# **BACKCHAT IN BRIEF**



Dear Parents.

We are already at the end of week 3 of this final term and students' final assessments for the year are fast approaching. Years 7 – 9 all have Yearly Assessment tasks and examinations over the coming weeks. These dates and times can be located on the <u>SENTRAL Homework calendar</u> for you to view and assist you in supporting your son with his preparation for these final assessments.

#### **Year 11 Reports**

Year 11 examinations were completed in the final weeks of Term 3, with all students receiving their results and feedback about their performance in these examinations from their teachers. Many of the Year 11 students have performed extremely well under examination conditions. Those who have achieved first, second or third in the Preliminary courses will receive their Principal's letters next week to celebrate their subject based performance.

The Year 11 reports were emailed out to all parents this morning. This is an excellent opportunity for you to sit and read through the school report with your son. If you have any subject specific or overall school based concerns it is important that you make contact with Mr Broome, the subject teacher or the school, to discuss them. A number of initiatives have been implemented this term to assist Year 12 adjust and plan for the study journey that is ahead. Ensuring that they reflect on the teachers feedback is critical to enable them to commence this journey on the right path.

#### **Year 11 Drivers**

Please note that a number of students have received parking fines recently for parking before the driveway in Hyacinth St, as they immediately turn off Peats Ferry Rd. Please advise your son, if they are driving, to park past this point to ensure that they do not receive this unfortunate, and costly infringement.

## New School Caps for Years 7 – 10

I was able to present to Years 7 to 9 their new school cap, on behalf of the school and in conjunction with the Asquith Boys High School 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The cap has been designed in consultation with the student leadership groups and P&C, and will now be considered part of the Asquith Boys High School uniform. Students are only to wear this

cap to school as part of their school uniform. If your son was absent when they were distributed please send them to see me for their cap. All caps have a name tag and upon receiving their cap students wrote their name on the tag. If any student would like to purchase a cap, they will be available from the school canteen.

There are a limited number of portal chargers left over from Year 11 and 12's, so Year 10 students will be offered the opportunity to choose between receiving a school cap or the portal charger as their gift.



## **Year 12 HSC Examinations and Sign Out Process**

Year 12 continue to complete their HSC examination with many students and their parents eagerly awaiting the conclusion on Wednesday 11 November. We have not been required to implement our plans to use any alternate venues for the HSC Examinations, in the event that the school has been required to close, which has been a positive. We hope that this remains to be the case for the remaining 2 weeks of the HSC.

Once Year 12 students have completed their examinations they are all requested to complete their sign out procedure from Asquith Boys High School. This requires them to return all of their textbooks and settle any outstanding fees before collecting their school reference which Ms Bird has put many hours of heart and thought into completing for each student.

We also happily receive any of the student's clean uniforms items – shirts, pants, jumpers and blazers they would like to donate to the school 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform shop.

## Class of 2020 Graduation Dinner organised by the P&C

Parents wishing to attend the P&C Class of 2020 Graduation Dinner on either Monday 16 or Tuesday 17 November at Asquith Golf Club are required to book and pay via <a href="https://www.trybooking.com/BKZUA">https://www.trybooking.com/BKZUA</a> by 8 November. It will be a nice evening and way for both parents and students to celebrate the completion of their son's journey at Asquith Boys High School.

## Year 10 Yearly Examinations - Thursday 12 to Tuesday 17 November

The Year 10 Yearly Examinations have been adjusted due to the later commencement and conclusion of the HSC Examinations. This has resulted in the amendment to the school calendar and the examination period for Year 10. Student timetables for these examinations will be shared with all the Year 10 students very soon.

#### Electives for Year 8, 9 and 10 in 2021

Elective subjects for Years 8, 9 and 10 in 2021 will be communicated to the students in the coming week or two. There are a few minor adjustments that are required to be addressed for staffing and timetabling before we are able to definitively announce this information on electives to the students. We appreciate the students, and your patience in this area at this time.

#### **Year 7 Swim School**

With the new guidelines having been released this week with respect to schools and the conducting of school based activities, comes the good news that the Year 7 Swim School Program for week 7 (Monday 23 to Thursday 26 November) will go ahead. Further information will be communicated to Year 7 in the coming weeks.

#### Parents are still asked to:

- Not enter the school grounds for any reason unless an appointment has been made.
- Keep students home if they have ANY symptom of being unwell, however mild.
- Follow normal absentee procedures, should your son be to unwell to attend school.

Thank you again for support with all of these areas and concerns, and we hope this term to be one where the number of cases continues to be low, and restrictions begin to be lifted so that a sense of normal can be achieved.

Mr Bryce Grant Principal 30 October, 2020

# APPRENTICESHIP AVAILABLE

Cottage Point Boatshed is looking for a 1st year Shipwright/Boat Builder apprentice to start ASAP.

The advert is listed on skills road website. <a href="https://www.skillsroad.com.au/apply-for-jobs/jobs-board/shipwright-apprentice-17608?itemid=17608#.X5do6lgzZPY">https://www.skillsroad.com.au/apply-for-jobs/jobs-board/shipwright-apprentice-17608?itemid=17608#.X5do6lgzZPY</a>

Or contact Penny Storey on 0421 769 763.