Extension 1** - Four Band E3's (equivalent to Band 5's). Asquith Boys High School was 5.56 above State Average.

Other commendable results:

Mathematics Extension 2 - Guangqin (Harry) Wang achieved E3 (equivalent to a Band 5)

Notional Band 6 in Mathematics 2 Unit (Mr French's class) - Zhewang (Dell) Tantai

Congratulations to our hard working students for these outstanding results!!

School is back in full swing in 2019.

Maths Peer Tutoring runs Monday and Thursday after school from 3.05 to 4pm in Room 10. Afternoon tea is provided. Thank you to all the peer tutors who give up their time. A special thanks to Harrison Vo of Year 12, who is backing up for his 4th year of peer tutoring – an inspirational effort. A big thank you to Ms. Christodoulou and the Mathematics Staff for their continued involvement in the tutoring sessions.

Maths Club is returning on Thursday 21 February (Week A) in Room 9. Mr Kemister will run it every second Thursday. Nibbles provided.

All junior students have been given a free year's subscription to **MathsOnline**. Everyone in the junior years should have a MathsOnline password. If this is not the case, please see your Mathematics teacher. All students can access MathsOnline anytime they choose. There are exercises, worksheets and over 50000 videos. In Term 1, Year 9 will do MathsOnline during Roll Call to help them prepare for NAPLAN, which is early in Term 2.

Coming events in the Mathematics Department:

- Pi recital day
- Term 1 Assessments
- World of Maths
- Smarter Money
- Australian Mathematics Competition
- Inspiration Excursion

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the hard working Mathematics Faculty.

Mr Shead

Head Teacher Mathematics

“Those who fail to prepare, then prepare to fail.”

ENGLISH FACULTY NEWS

Welcome to another year with the English Faculty!

As always, our **junior classes** from years 7-10 have all commenced the year by reading and studying a novel. We think it is a great opportunity for all students to read something they may not have read before, and we are always excited to share some of our favourite books with our classes.

This extends to our **Year 11** students who have commenced their first senior module, Reading to Write, where they draw links between the power of reading to inform and shape their writing. So far, they have been writing some beautiful extracts which they will be developing into more extended stories, and we look forward to being able to publish some of these later this year.

To continue the theme of reading, we have launched our **book club** for the year. Students in years 9-12 are invited to join book club who meet every Thursday Week B with Mrs Wingrave in the English Block. The theme for this term is Horror, and students may choose to read any book from this genre.

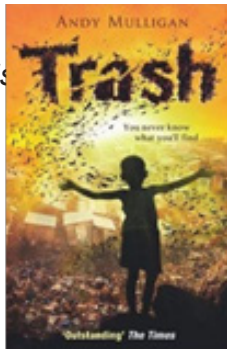
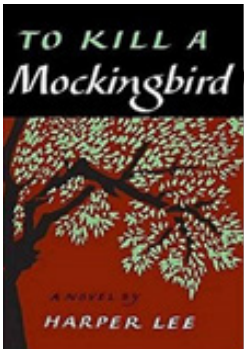
As you can see, books and reading are fundamental to our core business in English. We understand that reading is not only paramount to developing and refining literacy skills, but a good book can challenge us, inspire us and take our imagination to places we never thought possible.

So, we encourage all students, from Years 7-12, to find a book they are interested in, and to read regularly and widely, just a little each day.



“Fiction is really, at its core, supposed to be both an encouragement and a comfort. Fiction is a place where we find both revelation and consolation.”

— John Green



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13 Suggestions to Try to Remove Acrylic Paint from Clothing

NOTE – at no point should you launder in warm or hot water or tumble dry or iron the stain – the paint sets forever.

Suggestion 1 – Spray area with Preen & put into bucket of COLD water & Napisan. Every couple of days scrub, spray with more Preen and put back into the bucket. Repeat process until gone.

Suggestion 2 - Use hairspray. Simply spray the area and rub it together. If it doesn't come out, don't despair, simply SPRAY some more and rub again. Repeat until it is gone!

