



ASQUITH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER BACKCHAT

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*Opening of the Lone Pine garden by
Representatives from Legacy*



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Mr Bryce Grant

As 2019 comes to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone, including students, staff and parents for what has been an incredibly rewarding and enjoyable year at Asquith Boys High School.

2019 has been an exciting year for Asquith Boys High School with continued establishment and development of exceptional learning opportunities for boys. I am determined to build upon these strong foundations and firmly entrench Asquith Boys High School as the outstanding educational setting within this community.

It started with our excellent 2018 HSC results, with Asquith Boys High School students receiving 19 Distinguished Achievers, Band 6 results across 5 different subjects, and our highest ATAR of 92.95 was achieved by John Taylor-Booth. Our English and Mathematics HSC results were also impressive, ranging from 4 to 8% above the state averages. We look forward to seeing the 2019 HSC results when they are released on Tuesday 17 December.

We will farewell Ms Vadi Tharmarajah from the Science Faculty after 20 years of service to Asquith Boys High School. She created an excellent platform in the area of Biology for all of her students to excel. Ms Jan Fry will also be taking extended leave to travel and be with family over the next 12 months and we wish her the very best in 2020. She has been a tireless and committed Careers Adviser for all the students of Asquith Boys High School, creating numerous employment opportunities as well as individual career and tertiary study support for an incredible number of students over her 31 years at Asquith Boys High School.

We also extend a level of thanks to Mr Scott Pursell (Science) and Ms Achala Piyasiri (Mathematics) for undertaking temporary 12 month engagements in their respective faculties to ensure that our students learning needs were catered for within the classroom.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank and acknowledge Ms Tempe Beaven for her leadership and foresight as President of the P&C. In 2019 the P&C continued the grounds maintenance through numerous working bees, organised a profitable, and more importantly, enjoyable Trivia Night, and raised the substantial funds required to continue to support the ongoing construction of gardens by our horticulture and construction classes, which enhances the external environment of the school.

In 2019 the **English** faculty again excelled, building on their strong 2018 HSC results, with quality Peer Support, Student Leadership and Year 7 PIP (Personal Interest Project) program. Our Duke of Edinburgh program at Asquith Boys High School continues to grow under the supervision of Ms Elly Connolly with 13 Bronze and 4 Silver Expeditions successfully completed by the students in 2019. We also had a Gold Award recipient in 2019 - James Tarte who received his award from the Duke of Edinburgh himself on his recent visit to Sydney.

Our **Mathematics** faculty also continued to excel building on their excellent 2018 HSC results with the 2019 NAPLAN results achieving well above state averages for all schools and against similar secondary school groups. There was continuance and extension of the Maths Online program for all year groups and the highly successful Peer Tutoring Mathematics afternoon sessions continued to grow in numbers in 2019. The Annual Australian Mathematics Competition results were outstanding with 114 students taking part. Mrs Laffer has a detailed report later in the Backchat.

This year the **Science** faculty continued to develop their teaching around their future focused dynamic learning classrooms/labs. The faculty also excelled in VALID testing achieving well above state averages in Year 8 assessments, and are excited about the addition of a new Year 8 STEM based elective course for 2020. In 2020 they will welcome Ms An Phan and Ms Yelin Chen to their faculty, and we eagerly await their impact on the learning and teaching of Science at Asquith Boys High School.

The Year 8 Horticulture class has extended their planting in the 'veggie garden' area of the school, regularly harvesting veggies and fruit that were consumed by the boys, as well as working tirelessly to invigorate the external school environment. Along with the Year 9/10 Construction class they have been creating a number of raised garden beds throughout the school to enhance the visual appeal of the school for the students, staff and the community to enjoy. Thank you Mr Chris Broome and Mr Michael McGowan for all of their efforts in providing such a wonderful learning opportunity for their students, while also making a major contribution to enhancing the overall presentation of the school.

In our **HSIE** faculty the staff have implemented all of the required new syllabuses successfully in 2019. They have actively engaged in implementing and developing feedback opportunities to support the students within their courses. The anticipated 2019 results will be a testament to their hard work and dedication to ensuring that the students achieve their personal best in this faculty area. The Year 9/10 Elective History class organised and conducted the excellent 101st Anniversary Remembrance Day service at school. This ceremony was supported by the Prefects, and Colin Newland was wonderful in his performance of the 'Last Post' and 'Reveille'.

The **PDHPE** faculty continued the tradition of the Annual Ski Trip for the Year 10 cohort and was, as each year, a highlight for the faculty. The highly successful International Soccer tour travelled to Singapore this year, and will be heading to Malaysia in 2020. In Sport we entered an incredible 14 teams in the Zone Winter Sport Soccer competitions, were Rugby 13's Champions, and were winners of the 15's Zone Soccer for season 2019. We were also Regional Champions in AFL and Cricket, finishing in the top 8 schools in the state in the AFL competitions. Edward Parker, Corey Miller, Jayden Camp, and Oskar Enasio all achieved CHS or NSW All School representation in 2019. With Edward Parker achieving Australian Representation where he set a new Australian Record for the 100m Hurdles. Corey Miller has also been selected as CHS Cricket Captain, a fine achievement and what we believe maybe a first for Asquith Boys High School.

