

Welcome back to school and Term 1 2021 for everyone. It is always pleasing to return and see that the students have had a happy, relaxing and most importantly a safe holiday period. It is especially exciting to welcome our 101 new Year 7 students who have joined the Asquith Boys High School family, and are all very excited to be at our wonderful school.

New Staff at Asquith Boys High School

We have 3 new staff joining us at Asquith Boys High School.

- Ms Alison Pritchard has been appointed to the TAS faculty and will be teaching Hospitality and Junior TAS courses.
- Mr Manuel Cabrera has joined our Music faculty, replacing Ms Ursino after she left in Term 4, 2020.
- Mr Tristian Donohoo is replacing Ms Kelly, who will be on leave for Term 1 and 2 in the English faculty.
- Mr Broome is continuing in the important role of Careers Adviser for 2021.
- Ms Hamilton (Librarian) is on leave for Term 1 and Ms Gowthorp and Mr Li will replace her respectively for 3 and 2 days per week.

High Achievers Assembly

Our High Achievers Assembly was held on Friday 5 February. It was really pleasing to see so many of the successful 2020 HSC students and to have the school acknowledge and recognise them for their achievements. The 2020 Dux is Max Xiong with an ATAR of 98.75, and Matthew Hiebl achieved 97.25 and Zoulin Wang 94.30.

Max achieved Band 6 results in Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics Extension 1 and 2; Matthew in Engineering Studies, Mathematics Advanced and Mathematics Extension 1; and Zoulin in Chinese and Literature, Mathematics Extension 1 and 2. All excelled throughout the year in all courses and put their success down to dedication and consistent hard work, despite the trying circumstances that they encountered throughout 2020.

Asquith Boys High School achieved 25 HSC Distinguished Achievers with Band 6 results across 16 different subject areas including Construction, Engineering Studies, English Studies, Mathematics, Mathematics Standard 1 and 2, Mathematics Extension 1 and 2, Music, Food Technology, Chemistry, Physics, Investigating Science, PDHPE and Chinese and Literature.

100% of our Advanced Mathematics students achieved the equivalent of Band 5 or higher results as well as 90% of our English Advanced students. Our students also excelled in boys education finishing as the 3rd Comprehensive Boys School in NSW, and above local co-ed schools Ku-ring-gai, Pennant Hills and St Leo's; and only 22 school placings behind Asquith Girls High School which is an incredible effort and result on Asquith Boys High Schools behalf in the 2020 HSC.

Ancient History, Modern History, Hospitality and Food Technology classes were an outstanding 10% above state average, and overall we achieved an incredible 20 out of 28 subjects above state averages, with 7.77% of the student cohort achieving outstanding Band 6 results.

Year 7 Camp

This excitement will continue early next week for our Year 7 students, when they head off to camp on Monday 8 February. This is an excellent opportunity to bond as a group and make new life long friends. It is also an excellent opportunity for Mr Hughes to get to know the entire year group and share in this experience with his students. A special thank you to all the staff attending camp with Mr Hughes and Year 7.

Music Information Evening

The ABHS and AGHS Music Ensembles Information Night was held via Zoom (due to COVID number restrictions) on Wednesday 3 February with 40 students and their parents attending from both schools. If your child is interested in joining any of our bands or choirs, and you were not able to attend the evening please contact Mr Sam Newton to find out more information about the opportunities that are available in our highly regarded Music Ensembles.

Best Start Information

Year 7 will be completing 'Best Start' diagnostic assessments in Week 4. These assessments are designed to greatly assist our staff and inform our teaching of Year 7 for the year ahead. Unfortunately, there will be no official parent and carer reports or notification of results made available, however, some staff may utilise this information in their communications with parents throughout the year. Students will receive written notification of these scheduled examinations in the coming weeks.

Asquith Boys High School Events & News

Please check the school website, school calendar, school newsletters and the school Facebook site for information on all school events. The school Facebook page is 'Asquith Boys High School Events & News' and has now grown to have more than 800 followers. Many of the photos on the site highlight the most recent school events, publishing a brief and informative snapshot of what is happening in the school and student life at Asquith Boys High School.

Travelling to and from School

In 2021 the school end of day time has changed on Monday, Thursday and Fridays to 2.54pm, which will allow all students to catch the 3.04pm train. The Tuesday 2.22pm and Wednesday 2.20pm (unless you are in a grade sport team) finish times will also ensure that all students can catch the earlier 2.34pm all stops train to Berowra.

