

Dear Parents,

It was another busy week at Asquith Boys High School with the students settling back into the school environment and classroom nicely. The return to the pre COVID-19 timetable has gone smoothly despite the return to the later finishing times on Thursdays and Fridays. Unfortunately, the poor weather affected the grade sport competition on Wednesday, however we hope that this is not a regular interruption to what is already a shortened season.

YEAR 11 – PRINCIPAL INTERVIEWS

As all Year 11 students received their reports prior to the recent holidays, I have been conducting interviews with them on their plans, goals, needs and views on a number of aspects of school life. I have very much enjoyed their willingness to be honest and reflective of themselves and their performance across what has been a highly disruptive 2 terms of school. The information that they provide, will greatly assist the school in planning and designing programs to support them through the upcoming Yearly Examinations and their future HSC Courses.

SOCIAL DISTANCING BY STUDENTS

I request that all parents have a discussion with their sons about reinforcing the importance of social distancing. While we are very explicit with stressing this fact with our students on a weekly basis, the very real and confusing fact for students is that these guidelines do not apply to them while they are on school grounds. However, once they exit the school they are expected to comply with these guidelines on the footpaths, at the train station, on the trains and buses, to and from school. Please remind your sons that they must comply with these guidelines. Your support is greatly appreciated at this time, as there have been a number of concerned community members who have raised this issue with the school over the past two weeks.

YEAR 12 STUDENTS - DR PRUE SALTER STUDY VIDEOS

A reminder again that for all Year 12 students and parents, Dr Salter has released the next series of videos for Year 12 students to ensure you prepare effectively for the Trial HSC Examinations. With the Trial set for Monday 17 to Friday 28 August (Week 5 and 6 of Term 3), all the Year 12 students would be well advised to access these excellent videos to support their study preparations and practices over these important holidays.

These 3 videos are 10-15 minutes each and cover:

1. What should you be doing now before the Trial HSC exams?
2. Tips for during the examination block.
3. What is important after the examinations before the end of term?

There are handouts and grids and planners for each section.

<https://www.studyskillshandbook.com.au/sessionvideos/year12/year12part4.php>

username: drsaltersgroup

password: videoseries4

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

As always, your teachers, Ms Bird, Mr Hoareau, Ms Holder and myself are here to support you. Please reach out if you require any further assistance.

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.

STUDENTS AT COLES AND THE CHEMIST

A reminder to both parents and students that the students are not to be at Coles and/or the Chemist, without a parent, in the morning from 8-8.40am or afternoon until after 4pm. This is to avoid them getting reported for inappropriate behaviour and from time to time theft. Both venues have been advised to report any inappropriate or illegal behaviour to the Police.

Students not complying with this request may receive disciplining from the school as students have been advised of this ban and been warned regarding the consequences on numerous occasions at assemblies.

Your assistance and support with communicating this to your sons is appreciated.

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 forwarded to the front office for parents to collect. They will not be able to remain at school and in sick bay.

Parents are also 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.

MS LOUISE TAPNER – FAREWELL

In exciting news for Ms Tapner; she has been appointed to the Learning and Support Teacher position at Cheltenham Girls High School and will be commencing there next week. She has been an excellent teacher and a highly valued school resource in the area of learning and support for not only the multitude of students that she has worked with over many years, but just as importantly for the staff at Asquith Boys High School. I know that the staff and school community join with me in wishing Ms Tapner the very best at her new school.

We will continue to advise and inform you as restrictions are lifted or restricted, and appreciate your support with the ever changing and very complex nature of the circumstances that exist, not only within the school environment but in society at the present time.

Thank you again for support of the school as we continue to educate and support your sons.

Mr Bryce Grant
Principal

31 July, 2020

BREAKFAST CLUB - HELP REQUIRED

Do you live in or around Berowra? Are you available on Thursday evenings or Friday mornings? Bakers Delight Berowra generously donate bread to our Breakfast Club programme and we need someone to collect it either on Thursday evening or Friday morning (whichever suits you best) then drop it off at school.

If you are available and you can help please contact our Student Welfare Officer at Colleen.Sweeney2@det.nsw.edu.au



Maths Coaching

STUDYSPACE

\$10 per 60 mins / \$5 per 30 mins

Sessions: Tuesday 3:30—4:30pm | Tuesday 4:30—5:30pm

FUSION Community Centre, 5 Jersey St, Hornsby

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AUGUST EVENTS

AUGUST 3RD - THE CIRCLE GAME

AUGUST 10TH - SOCIAL PAINTING / DRAWING

AUGUST 17TH - ONLINE PUZZLES (MULTIPLAYER)

AUGUST 24TH - SOCIAL PAINTING / DRAWING

AUGUST 31ST- COLOURING IN ACTIVITIES

ALL EVENTS TAKE PLACE BETWEEN 4:30 - 5:30PM ON ZOOM



Join the combined teams of Ku-Ring-Gai Youth Services & Synergy Youth Centre for an afternoon of creative activities.

Activities will take place VIA Zoom
Meeting ID: 881 4054 5934 | Meeting Password: CC2020