The **TAS** faculty have continued implementing their new technologies in 2019, which included resources such as the laser cutter and 3D image printers which the students have greatly enjoyed integrating into their projects and designs. The Design and Technology as well as the Industrial Technology - Timber HSC Major Projects were on display at the Annual CAPA /TAS exhibition for the school community to enjoy. Again this year I have benefitted from our student's culinary creations, being regularly invited down to the kitchens, often getting caught with one fork in each hand inevitably digging into the fine foods they have prepared. The Hospitality and Food Technology classes were able to display their skills catering for various school events throughout the year.

CAPA has been another dynamic faculty in 2019 producing a quality David Bowie Elective Music Performance evening, MAD Night, and the always successful Art Exhibition. The school band program continues to grow and achieved success with Junior and Senior Bands winning Silver and Bronze at the NSW Bands Festival. They also participated in the Big Band Blast tour to Port Macquarie. In 2019 we also had our first HSC Showcase evening for our Drama and Music students, where they were able to perform their craft in front of their parents and staff.

A major event on the school calendar is the Annual Presentation Evening where we get to acknowledge and reward our students who have consistently excelled throughout 2019 in their studies, leadership, school service or sport. Again, I would like to extend my congratulations to all of the students who received awards, and commend you all for what you achieved and for working to your very best in 2019. I eagerly look forward to seeing all that you can achieve in 2020. A big thank you to Ms Holder and Ms Cufre-Sadnick for their preparation and organisation of the evening with their team. A special thank you to Bradley Flood for all of his technical support over the past few weeks to ensure that the new initiatives incorporated into the evening's production were successful on the night.

I would also like to thank our high calibre and hard working non-teaching staff. We are indeed extremely lucky to have a group that is so talented and dedicated to the service of the students, parents and staff at Asquith Boys High School.

Thank you for the generous support from our Local member for Hornsby, Mr Matt Kean MP, for his support and assistance with the installation of the new modular classroom that will be in operation in 2020. Also, thank you to our Federal Member for Berowra, Mr Julian Lesser MP, for the Local Schools Community funds that will be utilised to upgrade the school oval during the school holidays. These resources continue to enhance the learning needs of all of our students and staff at Asquith Boys High School.

Congratulations in 2019 to:

- Edward Parker CHS Blue award as well as a Regional Sport Blues Endorsements for continued excellence and representation in Athletics. He also achieved Silver medals in 100 and 200 in the 18's at the recent All Schools Nationals in Perth, running a personal best in the 100.
- All the Transition and Peer Support Leaders for their tireless efforts in promoting the school and welcoming all the new 2020 Year 7 students on Orientation Day.
- Conor Seery and Cameron Hay for adjudicating the Hornsby Height Public School Debating competition successfully and receiving a glowing endorsement from the school for their involvement in this Annual Debating Competition.
- Ethan Oliver achieved CHS selection for Athletics where he won the Gold Medal in the 16 years Long Jump.
- Oskar Enasio and Corey Miller receiving Zone Sports Blues awarded for CHS Rugby and Cricket in 2019 respectively.
- All the Year 9 and Year 10 students who were selected to participate in the Principal's Reward Day – all students had a wonderful day at Eastern Creek Go Karting or Long Reef Surf School.

I feel privileged to be Principal of Asquith Boys High School. This year has been an incredibly enjoyable and enriching one, where I have again learned so much from everyone involved with this wonderful school.

Finally, I hope that you all enjoy and have a Merry Christmas, a relaxing holiday, and I look forward to having you all return safely in 2020 to Asquith Boys High School.

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)

NEW 2020 TIMETABLE STRUCTURE

DAY	MONDAY		DAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY/FRIDAY
			Roll Call/Assem	8.40-8.50 (10)	8.40-8.50 (10)	
Period 1	8.40-9.35 (55)		Period 1	8.50-9.50 (60)	8.50-9.40 (50)	8.40-9.40 (60)
Period 2	9.35-10.30 (55)		Period 2	9.50-10.50 (60)	9.40-10.30 (50)	9.40-10.40 (60)
Period 3	10.30-11.25 (55)		LIT/NUM	10.50-11.15 (25)		10.40-11.05 (25)
Recess	11.25-11.45 (20)		Recess	11.15-11.35 (20)	10.30-10.50 (20)	11.05-11.25 (20)
Period 4	11.45-12.40 (55)		Period 3	11.35-12.25 (50)	10.50-11.40 (50)	11.25-12.25 (60)
Period 5	12.40 - 1.35 (55)		Period 4	12.25-1.15 (50)		12.25-1.25 (60)
Lunch	1.35-2.10 (35)		Lunch	1.15-1.45 (30)	11.40-12.20 (40)	1.25-2.05 (40)
Period 6	2.10-3.05 (55)		Period 5	1.45-2.35 (50)	SPORT	2.05-3.05 (60)
			Period 6		12.20-2.20 (120)	

MESSAGES FROM ADMINISTRATION

Moving in the holidays?

New phone number?

New email address?

