

Dear Parents,

We now only have 5 days remaining before what will be a well-deserved holiday for everyone. At no time over my almost 30 year teaching career has the school community ever been confronted with the extraordinary circumstances that presented across the last 15 weeks. I thank everyone for their patience, support and commitment to delivering the very best to the students and broader community throughout these challenging times.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will take place on Thursday 2 July, in accordance with the recently released guidelines by the department. All students are required to wear full uniform (including tie and Seniors have to wear their blazer) regardless of whether they are purchasing a photo. Please note that long pants are optional, except for Prefects who have to wear long pants.

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

PARENT AND TEACHER EVENING – TUESDAY 28 JULY (POSTPONED)

In accordance with the current Department of Education guidelines we will be postponing this planned Parent Teacher Evening.

Year 12 parents who would like their son's teacher to contact them prior to the end of Term 2, please email the school at asquithboy-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au with the following:

- Son's name:
- Teacher(s) to receive feedback from:
- Major concern:
- Preferred contact: email or mobile (please include email address or phone number)

The staff at Asquith Boys High School believe that it is important to offer the opportunity to discuss the progress of students in Year 12 and give feedback for revision over the school holiday period and prior to their HSC Trial Examinations.

Information about a possible Parent Teacher Evening for other year groups later in Term 3 will be communicated once the restrictions are eased.

YEAR 12 STUDENTS - DR PRUE SALTER STUDY VIDEOS

Dr Salter has created a video series to help you plan your study for the holidays and to ensure you prepare effectively for the Trial HSC Examinations.

<https://www.studyskillshandbook.com.au/sessionvideos/year12/year12part3.php>

username: drsalter

password: videoseries3

The 6 short videos cover:

1. What students should ensure they do before the end of the term? (Use the checklist provided.)
2. Using research about the brain to help plan holiday study time. (Grids and planners for the holidays provided.)
3. Common study mistakes and how to avoid them.
4. Extra memorisation tips.
5. Moving results to the next level.
6. What to do in Term 3 before the examinations.

We encourage all Year 12 students to take advantage of this support and Dr Salter's offer to give feedback to students on their study plans.

After the Trials we are hoping to run a face to face session with Dr Salter to help students plan for the HSC, however, if that is unable to go ahead we will provide students with another video series instead to show them how to plan through to their final HSC Examinations.

YEAR 12 UNIFORM

From Monday 29 June all Year 12 will be able to wear their jerseys to school. This is largely due to the unprecedented circumstances that have been presented to them over the past term, and their resilience and determination as a year group to make the very best of it.

They will be able to wear their jerseys for the remainder of their time at Asquith Boys High School, except on Formal Assemblies, Graduation Assemblies and School Photo Day.

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.

CHANGES TO CURRENT PROCEDURES

Term 2 Week 10 – School Sport Trials will take place on Wednesday 1 July to allow all students to trial for a grade sport in Term 3. A condensed Zone Winter Sports Competition will take place throughout Term 3. Information on this has already been forwarded to all parents this week.

From the start of Term 3 -

- Term 1 (pre COVID-19) timetabled lessons will resume in Term 3
- Literacy and Numeracy periods on Thursday and Fridays will recommence – which will alter the current finishing times back to 3.05pm.
- **Year 11** will resume sport with the rest of the students on Wednesdays, and therefore will **not be able** to sign out early
- **Year 12** will have the option of signing out at the completion of period 3 on a Wednesday, commit to the winter sporting competition for Term 3, or continue with their major works.

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.

I again thank the entire school community for their willingness to adapt to the many changes that have and will continue to occur. It has been a great life lesson for our boys to experience how a community can be supportive, caring and assist each other during challenging times.

Mr Bryce Grant
Principal

26 June, 2020

BREAKFAST CLUB VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Are you available Monday or Friday mornings? Would you like to become more involved with your sons school? If so, Breakfast Club needs you.

Breakfast Club operates every day and provides a healthy breakfast option to students.
We are open between 8.10 - 8.35am.

Duties include: making toast, cutting fruit, serving the boys, cleaning up afterwards.