Suggestion 3 - Laundry Detergent, Hairspray, Rubbing Alcohol, Lime Juice and Stain remover. Combine the hairspray, alcohol, lime and stain remover and scrub it with a scrubbing brush. It should start coming off. Rinse and repeat. Then when it is light enough, use stain remover and now, you should be able to only barely see it unless you look extremely close.

Suggestion 4 – Use sunlight soap – remove any raised paint. Really work the soap into the stain then rub together and/or scrub in with a toothbrush. Then leave in a bucket to soak in cold water for a week. Then repeat the process till it is gone. This took about 4 weeks but got it all out.

Suggestion 5 - Put it into the wash with soap and empty a can of coke (coca cola) into it as well!

Suggestion 6 - Hand sanitizer and dried in paint. Put it on and rub and rinse in cold water. This may take several goes. It also cleans paint from paint brushes.

Suggestion 7 - Nail polish remover. The kind NOT made for artificial nails is stronger. Sometimes rubbing alcohol works, but try the fingernail polish remover. Just dab some on with a cotton ball, wait about 5 min, then keep dabbing with a paper towel. You might also try an old toothbrush to get into the nap. Afterwards, pour on some liquid laundry soap then wash in the machine in warm or cold water. (not hot!) You may have to repeat this 2 or 3 times. DO NOT put any stain in the dryer or iron. The heat will "set" the stain! If this doesn't work, try the other type of fingernail polish remover (made for artificial nails) OR, they also make a paint remover for clothes. it's sold in craft stores, fabric stores & some home stores.

Suggestion 8 - Apply white spirits to a clean white cloth and rub the area free of paint. Launder as usual once the paint has been removed.

Suggestion 9 - Spray the stained area with WD-40 and allow it to sit for at least 1 minute. Rub the area with a clean, dry cloth until the stain is gone, and launder as usual.

Suggestion 10 - Spray the paint stain with Windex and scrub the area gently with a soft, clean cloth before laundering.

Suggestion 11 - A Home Remedy - to make the home remedy you will need to mix 2 tablespoons of ammonia, 2 tablespoons of white vinegar, and 1 tablespoon of salt together in a bowl.

Step 1 - If the paint is extremely thick in some spots you can take the toothbrush, dip it in the solution you made and start scrubbing. This should start to wear off the paint that is on the clothes. When no more paint will come off the clothes using the toothbrush you can mix up more of the home remedy, about 2 times what you made before.

Step 2 - Plug your sink and fill it with water. Add the solution to the water and stir it around a little bit. Submerge the clothes in the water and let them soak overnight. When you wake up the next morning the paint should be gone. If not go back at it with the toothbrush and then put it back in the sink to soak again. Repeat this step as many times as it may take to get the paint out. Most times it will only take one soaking to get rid of the paint.

Suggestion 12 – Nifty Spray - spray, rub with a cloth and together, rinse. Keep going till gone.

Suggestion 13 – White Spirit (dry cleaning fluid) – pick off dry paint where possible then rub with the white spirit until the stain is gone. This may take several goes.

CANTEEN MENU

RECESS MENU

Bacon & Egg Tart	\$2.00
Cheese Burger	\$4.00
Homemade Ham & Pineapple Pizza	\$5.00
Mixed Sandwiches	from \$3.00
Breakfast Wraps	\$4.50
Chicken Ceasar Salad Subs	\$6.00
BLT Roll	\$5.00
Hot Chicken & Gravy Roll	\$4.50

Jaffle Toasties:

Cheese	\$2.00
Cheese & Tomato	\$2.50
Spaghetti & Cheese	\$2.50
Ham & Cheese	\$3.00

Fresh Made Sandwiches On Wholemeal

Bread (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	\$2.00
Cheese	\$1.00
Chicken	\$2.20
Ham	\$2.20