Not returning to Asquith Boys High School next year?

If any of these apply to you can you please contact the school as soon as possible and let the office know of these changes. Office staff are working till 3pm Friday 20 December and will return on Tuesday 28 January.

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.

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	20	\$50	Mobile: 0407 473 720	• Senior jumper in very good condition, hardly worn.
Barbara	24	\$70	Mobile: 0414 228 958	• Senior blazer in very good condition and dry cleaned
Meralyn	16	\$50	Mobile: 0418 436 732	• Perfect blazer in perfect condition, with extra button and repair fabric. • Not dry cleaned

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS

Both the Canteen and Breakfast Club coordinators want to shout out a big THANK YOU to all the parents and teachers who have given of their time this year to help and volunteer in either the Canteen or at Breakfast Club. Both of these are vital to support the boys at school and we couldn't do it without volunteers.

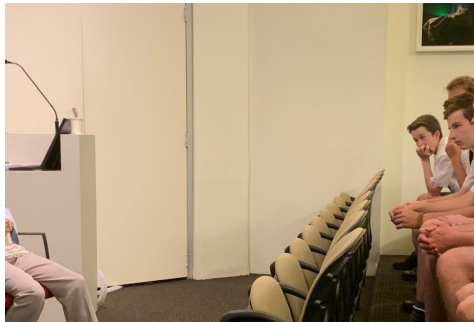
Ms D Booth , Canteen Coordinator and Ms C Sweeney, Breakfast Club Coordinator

NEWS FROM HSIE

YEAR 12 MODERN HISTORY EXCURSION - SYDNEY JEWISH MUSEUM

On Tuesday 19 November, the Year 12 Modern History class of 2020 went to the Sydney Jewish Museum for an excursion to enhance their knowledge of the Core Topic, Power and Authority in the Modern World, more specifically, The Rise of Nazism. The students were treated to a presentation by the educators at the Museum who spoke about how the Jews were firstly portrayed and then persecuted in Nazi led Germany. The boys were then treated to something truly special and emotional, a meeting and a discussion with a holocaust survivor. Yvonne Engelman told the students how she came to be in Auschwitz concentration camp and how she survived and eventually relocated to Australia. The boys hung on every word, truly humbled and inspired by her story. After meeting Yvonne, the students were given a tour of the museum and its artefacts. This experience gave the students key understanding of the HSC course and an invaluable insight that they could not receive anywhere else.

Mr Kim Timmins, HSIE Teacher



STAGE 4 HISTORY MASTERMIND COMPETITION

On Friday 22 November, a team of Year 7 and a team of Year 8 students took a journey to St Clair High School to compete in the 2nd Annual History Mastermind Competition. Students answered questions related to all aspects of the Stage 4 History Syllabus, such as, Ancient Egypt, Ancient Rome, Ancient Greece, Medieval Europe, the Vikings, the Aztecs and much more. The Asquith Boys teams performed extremely well, outperforming several selective and private school teams. The Year 7 team placed a commendable 11th place out of a total of 38 teams. The Year 8 team performed extremely well placing 6th out of 38 teams and missing out on a semi-final spot by just 3 points. All students had an enjoyable day of History and all could not wait to enter again next year.

Mr Kim Timmins, HSIE Teacher

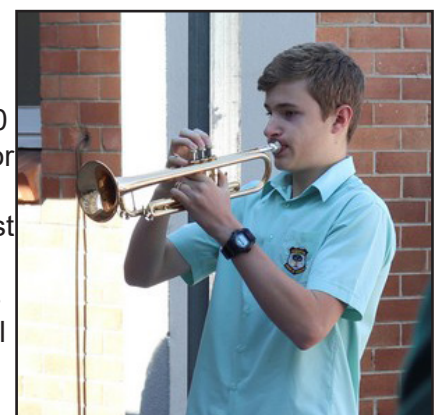


REMEMBRANCE DAY

November 11th signifies the end of a grimacing chapter in history. The First World War stole many people's lives and crippled many nations. The Armistice, signed on November 11th brought about an end to the conflict. Remembrance Day was inaugurated by King George V in 1919 as a way of showing respect to the fallen soldiers who were slain in WW I. Today it honours all members of the armed services, in all conflicts, both past and present.

Three weeks ago, Asquith Boys High School held a commemorative morning assembly in spirit with Remembrance Day. The school's Principal, Mr Grant, alongside the Prefect body consisting of both Year 12 and newly elected Year 10 students conducted the occasion with professionalism and the utmost respect for members of the armed services. Furthermore, the other students attending the event should not be excluded from praise as they also participated with steadfast veneration.

Colin Newland, the appointed bugler, played his part skillfully as the entire mass stood still, facing the flag lowered to half-mast. Concluded abruptly by the formal period bell, the assembly was a success and a fine gathering for the school as well as the community.



FULLY LOADED SLOWPITCH SOFTBALL

On Wednesday 27 November, four Asquith Boys students teamed up with a group of students from Asquith Girls to compete in the Fully Loaded Slowpitch Softball Tournament. The boys did extremely well, considering all of them were playing a game that was completely foreign to them. It was a great opportunity for the school to continue to build a positive relationship with Asquith Girls High School and its students.

