



This week and next will be busy weeks for all the students and staff at Asquith Boys High School. All school reports and marking for Years 7 – 10 have been completed and are in the final editing stage. With everything going to plan at this time, and being slightly ahead of schedule, we may be able to issue the school reports to these year groups prior to the published date, Thursday 15th December.

This Friday we will welcome the return of our Annual Walkathon, and what a wonderful way for our students to celebrate the return to normal school practices with the opportunity to contribute to raising much needed funds for a variety of charities, especially at this time of the year.

In Week 10 all year groups, as outlined further in this newsletter, will be attending their Well-being excursion/activities. If your son has not committed to their excursion, it is essential that their account for this invaluable excursion is paid for prior to the end of this week.

Also, in Week 10, we will be conducting our 62nd Annual Presentation Day on Tuesday 13 December, commencing at 9.45am. It is exciting to be able to conduct this important assembly, and while we will not be able to have the entire school community attend the hall for this event, we will be live streaming to all classrooms and the community. Special guests and parents of award winners present in the hall, will be requested to leave the hall and assemble once their son has received their award, in an effort to minimise the numbers present in the hall at any one time. Award winners will assemble in the library, prior to moving to the hall to accept their awards. While we are very excited to have you join us on the day, we appreciate and thank you for your assistance with this request.

Year Adviser – Wellbeing dates for Week 10

It is exciting that the students will be undertaking the following experiences in Week 10.

Year 7 - Tree Tops (Thursday 15th December)

Year 8 – Tree Tops (Monday 12th December)

Year 9 and 10 – Wet 'n Wild (Wednesday 14th December)

Year 11 – Eastern Creek Go Karting (Wednesday 14th December)

I know that the Year Advisers and staff are excited that these excursions will be available to all students in these year groups. Further information can be provided by your son's Year Advisers.

This is a wonderful initiative, and an excellent opportunity for all year groups. If you have any questions regarding these excursions and participation in these activities, please feel free to communicate with your son's Year Adviser.

Wellbeing Nurse at Asquith Boys High School – Thursday's

Please see below letter from our newly appointed Wellbeing Nurse at Asquith Boys High School – Kylie Holinshead.

Asquith Boys High School now has a Wellbeing Nurse, Kylie Hollinshead, working within the school one day a week. Kylie will be available on site on Thursdays 8.45am -3.30pm.

The Wellbeing Nurse is a NSW Health position located in the school to support Asquith Boys High School students and families identify health and wellbeing needs and navigate the health system. Kylie can provide students and/or their parents/carers with a free and confidential space to talk about health or wellbeing concerns and refer on to appropriate services.

Referrals to the Wellbeing Nurse may be made by teachers, parent/carers, or students, and be about the following:

- *Accessing health services e.g. Medicare, GP*
- *Healthy eating and exercise*
- *Emotional / behavioural /mental wellbeing*
- *Alcohol and drug use*
- *Vaping*
- *Sexual health*
- *Gender Identity*
- *Family relationships*
- *Housing concerns or homelessness*
- *Community cultural connection*

Students who are over 14 years old may self-refer without parental/carer consent. Parents/carers will be contacted for students under 14 years old. Please contact the school if you would like more information or to make an appointment for Kylie to contact you.

Enrolment Intake Area for Asquith Boys & Girls – from this week!

As part of the department's assessment of school infrastructure in the Hornsby/Berowra area, a need to expand the enrolment intake area for Asquith Boys and Asquith Girls High Schools has been identified. This change will provide more certainty to families in the local intake areas of 6 primary schools in knowing they will be able to enrol their child/children at their closest government high school, which for many is our school.

From Tuesday 6 December 2022 students living in the local intake areas of Berowra, Brooklyn, Cowan, Normanhurst, Normanhurst West and Wideview Public Schools will have the in-area entitlement to enrol at Asquith Boys High School and Asquith Girls High School. This will be in addition to their current co-educational option of Ku-ring-gai High School.

- **All prospective parents and carers** are encouraged to look at the School Finder website from Tuesday 6 December to view the updated intake area for the Asquith schools.
- This change does not affect any current students at Asquith Boys and Girls High Schools.

- Families who have already completed an out-of-area application for Asquith Boys or Girls High School will be automatically considered in area from 6 December and do not need to complete another application form. Students who wish to enrol at a school that they do not live in-area for are able to apply and will be considered on a case-by-case basis in line with the [department's enrolment policy](#).

Prospective and current families are invited to contact us with questions or for further information.

DET COVID Updated Guidelines

The guidelines have been updated to include: -

- Staying home if unwell and/or showing any symptoms.
- Mask-wearing strongly encouraged, particularly when indoors and/or when physical distancing is not possible, and on public transport.
- Using rapid antigen tests (RATs) when showing symptoms or exposed to COVID-19.

We continue to request and do greatly appreciate parents:

- Keeping students home if they have ANY symptom of being unwell, however mild, and use the provided RAT kit.
- Report the positive result to NSW Health and the school for recording and communication purposes.

If you require any further RAT's, please contact reception to inquiry about receipt of more tests.

Congratulations to:

- Alex Braendle for being selected in the Australian All Schools Athletics Team to represent NSW in Adelaide this weekend.

Bryce Grant - Principal
7 December, 2022



Our first meeting for 2023 will be held Tuesday 28th February followed by our AGM on 28th March. All positions will be declared vacant, and a new committee will be elected. Come along to the meetings and help elect your new committee for 2023.

Did you know that minutes from our meetings can be found on the school website...

<https://asquithboy-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/parents-and-citizens-association>

On behalf of the committee – Lisa, Nikki, Greg, Sean, Mel & myself we would like to wish our school families all the best for the Festive Season