Egg	\$2.00
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	\$6.50
Tomato & Chicken Penne	\$6.50
Tuna Pasta	\$6.50
Potato, Bacon & Egg	\$6.50

HOT FOOD

(available every lunch and by order)

Chicken Burger:	\$6.00
Wholemeal Bun, Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Aioli, Chicken patty	
Beef Burger:	\$6.00
Wholemeal Bun, Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, Beetroot, BBQ Sauce	
Bacon & Egg Roll	\$5.50
Hot Dogs	\$3.00
Noodle Cups	\$3.00
Beef, Chicken & Hot & Spicy	
Potato Wedges	\$2.00
Chicken Chips	\$3.50
Chicken Chilli Tenders (2)	\$4.00
Meat Pie (with sauce)	\$4.50
Sausage Roll (with sauce)	\$3.50
Gluten Free Noodles	\$3.50

AVAILABLE BY ORDER ONLY

\$6.00

Butter Chicken and rice
Beef Korma and rice
Sweet Chilli Chicken With Rice
Pasta Bolognaise

CAKES & SNACKS

Banana Bread	\$2.50
Café style Muffins	\$4.00

JJ's	\$1.50
Chicken, BBQ, Salt & Vinegar, Pizza	
Pretzel packets	\$1.20
Popcorn unsalted	\$1.20
Rice crackers packet	\$1.20
Crunchy Canola Bars	\$2.00
Baked Oat Bars	\$1.50

FRUIT

Seasonal Fruit available daily	50c
Fruit Cups	\$2.00

YOGURT with mixed berry & muesli	\$4.00
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LOW FAT CREAMY SORBETS & Ice Cream

Coconut	\$3.50
Chocolate	\$3.50
Tropical	\$3.50
Passion Mango	\$3.00
Lemon	\$3.00

Zooper Doopers	50c
Paddle Pops	\$2.50
Splice	\$2.50
Calippo	\$2.20

DRINKS

Milk:	Plain 600ml	\$2.50
	Flavoured 300ml	\$3.00
	Flavoured 500ml	\$4.00

Juice		\$3.50
Flavoured Mineral Water		\$3.00
Cans		\$3.00
Coke zero - bottle		\$4.50
Sprite Zero - bottle		\$4.50
Chill Iced Tea	250ml	\$3.00
	500ml	\$4.00
Chill Aloe Water		\$4.00
Pump Flavoured Water		\$4.00
Up & Go		\$3.00
Water 600ml		\$2.50

Juice Bombs		\$2.50
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Watermelon	
Vanilla and Lime	
Grape	
Apple Cola	
Apple and Raspberry	
Orange and Passionfruit	

Lunch Orders

Lunch orders can be placed at Canteen before school, or at Recess. Ordering can ensure that your favourite food is available at lunch and you can avoid the lunchtime queues.

Your lunch will be waiting for you inside the canteen on the bench for collection no need to queue.



Canteen Weekly Order Form

Attached is a new Weekly Order Form for parents who wish to place an order for the whole week. Pre –payment is necessary. If paying via POP it needs to be done on a Sunday afternoon before 4pm. The student then hands the completed form to the Canteen on Monday morning. If paying in cash this needs to be done on the day the form is handed in.

EFTPOS is now available at the Canteen

The boys are now able to pay for their Canteen purchases using EFTPOS. There is a minimum purchase amount of \$10.

Canteen Volunteers

We still need more volunteers so please consider helping in our school canteen. We are short staffed on several days. Please call the office on 9477-3508 or email the school if you could help. 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.

CAREERS INFORMATION

Big Day in IT Careers Conference at UTS – Thursday 21st March 2019

Interested students in Years 10, 11 and 12 will be attending to listen to leading speakers from companies including Animal Logic, Westpac Group, IBM, Wise Tech Global etc talk about the future of technology and where a career in IT can take students. They will also be able to visit exhibitor stands.