Overall, the combined Asquith team exceeded expectation finishing third overall, only losing to the eventual champions, St Leo's. The boys all enjoyed the experience immensely, getting the opportunity to hit lots of Home Runs, Josh E leading the way with 6.

A special thanks to Miss Lowe and parents of Asquith Girls, who looked after the boys on the day and transported them to and from Blacktown International Sports Park.

Mr Kim Timmins, HSIE Teacher



WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN PROGRAM

A huge thank you to all the families who collected and sent in the Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers. Your terrific efforts raised 10500 points which is 3 times as many as we had raised in 2018.

This year we put points towards:

- games for the Games Club - Games Club is open to all students
- resources for the Learning Support department
- resources for the Mathematics Department

Mrs R. Laffer



AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION 2019

Asquith Boys has been participating in this competition for four decades. This year 114 students, from Years 7 through to 11, sat the competition across 3 divisions. Our results included 1 High Distinction, 15 Distinction and 23 Credit certificates.

Special commendations go to the following boys for their outstanding results:

Best in School Award and a High Distinction was achieved by Year 11 student, Liang (Max) Xiong. Liang scored a percentile ranking of 99, placing him in the top 1% of Year 11 students in NSW.

Distinction certificates were awarded to:

Year 7 - Kai Shiba and Cameron Bennie

Year 8 - Afnan Shaikh, Harrison Vollmost-Rivanera and Declan Wagschall

Year 9 - Matthew Conlon and Thomas Fischer

Year 10 - Dadi Zhao and James Naumann

Year 11 - Kunyu Wang, Matthew Hiebl, Zhuolin Wang, Riley Nicklin, Jungfeng (Andy) Zhu and Corey Miller

A congratulatory pizza lunch was hosted by the Mathematics Department to recognise all of the students who achieved a Credit award or better.

Mrs R. Laffer, Mathematics Competition Coordinator

NEWS FROM TAS

NEW Syllabi – Stage 5

2020 will see new syllabuses in both the Industrial Technology and Food Technology areas in Stage 5. Despite the new syllabuses, there will be little change evident to students in the classroom for the most part. The changes streamline the curriculum somewhat and are welcomed by the TAS staff as they remove some awkward requirements that were of no particular benefit to teachers and students. NESAs have also now officially removed the almost dead subjects of Leatherwork and Polymers from the syllabus.

Year 12 2020 Students

The welcome holiday break is an opportunity for students in practical subjects to purchase their materials for their HSC major projects due in 2020. It is vital that students are ready to start making their projects the moment they get back, if they have not already. The due dates for submission of projects and folios are:

Industrial Technology – Metal	13/8/2020
Design and Technology –	27/8/2020

These dates are 25 and 27 school weeks away respectively. I can assure parents that the time available for completion is somewhat less than the date may indicate. This is due to examination periods, carnivals, work placements, etc.

Footwear

When buying new shoes for your son, please ensure that they are genuine leather and not a plastic based fabric, as the latter will not protect as well against sharp or hot objects. What you are looking for is the label that is usually under the tongue that says “All Leather Upper”.

Goodbye Yr 12, 2019

I would like to take the opportunity to wish all of the 2019 Yr 12 students all the best for their lives beyond school. They have been and always will be, Asquith boys.

Thank you

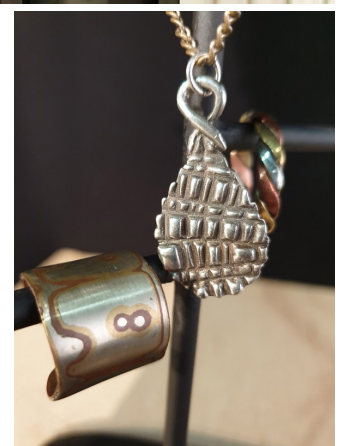
- 1) As the end of the year approaches I would like to thank all the teachers at the school for the generosity they have shown in the latter part of the year by providing spaces for storing major projects prior to marking by NESAs. It is always a busy time of year and every little bit of assistance is appreciated.
- 2) A huge thank you to all of the TAS staff in particular, who have yet again gone above and beyond in all areas at Asquith Boys. The range of whole school activities that they involve themselves in encompasses areas as diverse as VET Coordinator, International Football Tour, support classes, Year Adviser, Walkathon organiser, Duke of Edinburgh’s award to name a few. These extra duties take a great deal of extra work and they are always done in the interests of the students and the school and they are invariably always done well.

Mr C Philip, HT TAS



Major Works 2019

*Ben McNamara - Welder's
Trolley
Nick Chander - Pizza Oven
Lucas Henson - Table
Graham Garner - Charcoal
Forge
Cameron Chilvers - Jewellery
Mokume Gane ring and other
pieces*



Year 9 Food Technology

Year 9 Food Technology has been studying *Food for Special Occasions*. As part of this unit their task was to plan a birthday party for a six year old child and design and decorate an appropriate cake. 9FT1 completed their cakes last week with some impressive results. The students should be very proud of their efforts and they have a new found appreciation of the difficulty it takes to decorate a birthday cake. 9FT3 will be completing their cakes this week.



