

Welcome back to school and Term 1 2020 for everyone. It is always pleasing to return and see that students have had a happy, relaxing and most importantly, a safe holiday period. It is especially exciting to welcome our 111 new Year 7 students who have joined the Asquith Boys High School family, and are all very excited to be at high school.

### **New Staff at Asquith Boys High School**

In 2020 we have 3 new staff at Asquith Boys High School. Ms Yelin Chen and Ms An Phan have been appointed to the Science faculty and will be teaching Biology and Investigating Science respectively, as well as junior Science classes in 2020. Ms Chen is replacing Ms Tharmarajah after she retired at the end of 2019. Ms Susan Adam will be teaching in the TAS faculty in 2020, taking Mr Josephs' position teaching junior TAS and Food Technology. Mr Josephs took up a teaching position at a private school over the recent holiday period.

We are also pleased to welcome back Mr Berakhi to the Mathematics faculty after his 12 months leave.

### **High Achievers Assembly**

Our High Achievers Assembly was held on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January. It was really pleasing to see so many of the successful 2019 HSC students and to have the school acknowledge and recognise them for their achievements. The 2019 Dux was Ziqing (Alex) Zhu with an ATAR of 98.70.

Alex achieved Band 6 results in Physics, Mathematics Extension 1 and Mathematics Extension 2 narrowly missed out in Chemistry where he achieved a very impressive 89. Alex excelled throughout the year in all courses and has put his success down to dedication and consistent hard work.

Asquith Boys High School students also achieved HSC Distinguished Achievers with Band 6 results across 12 different subject areas which include Physics, Mathematics, Mathematics Standard 2, Mathematics Extension 1 and 2, Society and Culture, Modern History, Geography, English Advanced, Business Studies, Chemistry, Korean and Literature. 100% of our Advanced English students achieved the equivalent of Band 5 or higher results. Our students also excelled in Mathematics where we achieved an outstanding 8<sup>th</sup> in NSW for comprehensive high schools and Hospitality and Software Design and Development classes were both an outstanding 9% above state average. An incredible 24 out of 31 subjects completed by ABHS students had above state average results. Well done!

### **Year 7 Camp**

The excitement for our Year 7 students will continue early next week, when they head off to camp for three days on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February. This is an excellent opportunity to bond as a group and make new life long friends. It is also an excellent opportunity for Mr Bonser to get to know the entire year group and share in this experience with his students. A special thank you to all the staff attending camp with Mr Bonser and Year 7.

### **Music Information Evening**

The ABHS and AGHS Music Ensembles Information Night was held at Asquith Boys High School on Wednesday evening at Asquith Boys High School with over 30 students and their parents attending from both schools. If your child was interested in joining any of our bands or choirs, and you were not able to attend the evening please contact Mr Sam Newton to find out more information about the opportunities that are available in our highly regarded music ensembles.

### **Duke of Edinburgh – Information Evening**

Asquith Boys High School proudly offers the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme for students in Year 9 and 10. There will be an information evening on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February in the school library for any parents and students who are interested in participating in this excellent program.

### **Toilets**

The school toilets have been painted and exhaust fans installed to improve the amenities. New heavy duty toilet roll holds will be installed in all cubicles in the coming weeks. I appreciate the students and parents patience with respect to the toilet refurbishments.

### **Asquith Boys High School Events & News**

Please check the school calendar on the website, school newsletters 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 550 followers. Many of the photos on the site highlight the most recent school events, publishing a brief but informative snapshot of what is happening in the school and the students' life at Asquith Boys High School.

### **Congratulations**

In light of the devastation and destruction caused by the fires over the recent holiday period, it is great to hear of some wonderful news. Mitchell Kissick (Year 12) spent time in the holiday period fighting fires with the Berowra Waters Rural Bushfire Brigade and was highly commended by his Brigade Captain for his efforts. Thank you also to Ms Karen Ronald, our SAM, who gave up a large amount of her holidays to fight fires on the South Coast with her RFS brigade.

**Mr Bryce Grant**  
**Principal**

# 2019 HSC HIGH ACHIEVERS FORMAL ASSEMBLY HONOUR CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS

## DUX

Ziqing (Alex) Zhu

## EXEMPLARY ACHIEVEMENT

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

Thomas Dandie	Matthew Jollie
Nicholas Fannelli	Stephen Morrison
Qijun (Joe) He	Ryan Thompson
Zachary Howe	Scott Tysar
Luke Jennings	James Verco
Jaehyeon (Jacob) Jeon	Ziqing (Alex) Zhu

## OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

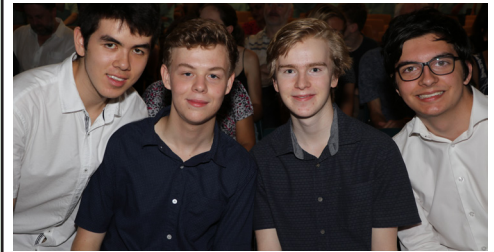
*Students achieving three Band Five and/or Band Six results*

Tom Bibby	Jarrold Haines
Zac Boccalatte	Aruto Isobe
Brody Camp	Callum Roscarel
Cameron Chilvers	Lucas Scott-Branagan
Ethan Do	Harrison Vo
Tevita Faupula	Zhenyu (Alex) Zhang
Justin Green	

## EXCELLENT ACHIEVEMENT

*Students achieving one Band Six result or two Band Five results*

Luke Antrim	Qilin (Victor) Ren
Brendan Chander	Jackson Salloch
Nicholas Chander	James Tarte
Mitchell Ferguson	Wenqing (Evan) Zhang
Bradley Flood	



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 Hayden Beck (Asquith Old Boy 1996-2001), who enjoyed being back to see the changes around the school and reflected on his years at Asquith.

## Teaching someone to drive can be a **happy** experience.

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Thursday  
5 March 2020

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