

Dear Parents,

We have quickly reached the middle point of the term and all students are currently completing their final assessments for the year. Teachers will then begin the immense task of marking and report writing to provide you and your son critical feedback on their performance across the second semester of the school year.

### **Parent Survey – 2021-2024 School Plan**

We are in the process of evaluating the 2018-2020 School Plan, and designing the new 4 year plan for 2021-2024. We would appreciate parent input into the new plan and the first opportunity is by completing the following survey by the 27 November, 2020. There will also be a small number of other opportunities to be involved in or provide valuable feedback into the new plan by participating in focus groups. Please review emails and future Backchat in Brief editions for further details regarding these opportunities. Survey link - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5Y7HX8B>

### **World Teacher's Day – Friday 6 November**

World Teacher's Day was last Friday and staff at Asquith Boys High School received morning tea supplied by the Year 11 Hospitality students in recognition of their incredible dedication and commitment. Not just for their work this year under the extremely difficult and testing circumstances, but over their extended teaching career, where they have all proven to be quality boys educators. I know that you will join with me in acknowledging the excellent contribution that all the staff at Asquith Boys High School continue to make towards the educational growth and development of your son.

### **Remembrance Day Service – Wednesday 11 November**

Thank you to Ms Cufre and her Elective History class for their organisation and the conducting of the Remembrance Service on Wednesday's morning assembly. This service marked the 102<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of this significant event in our history, where so many young men and women gave so much for their country. The handmade red poppies (for the men who served and lost their lives) and white poppies (in recognition of the females and children who lost their lives) were an excellent addition to this very special ceremony. They were worn proudly by students and staff throughout the day.

Several students read moving profiles of young men who lived in the local area, before giving their life serving their country. This was a particularly moving part of the service. Our Master of Ceremonies, Nicholas Read, summed it up best when he said: *'Those in victory, lost just as much as those who were defeated in this war'*.

'Lest we forget'



### **Presentation Day - Monday 14 December 2020**

In a year of many firsts, we have decided to conduct our Annual Presentation Night ceremony during the day on Monday 14 December. This is largely due to the restrictions on parents and special guests not being able to attend school based functions for the remainder of this year.

The formal proceedings for the Presentation Assembly will commence around 1pm, to ensure that the ceremony is completed before the end of the regular school day. More details will be published and communicated to student award winners and parents closer to the day. The entire Presentation Day Assembly will be live streamed to students in classrooms and to parents.

### **Year 10 Yearly Examinations –Thursday 12 to Tuesday 17 November**

Year 10 Yearly Examinations will commence on Thursday 12 November due to the later commencement and conclusion of the HSC Examinations. Student examination timetables have been distributed to all Year 10 for these examinations.

## Year 11 Drivers

A reminder to all Year 11 drivers to cross at the crossing and not walk out the school gate and straight across the road to their car. As a senior student and a leader in the school we expect you to adhere to this directive. Students who persist in not crossing Peats Ferry Rd at the pedestrian crossing will find themselves receiving disciplinary consequences.

It is important to note that a number of students have also received parking fines for parking too close to driveways in Hyacinth St. 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.

## Year 12 HSC – Completed and Sign Out

Congratulations to Year 12 who have completed their HSC examinations and many have already finalised their sign out procedure. If you are yet to return all outstanding texts and equipment we encourage you to do so in the next 2 weeks. On signing out you will receive your school reference which Ms Bird has spent many hours completing and personalising for all of the Year 12 students. We will also happily receive any clean uniform items (shirts, pants, jumpers and blazers) to be donated to the school clothing pool.

Thank you to the P&C for organising the Graduation Dinners on Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 November at Asquith Golf Club, which is an excellent way for parents to celebrate the completion of their son's time at Asquith Boys High School together. The Year 12 Formal will be held on Thursday 19 November at Curzon Hall.

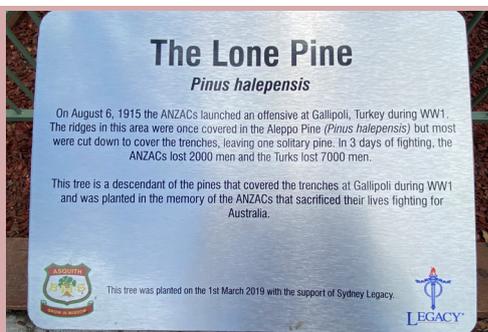
## Parents are still asked to:

- 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. This term continues to be one where the number of cases are significantly low, and as restrictions begin to be lifted a general sense of normal can continue to be achieved.

**Bryce Grant**  
**Principal**

13 November, 2020



## LEGACY AND THE LONE PINE

To commemorate the strong links between ABHS and Legacy, a 'Lone Pine' has been planted at the front of the school.

The Aleppo Pine (*Pinus halepensis*) was grown from seeds collected from a specimen outside of the Australian War Memorial in Canberra.

Thank you to Legacy for donating funds for the Lone Pine and new sign.



Above: The new sign outlining the significance of the Lone Pine.

Right: George Moscos, former ABHS teacher and Legacy Board Member.



A PAUL DILLON ONLINE PRESENTATION

**PARENTS, TEENAGERS, PARTIES, ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS: WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW AND WHAT CAN WE EXPECT IN A POST COVID WORLD?**

Thursday 19 November 6:30 – 7:30pm

FREE - Registrations Essential

This online presentation will look at the latest data on alcohol and other drug (AOD) use of Australian secondary school students and discuss the impact of COVID-19 restrictions on teens and socialising and what effect the pandemic lockdown may have had on teen AOD use.



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