Year 8 Food Technology

8TAS2 have been studying the unit *Food from Around the World*. As a part of this unit the students are learning about their own family heritage and have the opportunity to invite a family member into school to cook a family favourite dish together. On Thursday 5 December the students attended class with many relatives, mums, dads, brothers, sisters, grandmas and grandads. It was a fabulous morning and I greatly appreciate those special visitors giving their time to visit us. The students are especially pleased to share a school experience with a loved one. I'd like to thank Ms Barlow for also attending this class and supporting our students.

Ms Karen Bird, Food Tech Teacher



LINKS TO LEARNING GRADUATION 2019

On Friday 22 November, eight Year 9/10 boys from Asquith Boys High graduated from Links to Learning Courses that they have been taking part in over the past 30 weeks. The graduation ceremony took place at “Granma’s Refuge” at Ingleside, where the program has run throughout the year. The boys have travelled to this location each week to take part in a range of activities designed to help them connect with their classroom learning and build on a range of skills that will help in both the school setting and in pursuing a future career.

Daniel Gatsi, Matthew Ludlow and Jett Janney from Year 10 all received Certificates of Completion for the “Reconnect” program (2 days per week), whilst Jack Pearce (Yr10), Ashkan Shahzadeh, Jake Johns and Anthony Gillies from Year 9 received Certificates of Completion for the “Re-Engage” program (1 day per week). Other boys who graduated this year from Links to Learning courses that were not present on the day were Jakobb Johnson and Noah Van Akker (Yr10), Daniel Bentley, Luca Keck, Lachlan Connell-Eade and Nathaniel Parker (Yr9) and Benjamin Pearce (Yr8). The boys from Asquith were commended for their application and effort throughout their respective programs over the course of the year.

Barista made coffee and lunch was served by the boys on the day, their major landscaping project for the year was officially opened, and parents got to see their boys graduate from what has been a successful program once again in 2019. Congratulations to all the boys involved.

Mr C. Laing, Student Engagement



CLEAN 4 SHORE EXCURSION - 7 November 2019

The Environment Group, consisting of Mr McGowan, Thomas, Doug, Patrick, Elliot, Logan, Travis, Mitchell, Tyler, Chris and Jai met at Asquith station. We all got off at Hawkesbury train station then we walked to Jono and Mitchell, the boat drivers, and we all got our wetsuits on and were excited to get on the boat and head out. A short time after this we found a great big sign so I took the first photo of the day! A little later we found the worst thing in the world - **PLASTIC**, heaps of the stuff! Some more photos before we all got back into the boat and travelled to an island where we got into teams and walked. The first team found more plastic and a school chair, a 1963 wine bottle the best find of the day a tyre and a mattress. We found lots of discarded items throughout the day including a car battery. It was so hot on the day, so Jono decided to take us to a local secret water hole for a splash and a drink. We were all happy after we got to jump into a big pond with a lovely waterfall. Unfortunately we had to head back to the marina for something to eat and drink. Mitchell (Year 7) reflected on the day’s actions “We saved the turtles today!”

We got dressed and said thank you to Jono and Mitchell than we all got an ice cream before heading back to Asquith.

Thank you for the great experience Mr French and Mr McGown and for leading the Environment Group.

By Travis L. Year 9



CHINESE CULTURAL EXCHANGE DAY

A cultural exchange day was organised for Year 7 students to experience authentic Chinese traditional events. Students experienced lion dancing, calligraphy writing as well as Chinese folk music. During lion dancing class, students experienced lion dance with traditional costume. In addition, students had a chance to play with Chinese drums and some Tai chi Kung fu. For calligraphy, students learned to use brush pen and Xuan paper to write Chinese characters. Students wrote different characters and were able to bring their work home. In the Chinese folk music session, a professional Chinese folk music artist performed in front of the students using traditional Chinese instrument. Students had the opportunity to play 3 different Chinese traditional instrument including Chinese flute, gourd and Kong Gu. Students were very engaged in all the activities and gained a better understanding of Chinese traditional culture.

Ms Alicia Xahenazi, Language Teacher



WHITE RIBBON 2019

The Annual White Ribbon Assembly was held on Monday 2 December, 2019. This assembly was the culmination of the Respectful Relationships program that has been led by Prefects at Asquith Boys High School throughout the year, which has been delivered to Years 7 and 9.

The assembly was led by prefects, and guest speaker Senior Constable Lewis Peters, the Police Youth Liaison Officer for Kuring-gai (and ex-ABHS student) presented his perspective of the issue from his years in the Police Force.

Asquith Boys High School Vice Captain, Otis Van-Egmond Jones, delivered a speech to the student body, with the call to action for all students to consciously focus on ensuring that disrespectful behaviours are eliminated and called out in order to stop the escalation.

The transcript for his speech is as follows:

Good morning; friends, invited guests, Mr Grant and teachers.

My name is Otis van Egmond-Jones and I am here representing Asquith Boys High School 2020 prefect body.

We are here to acknowledge the destructive issue of domestic violence within our community.