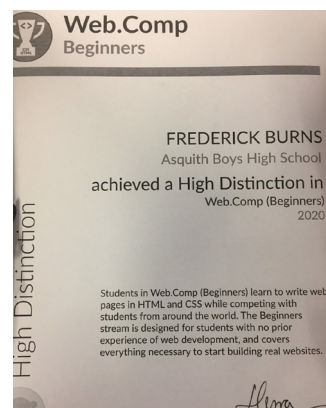
If you think this is something you might be interested in please contact the Student Welfare Officer at: colleen.sweeney2@det.nsw.edu.au

INFORMATION SOFTWARE AND TECHNOLOGY (IST) WEB DESIGN COMPETITION

Fred Burns is an excellent student who through hard work was able to get a high distinction in the Grok Learning Web Design Competition. This is Fred's first year doing IST and he has real potential and are excited to see him his progress. This competition was free during COVID-19, and Year 9 IST and Year 10 IST took advantage of this opportunity.

His teacher Mr Kanny, was a big help for Fred encouraging him to do his best and contributed greatly to his success. He kept a tight schedule in the classroom and the hands on learning style gave Fred the perfect conditions to succeed.

Grok Learning is a great learning source and Fred understood this and poured his heart and soul into the course. Many hours of hard work lead to the outstanding result of a high distinction.



SENIOR UNIFORM FOR SALE

Blazers are compulsory for the winter terms (Term 2 and 3) for ALL Senior students. Some Year 12 parents have chosen to donate the senior blazer to the school. They are available for you to purchase from the clothing pool in the print room. These range from \$50- \$70, depending on the condition and if they have been dry cleaned.

Please see the items below for sale privately. Contact the person directly if you are interested.

Name	Size	Price	Contact Details	other information
Sue	20	\$50	Mobile: 0407 473 720	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior jumper in very good condition, hardly worn.
Meralyn	16	\$50	Mobile: 0418 436 732	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prefect blazer (green) in perfect condition, with extra button and repair fabric. • Not dry cleaned
Pam	14	\$50	Mobile: 0437 605 300	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior blazer (marron) in dood condition, hardly worn.

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29
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DIGITAL WORKSHOP

DEMYSTIFYING ADOLESCENTS

This free online workshop is a crash course in the developmental psychology of adolescents for parents and carers. You will learn how to understand and communicate effectively with young people.

Demystifying Adolescents is led by Michael Carr-Gregg, a high profile psychologist in Australia and known for his work in the prevention of youth suicide.

When Monday 29 June
Time 7.00 – 8.00pm
Where Online workshop

For more information and to register, visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Demystifying-Adolescents or call 9952 8222.

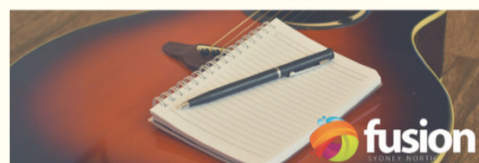


July 2020 Holiday Program

BUSHWALKING · SONGWRITING · MOVIE
JULY 6-10, 2020

5 Jersey Street, Hornsby

Bookings: <http://sydneynorth.fusion.org.au/events/>
cash and card payments accepted



Mon 6 July

Bushwalking

Meet at 10am
Return by 3pm

We will be catching a train to Thornleigh where we will do the Stringybark Ridge and Zig Zag Creek loop walk. Bring a packed lunch, water bottle & opal card

Cost: \$5

Tue 7 July

Song writing Workshop

10 am - 2 pm

Come and learn some fundamentals Song Writing skills in a fun and encouraging environment

Cost \$ 20 for both days

Wed 8 July

Song writing Workshop

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10 am - 2 pm

Come and learn some fundamental Song Writing skills in a fun and encouraging environment

Cost \$ 20 for both days

Thu 9 July

Movie

Meet at 10am
Return by 3pm

Cost: \$20

*More details about the movie to follow once cinemas reopen

Fri 10 July

Bushwalking

Meet at 10am
Return by 3pm

We will be catching a train to Cowan Station where we will do the Jerusalem Bay walk.

Bring a packed lunch, water bottle & opal card

Cost: \$5

Numbers Limited - Bookings Essential
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