TAFE Enrolments

Over 26 students in Years 11 and 12 have now enrolled in various TVET courses as part of their HSC programs. Whilst most students will attend Hornsby TAFE on a Tuesday afternoon, others will gain their TAFE credentials at Meadowbank and St Leonards TAFE. It is very important that they attend the full 4 hours EVERY WEEK from 2-6pm as attendance is crucial to fulfill course requirements. In addition, there is no occasion when a student can leave a class early!

Important Information

Year 10 Work Experience

All students in Year 10 are given the opportunity to undertake a week of work experience. This program is designed to give students a chance to try out a future career and is very useful in helping students select their subjects for Years 11 and 12. Work experience is a great opportunity and helps students make informed decisions when planning their transition through school and from school towards a fulfilling career. At ABHS, it is a flexible arrangement so students can apply and complete their work experience during the year in a week that is negotiated with the employer and approved by the school. The advantage of this flexible approach is that students are able to gain a better quality or high demand work placement.

All students have been issued in class with the required paperwork. They have been given a copy of the *2019 ABHS Work Experience Information Guide*, a copy of the *Parents and Carers Guide to Workplace Learning*, a copy of the *Employers Guide to Workplace Learning* and the *Student Placement Record*. Please check that your son has the required paperwork.

White Card

Any students who wish to do work experience in the construction industry must do a Safework approved General Induction course (White Card). This is a one-day course and will be delivered at school at a cost of \$99. Students who need this qualification must see Mrs Fry ASAP so another White card course can be organized.

Work Experience in Surveying

Secondary school students who are potentially interested in a career in surveying can submit their details to this online form. A Life Without Limits will then attempt to put them in touch with an appropriate company for work experience. <http://www.alifewithoutlimits.com.au/student-work-experience/secondary-students/>

CSIRO Work Experience

We are committed to giving students first-hand experience with working in a scientific or engineering environment; be it one of our many areas of science and research, or as part of our support services team.

Our work experience program aims to give Year 10, 11 and 12 students all around Australia the opportunity to:

- gain insight and experience into our everyday work, which involves solving the big questions facing our country and planet
- find out the types of jobs that are available in the science industry

Contact: CSIRO Work Experience Team workexperience@csiro.au

<https://www.csiro.au/en/Careers/Work-experience>

AIE Work Experience

Students in Years 10–12 can request work experience at the Academy of Interactive

Entertainment. If you're interested in game design, animation or visual effects, you should think about applying for work experience at AIE. Find out more – <http://www.aie.edu.au/StudentInformation/workexpWork-experience>

STUDY WORK GROW WEBSITE

MHScareers has been a great newsletter over the years for career information on seminars, scholarships and open days etc. It has now changed names to Study Work Grow and has expanded the career information. Parents, students and teachers can also register at www.studyworkgrow.com.au. Our new unique school code is ASQBH0219. It is easy for you to sign up for free membership as part of our school subscription. It is safe, easy, and completely FREE for you to subscribe to this resource.

Here is their signup page: <https://studyworkgrow.com.au/student-membership/>

And to help with this process, they have created a 'How To' guide here (<https://studyworkgrow.com.au/student-sign-up-guide/>) to show you step-by-step how to register,

Remember to click on Apply Invitation.

Important information for Year 12 students

A reminder that **Admissions for university opening early in 2019.**

Applications for admission to tertiary study in 2020 will open in April 2019 to accommodate university trimesters and early entry schemes. This will also give schools the opportunity to rate their SRS applicants earlier in the cycle.

Year 12 students will receive their UAC PIN in March 2019. At this time all semester 2, 2019 courses will be available, and some semester 1, 2020 courses. All semester, 2020 courses will be available from August as per usual.

Early bird and SRS applications will close at the end of September and offer rounds and other deadlines will remain the same.

Please visit www.uac.edu.au for more information.