This is an issue that not only myself but the prefect cohort of Asquith boys feels is a topic that is in great need of discussion.

It is an issue that is far more entrenched in our communities than I think most of us realise.

Domestic violence is not only an issue of harm but also of isolation, helplessness and fear, but most significantly it is an issue of disrespect.

Before I begin, I would like to acknowledge the complexity of the issue, and stress that the subjects raised today come from my own personal perspective and is done so in a way to encourage debate and enable you to understand this issue for yourselves.

Firstly, I would like to begin by introducing some statistics to you;

- *Approximately 1 woman is killed every week by a current or former partner*
- *40% of people seeking help from homeless shelters experienced domestic violence*
- *1 in 3 women over the age of 15 have been a victim of physical or sexual violence, by someone known to them*
- *1 in 4 women have been emotionally abused by a partner since the age of 15*

These statistics highlight the severity of the issue, and the skewed representation of women within domestic violence. While the issue affects both genders it is women who are overly represented within the issue, this is said not in a way to subvert the experiences by men, but to offer a differing perspective towards those who are at the most significant risk.

It is important that we acknowledge that domestic violence doesn't start out of nowhere, it is an evolving battle that starts with minor actions of disrespect.

Disrespect is characterised as the action of treating others without the same courtesy that you would like to see yourself treated. By the continual failure to condemn actions of disrespect minor actions can manifest into larger acts of indecency. This pattern gradually increases until the horrific incident of domestic violence

becomes a violent reality for those within our communities.

So, I ask you now the how is that we tackle the actions of disrespect?

Well I believe the first step to prevention is recognition, if we are able to recognise minor actions of rudeness and speak out against them, we can significantly reduce the prominence of domestic violence within our communities. **Not only do we want the actions of domestic violence to stop happening, but we want the behaviours that cause this, to stop occurring.** Furthermore, it is vital that we understand the issue of domestic violence is an issue that prospers in the silence. It is only through the action of speaking out that we can experience positive change and encourage an environment that is respectful and inclusive for everyone. It is also fundamental that we recognise domestic violence as the ambition to control someone else. This desire to establish dominance and authority continues to be the most destructive attribute of this issue. This increase the necessity for respect not just as one that establishes safety but one that establishes equality so that everyone has the opportunity to feel equal and deserving within their society.

Every day when I understand more about this issue the complexity of it continues to grow. The only thing that I remain certain of is the necessity for immediate action, it is through the actions of today that we shape a future that we can call safe, hospitable and respectful for everyone.

Otis van Egmond Jones, Vice Captain ABHS 2020

YEAR 12 FORMAL

Year 12 2019 had a great time celebrating their formal with friends and staff at Curzon Hall on Thursday 21 November...and don't they all look fantastic!



CAREERS INFORMATION

Morning Tea for Regis Hornsby residents

Last Friday, 29 November, residents of the Regis Hornsby Retirement Village were invited to a morning tea at our school. Students from the Barista Boys Café made them a cup of delicious cappuccino or flat white coffee. The food was amazing, cooked by Year 12 Hospitality students under the direction of Ms Bird. Conor Seery entertained the group with guitar music in the background. Members of the prefect body also arrived to chat to the residents and learn of their amazing life stories. It was a very happy event and thoroughly enjoyed by the residents and an enlightening experience for our students.

We hope to continue and to expand our community links with Regis and other local aged care facilities.



Coming Events

UNSW Info Nights: UNSW is coming to Parramatta and Chatswood!

Students and their families are invited to join us at either of UNSW's two Info Nights on Wednesday, 18 December from 5:30pm - 8pm, where they'll be able to speak with UNSW staff and current students about degrees, their transition to Uni, and how they can shape their university experience.

They'll also have an opportunity to get customised advice about preferencing, offer rounds, pathways, alternative entry and adjustment factors.

Date: Wednesday, 18 December 2019

Time: 5:30pm - 8:00pm

Venue: Chatswood & Parramatta

UNSW

Physics Bridging Course - Mon 20/01/2020, 9:00 am – Fri 07/02/2020, 5:00 pm

On time registrations will close 5pm Friday 17th January 2020

- It is recommended that you have knowledge to the HSC Mathematics level, or equivalent for effective study in the Physics Bridging Course.
- Students with no prior knowledge of HSC Physics, and who intend on studying physics in the first-year of their degree are encouraged to participate in the Physics Bridging Course.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/unsw-physics-bridging-course-tickets-78925132195?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

Get Into Med - Sydney Sat, 18 January, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

John B Reid Theatre, UNSW Kensington Campus, Botany St, AGSM Building, Sydney

Medical school admission is becoming an increasingly difficult task. The number of medical school places has doubled in Australia and New Zealand over the past 15 years, but as supply has increased, so has demand. As more students become aware of the exciting career prospects of a medical practitioner, medical school competitiveness becomes stronger and stronger. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/get-into-med-sydney-tickets-83713576561?aff=erelexpmit>

TAFE NSW InfoFest - 20 to 24 January

With over 1,200 courses, diplomas and degrees, InfoFest is a great opportunity to get the lowdown on your perfect career. Whether you are already working and looking to build new skills to land a promotion, a school leaver wanting to get qualified faster, or if you are thinking about an exciting career change and after some essential new skills – you can explore a multitude of options at TAFE NSW InfoFest.