Currently in accordance with the state wide public transport guidelines, **all students are required to wear masks** on public transport until further notice. I request that all students comply with this guideline and parents assist by ensuring that your son has a mask for their travels to and from school.

'Masks remain compulsory on public transport for staff and students in Greater Sydney. All staff and students in the Greater Sydney area must wear masks when travelling to and from school or when travelling for school activities using public transport or charter bus services.'

Finally, a reminder that many of the COVID restrictions and guidelines are still being applied to schools.

Parents are still asked to:

- Not enter the school grounds for any reason unless an appointment has been made.
- Students must not attend school if they are unwell, even with the mildest of symptoms. Students must return a negative COVID-19 test and be symptom free prior to returning to school.
- Follow normal absentee procedures, should your son be too unwell to attend school.

Thank you again for support in all of these areas and concerns, and here is to a term where we hope that the number of cases continues to be low, and/or non-existent so that all restrictions can soon be lifted and a sense of normal can be achieved.

Mr Bryce Grant
Principal

5 February, 2021

2021 DAY STRUCTURE AND BELL TIMES

| | Monday Thursday Friday | Tuesday | Wednesday |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Period 1 | 8:40 – 9:44 (64) | 8:40 – 9:44 (64) | 8:40 – 9:44 (64) |
| Period 2 | 9:44 – 10:48 (64) | 9:44 – 10:48 (64) | 9:44 – 10:48 (64) |
| Recess | 10:48 – 11:08 (20) | 10:48 – 11:08 (20) | 10:48 – 11:08 (20) |
| Period 3 | 11:08 – 12:12 (64) | 11:08 – 11:40 (32) Literacy & Numeracy | 11:08 – 11:40 (32) Literacy & Numeracy |
| Period 4 | 12:12 – 1:16 (64) | 11:40 – 12:44 (64) | |
| Lunch | 1:16 – 1:50 (34) | 12:44 – 1:18 (34) | 11:40 – 12:20 (40) |
| Period 5 | 1:50 – 2:54 (64) | 1:18 – 2:22 (64) | 12:20 – 2:20 (120) SPORT |
| School Ends | 2:54 | 2:22 | 2:20 |

ABHS Calendar of Events - Term 1 2021

| | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | Sat/Sun |
|---------|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Week 1A | January 25 | January 26 | January 27 Staff Development Day | January 28 Staff Development Day | January 29 Students Return Yr 7,11 & 12 start | Jan30/31 |
| Week 2B | Feb 1 Students Return Yr 8,9 & 10 Start | Feb 2 | Feb 3 | Feb 4 ID PHOTOS | Feb 5 Formal Assembly (HSC High Achievers) | Feb 6/7 |
| Week 3A | Feb 8 Year 7 Camp | Feb 9 Year 7 Camp | Feb 10 Year 7 Camp | Feb 11 | Feb 12 Duke of Ed Information Evening | Feb 13/14 |
| Week 4B | Feb 15 | Feb 16 | Feb 17 | Feb 18 | Feb 19 SWIMMING CARNIVAL | Feb 20/21 |
| Week 5A | Feb 22 | Feb 23 Parent/Teacher BBQ P&C Meeting | Feb 24 | Feb 25 | Feb 26 | Feb 27/28 |

2020 HSC HIGH ACHIEVERS FORMAL ASSEMBLY HONOUR CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS

DUX

Liang (Max) Xiong

EXEMPLARY ACHIEVEMENT

Students achieving five or more Band Five and/or Band Six results

| | |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| Jayden Camp | Corey Miller |
| Morgan Hamer | Joshua Pryde |
| Thomas Hardwick | Jake Truskett-Jones |
| Matthew Hiebl | Zhoulin Wang |
| Nathan Jollie | Liang (Max) Xiong |

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

Students achieving three Band Five and/or Band Six results

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|------------------|-----------------------|
| Jaap Bal | Patrick O'Hehir |
| Oskar Enasio | Luke Read |
| Ryan Livingstone | Patrick Ross |
| James McLean | Luke Shirley |
| Jeremy Minto | Otis van Egmond-Jones |
| Daniel Morton | Junfeng (Andy) Zhu |
| Harrison Murphie | |

EXCELLENT ACHIEVEMENT

Students achieving one Band Six result or two Band Five results

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|-------------------|----------------|
| Julian Austin | Ryan McCarthy |
| Mitchell Bennie | Riley Nicklin |
| Mitchell Cecchini | Elliot Nicolas |
| Zackary Ficker | Lucas Reynolds |
| Tom Kupers | |