2019 Business and Engineering & Technology Cadetships Programs

Under the 2019 Business Cadetships program, UBS, a top ranking global bank, will be offering cadetship opportunities across the firm in Sydney. Business Cadets study at the university of their choice in Sydney and may select from degree programs in business, commerce, economics and the humanities. Applications are made online. They open on 4th March and close on 15 May. Please visit the website: www.businesscadetships.com.au

Applications for the Engineering and Technology cadetships open on 29 April. Details about this program will arrive at school at the beginning of Term 2.

Mrs Fry
Careers Adviser



The Landing

Open Tuesday's during
school term 3.30pm - 6pm

Turrumurra Youth Centre
5 Ray St Turrumurra
(Under Turrumurra Library)

Ku-ring-gai Youth Services
kmc.nsw.gov.au/youth



PCYC | Safer Drivers Course

For Learner Drivers

Thursday 14 March



PCYC are an accredited provider of the Safer Drivers Course.
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The Safer Drivers Course involves two modules:

Module one: A three-hour facilitated group discussion on how to manage risks on the road. This will involve a maximum of twelve participants and will be delivered by a facilitator.

Module two: A two-hour in-vehicle coaching session to develop low-risk driving strategies. This will involve two participants and a coach. **Course cost: \$140**

Participants must have completed 50 hours of actual on-road driving experience to be eligible for the course. Credits gained under the 3 for 1 scheme cannot be included.

Participants who complete the course will receive 20 hours credit recorded in their learner driver log book.

To find your closest club or book into the next available course check out our website:
www.saferdrivers.org.au
Call us on 9625 9111 or drop into your local club to find out more

PCYC [Hornsby] 1 Park Lane, Waitara, NSW 2077 Ph. 8998 5408

P&C ASSOCIATION

Parents and Citizens working together for our school

Hello ABHS Community,

Thanks to all the parents who attended our AGM and first meeting for the year on Tuesday night following the Parent Teacher BBQ. Thanks also to the departing members for their contribution to the P&C and the school community. Without the generous support of parents and carers our events would not be possible. Even if you cannot make it to a P&C meeting it would be great to see you this year helping or attending one of our many events.

New Committee for 2019

Congratulations to the following office holders for 2019:

- President – Tempe Beaven
- Vice Presidents – Michelle Roscarel and Sacha Parker
- Treasurer – Kathy Waters
- Secretary – Tanja Green
- Grounds Committee – Joe von Bornemann
- Publicity – Mel Knudsen

Introduction to Head Teachers

This year we are continuing to invite a Head Teacher to every second P&C meeting. The presentations last year were very informative and I encourage all parents to attend who would like to learn about what is new in each faculty.

Parent Twilight Bowls and BBQ

We realise that many parents cannot attend P&C events that are held in the morning or afternoon due to work commitments. This year we are organising an evening for parents and carers to be held on a Saturday in June at the Asquith Bowling Club. More information to follow.

Trivia Night

This year our major fund raising event is the Trivia Night. Start your brain training now, organise a table and come join us for a fantastic night in support of the school. If you would like to be involved in the Trivia Night Organising Committee email Tanja on secretary.abhspnc@gmail.com. All welcome!

Mark the following dates in your diary for 2019:

The ABHS P&C meet every 4th Tuesday of the month in the School Library at 7.30pm.

26 March, 28 May, 25 June, 23 July, 27 August, 24 September, 22 October and 26 November.

Mother's Day Breakfast

Parent Twilight Bowls and BBQ

Trivia Night

Father's Day Breakfast

Year 12 Dinner

Tuesday 9 May

June (date to be confirmed)

Saturday 17 August

Thursday 29 August

Monday 23 September

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

Tempe Beaven

P&C President

president.abhspnc@gmail.com



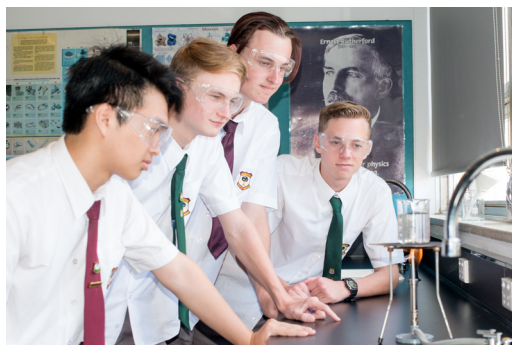
Exceptional Learning Opportunities for Boys



OPEN NIGHT

Monday 11 March 2019

The staff and students of ABHS invite families and their sons to attend the Annual Open Night to hear about innovative programs designed specifically for boys.