TAFE NSW InfoFest allows you to hear directly from our teachers, get the course information you need, as well as any assistance you may require to finalise your enrolment for Semester 1, 2020

Register at: <https://www.tafensw.edu.au/infofest>

SAE Creative Workshops - Sydney and Byron Bay Campuses

Tuesday 21 January 2020 – Thursday 23 January 2020. 10AM - 4PM each day

SAE Sydney Campus is opening its doors this January for the SAE Creative Workshops, a three day program to expand your skills and work on inspiring creative projects in the fields of Animation, Audio, Design, Film or Games.

Sydney <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sae-creative-workshops-sydney-campus-tickets-78568459377?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

Byron Bay <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sae-creative-workshops-byron-campus-tickets-79479394007?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

TVET Information for 2020

NEW STUDENTS

Courses will start on Tuesday 11 February 2020. Students will be issued with a student and Work Placement registration form that students need to complete and bring with them, together with their USI Number, pen and paper.

It is essential that they arrive at their required timeslot (either 1:30pm or 2:30pm on the first day) as their TVET teacher will be in attendance ready to take them to their classroom once their orientation has been completed.

CONTINUING STUDENTS will go straight to the classroom at the start of their lesson at 2pm. Start date is the same, Tuesday 11 February.

APPRENTICESHIPS/TRAINEESHIPS

Auto Apprenticeship Vacancies

The positions indicated below are our current vacancies that we are recruiting for. If you are a job seeker looking for an immediate start to your automotive apprenticeship and you see an apprenticeship that is right for you, APPLY NOW and start an apprenticeship with us. Contact 02 9891 6900 or visit:

<https://www.apprus.com.au/vacancies>

Future Electricians Note - Apprenticeships Still Available Now

NECA are still Looking to fill Numbers for the 2020 Recruitment.

We still have some available positions for Early 2020 Commencement. Ph: 9744 2754

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Register here:

<https://www.necatrainig.com.au/electrical-apprentices/expression-of-interest/>

LOCAL POSITION FOR SCHOOL LEAVER

TRAINEESHIP VACANCY - CERTIFICATE IV IN ACCOUNTING AND BOOKKEEPING MOUNT COLAH ACCOUNTING PRACTICE

An accounting practice located in Mount Colah on the Upper North Shore is looking for an enthusiastic individual keen to start a rewarding career in the Accounting and Small Business industry.

The role is a Traineeship position and involves the completion of a Certificate IV in Accounting and Bookkeeping at TAFE in which you will learn to:

- Use essential industry tools and programs
- Prepare financial reports and financial statements
- Maintain payroll systems

Employee duties include but not limited to:

- daily administration tasks i.e. mail handling, write simple documents, customer service, process customer payments, answering the telephone;
- data processing and preparation of Business Activity Statements (BAS) and Instalment Activity Statements (IAS);
- operate a computerise accounting system (MYOB, XERO);
- assist accountants with ad-hoc task sand routine and non-routine activities.

The successful candidate must be willing to learn, be committed, reliable and have completed Year 10 or above. Own car and licence is preferred. Junior candidates are encouraged to apply.

A Certificate IV in Accounting and Bookkeeping can lead to a range of rewarding career options, including:

- Accounts Officer
- Accounts Supervisor
- Accounts Assistant
- Bookkeeper

The Accountants and support staff at Seiffert & Co have years of experience working in accounting-related roles and are dedicated to giving you job-ready skills that will give you the competitive edge.

Enquiries to admin.seiffertco@bigpond.com or call 02 8859 0322.

JOB VACANCIES

The links to the Jobs boards are below:

TABMA- Timber industry <https://tabmaat.com.au/>

ACA- <http://www.apprenticeshipcareers.com.au/job-seekers/current-vacancies>

Skillsroad <https://www.skillsroad.com.au/jobs-board>

WPC Group currently have a number of exciting Apprenticeship and Traineeship opportunities available all across Sydney!

If you or someone you know is interested in a vacancy you've seen, please click the following link: recruitmentnsw@wpcgroup.org.au

GENERAL INFORMATION

University Offers Flowchart

University offers can get a bit complex. Study Work Grow has created an easy-to-use flowchart to guide students through the process of dealing with their offers.

For more information about changing preferences, key dates, etc., you can download our 2019 guide [here](#).

Demand for Surveyors High

In Australia there are currently 8,172 various surveying professionals in the country – including cadastral, building, mining and engineering surveyors, as well as registered/licensed surveyors. However, there is demand for 9,125 surveyors. This means we need 953 more surveyors to meet the current labour requirements.

<https://www.alifewithoutlimits.com.au/increased-demand-for-surveyors/>

Make Your Move - Logistics Keeps the Nation Going - Current Job Opportunities

We live in a small, interconnected world. Almost everything we buy either comes from overseas or is made with products & equipment from somewhere else in the world. There's an army of people working behind the scenes in the International Trade, Transport & Logistics industry in Australia to keep the world moving. "MAKE YOUR MOVE" and help make it happen globally.

