

Dear Parents,

Another busy week with the completion of the Trial Examinations. Year 12 will return to the classroom next week, where they will be receiving feedback from their teachers with regards to their performance in these examinations.

Thank you to the ABHS Library staff for opening the school library until 4pm daily. The library is open for all students, but especially to support Year 12 at this critical time with the COVID restrictions closing study rooms at Hornsby Library.

### **Semester 1 Report Awards**

Congratulations to all the students who received their Principal's Awards for Excellence in their Semester 1 reports this week. Normally these awards would be handed out at a Formal Assembly with parents invited, however under with the current restrictions in place this was not possible.

**Year 8:** Samuel Kingston, Declan Lees, Charlie Maher, Connor Philip, Douglas Price, Lachlan Read, Gavin Sapinoso and Kai Shiba

**Year 9:** IZIAH Garrard, Eli Guttman, Daniel McPherson, Elliot Rossington, Darby Ryan, Ethan Scott-Branagan, Roy Treves and Harrison Vollmost Rivanera

**Year 10:** Leo Alexander, Lachlan Culverhouse, Harry Dempsey, Jack Fogden, Toby Gibbs, Rory McFarlane, Colin Newland, Ethan Oliver, Lewis Pendrick and Jordan Suominen

**Year 11:** Cameron Hay, Xuzhi (Anthony) He, James Holland, Luke Ivers, Joshua Jones-Blair, Peter Macura, Thomas McKendrick and Dadi Zhao

**Year 12:** Julian Austin, Mitchell Bennie, Jayden Camp, Thomas Hardwick, Matthew Hiebl, Jeremy Minto, Daniel Morton and Liang (Max) Xiong

### **Students using or Supplying VAPES**

Regrettably I need to make the school community aware of some concerning information, but I know that as a parent you appreciate being informed in relation to this issue.

There has been a significant increase in the number of students being caught at school in possession of Vapes. The use of these devices is highly dangerous, with many health experts indicating that they are potentially more harmful than cigarettes and just as addictive.

Students caught using these devices on the way to or from school, or on public transport will be disciplined accordingly. We also have concerns about a number of students who have been identified as selling Vapes to other students, at a significantly marked up price. Possession and supply of these vapes by and to under age students is an offence, and if caught will be reported to the police.

Your support as a parent with addressing this concern with your son is most important and appreciated.

### **Students on NoGo**

Students who have not been consistently wearing their school uniform in recent weeks will be notified if they are to attend 'NoGo' in lieu of sport on a Wednesday afternoon.



We have been quite lenient on students over the past term, however the uniform standard has not been to the highest standard, including students wearing hoodies underneath their school uniform. We are happy for students to layer up under their uniform, as long as this layer of clothing cannot be seen.

In coming weeks students who are consistent late arrivals will also find themselves completing 'NoGo' detentions as opposed to going to Wednesday sport.

Your assistance with ensuring that your son is wearing the correct uniform (head to toe) and not arriving late to school, will ensure that they are not placed on 'NoGo'.

### **School Cross Country and Athletics Carnivals**

The Cross Country carnival is being held on Wednesday 2 September within the school grounds. Year 11 and 12 will be able to sign out after their race, if they return the signed permission note. Students in these years who wish to remain at school will be able to attend the Library.

We anticipate holding the Athletics Carnival on the following Wednesday at Foxglove Oval and are just waiting on confirmation from the council. An information note will be provided to the students and uploaded to the Portal when all details are confirmed.

### **Year 12 – End of Year Update**

The Year 12 Graduation Dinner organised by the P&C which was planned for Monday 21 September has been postponed until Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 November.

Further information regarding this and other events and how we envisage implementing and conducting them will be communicated as soon as we can to the Year 12 families.

### **NEW Guidelines regarding students being unwell**

- If a student has been tested for COVID, a copy of the confirmation of a negative result must be forwarded to the school. Negative test results are communicated by NSW Health through SMS notifications and a copy of this needs to be emailed to the school.
- The student cannot return to school until they are completely well.

We will continue to advise and inform you as restrictions are released, 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 with all of these areas and concerns.

***Mr Bryce Grant***

***Principal***

***28 August, 2020***

## **YEAR 11 VISUAL ARTS - ABSTRACTION IN ART WORKSHOP**