5:15pm - Hall displays open

5:40pm - Official start of the evening with Principal's address, followed by tours of the school, concluding at 7.50pm.

Peats Ferry Rd, Asquith

Phone: 9477 3508

www.asquithboy-h.schools.nsw.gov.au

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TUNING IN TO TEENS

EMOTIONALLY INTELLIGENT PARENTING



5 SESSION PARENTING COURSE FOR PARENTS OF TEENS

Would you like to learn how to:

- Communicate effectively with your teenager?
- Understand your teenager?
- Help your teenager with emotional intelligence and managing emotions?
- Prevent some teenager behaviour problems?
- Teach your teenager to deal with conflict?

VENUE: Chatswood Community Health Centre
57 Hercules St, Chatswood
DATES: Wednesdays 6th March - 3rd April 2019 (5 sessions)
TIME: 6.30pm - 9.00pm
COST: \$150 - subsidised rates available re: financial difficulty
REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL: <http://tnchats1.eventbrite.com.au>

PH: 8877 5376

The 5 session course will be facilitated by a qualified Parent Educator from Child and Adolescent Parenting, Northern Sydney Local Health District



MEET THE AUTHOR

COLLETT SMART

Thursday 14 March 6.30pm, Hornsby Library

15 Conversations to Help Your Child Through Troubled Times

COLLETT SMART

THEY'LL be OKAY



For more information about your local library visit hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library



Football Registration

Registrations Open 2nd January

Hornsby RSL Football Club

60 Years of Youth & 50 Years Senior Football

Hornsby RSL Football Club, THINK player development, THINK social fun, THINK theme based training nights, THINK dedication. There is a team and a ball to kick for every player at Hornsby RSL Football club.

For Registration Information Check our web page
web: www.hornsbyrslfc.com.au
email: president@hornsbyrslfc.com.au

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ASQUITH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR TERM 1 2019

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	Sat/Sun
Week 5B	February 25	February 26 Parent/Teacher BBQ P&C AGM – 7.30pm	February 27	February 28	March 1	Mar 2/3
Week 6A	March 4	March 5	March 6	March 7 Zone Swimming Carnival	March 8 Year 7 Reptile Incursion	Mar 9/10
Week 7B	March 11 OPEN NIGHT	March 12	March 13	March 14	March 15	Mar 16/17
Week 8A	March 18 Year 7- Vaccinations	March 19	March 20	March 21	March 22 Interim Reports Issued	Mar 23/24
Week 9B	March 25 Music Camp	March 26 Music Camp P&C Meeting-7.30pm	March 27 Music Camp	March 28 Formal Assembly (Summer Grade Sport & Swimming Carnival)	March 29	Mar 30/31
Week 10A	April 1 Year 11/12 Study Skills	April 2	April 3	April 4	April 5 CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL	April 6/7
Week 11B	April 8 Parent Teacher Interviews 7,11,12	April 9	April 10	April 11	April 12 Last day of Term 1	April 13/14

2019 DATES

Term 1 – Tuesday 29 January to Friday 12 April (11 wks)

Years 7, 11 & 12 start Wed 30 January, Years 8, 9 & 10 start Thu 31 January

Term 2 – Monday 29 April to Friday 5 July (10 wks)

Term 3 – Monday 22 July to Friday 27 September (10 wks)

Term 4 – Monday 14 October to Friday 20 December (10 wks)

Staff Development Days

Tue 29 Jan, Mon 29 April, Mon 22 July, Thu 19 & Fri 20 Dec