<https://www.mymv.org/job-search/>

Your rights at work

This page from the Fair Work Ombudsman has heaps of information about your rights at work as a young person or student. Check it out:

<https://www.fairwork.gov.au/find-help-for/young-workers-and-students>

Warm Regards,

Mrs J Fry, Careers Adviser



The poster for Code Space Summer School features a vibrant blue and yellow circular design. At the top left is the 'csesoc' logo. The central text reads 'code space' in large, bold, dark blue letters, with 'SUMMER SCHOOL' underneath. The event is scheduled for '6th to 10th January at UNSW' and is 'FREE!'. A QR code is provided for applications, with the URL 'bit.ly/ccss2020'. Various technology topics are listed around the design, including Python, Game Dev, Arduino, VR, and Security. There are also decorative elements like binary code and a globe.



The poster for Youth for Understanding Student Exchange Programs features a background image of hands holding a globe. The 'yfu' logo is in the top left. The text reads 'YOUTH FOR UNDERSTANDING Student Exchange Programs' and 'BECOME A HOST FAMILY'. It encourages families to provide a global perspective and provides contact information: 'yfu.com.au/about-hosting' or '1800 654 947'. It also states 'NEW STUDENTS ARRIVING SOON' and includes the slogan 'open minds and hearts' with a house icon. A Facebook logo is in the bottom right corner.

ABHS OLD BOYS

TOUCH FOOTBALL RECORD EQUALLED — PLUS \$2000

A group of 19 Asquith school boys have endured 50 hours of touch football to raise \$2000 for a handicapped school.

The 50-hour session, played last weekend in four-hour rounds with five minute breaks, equals a touch football record set in the western suburbs.

The 19 prefects from Asquith Boys' High School devoted their weekend to raise money for the Clarke Road Special School.

Asquith Boys' High headmaster, Mr Austin Hughes, said the boys were "very pleased in achieving

their goal — and were very tired."

All hours

"Four teams of six players a side were made up for the marathon football match, and consisted of prefects and five teachers," he said.

"Other teachers, travelling from as far as Gosford, came to the

school at all hours to help organise the event."

During the last stages, one of the boys used a blanket to keep warm during his five-minute break.

He closed his eyes, dozed off, and was allowed to sleep on.

Waking an hour later, he began organising a replacement team — in the belief he had slept only five minutes.

HARD WEEKEND WORTH \$2100



Mr Kent presents a cheque to the secretary of the Clarke Road Special School Association, Mrs Hilda Huggins, and the principal of Clarke Road School, Mrs Audrey Torda. The money, set aside for the disabled students, came from a record-breaking weekend of touch football games and tennis played at Asquith High School, with support from teachers and members.

1979 ABHS Prefect's Gift to Clarke Road School

As can be seen the School Prefects were using their quest for the touch football record, to raise funds for the Clarke Road School. Clarke Road has been a recipient of many thousands of dollars and other support from ABHS students over the decades. Such events have enriched the lives of all involved.

Chris Kent
President ABHS Old Boys

ABHS - 60th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS IN 2020



Friday 11th September 2020

ABHS 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

Hello ABHS community,

Presentation from the Head Teacher TAS, Craig Philip

Thank you to Mr Philip who gave an excellent presentation to the P&C on the new TAS syllabus for Stages 4, 5 and 6 (Years 7-12) at the last P&C meeting. The P&C were impressed at the breadth of technical study that ABHS provide including Industrial Technology (Building and Construction), Engineering Studies, Metal and Timber), Food Technology and Information and Software Technology. He also outlined the facilities for the students, including use of new media such as 3D printing and laser cutting.

We need you in 2020!

The P&C supports the school by providing more and better equipment and resources for the benefit of all students. At our meetings we discuss educational issues, school policies and improving the school grounds and facilities. The P&C and the school also regularly organise social events for the community and parents. In 2020 ABHS is celebrating 60 years! The main fund raising event for 2020 is the Community Festival which will be held in September. Please join in the fun on next year's organising committee by contacting us on secretary.abhspnc@gmail.com.

This is my last report as P&C President. I have loved being part of the ABHS P&C. I joined to help improve the school grounds and have come away having made some good friends as well. I would like to thank all the wonderful P&C Committee that have worked together with the Principal, teachers and staff to promote and support a vibrant and engaging school community for the benefit of the boys, their parents and families, the teachers and the Old Boys.

DATES FOR EVENTS IN 2020

Tuesday 18 February – 7.30pm

P&C Annual General Meeting (AGM) following the Welsome Parent/Teacher BBQ . The AGM will include nomination of positions including President and Vice President. All welcome.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a very festive season!

Tempe Beaven

P&C President

president.abhspnc@gmail.com



The 2019 P&C committee at the Trivia Night. Michelle Roscarel (Vice), Sacha Parker (Vice), Tempe Beaven (President), Jackie Ryan (Committee- Community Festival Organiser) and Tanja Green (Secretary).

**Next P&C meeting
Tuesday 18 February 2020 @
7.30pm in the Library.
All welcome.**

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