# BACKCHAT IN BRIEF 🎑



## Parent Teacher BBQ and P&C Meeting

On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 to welcome the new parents into the school community. This evening and dinner was attended extremely well with almost 70 parents to meet and greet staff and other Asquith Boys High School parents.

The P&C conducted their AGM immediately after the BBQ and I am happy to announce the newly appointed P&C executive for 2020:

President: Dawn Kilkelly

Vice-President: Michelle Roscarel and Kate Burger

**Secretary**: Sacha Parker **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 altered what was an eye sore 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.

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, and the next meeting is on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March. All parents are welcome to attend.

I would like to thank the outgoing President, Ms Tempe Beaven, and Secretary, Ms Tanja Green, for their unwavering support and dedication to the P&C during their time in these very important positions. Their contribution towards making Asquith Boys High School the very best place to be for all our students and staff has been incredible and greatly appreciated.

## **Annual Swimming Carnival**

The school swimming carnival was held today, and I am sure that all students and staff enjoyed the opportunity to be out of the classroom and watching our students enter into an extensive number of swimming events. The day has run smoothly and was, as is always the case, professionally organised and extremely well attended, with over 400 students actively participating in the carnival. It is great to see so many students entering into swimming events to gain participation points for their House.

## **Congratulations**

- To Corey Miller (Cricket) and Oskar Enasio (Rugby Union) for receiving their Sydney North Schools Sports Association Blues Award at last week's annual presentation ceremony.
- To Mr Bolger who also received his Life Membership at this awards ceremony as a result of 14 years of service to the region in the development of junior cricket talent. All were worthy recipients of their awards.





To the House Captains for 2020:

CoobaRyan BrooksZachary BovisKurrajongMatthew LudlowDaniel HatchMyallCody Mirabile-KumarEthan OliverWandooDominic Tonu-JiareSam Vaughan

Mr Bryce Grant Principal

# **BREAKFAST CLUB BREAD COLLECTION HELP**

Do you live in or near Berowra?

Bakers Delight Berowra are generously donating bread to our Breakfast Club program but we need people to collect it and transport it to school. Collections can be made in the evening (6.30pm) or in the morning.

If you're able to help please contact our Student Welfare officer Colleen Sweeney

colleen.sweeney2@det.nsw.edu.au

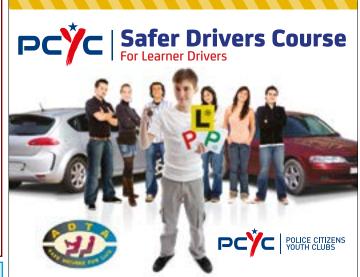


# Change a Life in 2020

Raise Foundation, a not-for-profit mentoring organisation, urgently seeks 30 volunteers from the local community to mentor young people in its 2020 best practice mentoring programs at Pennant Hills High School, Asquith Boys and Girls High Schools.

The programs run from March through September during school hours. Applications close on the 21st February 2020 and anyone can apply. Apply now to make a difference to a young person in your community at <a href="https://raise.org">https://raise.org</a>. au/volunteer/

Raise measures the impact of its mentoring programs and statistically significant outcomes include increased confidence and resilience, ability to set goals, coping skills, hope for the future and asking trusted adults for help.



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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



**ABHS** 

# Anniversary Book

Photo by Peter Svans, provided by 1979 School Captain, Stephen Pickering,

### We need your memories of ABHS

The Old Boys Union and P+C volunteers are producing a book, to be launched on Saturday 12 September 2020. Your anecdotes, photos, drawings, awards and memories are needed to help tell our colourful story.

#### Please post items to:

ABHS 60th Anniversary Book PO Box 242 Hornsby NSW 1630 Please include a stamped self-addressed envelope, if you prefer items to be returned.

#### Or email items to:

christopher.kent7@det.nsw.edu.au

Chris Kent, former student 1960-65, former teacher 1982-2005, editor Old Boys Newsletter since 2006.