

This second week of Term 2 was busy with Parent and Teacher Evening, and an interrupted week for students with the Industrial Action on Wednesday and the back-to-back carnival days on Thursday and Friday. Next week we are eagerly awaiting the introduction of the new mobile phone policy.

## NEW Science Lab

In exciting news, the fifth and final Science Lab renovation has been completed and we will have students timetabled into the lab from Monday. Asquith Boys High School now has 5 specifically designed and interactive science labs for all students to be taught in and complete their science educational programs. The new labs include both wet and dry interactive lesson and experiment areas, as well as the most recent and advanced interactive technologies to support the education and learning opportunities for your sons.

All the science staff are extremely excited and eagerly awaiting the opportunity to get into the new lab and teach their lessons.



## Parent and Teacher Evening – Tuesday 3 May

Parent Teacher Interviews were successfully conducted on Tuesday. Thank you to all attending parents for assisting us with wearing masks and having only one parent attend as per our requests. The major issues on the evening being that all staff were over booked, and many parents unable to secure a booking with their all their son's teachers, highlighted the positive aspect of the keen interest parents have in their sons' education.

I hope that most of you were able to utilise this opportunity to discuss your sons progress with their teachers and ensure that they are remaining focused and up to date in the classroom.

## School Athletic and Cross Country Carnivals

Due to the postponement of the Athletics Carnival from last Thursday due to the wet weather, we had to conduct these two carnivals on consecutive days. We anticipate maximum participation on both days with an overwhelming number of student entries into events at the Athletics Carnival.

Individual age champions and winning Houses will be announced next week.



## **Mobile Phone Policy**

Next week educational posters regarding the ABHS Mobile Phone Policy and materials will be displayed on classroom doors and in the classrooms for all students to view and read (included in this Backchat). There will also be a school assembly, most likely Friday morning to inform the student body of the mobile phone policy, before it is implemented on Monday 16 May.

With this level of reinforcement and information being shared, displayed and communicated over the coming week, we expect that all students are well advised of the new policy and well prepared for its implementation.

From a parent's perspective we request that if you need to contact your son urgently, you contact the school directly, and reception will take the message and pass it onto your son. Please be reassured that if it is urgent, it will be delivered to them directly, and almost immediately.

We request that you resist texting or ringing your sons, however, they will have access to their mobile phones at recess and lunchtimes unless they have unfortunately breached the policy and have had to hand in their mobile phone until the end of the day.

I anticipate a smooth transition with the implementation of the new Asquith Boys High School - Mobile Phone Policy from Week 4.

### **We continue to appreciate parents:**

- Keeping students' home if they have **ANY** symptom of being unwell, however mild and use the provided RAT kit.
- Following normal absentee procedures, should your son be to unwell to attend school.

### **Former ABHS student news**

In the recent holiday period, a former Asquith Boys high School student Oscar Enasio was named in the Junior Wallabies Squad. Oscar is the second international sporting representative from Asquith Boys High School in 2022, with Corey Miller representing Australia at the One Day international 19's World Championships in January. An exciting year for former Asquith Boys High School's sportsman and a wonderful achievement by Oscar to be selected to represent his country.

I am excited to see the outcome and results from the two carnivals this week, and to hopefully unearth some more future Australian sporting representatives.

Wishing all the mothers a wonderful Mother's Day weekend and I look forward to seeing many of you at the P&C Mother's Day Breakfast on Friday 13 May (details below).

**Mr Bryce Grant**

**Principal** - Asquith Boys High School

5 May, 2022

### **P&C Mother's Day Breakfast - postponed to Friday 13 May**

Unfortunately, due to having to postpone the Athletics Carnival and to enable the Hospitality class and their teacher to do the catering for the event the P&C have had to postpone the Mother's Day Breakfast until Friday 13 May. Bookings can only be made via the following trybooking link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BYKRZ>. I look forward to welcoming you and your son(s) on Friday in the Hall.

# NEW DATE

## Asquith Boys High School MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

To the Mothers, Grandmas, Aunts, and other special women in the lives of our students - you are invited to join us in celebrating Mother's Day.

When: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May  
Where: ABHS Hall  
Time: 7am - 8.30am



ASQUITH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

## 2023 Scholarship Program

Asquith Boys High School provides opportunities for students to pursue high quality academic, creative arts and music programs, whilst studying curriculum developed by NESA (NSW Education Standards Authority). Scholarship opportunities are offered at Asquith Boys High School to encourage and acknowledge students in excellence across academic and creative arts subjects.

## 2023 Stage 5 and Stage 6 Instrumental Band Scholarship applications are now open



Contact the office for an application package.  
Applications close Friday 13 May, 3pm.

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## Free online presentation for parents and supervisors of learner drivers



Helping learner drivers become safer drivers

The 90 minute session will offer practical advice about:

- current driving rules and requirements for L and P platers
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- how you can help make learning to drive a safe and positive experience

6:00pm to 7:30pm,  
Thursday 19th May 2022  
Via ZOOM.

Registration essential. Visit:  
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# Phones: Off and Away

