

Dear Parents,

Our Asquith Boys High School community has continued to develop and embrace innovative ways to approach our current environment. This was particularly evident at our 'virtual' subject selection evening this week and I thank our staff, parents and students for all of their hard work and willingness to support and adapt to these new approaches.

'VIRTUAL' SUBJECT SELECTION EVENING (YEARS 8-10)

The new online method for our subject selection evening for Years 8, 9 and 10 on Tuesday night was well received.

I thank Mr Hoareau and all the staff who have worked extremely hard in recent weeks to ensure access to this information and produce the excellent subject videos for you to review prior to the evening.

Parents with any further subject queries are encouraged to contact the Head Teacher of the faculty involved during school hours for information. Your son's Year Adviser is another good source for information as is our school Careers Adviser.

- Year 8 Adviser - Mr Newton
- Year 9 Adviser - Mrs Gowthorp
- Year 10 Adviser - Mr Melrose
- ABHS Careers Adviser - Mr Broome

A reminder that all subject selections are expected to be completed and the signed parent copy returned to Mr Hoareau by Friday 26 June.

YEAR 10 SKI TRIP

Due to current NSW Department of Education guidelines, the 2020 Year 10 Ski Trip has been cancelled.

All deposits are being refunded. This process should be completed before the end of this term. I thank Mr Corbitt for his professionalism and endeavours to conduct this excursion.

If you have any concerns or questions please feel free to contact myself or Mr Corbitt at the school on 9477 3508. Thank you for your ongoing support at this time.

TECHNOLOGY SURVEY

Thank you to the parents who completed the recent online survey.

We will process these results and use them as a guide on how we continue to refine and mould our teaching practices and learning opportunities for all our students.

SCHOOL PHOTOS FOR 2020

School photos will take place on Thursday 2 July, in accordance with the recently released guidelines by the department. All students will be required to wear full winter uniform regardless of whether they are purchasing a photo.

Order forms have been distributed to the students and if you have any questions regarding the purchase of school photos please contact Mrs Laffer.

EXPECTED BEHAVIOUR WHEN TRAVELLING TO AND FROM SCHOOL

We appreciate your support with this request from last week's Backchat. There has been a noted improvement in this area and I thank all our parents who took the time to have a conversation with their sons regarding how to conduct themselves appropriately whilst travelling to and from school.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have changed address or contact details at any stage over the first half of this year we would greatly appreciate your new details being forwarded to the school so that our files can be updated and all school communications are received.

Also, all attendance communications will now be completed via the parent portal, and we will no longer be using SMS. Students who are arriving late to school or leaving early must do so via the print room or Reception.

WEEK 9A

Week 9 will continue with current structure and timetable as in the previous weeks. Asquith Boys High School executive are continuing to monitor the current Department of Education recommendations and guidelines, and we will notify families of any changes for week 10 and Term 3 as decisions are made.

STUDENTS WHO ARE UNWELL

Again, a reminder and a school request that students with **any** illness symptoms, no matter how mild, should not be sent to school. We appreciate families supporting the school with the request. If any student presents to school unwell, they will be sent to the front office for parents to collect. They will not be able to remain at school and in sick bay.

PARENTS ARE 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.

With only 10 days of school left this term it is great to see our boys really applying themselves to ensure that their learning is optimised and that they produce work of the highest standard. This is an especially important time for Year 11 and 12 to prepare for revision and skills practise in the upcoming holidays.

Mr Bryce Grant

Principal

19 June, 2020

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What are you doing to **reduce, reuse and recycle** at home?
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